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Mold Affects Residents Of Sears And Cathcart Halls

New Ventilation System Alleged Cause Of Illness, Unpleasant Living Conditions

JEREMY WATSON
student reporter

Several occupants of Sears and Cathcart halls have reported problems with mold in bedrooms and bathrooms since returning from Christmas break.

In Sears, one suite was closed because of health concerns related to mold, and the residents were moved. Freshman Melissa Brittain, one of the suite's occupants, said mold covered their windowsill and the shower.

"Our suitemates kept getting sick, so they closed the suite and moved us to a different room,"

Brittain said.

Freshman Lisa Wagar said she has also had to deal with mold in Sears Hall but was able to remain in her room.

"We have not had too much trouble [with mold], just annoying stuff," Wagar said. "There is a lot of mold in our ceiling tiles in the bathroom, as well as in and around the shower area."

Cathcart residents said poor ventilation in several rooms has led to mold on the bathroom ceilings and in the inside of air conditioning units because of a new fresh

air system installed over Christmas break.

"It has been leaking, and I do not think it has been turned on yet," freshman Kathryn Osment said. "When it snowed a few weeks ago, it leaked like a faucet and there were four buckets set out to catch the nasty yellow water. It smelled so bad. I am sure the underside of the carpet is molded now from being soaked."

The new fresh air system was installed to replace an older unit that was no longer functioning properly, Danny

DeRamus, director of physical resources, said. Because of delays in the installation process, the system has not been turned on, but the physical resources department hopes to have it on by March 5.

Osment's suitemate, freshman Kaitlin Coss, said she and her roommate, freshman Jackie Slye, have gotten sick from mold buildup in their bathroom and air conditioner.

"Jackie got sick for the first time, and we started noticing that our bathroom wasn't ventilating correctly," Coss said. see MOLD page 3A



JONATHAN LINDSAY/The Bison

Sears and Cathcart residents have filed maintenance reports concerning mold in their living areas. The physical resources department said it hopes to have the new ventilation system on in Cathcart by March 5.

HU Varsity Reaches 50th Year

Sports Program Lifts Students' Spirits

AMANDA PRUITT
assistant editor

For almost 20 years, the Bisons were extinct.

Henderson State did not journey to the Rhodes Field House, and First Security Stadium was little more than a vacant lot. Old rivalries between Arkansas schools were laid aside in favor of purely intramural athletics for nearly two decades.

All that changed 50 years ago when intercollegiate sports returned to Harding's campus.

M.E. Berryhill, chairman of the department of physical education and health, proposed that Harding reinstate its intercollegiate athletic competition at a faculty meeting in January 1957.

The votes were tallied two months later and after approval from the Board of Trustees, intercollegiate sports had officially returned to Harding College on March 2, 1957 following an 18-year absence from varsity sports.

Harding competed only in men's basketball, baseball and track during the 1956-57 school year. When Harding joined the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference in 1959, the football program made an appearance for the first time in 27 years.



CRAIG RAINBOLT/The Bison

(Above) The Bisons hustle around the court during the Feb. 10 home game against Ouachita Baptist. (Below) Former chairman of the athletic committee, Dr. Joseph Pryor, former athletic committee member, Dr. Cliff Ganus and former chairman of the department of physical education and health, M.E. Berryhill, sign paperwork to reinstate Harding's sports program in March of 1957.

Harding faculty had voted to end the varsity football program following the 1932 season. The intercollegiate baseball and basketball teams were dissolved in 1939-40 as Harding pressed towards a stronger intramural system.

"Harding's sports program was becoming an overemphasis of the game, not the building of the man in character, physique and spirit," Garrett Timmerman wrote in *The Bison* in 1957. "It also was not carrying

out the purposes which an intramural system could produce and facilitate, and that was a greater percent of participation by the whole student body.

"Now it is almost one score years later and by careful guidance this growing college has firmly founded an intramural sports program surpassed by few like institutions, something which did not exist in the late '30s."

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Zambian Ambassador To Speak On Campus

ASHTON REELY
assistant news editor

The American Studies Institute and the Honors College are sponsoring the addition of an extra speaker into this year's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Zambian ambassador Dr. Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika will speak March 20 at Harding.

Prior to her appointment as United States ambassador in Washington D.C., Lewanika was the ambassador and special envoy to the Zambian president during his term in the African Union. She served in the Zambian Parliament from 1991-2001 and ran as a presidential candidate in the Republic of Zambia 2001 elections.

Before becoming involved in politics, Lewanika took a leadership role with UNICEF, supervising more than 20 countries at a time. From 1997-2002, Lewanika served as president of the Federation of African Women's Peace Networks and was selected to be among 10 well-known African women peace workers to visit Rwanda after the 1994 genocide. According to her Web site, she later led a United Nations delegation to Burundi and Rwanda to assess the effect of the genocide on women and children and intervene.

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Harding To Host Sexual Addictions Panel

Expert, Professors, Counselors, Recovering Addicts To Teach About Prevalent Issues

JEREMY WATSON
student reporter

A student-organized panel discussion on sexual addictions will be held March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium. The format will be similar to last semester's eating disorders awareness day.

Several campus organizations are hosting the panel discussion, which will address pornography, homosexuality, sexual abuse and premarital sexual activity. The panel is organized by senior David Ashley of TNT

social club and junior Andrew Fraser of Knights social club, who is also the S.A. Spiritual Life Director.

The panel members include Dr. Monte Cox, associate professor of Bible; Dr. Sherry Pollard of the Counseling Center; Sarah Shelton and Adam Mathews, recovering addicts; and Dr. Richard Blankenship, a sexual addictions specialist from Atlanta who will also be speaking in chapel the morning of the discussion. The members will each speak for five to 10 minutes about their experiences

and professional knowledge, and then the floor will be opened for discussion and questions from the audience.

The meeting will not focus on whether or not the matters discussed are wrong, rather on how to deal with such issues. While pornography will be a large topic in the discussion, Fraser said that is only one aspect of sexual addiction that will be discussed.

"We decided that a focus on pornography would be too limited of a topic as well as a deterrent to so many who

have become vocally fed-up with being spoken to about pornography," Fraser said. "We wanted to expand the topic to cover an array of issues which included pornography, but was not limited to it.

"Our purpose here is not to condemn all those who come and to tell them they're wrong and they need to change. They know that already."

Fraser said the primary purpose of the panel is to educate people about how prevalent these problems are at Harding. He said it is also designed to

"Our purpose here is not to condemn all those who come and to tell them they're wrong. They know that already."

ANDREW FRASER
junior

aid anyone seeking assistance in reform.

"But even beyond educating those who struggle with these issues, we want to educate those who might be friends or girlfriends or boyfriends of people who struggle with

these issues so that they might know how to respond to their friends when they encounter such struggles," Fraser said. "We can't stress enough how much we want everyone there, boy or girl, struggling or not, dating or not. Whatever the situation, it is our belief that [all people] will encounter sexual problems somewhere in the course of their lives, be it in their own struggles or someone else's, and we want to educate them how to effectively respond when they do."

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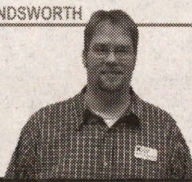
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Rating Web Site Useful

DR. BURT HOLLANDSWORTH

Faculty Voice



If your car broke down, wouldn't it be nice if you could log onto a Web site where you could view feedback on the mechanics in your town? What if a particular mechanic had comments from past customers saying he had done a wonderful job and charged a reasonable price? On the other hand, what if their feedback said they had been rude and disinterested in the customer, kept the car for weeks and lied about replacing some of the parts? Which mechanic would you choose?

Well, you might know where I'm going with this... but how do you feel about a feedback system for your college professors? In some cases, your major field of study requires that you take courses that are only taught by one professor. In those cases, you have no choice but to take his or her course. However, many of the courses offered at Harding and at many other universities are taught by multiple professors, sometimes even during the same semester. In these cases, if your schedule is flexible, then wouldn't it be great to arm yourself with information from each professor's former students before you schedule your courses?

In the old days, a professor's legend was spread by word of mouth. In some cases, these legends bordered on fantasy as students from each year forget exactly how hard, easy, helpful, entertaining or effective each professor was. Instead, the opinions of a few students would pass from a friend to a friend's friend to another friend, and the true story morphed into a tall tale of a professor that spat fire and failed 80 percent of his or her students.

Ratemyprofessor.com is a Web site that provides a free and instant feedback system for students to exchange information about professors. Professors are ranked in terms of helpfulness, clarity and difficulty. There's even a "hotness" quotient (for entertainment purposes only) to identify the professors that are easy on the eyes. The site also allows contributors to make short comments to support their rankings.

At many schools, some professors have more than 1,000 rankings. Hundreds or even thousands of rankings are approaching the point where meaningful comparisons can be made. Compare this system to the feedback system on eBay. If I want to buy a baseball

card and pay thousands of dollars for it, I want to know that the seller has received feedback from a large number of customers. Otherwise, I can't make a reasonable estimation of the dependability of the seller.

With that said, the current frequency of rankings for HU on ratemyprofessor.com is pathetic. The professor with the most rankings at HU is my esteemed colleague, Dr.

Mark Elrod, with a mere 30 comments. At first glance, 30 comments might seem to be enough to make an informed decision, but 30 students

is a fraction of a percent of the students that have sat in Elrod's courses over the years. I imagine it's less than 10 percent of the students he has taught in even the past two years.

My suggestion is that each of you start using this free tool before and after you take courses at Harding (or any other university). Make it a habit to leave comments on each of your professors after every course is finished. Check for comments before you schedule your courses for the next semester. The ratemyprofessors.com tool becomes more useful as the number of comments per professor increases. I leave you with a few parting suggestions.

1) Keep in mind that future students will use your rankings and comments to make decisions about professors. Address issues of teaching effectiveness first since that is what will make their decision easier.

2) Don't leave comments to "punish" a professor for a bad grade. Comments like this are easy to spot and easy to dismiss by other students. Make your comments as specific as possible (teaching style, grading system, etc.) and stay away from blanket statements that you do not justify.

3) In all things, remember Matthew 7:12. Professors are human and have many faults. Even if you leave a negative evaluation, try to buffer your words with the same compassion that you would want in an evaluation of yourself. Happy rating!

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How do you feel about a feedback system for your college professors?

WEEKLY WINDOW



Freshmen Chelsie Burris (left) and Rachel Denzin (right) enjoy a warm afternoon flying kites on the front lawn Wednesday.

JONATHAN LINDSAY/The Bison

IN & OUT: NEWS TO KNOW

Cheney Targeted By Suicide Bomber

Vice President Dick Cheney was unhurt after being the target of a suicide bomber, who blew himself up outside the main gate of the United States military base Feb. 27.

The attack took place in a region of Afghanistan where suicide bombings are very uncommon and the Taliban is thought to have very little support. The explosion occurred at the outermost security gate of the base far from where Cheney was staying.

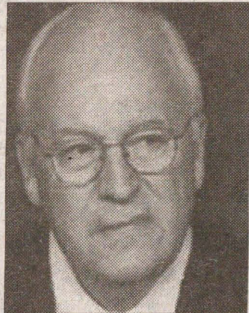
White House spokesman Tony Snow called the bombing an "isolated attack."

"As we've often said about acts of terror, an individual who wants to commit an act of violence or to kill him or herself is very difficult to stop," Snow said. "But I'm not sure you can draw larger conclusions about any organization based on an incident such as this."

Cheney was relocated to a nearby bomb shelter briefly, but he said he did not feel he was in danger.

The American military report said that about 23 people were injured in the bombing and three Americans were killed.

Cheney's trips to several nations in the region have been kept secret and news organizations were asked to withhold any mention of the trip until he left Pakistan.



CHENEY

XM And Sirius Announce Plan To Merge

In an effort to stem losses and offer more music, talk and sports options, XM and Sirius announced plans to merge. The two satellite radio companies must first convince the Justice Department and Federal Communications Commission that no antitrust laws are being broken and customers still have several audio choices to choose from with the existence of iPods and cell phones. Both founded in the early 1990s, XM and Sirius predicted that enough customers would be willing to pay for a wide variety of radio choices that it would allow providers to turn a profit. The merger will face opposition from the National Association of Broadcasters and local television stations, but if it is approved the two companies will be forced to reconcile their different forms of satellite technology.

While XM's two satellites are in low-angle, geostationary orbit in the sky above the United States, Sirius' three satellites orbit in a figure-eight over North America.



Congress Reviews Length Of School Day

The No Child Left Behind Law passed five years ago by President Bush has been the momentum behind the debate on extending school hours. Massachusetts has been the leader in putting in the longer-day model, but lawmakers in Minnesota, New Mexico, New York and Washington D.C. have also considered lengthening the school day or year. Individual districts such as Miami-Dade in Florida are already experimenting with added hours.

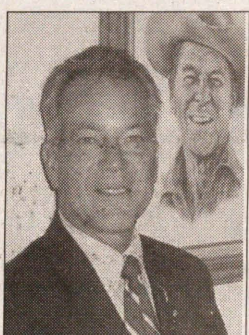
Currently, students attend school 6.5 hours a day, 180 days a year, fewer than other industrialized countries. Public schools are now looking to the Knowledge is Power program, a program that oversees charter public schools, for a possible model. Students within this program go to school from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week and for a few hours every other Saturday.

The extended schedule costs approximately \$1,200 more per student, most of it going toward additional pay for teachers.

Schools trying out longer school days are balancing it with more down time and enrichment courses, cnn.com said. The National Education Association, the largest teacher's union, had no official opinion on extending the school day.

The No Child Left Behind law is expected to be updated this year, and lawmakers involved are considering the Massachusetts model.

Minuteman Founder Wants Reigns Back



GILCHRIST

After being removed from power by the board of directors, Jim Gilchrist seeks to regain control of the Minuteman Project.

Gilchrist, an Orange County accountant, gained national recognition when he co-founded a citizen border patrol group in 2005. In February, Gilchrist was removed from his position after his board of directors accused him of abusing his power. Gilchrist told the Los Angeles

Times that the disagreement could very well bring an end to the entire Minuteman Project. Though there are other groups, Gilchrist said his organization was the most well known and powerful.

Gilchrist said the board members only serve an advisory capacity and had no right to replace him with Marvin Stewart, an African-American minister.

Calendar

March 2 Bison baseball, 1 p.m.
"An Inconvenient Truth," 7 & 9 p.m.,
Administration Auditorium

March 3 Bison baseball, noon
"Supersize Me," 7 & 9 p.m.,
Administration Auditorium

March 5 Midterms Begin

March 8 Jazz Band Concert, 7 p.m.,
Reynolds Recital Hall

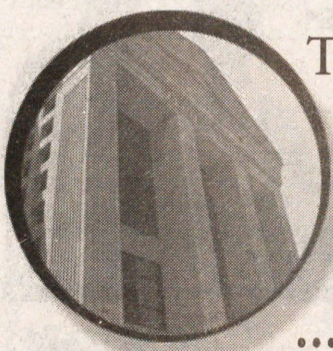
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PANEL: 'Focus On Teaching, Not Condemning'

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The discussion will last for about two hours, and students will be free to ask any question concerning sexual addictions. Reading materials will be avail-

able for students, as well as links to Web sites with further information and resources that can assist someone struggling with an addiction.

The panel is being sponsored

by the Department of Marriage and Family, the Counseling Center, the Office of Student Life, the Wellness Committee and the TNT, Knights and Pi Theta Phi social clubs.

MOLD: Changes To Be Made, DeRamus Said

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"After the installation of the new fresh air system, we started noticing that after showers the walls in the bathroom would have so much condensation that it was dripping down the walls and pooling. We started inspecting the walls and noticed black mold creeping down them and when we propped up a ceiling tile to look above the ceiling, we were disgusted to find the walls almost completely black with mold."

After becoming sick, Coss said she started looking around her room, and she discovered mold in their air conditioning unit.

"I tried to clean it as best as I could but I couldn't reach all the mold that was inside," Coss said. "A few days later, Jackie got sick again."

According to DeRamus, the mold that been reported is not a health risk for students but will grow in most high moisture areas without proper cleaning. Testing has been done to determine the quality of air in these dorms by outside companies and has reported no risk to students.

Cathcart Hall is very high in moisture, and the physical resource department is working to correct the problem.

Coss and Slye said they turned in a maintenance request form to have the mold cleaned out, but never received a reply.

DeRamus said students do not always realize maintenance request have been attended to because repairs are not always done inside the rooms themselves, as was the case with Cathcart Hall. The leak was caused by a small hole in the roof that took physical resources some time to find.

The physical resources department is working on a way to communicate with students in a more efficient manner so they realize things are being done, DeRamus said.

The physical resources department responds to maintenance requests by priority of the request, DeRamus said. The problems with the leak and mold were tended to immediately.

"There is a hierarchy of work orders," DeRamus said. "If water is pouring out, we

get over there and try to get it taken care of, but if it is a scratch on the wall, it is probably going to be farther down on the list. Plumbing is a No. 1 issue."

The students affected by the mold said they are not satisfied with the answers they received.

"We were told there were plans to replace the windows in Cathcart this summer, but I do not think that will be as effective as it needs to be," Coss said. "I would like to hear someone say they will also attempt to clean the mold that is growing above the ceiling and that someone will install better vents in the bathrooms."

DeRamus said plans are currently in place to replace the windows and carpet in the halls and lobby of Cathcart, and install a new fire sprinkler system this summer in addition to the new fresh air system that was installed over Christmas break. Physical resources is also planning on re-insulating the pipes in the hallways of Sears in an effort to postpone total renovations until other dorms are tended to.

AMBASSADOR: Insight Into Culture

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On the Embassy of the Republic of Zambia Web site, Lewanika encourages women to get involved with politics and contribute toward the development of their country. Lewanika commended Zambian women for making strides in the right direction.

Lewanika has lived in five different countries and speaks eight languages.

Dr. Jeff Hopper, dean of the Honors College, said he thinks Lewanika's visit ties in well with the newly established international program in Zambia.

Hopper said the program will begin next fall and is

for all majors but is aimed toward those in nursing, pre-medicine, missions and education.

Hopper said he hopes her presentation will benefit students.

"I hope that students will be able to get an insight into the culture of the Zambian people: their warmth, their positive outlook and their desire to partner with us," Hopper said.

Dr. Bob Reely, associate executive director of ASI, said Lewanika was one of many ambassadors that have been able to speak as part of the lecture series and said he hopes her visit is the begin-

ning of Harding having a long relationship with her and her country.

Senior Brett Keller, student president of the Honors Council, said he has been to Zambia and hopes to one day work in international health and development in Africa.

Keller said he is excited about hearing the ambassador speak.

"Learning about other cultures is vital to one's education, and what better way than to hear a high-level representative from a foreign country speaking here at Harding," Keller said. "Zambia is a beautiful, vibrant country with a rich history and culture."

SPORTS: Reinstatement Is Milestone For HU

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Intramurals grew in popularity, and by the mid-1950s about 90 percent of the student body participated in the intramural program. Sports ranged from cross country to football. The Bison All-Star Basketball Game became a ticketed event sponsored by The Bison newspaper and cost students 35 cents and the general public 50 cents to attend.

Some feared the ill effects the varsity sports would have on the successful intramural program. After all, many of the intramural All-Stars of 1956-57 went on to play for the Bison basketball team in the fall of 1957, so the intramural program would lose some of its more talented athletes.

Cecil Beck, the intramural

director of the day, said intramural activity actually increased following the return of varsity sports. Athletes still thrived in the intramural program as basketball and other sports records continued to fall.

"Definitely this will be a milestone in the annals of Harding athletics," Timmerman wrote. "Already having had one of the best intramural systems in the state as the backbone of its whole program, Harding now has added spice of spirited intercollegiate competition to add luster to the whole outlook of sports."

Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, then the chairman of the athletic committee and the faculty representative for the AIC, faced the new task of balancing schoolwork and Harding's spiritual goals with the athletic program.

Harding faculty initially reinstated the intercollegiate program under the condition that athletes would not receive financial aid. Harding President Dr. George S. Benson recommended a scholarship program to athletes deserving of a Christian education only a few years later.

"Who can guarantee the future of Harding?" Pryor wrote. "If we remain dedicated to our purposes, keep humble, ever realize our dependence upon God and his help, grace and mercy, staff our college with men dedicated to these principles, the future can be bright. The same is true with an athletic program."

Sports continued to grow in scope, adding cross country, bowling, swimming and golf as the student enrollment climbed through the next decade.

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Student-Run Sports News Program Airs On TV-16

ERIN SMITH
student reporter

When it comes to Bison basketball games, Harding students bring new meaning to the words "school spirit." Hundreds of fans, including members of the Searcy community, pack the Rhodes Field House dressed in black and gold to chant on the sidelines during basketball games.

But for those who are unable to attend games, "Full Court Press" is available.

"Full Court Press" is a one-hour segment on TV-16 that recaps the previous week's games. The show offers highlights from the men's and women's games, interviews with coaches and key players and provides postgame information.

The show is the result of a class project for Television Production and Writing, taught by Bob Ritchie, instructor of communication. Junior Zac Crow and sophomore Joshua Morgan brought the idea to Ritchie after the class had ended. The show was originally supposed to be a one-time deal, but they kept up with production and started filming every week.

"This is exactly what we want students in the communication department to be doing," Ritchie said. "They

have created a production and followed through with it."

Ritchie helps with the show by providing Harding's facilities and overseeing the productions.

Junior Derek Glover was approached by Crow and Morgan to be the anchor for the show. Glover said he has been involved with sports broadcasting since high school with Harding Academy's Wildcat News. When he came to the university he began doing full time sports coverage. He said he was chosen because Crow and Morgan viewed him as "the sports guy."

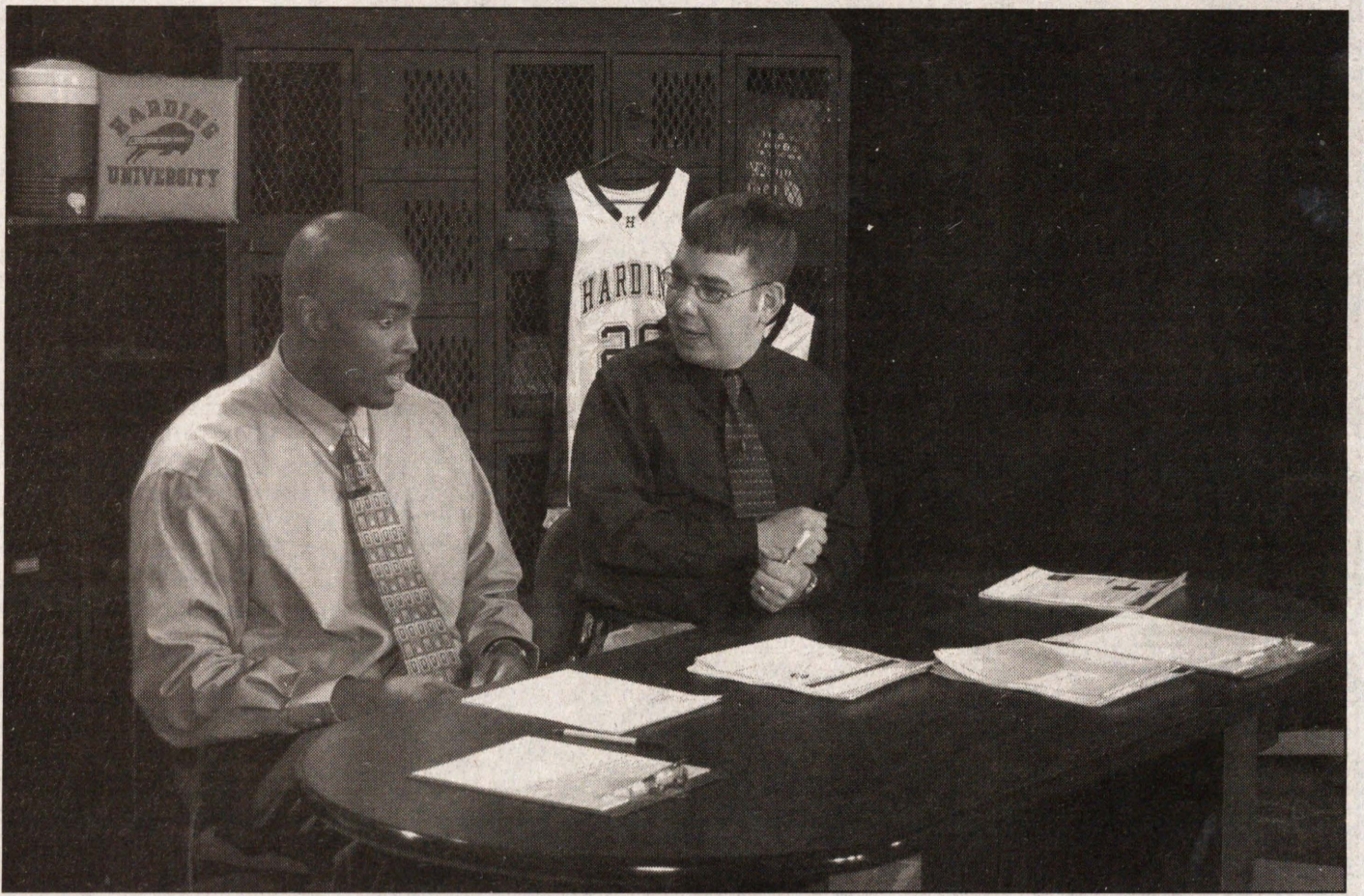
"The players and coaches love it because it is good for recruiting," Glover said. "The fans like it because they can catch all of the highlights if they missed a game. It is a good selling point if it is done well."

Crow said the show was just an extension of his love of basketball.

"I am at every game anyway so it is something I really enjoy," Crow said.

Crow and Morgan are involved in every aspect of the show. They gather the facts, make sure the set is put together, direct the telecasts and edit all the film.

"Josh and I split the respon-



Graduate Assistant Jamaal Greene and junior Derek Glover discuss basketball on "Full Court Press." "Full Court Press" began in November as a one-time class project and has extended into a weekly news program.

photo courtesy of Full Court Press

sibility, so it isn't too hard," Crow said. "Sometimes we have to edit all day Sunday, so that is where the majority of our work is."

Glover said his colleagues are very creative with the

show. "They are not afraid to add cool elements and different levels of difficulty," Glover said. "They make it more interesting and fun to watch."

Crow and Morgan submitted the first episode of "Full Court Press" to the National Broadcasting Society's annual competition, and they are planning to go to the Gulf South Conference in

Southaven, Miss., to cover Harding games; they will have media passes to attend press conferences.

The show airs every Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. on TV-16.

Greenspan Warns of Global Economic Recession

SUSANA VELIZ
copy editor

Former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned that the American economy might slip into recession by the year's end. Greenspan's comments were made Feb. 26 via satellite to the VeryGC Global Business Insights 2007 Conference in Hong Kong.

According to a Feb. 26 Associated Press article, Greenspan said the U.S. economy has been expanding since 2001 and there are signs the current economic cycle is coming to an end. Greenspan said there is a

possibility of a recession in the latter months of 2007, and most forecasters are not making that judgment.

"When you get this far away from a recession, invariably forces build for the next recession, and we are beginning to see that sign," Greenspan said.

Dr. Steven Williams, professor of marketing and management, said Greenspan's comments were not as negative as the media has played them up to be, and he said Greenspan is simply expressing his opinion about one distinct part of the economy.

"The two complicating factors here were the audi-

ence to which Greenspan was speaking and the glitch in the technology at the [New York Stock Exchange] which enhanced the fall at its peak," Williams said.

Williams said the Feb. 27 events came together to look much worse than they really were.

"The reality is that in every economy, there are ups and downs — that's the nature of the beast," Williams said. "All he really said is that when an economy has gone as long as ours has without a recession, it's only natural to start seeing forces build up for the next recession."

According to a Feb. 27 USA Today article, Greens-

pan's comments were partly responsible for Tuesday's sell-off in world financial markets.

"International markets are always more volatile than domestic ones," Williams said. "In the world we live in, there is simply too much interconnection in global economies to ignore what is going on in a country on the other side of the globe."

Japanese stocks were down 3.8 percent Wednesday during the first half hour of trading, and the Shanghai index went down nearly nine percent, the New York Times said Feb. 28.

According to the New York Times article, the Dow

Jones industrial average fell 3.29 percent before closing down, the steepest slide since the first day the market resumed after the Sept. 11 attacks. Also, the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 3.47 percent, and the Nasdaq index fell 3.86 percent.

Williams said indicators such as employment or performance of investments can also determine whether a recession is happening.

"Recessions happen on a regular basis — any market economy has cycles, and the average life of a recession is 12-18 months," Williams said. "Just because we're seeing some negative indicators that doesn't necessarily mean

we're in a recession." As long as the Federal Reserve controls the money supply and the interest rates well, the average American will not see much of a change in the economy, Williams said.

"If you're asking me if the 'great meltdown of 2007' has started, I would say no," Williams said. "History has shown us the resilience of the U.S. economy and stock market many times over. The aftermath of 'Black Tuesday' was pretty much back to normal on Wednesday. I think it will end up just being a much-expected adjustment to the market."

CAB To Show Controversial Documentary

JACOB SPILLMAN
student reporter

Harding students will have an opportunity to view the Sundance Film Festival hit "An Inconvenient Truth," a documentary by Davis Guggenheim about former Vice President Al Gore's mission to stop global warming and reveal the truth behind the myths surrounding it.

"An Inconvenient Truth" will show tonight at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium.

The film's Web site, www.climatecrisis.net, said former Vice President Gore believes we may be reaching a very pivotal point in

global warming, having just experienced in 2005 what some believe to be the worst storm season in history. Gore was asked by Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.) to testify in hearings during the week of Feb. 11 in the House of Representatives on his views about current climate issues. The hearings were called as a result of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's compromise with Dingell about the creation of a special panel on climate change.

According to cnn.com, the United States is responsible for a quarter of the carbon dioxide released into the earth's atmosphere, the effects of which have many

Democrats in Congress demanding mandatory carbon controls. Bush, however, has dedicated \$29 billion toward climate-related sciences.

On Feb. 2, Fox News released results of its recent poll of 900 registered voters concerning global warming. The results showed that 82 percent of those polled believe that global warming exists, while 10 percent do not believe that it exists and eight percent are not sure. Of those 737 who believe in global warming, 14 percent believe that it is caused solely by climate patterns, 41 percent feel it is only caused by human behaviors and 38 percent

believe global warming is caused by a mixture of the aforementioned elements; the remaining seven percent were unsure about the causes of global warming. The poll also showed that of those voters who considered themselves to be Republican, only 72 percent say they believe in global warming, as opposed to the 91 percent of Democrats who believe in global warming.

The topic of global warming is one that has been debated for some time. Some believe that if we do not do something now, our world as we know it will be ruined within the next 10 years, while others

have their reasons to believe global warming is not such a big deal.

Sophomore Nick Horton said he disagrees with Harding's decision to show the movie on campus and calls global warming a set of beliefs that have been established by a small number of people for the purpose of political gain.

"I do believe that the earth is currently in a warming cycle," Horton said. "However, based on historical patterns, it's clear to me that this is perfectly

natural. I have yet to see any evidence of man-made global warming anywhere."

Horton said most people are simply uninformed and encourages everyone to do their own research.

Zach Neal, director of campus life, said showing the movie was not intended to make a political statement or promote one agenda, but is simply a part of a documentary weekend.

Neal said the Campus Activities Board is just trying to meet the different interests of the student body.

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Students Consider Alternative Housing

MOLLY MORRIS
student reporter

Housing applications for the coming year are due before spring break. With an enrollment increase for the fall, space is limited. Therefore, many students are considering moving off campus, but they have only one week to decide.

In order to qualify for off-campus housing, a student must fit into one of the following eight categories and be recommended by the deans of students: married; 23 years of age or older; graduate student; ninth-semester student by credit hours; part-time student (12 hours or fewer); living in eight hours or fewer; living with a family member; living with a faculty/staff member in approved housing or participating in an approved senior/field placement internship in his or her major.

Dean of Students Dr. David Collins said the requirements for off-campus living are the collaborative product of communication among the board of trustees, school administrators and students.

"The rules that we have in place now, specifically the guidelines for moving off campus, have evolved over the 82 years that Harding has existed," Collins said. "It's the culmination of a lot of ideas and the philosophy that we have as far as campus life and what we want this community to be like for students who come here. Some of the guidelines have loosened; other parts of it have tightened. As time goes on there are different ideas that come into play and cause minor adjustments to be made."

Collins said he recognizes

"I have a hard time being really anti-on-campus-housing because I do think there are a lot of positive things that come from it."

TAYLOR CLONIGER
junior

that there are students who find the rules to be too stringent but believes encouraging students to live on campus fosters an important sense of community unique to Harding.

"It's been a trend over the last several decades for schools to lower their on-campus requirements, and now the trend is actually to tighten those back up," Collins said. "Harding has just stood true to the philosophy of having a true campus community in a residential setting."

"There are things I know are frustrating. There are downsides to everything and there are downsides to [living on campus]. Even in my short time here, the positives far outweigh the negatives."

Junior Taylor Cloniger said she is considering moving off campus before she graduates in May 2008.

"I like how Harding's campus is a community," Cloniger said. "I have a hard time being really anti-on-campus housing because I do think there are a lot of positive things that come from it."

However, Cloniger said living off campus would help foster a sense of responsibility that she may not get elsewhere.

"We're going to be 22-23 years old never having had to pay rent or water bills," Cloniger said. "Those are really practical life experiences we need to be adjusting to, and we aren't in the dorms at all."

Cloniger said she would not worry about losing the sense of community found on campus.

"After having lived on campus and becoming established with your friends for a few years, you have a basis to go on," Cloniger said.

Senior Julie Dow has lived off campus since fall of 2006 and said the experience has been positive for her. Dow said she enjoys the extra space, freedoms and responsibilities that come with living off campus.

"I have more freedom to leave," Dow said. "Not to be rowdy or sinful, but just to go out late. If I need to go get something at Wal-Mart or if I want to go get something to eat, I can do that without having to sign out or to be responsible to anyone else. As a senior it's more conducive to my lifestyle."

Dow said she enjoyed the time she spent living on campus and the fellowship she experienced there. Although she said she finds it harder to stay up-to-date on campus events, she believes living off campus is preparing her to graduate and function independently.

"We pay an electric bill, we pay a water bill, we pay rent," Dow said. "We take our trash out on trash days instead of putting off cleaning until our rooms are checked."

Wanise Lemmons, residence life coordinator in Armstrong Hall, said living on campus is beneficial, particularly to freshmen and sophomores, who are just getting to know more people and getting together to study and work.

Lemmons said many dorm managers like for students to live on campus, but do not like for

them to fill up the dorms. She said if seniors were permitted to live off campus, the dorms might not fill to capacity each fall.

The primary reason students want to move off campus is because they hope it will save them money, specifically on food, Lemmons said.

"Cone is the only guys' dorm with kitchens, and it has everything but an oven," Lemmons said. "They have to get a meal plan and they may not want to eat in the cafeteria or they don't use up all their meals each week. A lot of them say they would like to be able to make their meals in their room."

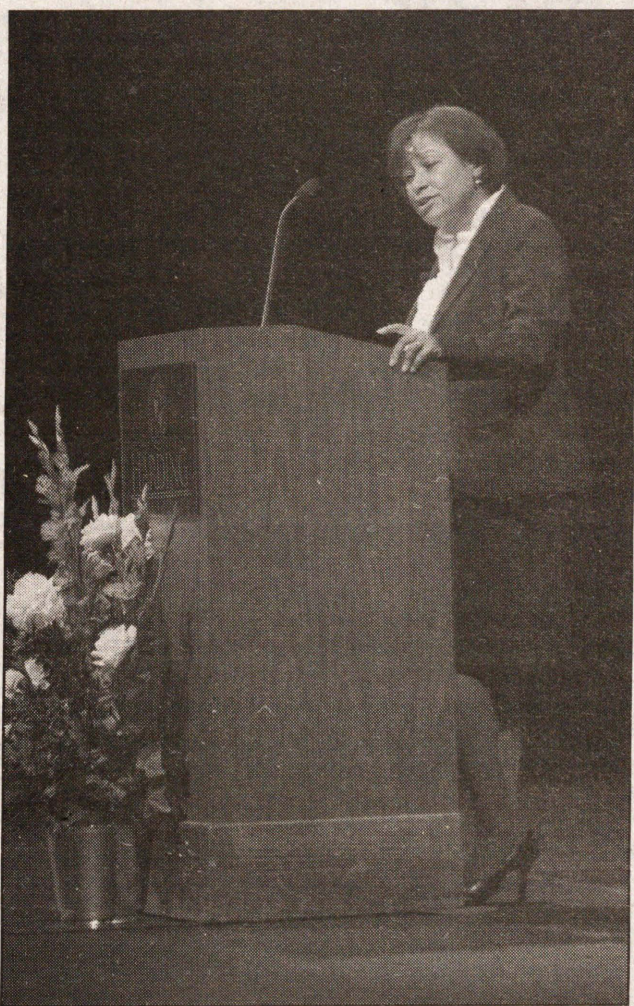
Collins said many students who hope to save money actually spend more once they move out of the dorms.

"I've done the math with students," Collins said. "Some spend more off campus because of what housing they select, and then they have to pay rent and bills. Sometimes I think it's less expensive in the long run."

Collins said the administration is constantly evaluating their policies and will make changes as necessary.

"I hate to see students get so hung up on not being able to move off campus that they are not able to enjoy living on campus or to take advantage of what they have while they are here," Collins said. "A student will never have the opportunity after leaving Harding to live in a building with 200 or 300 of their peers and fellow Christians. They'll never have the opportunity to live in a community of over 3,000 people living in less than a square mile and to enjoy the activities and develop relationships on campus."

Judge Janice Rogers Brown



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Judge Janice Rogers Brown speaks Feb. 27 as a part of the American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series. Brown spoke on the importance of protecting First Amendment rights.

Students Receive COBA Spirit Award

MELISSA MCDONALD
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The College of Business Administration hosted a luncheon Feb. 23 at which five students received the COBA Spirit Award, given in recognition of hard work and a positive attitude exhibited within COBA and the university. The students were nominated by COBA faculty.

The award was made possible by 1984 COBA graduate Brian TréusDell, recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award for COBA in October 2006.

Recipients of the award are seniors John Garner, Mary Beth Mortland, Jimmy Penrod, Carson Ross and junior Derek Glover.

The students knew they were to receive an award but did not know what. They received signed certificates and Dell laptop computers.

TréusDell said his motivation for the award was to give back to COBA students who have good attitudes and work hard, especially students who do not necessarily have the highest GPAs but give 100 percent.

TréusDell said this is echoed in a quote from former President Calvin Coolidge: "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence ... The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

Derek Glover said receiving the award was an honor in itself.

"I was, initially, flattered by the award," Glover said. "None of us knew why we were there, so it was very humbling to know the faculty thought highly enough of us to nominate us for this honor."

"I was also taken by Brian TréusDell's generosity. This is a man who has obviously seen

first-hand how special Harding is and wants desperately to give back and help students who are working hard to try and finish strong in their studies."

Carson Ross said he was glad that the award was a reflection of his effort.

"My GPA isn't, by any means, the highest among a lot of business students," Ross said. "Knowing that the award was based solely on hard work and being noticed for that was a huge honor. It's a really good feeling to know that hard work does pay off."

Mary Beth Mortland said she was floored by the generosity shown.

"The award took me completely by surprise," Mortland said. "I think a lot of us are still in shock from the generosity. It just goes to show you how wonderful Harding and the alumni are."

Dr. Bryan Burks, dean of the college of business administration, said TréusDell has been a valuable supporter of COBA for many years and has consistently shown interest in the success of COBA students.

"He has always given back to the program, whether financially, with time or with contacts," Burks said. "He is a tremendous example of the alumni wanting to help others. It's very encouraging."

Burks said he is glad students who work hard are being rewarded and said he hopes the award will be repeated in the future.

TréusDell is the CEO of TréusDell Salon and Spa, which consists of three full-service day spas in San Antonio. Since 2004, he has also served as CEO of Huebner Real Estate Co. Upon graduating, he began working as CEO of Lasergraphics, a commercial printing and graphic design company that he sold in 2001.

Judge Lifts Segregation Supervision

ANDREA THORNTON
news editor

The Little Rock school district was released from federal supervision Friday when U.S. District Judge William R. Wilson Jr. ruled that the district was conforming to the requirements of a desegregation plan established in 1998.

The district has 27,000 students, 70 percent of whom are black, and a black-majority school board, according to cnn.com.

Little Rock has been under national supervision for segregation issues since 1957, when President Eisenhower dispatched the 101st Airborne to enforce a Supreme Court ruling supporting the integration of nine black students into Central High School. Those students are referred to as the Little Rock Nine and are commemorated by a statue on the grounds of the Arkansas State Capitol.

Senior Ken Wakwe graduated from Central High School and said he feels honored to have gone to a school with such a rich history. He said he thinks the racial situation has improved greatly in the last 50 years.

"I think [the] segregation [problem] has gotten better because it's more diverse at Central High now," Wakwe said. "But people still have their own groups. When you go to the cafeteria, you've got the African-Americans over here and the Latinos over here — everyone has their own groups, so in a way it's about race, but there's

still mingling."

Wakwe said he believes people are not merely tolerant of each other, but rather try to bridge the gaps of the previous generation.

"I believe racism is still here today, but as far as the younger generation goes, they didn't grow up with it," Wakwe said. "The only way they are racist is [if] their parents [are]. Today, people don't really care much about racism. They just want to make friends, and people can have different friends and bring them [home], but their parents might tell them, 'you don't need to be hanging out with that person.'"

Wakwe said he does not consider himself a cliquish person. He said he easily made friends with different groups despite racial differences.

"[The situation] is pretty good in my eyes ... I had a good experience at Central."

However, not all people found integration as easy as he did, Wakwe said.

"Some of my African-American friends will try to hang out with Caucasian friends, and someone will say 'Don't sit with them; sit with us' and those things really add up," Wakwe said. "[Racism] is hidden in stuff like that. Personally, I feel it's on a smaller scale but it still exists."

Senior Bonnie Berryhill grew up in a suburb of Worcester, Mass. but moved to Little Rock before her senior year of high school.

"I could count the number of non-white people at my old school on one hand," Berryhill

said. "Then I came to [North Little Rock High] and it was a culture shock. [The diversity of my] high school was more of a culture shock than just moving to the South ... I was in the minority. It was good for me; I loved it."

Dr. Jack Shock, professor of communication, grew up in North Little Rock during efforts to further integrate the school district. He said when he was 10 years old, district lines were re-drawn, and he was required to change schools.

"It was a devastating time for me," Shock said. "I just thought my life was over. In retrospect, I look back, and it's the best thing that ever happened to me because it took me out of an environment where everybody looked like I did and acted like I did and dressed like I did, into an environment where for the very first time in my life I realized that there were people who didn't look like I looked."

While the problem of social segregation has improved, standardized test scores indicate an academic segregation is still strong.

According to cnn.com, black students score up to 40 points less on standardized tests than white students. A 1982 lawsuit questioned the district's adequacy in measuring black students' test scores and improvement. Last year, the district resolved to continue assessment of black students' progress without court supervision.

Dr. Dan Tullios, professor of communication, said he

"Little Rock certainly deserved some national condemnation [for the Central High incident] but ... I don't think it was any worse than anywhere else."

DAN TULLIOS
professor of communication

remembers sitting on the curb of his house as a child watching the troops march to the school. Having watched Little Rock for 50 years, from within it and from abroad, Tullios said he has developed strong opinions about the matter.

"Little Rock certainly deserved some national condemnation [for the Central High incident]," Tullios said. "But the interesting thing is I don't think it was any worse than anywhere else."

Tullios said performance in education stems more from cultural and socio-economic differences than racial ones. He said in the current system, the responsibility is on parents and the culture in which students live. If parents do not have the affluence to assist children, or the culture does not value education, students fall behind.

"I think we use racial discrepancies as an excuse sometimes," Tullios said. "Part of the issue now is no longer racial but cultural ... and I'm not sure that will ever change as long as someone is making someone [else] do something [to change]. So I'm glad the focus has shifted. I do think that means the vigilance needs to become ours ... Little Rock still has a [long way] to go."



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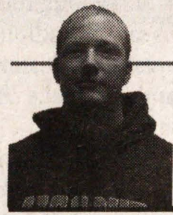
When I turn on the television to ESPN, I expect to see the following: sports.

Silly me.

Instead, ESPN and ESPN 2 have chosen to show programs that can't possibly be considered sports by anyone. During the last few years, I've had the misfortune of falling victim to ESPN's tangled web of non-athletic programming. Why does "The Worldwide Leader in Sports" insist on becoming "The Worldwide Leader In Disappointing Sports Fans?"

Apparently, ESPN and poker have eloped, because every time I turn on the television to watch some baseball, basketball or football, I see Greg "Fossilman" Raymer and his ridiculous holographic glasses that are meant to psych out his opponents. I'm sorry, but if your nickname is "Fossilman" then the event that you're a part of should not be considered a sport. Those in search of a good basketball game care nothing about watching a man protect his cards by putting Fossils over them.

I'm always humored when I'm on the hunt for a good sporting event on ESPN, and I see, of all things, a hot dog eating contest. Seriously? Who dreamt up this wonderful idea? Here is my rendition of what went through the producer's mind at the precise moment in which he or she thought of airing a hot dog eating contest on the nation's premiere sports channel: "Well, guys, here's the deal.



BRANDON HIGGINS

Guest Space

Just go ahead and air something like the First National Crop Dusting Championship, complete with rankings and analysis from the nation's finest farmers.

We've got all these sports to choose from to air at this time, but I'm thinking about being a little silly. Let's just film a man named Kobayashi eating 53 hot dogs in 12 minutes and stick it on the air instead of the Dodgers and Giants."

The hot dog eating contest phenomenon has even taken over the campus of a certain Christian university in Searcy.

Next on my list of ridiculous programming that ESPN airs is the spelling bee. I think comedian Brian Reagan said it best when it comes to spelling bees.

"All right, kids — up against the wall. It's time for public humiliation. Spell a word wrong and sit down in front of your friends."

In the case of those competing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, however, spelling a word wrong results in their sitting down in front of the nation. Those poor kids stand up there in front of cameras and

pass out due to the pressure and then get it aired on SportsCenter, accompanied by clever comments. I'm pretty sure that I'd rather stick a toothpick under my toenail and kick a brick wall than watch this; never mind the fact that it's on a sports channel.

What will we see next on ESPN in place of our favorite sports? National bartending championships? The world proofreading championships? How about the United Kingdom Pantomime Alliance's "Best Rendition of a Man in a Box" competition? Sounds like typical programming to me. I mean, they already show darts, arm wrestling, car auctions and cars driving around in a circle for four hours. Just go ahead and air something like the First National Crop Dusting Championship, complete with rankings and analysis from the nation's finest farmers.

Oh, ESPN, why do you torture me along with other sports fans with the likes of poker, eating contests, spelling bees and car auctions? Help me escape from the characters of Greg Raymer and Kobayashi who haunt my mind when I just want to watch Albert Pujols and Larry Johnson on their respective fields of play. Can't I just watch athletic ability instead of the ability to bluff in a game of poker? I suppose not. Silly me.

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Slaying The Indomitable Clock Dragon

Where did all the time go? If you're like me, you've probably asked

yourself this question multiple times this week, usually in response to a looming deadline that seemed manageable, say, six hours ago. Everything takes longer than it should, and all those carefully planned hours just evaporate, flaunting their ability to elude any kind of human control. Or maybe the ever-annoying need for sleep catches up with you, negating any hope of even coming close to getting everything done. As I write this, I am lamenting the swift pace of time, especially that of the "30-minute" nap that somehow turned into five hours. The lost time seems insurmountable; suddenly surrendering my soul to the great clock dragon and refusing to fight against it seems like a viable option.

"How did it get this way?" Another common question for most of you with respect to time, I'm guessing. Most of us did not plan to live in constant competition with the clock. I'm sure no one aspired to finish a paper at 5 a.m. for an 8 a.m. class, lie down for an hour or two (maybe in chapel), and consider it a good night's sleep. But for some of us, that's what life has come to. Now hopefully, no one identifies literally with the above description all the time, but most of us have



JASON LOY

Guest Space

Ever wonder why Harding so graciously blesses us with chapel skips? No, not to get in an extra hour of "World of Warcraft" 10 mornings per semester.

had similar experiences. I don't know about the rest of you, but this kind of thing usually isn't the product of three or four weeks' worth of diligent afternoons and weekends spent researching for and drafting said paper; it's usually a product of neglect.

"What do I do about the indomitable clock dragon?"

Although you've probably never phrased it this way, I'm sure this one also looms large in your mind. Well, for a lot of us, the answer is simple: common sense. I'm referring to those profound landmarks of human wisdom that so often escape us, like the realization that it's not a good idea to sign up for intramural basketball while carrying 18 credit hours, the fact that Friend X doesn't really need you to proofread his 20-page exposition on the current state of Nigerian politics considering his roommate

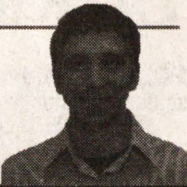
is a genius who happens to be double majoring in English and political science, or the reality that you don't have to honor your brother's girlfriend's dentist's nephew's request to accompany him on a pointless road trip to Wichita. Simply not doing so much can help you regain at least a measure of your sanity.

As for those of you who are already using a modicum of conventional wisdom, I'm not sure what to tell you. Oh wait, yes I am ... prioritize. You might already prioritize every waking hour to tasks that you feel you have to do, but that tedious extra credit project for ichthyology — you know, the one where you have to find a specimen of every fish species in the state — probably isn't worth it, especially if you already have an A in the class. Ever wonder why Harding so graciously blesses us with chapel skips? No, not to get in an extra hour of "World of Warcraft" 10 mornings per semester or to consecrate Tuesday as "Weekly Sleep 'Till 2 p.m. Day," but to attend to the portion of our coursework that was neglected the night before. I exhort you, dear fellow students, to use these wisely. It will at least help you inflict a flesh wound on the indomitable time dragon.

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Five Minutes To Midnight

The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists has moved the minute hand on the Doomsday Clock. The Doomsday Clock was originally created as a design feature on the cover of this bulletin. In the years since it has been created, it has come to mean so much more than simply that; it has become the symbol of the proximity of the Doomsday, the apocalypse most typically assumed to be a nuclear end.

The clock is set by default at seven minutes to midnight. The minute hand has now been moved to five minutes to midnight. That's not to say we are on the brink of the end of civilization, but it is the sign of impending danger. The hand has been moved citing reasons of the stalling of nuclear reductions by the United States and Russia, testing of nuclear weapons in Korea, rumors of Iran's acquiring weapons and global warming.

This movement represents the danger in which mankind has put itself in — mainly through nuclear weapons. If anything, this movement should help solidify the threat and danger in which we are currently living. While this movement is in no way the ultimate indicator of the threats facing mankind, it should put more than a brief thought in one's mind of the seriousness of what is facing us as a civilization.

It would appear civilization stands at the brink of a second nuclear age.

Have we all been too hasty in procurement of nuclear weapons? Have our actions brought about irreversible global warming? Will these factors be the end of all life as we know it (cockroaches excluded, of course)? Has humankind put itself this close to obliteration?

This world has become a much more dangerous place since nuclear capabilities entered the war plane. With many ingredients used for making nuclear weapons kept in unsecured locations, enemies of the United States procuring nuclear arms and black market trading, perhaps nuclear holocaust is on the brink.

The world is seemingly gearing up for a violent nuclear conflict. This threat, while not new, is becoming a renewed threat. The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty has been stalled and the United States and Russia seem to be preparing themselves for worldwide conflict.

According to the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, nuclear holocaust is not the only threat facing humankind. Rising global temperatures have begun to play a much larger role on the stage of self-destruction. The rise of fossil fuel technologies has begun to raise the temperature of the earth at an unprecedented rate. Already polar icecaps have begun melting, immediately threatening the existence of many polar animals and lifestyles of those in the polar region.

As Earth's temperature continues to skyrocket, so will the possibility of destruction by means of global warming. Civilization is on the right track to causing irreversible, fatal damage to Earth. Humans have created unnecessary risks for themselves on this Earth.

It would appear civilization stands at the brink of a second nuclear age and the greatest nuclear threat since the Cold War. This is news to perk the attention of any concerned citizen of the world. Nuclear weapons provide the biggest threat to the end of humanity as we know it and this threat of a nuclear holocaust is returning to the public eye. The Doomsday Clock has been moved five minutes to midnight. The countdown begins. The world moves closer. Five minutes to midnight.

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Big Dreams Are Waiting For You

Dreams May Not Be As Out Of Reach As They Once Seemed

Dreams come in all shapes and sizes. They make you feel all types of emotions, but the dreams I love the most are dreams of who I want to become and what I want to do in my life. When you think of what you want to become and what you want to do in your life, what are your dreams? Are they simple? Are they detailed? Are they off the wall, or are they conservative?

I have a challenge for you: pretend anything is possible. When you think something can't happen, ask yourself: why not? I doubt you have a good reason.

When I was in high school, I hated thinking about my future. I was the girl crying at graduation because I had to leave high school. After waiting to apply to college until the middle of my senior year, I was forced to think about where I was going and what I wanted to do for a career. Once I thought through what I wanted to do, I loved thinking about my future career and all the other things I wanted to do.



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I drew up all these ideas and plans of where I wanted to live and work. I dreamed, and, well, I still dream about living in an apartment in downtown Memphis. I dream of walking through the streets of downtown in my stilettos and carrying my fashionable briefcase (and Starbucks coffee of course) as I go to work. I dream of working in a big fancy building in the middle of all the busyness of the downtown area.

One of my favorite dreams about working is finishing a big assignment right on deadline and

walking in wearing my trendy business suit and stylish heels through the building to my boss's office. Then my boss looks over my work, and he tells me it is the best work he has seen in months.

I also dream about becoming someone important and someone people come to with important questions. I dream of making a difference in someone's life.

I also dream about not-as-serious things such as skydiving and seeking adventure. I dream of shopping in Paris and Rome without a budget. I dream of having a closet just for my shoes.

People need dreams. If you do not have dreams you most likely will not live up to your full potential. Dreams are things you work for and look forward to accomplishing.

When you dream, never underestimate yourself; always overestimate. Think of yourself accomplishing the highest achievement in whatever field of study you are in. If that is something that sounds good or feels good, then dream about it and go after it. You can do

it, so believe in yourself. When it comes to dreams, nothing is impossible.

An old wise proverb by Lester Brown says, "If you shoot for the moon, even if you miss, you will land among the stars."

As for the not-so-serious dreams, I try to live my life so I can say I have no regrets. If there is something you want to do, dream about it. Never pass up opportunities to make your dreams come true. Throw excuses out of the way and go bungee jumping or skydiving. When you accomplish your dreams you also make great memories, and you might even learn something about yourself in the process.

Dreams change, and that is OK. Just make sure the reason your dreams change is because you want them to change. No one else is living your life so do not let anyone else tell you what to dream.

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HEATHER BROWNING

Browning Points

Abandoning Narcissism

The majority of today's college students grew up being told scores did not matter and received trophies just for playing the game. Many of us had extravagant birthday parties that children from a previous generation could have only dreamt of in their wildest dreams. We have always been told we are "special" and other things of this nature to boost our self-confidence. Now, it seems, all this attention has finally gone to our heads.

Today's college students are more narcissistic and self-centered than previous generations, according to a comprehensive study conducted by five psychologists. The study examined the responses of more than 16,000 college students nationwide who completed an evaluation called The Narcissistic Personality Inventory between 1982 and 2006.

According to a Feb. 27 article on cnn.com, nearly two-thirds of students surveyed in 2006 had above-average scores. This number is up 30 percent from 1982, the first year the personality inventory was given.

Our generation has been called many things, and by adding narcissistic and self-centered to the list, I feel these psychologists are right on. We are a generation that uses words such as "I," "me" and "my" countless times in a single conversation without even noticing. Many times, we are unaware of what others feel or what they need because we are too caught up making sure things are the way we feel they should be.

So many of us, myself included, view every single facet of our own lives as something as juicy and entertaining as the latest episode of "Grey's" and therefore feel the need to broadcast such things in a public manner. We seem to feel a sense of obligation to our "adoring public" to upload every picture we take into yet another Facebook album, because, of course, everyone is just dying to see what exactly happened during our weekend road trip to Kensett. We want to upload video clips of ourselves doing the most random things to YouTube so others will understand just how fascinating and entertaining we feel we are.

In today's society, our generation feels everything we do is top priority, not only to ourselves, but to those around us as well. In the past, journals and diaries have been something private, to be kept in a hidden place, full of thoughts not intended for public viewing. Now, however, many members of the 20-something population spend countless hours a week ranting away on their blogs about the most minuscule details of their petty lives. Some view it as a major crisis if they miss blogging for even a single day because, heaven forbid, every one of his or her friends not have the opportunity to read about every little detail of the hot date he or she went on the night before.

Most of us grew up being told we could do anything if we try hard enough, and since nearly three-fourths of college freshmen view wealth and success as a top priority, according to a recent study by the University of California at Los Angeles, many of us college students feel it is our destiny to make it to the top of the corporate ladder, regardless of what means we must employ to do so. Many do not care if they have to step on toes, damage friendships and offend others to get to the top, because, after all, everything is all about us anyway.

Aren't Christians called to be servants and put others before themselves? Before we can expect people of the world to change, we, as followers of Christ, must change first. I hope we can reverse this narcissistic way of thinking and truly live the lives Christ has called us to.

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European Experience Offers Tasty Treats

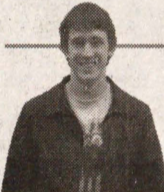
Food Is A Way To Sample Different Cultures, Expand Culinary Horizons

What draws you to a foreign culture? What attracts you to wonder about

the workings of another country or region? Is it its lifestyle, its language, its political policy? There are so many things that can draw people to different cultures and experiences. I would have to say my greatest fascination with foreign cultures would be food.

I absolutely love food; it has to be one of the most wonderful creations given to humanity. In my experience with Harding University in Greece last fall, I came to try and appreciate many different kinds of food. Some people might say that some of the food was pretty terrible, and I have to admit that I did not like all of the food that I tried. However, it was a great experience to get a feeling for the people in other countries by examining their cuisine. You can come to better understand a culture by what they eat.

One unique thing about eating in Europe is the fact that



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you have to pay for a place to sit down. Here in the States, you go to a restaurant, get assigned a seat with your party, order your food and pay for the entire meal. In Europe, though, you generally pay for your food, and if you want to sit at a table, you must pay for that table. At coffee shops, you generally pay a little more for your drinks, but you are allowed to sit at the table literally all day and no one would bother you or encourage you to leave. If you do not want to pay for a table (which is what I did in Europe most of the time), you can just pick up your food and eat it on the run or sit down on

a sidewalk or in some window of a shop and chow down on your meal. This is fairly common, although you do not see it much here and it would be regarded as a little strange in the States to be eating your food on the ground while people are walking all around you.

One great food item you come to appreciate in Greece is the gyro. The gyro is classic Greek food, and it was amazing, even after eating three to four per week. It is basically pita bread with vegetables, meat and sauce (usually tzatziki sauce) and would be aptly described as "Heaven on Earth." Oh, and its pronounced "yee-roe" just in case you are around anyone who is Greek and you want to impress them. They really are very good and are extremely cheap in Europe, and they fill you up fairly well.

Of course there are many different things to eat in many different countries that are unique and user-friendly: souvlaki in Greece, falafels from Israel, Egyptian dates, Italian pizza (usually cheap

and frequently delectable) and gelato (basically richer and more exquisite ice cream) and of course Nutella and banana crepes. All of these foods were good and I am sure that a lot of you have heard of or experienced them. They are not to be taken lightly: almost everyone who takes a trip to Europe and tries these delicacies forever after craves them again.

Now, you don't have to go out of the country to experience these glorious feasts. If you just keep your eye open, there are many places around town (Searcy not included) where you can find a Greek or other foreign cuisine store. I would seriously encourage you to try these new foods, if not to try to broaden your cultural horizon, then at least to find some new cuisine with which to settle your appetite. A little variety goes a long way and hey, it tastes pretty good too.

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Equality Overlooked Throughout Searcy

Students Tend To Forget 'Real People' And Treat Them As Less Than Selves

I recently had an interesting conversation at the Underground with a local. I honestly don't remember his name — I couldn't even say if he told me his name — but he popped over to our group and proclaimed that he was talking to random groups of people that night. He had long hair and a goatee and was wearing a faded Black Sabbath 1978 tour shirt. He definitely fell into the stereotype of "typical stoner guy" and seemed proud of it.

I quickly chimed in with "Black Sabbath ... good stuff" and we were in a conversation, which shifted after a while with the question, "How many of you are from Harding?" Then he started talking about how a lot of people either walked away from him or asked him to leave, and while doing so used a dozen or so casually placed expletives. I didn't let it bother me as I figured it was like a game to him. We talked about some other things, but he conversation didn't last very long. I think he was a little shocked and dismayed after he asked what our majors were and found that I was a youth and family ministry



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major, yet I wasn't completely appalled by his obvious display of exaggerated profanity. He ended up drifting to another area of the coffee shop after becoming quiet and withdrawn. I guess I ruined the game.

So now the point of the story and the thought that occurred to me and somewhat saddened me. This guy, "typical stoner guy," wasn't used to Harding students talking to him as if he were their equal. What does that have to say about us as a whole? Are we really seen as the uptight religious types who look down our noses at the "real people" in our own town?

One of the things "typical stoner guy" mentioned was that people tend to say that he's going to hell. While this was casually spoken and most likely exaggerated, it said so much about how he views Christians and how some Harding students have reacted to him in the past. It troubled me that this guy had developed this stereotype based on past experience. We may tend to forget what "real people" are like while we're here in our bubble, but we need to remember that people who don't fit into our mold are the ones we are called to reach out to. The world doesn't consist of Bible-knowing, church-going believers; rather it consists of people like "typical stoner guy," who have already heard from several people that they are bad and that they are condemned to the fires of hell. What they need is for people to show them compassion.

So what did I do about it? I just talked to him as an equal. I may not have planted the seed as I didn't talk about God or religion, but I gave him a view of Christianity that he wasn't used to seeing. I don't know if I'll ever meet "typical stoner guy" again. I

would hope so, but it's not in my hands. I can, however, pass this message on. We are called to be Jesus to those who do not know him, and Jesus said it himself in John 3:17, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." We can't look down our noses at those who don't fit in with our way of living or our points of view. We're not going to convert them by scaring them with stories of fire and brimstone or verbally condemning them. We can, however, exude Christ's light by leaving behind our "us and them" mentality and simply treating people with kindness and respect, showing them that we care by talking with them about things that matter to them.

People notice the difference, and in my short existence I've seen that by showing you are different from the world and from what they perceive Christians to be, they are more likely to be interested in the reason for your difference.

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photo courtesy of Reecie Abbott

Students pray while lined up in the morning before attending their classes. The children wake up at 4:30 a.m. every day to pray, eat rice for breakfast, get ready for classes, say the pledge to India and then pray again at 8 a.m. before they start their lessons.

Unexpected Calls Of Service

ERIN SMITH
student reporter

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness ... you know the rest. They are the Fruits of the Spirit, words we memorized as children and a list of characteristics we are taught to exhibit as Christians. Sure, you can still sing the tune your Sunday school teacher taught that helped you learn the verse, but do you really take the time to study and understand these attributes?

Reecie Abbott had been studying the Fruits of the Spirit on Wednesday nights with friend Whitney Aiken when she and Aiken came up with a plan to put this Christian checklist to use. They would take a year off from school and go where they felt God needed them the most. The women said they prayed constantly for direction from God, and he gave them an answer.

"Whenever we would study, it seemed as though the word 'peace' kept popping up everywhere," Abbott said. "Especially the week that we studied about peace as one of the fruits, we knew what we had to do. It was like God was telling us personally to go and preach to people who were suffering."

After researching different programs, having multiple discussions and prayer, the women were introduced to Adventures in Missions, an interdenominational service organization focusing on discipleship. AIM sends people to teach the Bible in an array of locations from West Virginia to places such as China and Swaziland. By the summer of 2006,

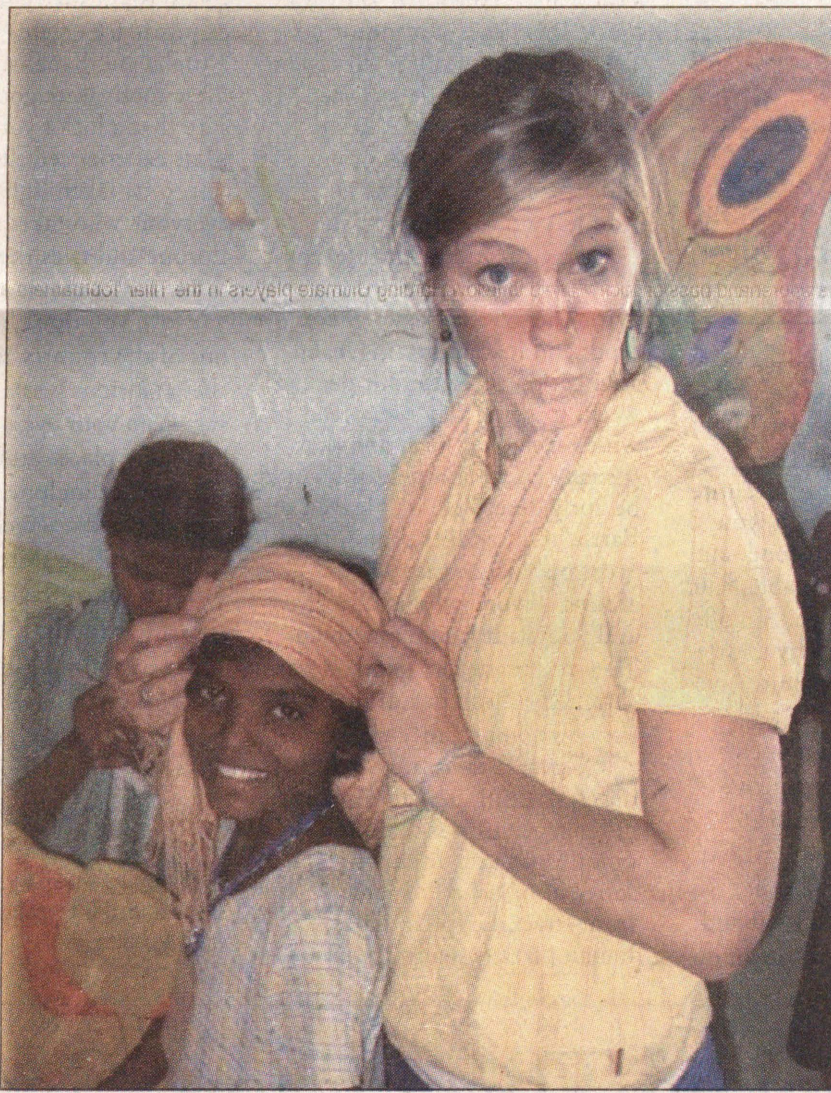


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Reecie Abbott talks with Babitia after church on her first Sunday in India. The Big Church usually lasted for three hours.

Abbott and Aiken had signed up, been through the interview process, trained with a specialized team and were ready to go to New Delhi, India to work in an orphanage there.

The process was not exactly an

easy one, Abbott said.

"My mom had a hard time with me going," Abbott said. "We didn't exactly agree on the whole situation, and she did not really understand why I wanted to go. But some of my friends sat down with

her and discussed it with her, and that made her feel a lot better."

That was just the beginning. After Abbott's passport vanished and she had to take a last minute road trip to Washington to secure her visa, she was finally ready a few days before they were scheduled to leave. A week later, she was in New Delhi with a group of 12 other volunteers, ready to work.

The group served five days a week at the Immanuel Orphanage, which is a Christian organization in New Delhi. Abbott and the rest of the group worked with children, teaching them English, math and science.

"The kids loved encyclopedias," Abbott said. "Every day they would pick out an encyclopedia, point to a picture or word, and we would explain it to them. They would get so excited because they had never seen most of the stuff, and they were learning and having fun."

Abbott said the trip presented unexpected obstacles and challenges.

"We were dealing with children who had never even been hugged before," Abbott said. "We even visited children with leprosy. People with leprosy are considered lower than dogs over there, so we took the time to pray with them and try and talk to them about Jesus. It was sad at times, but so worth it."

Having returned from New Delhi, Abbott is raising money to go back to India in March. She has had two bake sales already, and a garage sale is in the works.

"My goal is to go back and build a playground for the kids," Abbott said.



photo courtesy of Reecie Abbott

Mojum takes a break from his arts and crafts project to pose for a picture during the young children's church service. Abbott said Mojum encouraged other children to get along.

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Apocalypse Soars At HU

March Matters

Give me another major sporting event that compares to the NCAA tournament for college basketball. Who wants to sit through a best-of-seven series for every single match-up in the NBA? Forget the BCS and its flawed computing system; everyone gets a chance in the tournament. Then there's the Super Bowl; two weeks of hype and one 60-minute game. March Madness reigns in an unparalleled atmosphere where true teams are challenged, heroes are made and dramatic finishes live on for years to come.

According to Jack Givens, former NCAA legend, the tournament is a place where the "underdog has a chance to beat the favorite every time." What other postseason event can boast that? And don't forget the human element in the process. Throw the selection committee with players, coaches and fans into a blender and you'll get what Florida Today columnist Jeff D'Alessio called a creation of "upsets, upstarts, unlikely heroes and unlikely champions."

It's not even Selection Sunday yet and I can already hear the "One Shining Moment" intro song playing like my personal theme song. It's quite possible that I'm conducting more research to fill out my bracket than for the case study I have due at the end of the week.

Here are a few signs that you might be coming down with March Madness fever: conversations around your proverbial water cooler have become more heated as to who is the George Mason team this year. Strange terminology like "Cinderella," "Big Dance" and "Bracket Buster" fills your vocabulary despite inquisitive looks from the sporting deprived.

Does any of this sound familiar? Additional symptoms may include a tendency to analyze your NCAA bracket a little bit more than your mid-term project. It's even possible you might check your bracket during the month of March more than you check Facebook. Not to mention the six brackets allowed on ESPN and the bracket pool you have going on in the dorm.

And if you're really, really coming down with March Madness fever, you have already subscribed to NCAA's March Madness on Demand and planned to watch those non-televised games on your computer. You've cleared your schedule and called in sick to work for those first two days of non-stop basketball action. And nothing, nothing gives you greater joy than beating those guys you filled out brackets with.

This year's NCAA tournament looks to be especially exciting because there are no truly dominating teams. All the big guys have lost their share and upsets have already run rampant opening the door for just about anybody in the Big Dance.

March Madness has finally arrived. So pick those No. 5 and No. 12 upsets, call your sleeper team and talk smack to the guys down the hall. Get ready for college basketball at its finest...

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JOHNATHAN LINDSAY/The Bison

Senior Brandon Stone throws a forehand pass or "flick" upfield to fellow Harding Ultimate players in the Tillar Tournament at Kansas State University. The team finished 1-2 in the tournament.

Committed Players Overcome Obstacles To Compete

DEREK MCCORMICK
student reporter

Harding's Ultimate team competed in the Hendrix Ultimate Experience in Conway, Ark., last weekend, finishing fifth in the tournament. Harding played Oklahoma State, Kansas State and Rhodes College.

The Ultimate team's official name is Apocalypse, and because the team is

not sponsored by Harding, it has its own colors, burgundy and black; however, all the money spent on jerseys, transportation and other costs must be made by fundraising. The team sells T-shirts, discs and sweatshirts.

Junior Branson Bridges has been playing the sport since the summer of 2003 at church camp and began playing at Harding in the

fall of 2004.

Bridges said Harding's Ultimate team not being a sanctioned sport is both good and bad.

"[It is] bad because it's hard to raise money [and] good because we can choose our own colors and own name," Bridges said. "We coach ourselves."

Team recruiting is mostly an informal event. Bridges said there is a joke going

around that he is the team recruiter because at the beginning of every fall semester he will ask just about anyone he sees if he or she would like to come out and play a pick-up game of Ultimate.

Bridges said the majority of this recruiting is done at the freshman luau at president David Burks' house during Student Impact.

Just like other sports

at Harding, the Ultimate team has a booth set up in the student center. The team will also play a video in chapel showing highlights of the previous season to fuel curiosity and generate interest.

"You get out what you put into it," Bridges said. "The amount of effort you put in is what makes the team better."



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Senior Milena Chisaca returns a hit to a Southern Arkansas competitor Feb. 20. The Lady Bisons seek victory on the road next week as they face Arkansas-Little Rock and Arkansas Tech on March 6 and 8, respectively.

Veteran Coach Leads Tennis Teams

BRANDON HIGGINS
student reporter

Both the men's and women's tennis teams have a solid start this spring, starting 4-1 and 5-1 respectively.

Both teams made it to the national tournament last year after great regular seasons before being ousted by some of the nation's top teams. This, however, is a new season with new challenges, new faces and added depth, according to junior Ethan Bryant.

Bryant said he thinks the men's added experience will be the determining factor in the team's success this year.

"We have a lot more depth this year than last [year]," Bryant said. "We only lost one player from our top six and gained three new ones."

Junior Linnea Jordan said this is true for the women as well.

"We have a pretty strong team all the way down," Jordan said.

Both teams also agree their work in practice and

away from the court has paid off and will continue to pay off as the season progresses.

"We are in the gym five days a week doing cardio for 30 minutes and lifting twice a week," junior Richard Rios said. "Everyone, including the veterans, is practicing harder and training harder."

The offseason training they went through has prepared them for their hot start.

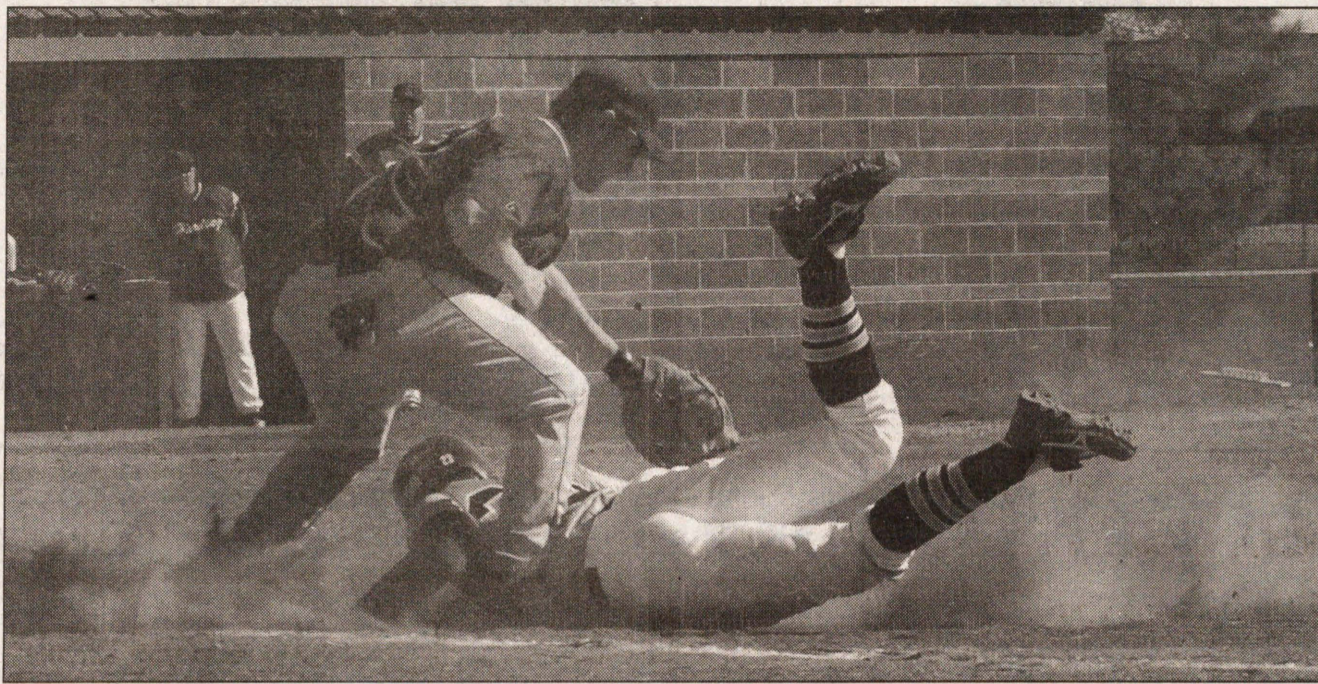
"So far, our success can be attributed to our hard work in the offseason and our desire to start the year off right," Bryant said.

Jordan said tennis isn't all about strength, speed and agility gained in the offseason, however. Team chemistry also plays a huge role in how a team plays.

"I think it helps that we get along well," Jordan said. "We are friends and that helps us work well together."

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Bisons Host 17-Game Homestand



CRAIG RAINBOLT/The Bison
Junior outfielder Adam Darby narrowly escapes being tagged at first base by a Lyon College opponent on Feb. 18. Harding hosts Waldorf today.

Intramural Athletes Seek The Jacket

DEREK MCCORMICK
student reporter

The intramural jacket has rewarded the achievements of many athletes at Harding. In a sense it is the Lombardi Trophy, the Commissioner's Trophy and the Larry O'Brien Trophy all in one and topped off with all the blue ribbons of skills competition because athletes must compete in so many different sports to earn it.

Athletes compete in sports that fall into three different categories: team sports, sports skills and single/doubles. They

participate in events including football, men's softball, baseball and track.

Director of men's intramurals Jim Gowen said intramurals provide an opportunity for everyone to play and skills range from very good athletes to not so good, and everything in between.

Junior Todd Sparks is in the running for a jacket. He said the jacket is not as important as enjoying the competition.

"It can get heated sometimes—nobody likes to lose—but I think for the most part everybody's just having a good time," Sparks said. "It's a nice break from class

and dorm life."

Gowen said the program is not as demanding because it's spread over both semesters.

"Everybody is in the same boat when it comes to switching sports, so I don't think it has too much of an effect on the level of performance in competition," Sparks said.

Gowen also said with more demanding sports, such as flag football and basketball, the players will play one game a night on one or two different nights a week.

To be qualified for an intramural jacket, the player

must be involved in almost all team and individual competitions, Sparks said. Players are given points for each sport they play, for being chosen for the all-star team and for how well they place in each individual sport.

"To win a jacket you don't have to win every sport, you just have to compete," Gowen said.

"I always enjoyed playing on a regular sports team, but playing intramurals gives you a chance to play sports you really enjoy in a more relaxed environment without devoting all your time to it," Sparks said.

Lyda A Good Fit

CARSON FANT
student reporter

Freshman guard Kelsea Lyda has made the transition from high school to collegiate basketball. Given that she played at three different high schools in four years, that shouldn't come as a surprise.

Lyda played her senior year at Fort Worth Christian in Texas, which is where Lady Bisons head coach Tim Kirby said he noticed her talent.

"[Fort Worth Christian] won three state championships in a row, so we were aware of everybody on the team," Kirby said. "She shot over 50 percent from the 3-point line, and that's something we were really needing as far as people coming in that recruiting class. She fit what we were looking for."

But a great high school career does not always translate into a good college one. Many players can't make the adjustment to playing a higher caliber of opponent. Despite the challenges, Kirby said Lyda has fit into the college game well.

Lyda said she credits her teammates in helping with the transition.

"Everyone's really supportive on the team," Lyda said. "It makes it easier."

Both Kirby and Lyda said a fast-paced level of play is something each freshman must face, especially in conference play.

"Conference is really different than preseason because every game is so intense," Lyda said.

Lyda has made the adjustment in conference play, Kirby said.

"Any time freshmen come into the Gulf South [Conference], it's a learning experience," Kirby said. "There's always some adjustment that freshmen have to make; most of it's an intensity adjustment that freshmen have to make."

Lyda was named the Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 27. Lyda scored 22 points in a win at Christian Brothers University to claim the honor.

Lyda's main threat is shooting; she leads the team in scoring, but Kirby will tell you that isn't all she's good at.

"Something that she does that we really didn't know before she got here was that she could put [the ball] on the floor and create off the dribble," Kirby said.

Perhaps coach Kirby put it best and simplest when he said: "She's a competitor."



CRAIG RAINBOLT/The Bison
Freshman Kelsea Lyda shoots over a Central Baptist opponent Jan. 15.

TENNIS: Team Chemistry Crucial As Teams Open Season Strong

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Team chemistry is especially important when teams have newcomers that are consistently contributing, as is the case with the Bisons and Lady Bisons early in this season, Jordan said.

The Bisons have been helped by newcomers junior Federico Mejia and freshman Olzhas Taniyev. Both were nationally

ranked junior players in El Salvador and Kazakhstan respectively, before coming to Harding to play.

The Lady Bisons welcomed Katherine Golik to the team, a sophomore from the United Kingdom. Golik is 3-2 this season in singles and 4-1 in doubles.

Though having great talent is important, having a coach to manage that talent

is just as essential, Bryant said.

Coach David Elliott is in his 32nd year with the program and is one of four collegiate tennis coaches on record with at least 1,000 career victories. Elliott has coached the Bisons to 31 straight winning seasons and the Lady Bisons to 16 straight winning seasons, being the longest tenured

coach in Harding athletics.

With a lot of returning talent, talented newcomers and a storied coach, Harding is primed for yet another great season; however, Rios said there are several things different about this team from last year.

"Ultimately, we are stronger, faster and hungrier this year," Rios said.

Birth Of A Sports Fan



DR. MICHAEL CLAXTON
Guest Sports Column

were in great form that night, as was the crowd.

The experience really is a treat. The sounds of Adidas squeaking against the polished floor, the smell of hotdogs and popcorn, the graceful, heart-stopping arc of a ball headed for 3-point glory, the sounds of spirited commentary from the fans (I checked in the Bible, and heckling a referee is not specifically mentioned as a sin). It didn't take long for me to get hooked. I've been to nine games since.

I'm no expert, but I have to congratulate our Lady Bisons and Bisons on an exciting season. They play with skill, with heart and with class. Their speed and teamwork can be a thing of beauty, and certainly enough to raise the pulse of this sport-jacketed professor. During the first game or two I attended, I was content to sit still and clap politely, but I have increasingly found myself spraining muscles, vocal and otherwise. At the Feb. 17 Henderson State games in Arkadelphia—I've now become a roadie—I was almost in need of a defibrillator twice. It really should be against the rules to win a game in the last 1.7 seconds, for the sake of fans who may be one basket away from cardiac arrest.

I may not quite be ready to paint my face and whoop it up on the sidelines, but I definitely plan to be a new fixture at the Rhodes Field House. And I really enjoy the enthusiasm and orchestrated participation of the Rowdies. My only complaint—and this is just my opinion—is that the end-of-the-game taunting seems a bit much. Surely you wouldn't want me to stand up near the end of a final exam and start singing,

"If you're flunking and you know it, And you're really gonna blow it, If you're flunking and you know it, Clap your hands!"

Anyway, I'm already marking my calendar for next year's season. Thanks to the men and women of the Bison teams, their coaches and staff and even to the fan with the yellow shirt and the sugar high, I now have a new hobby. Go Bisons!

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Athlete Of The Week

Patrick Andrepont

- 6'5" Senior Forward from Lake Charles, La.
- Led Bisons with 21 points and 9 rebounds on Senior Night

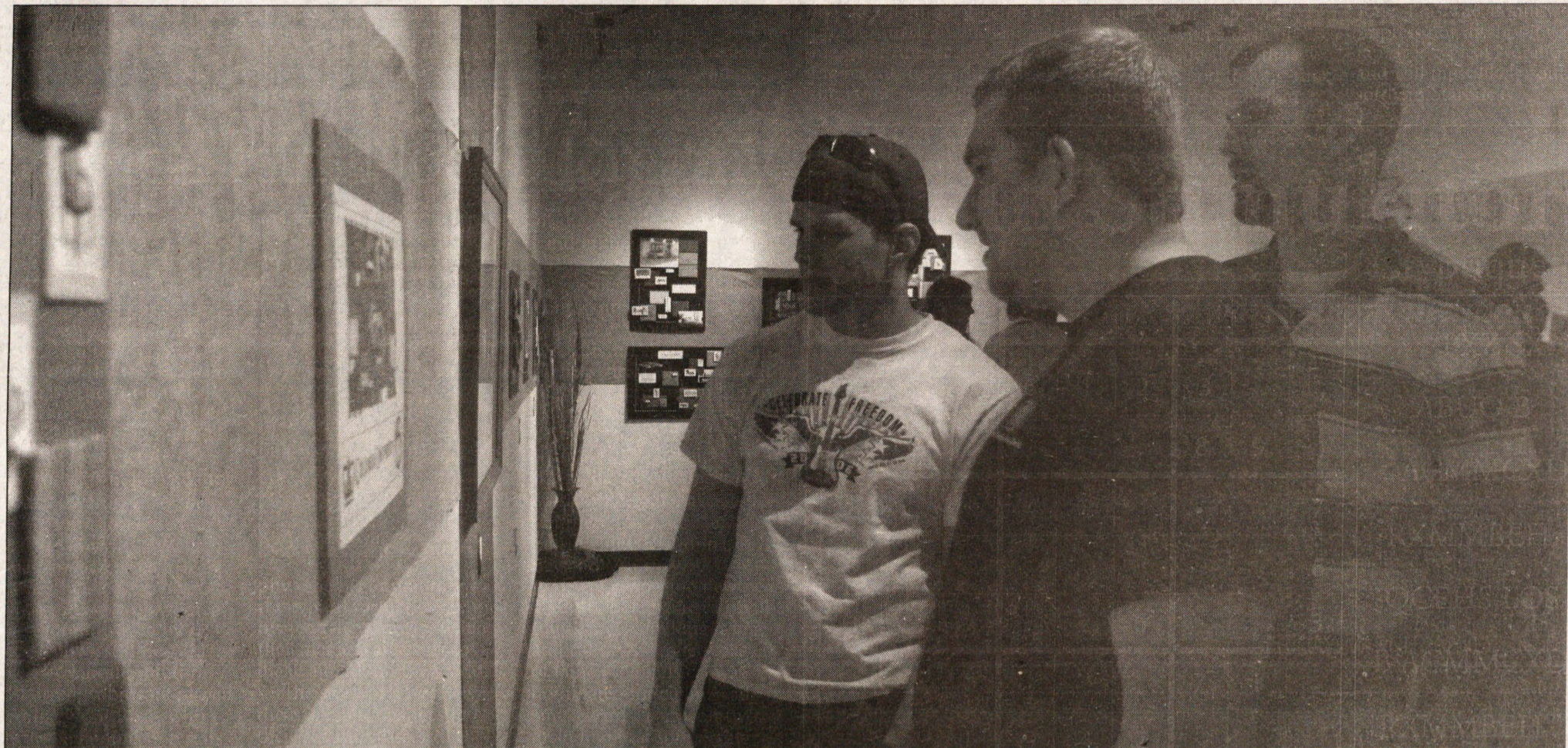
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Senior Art Show



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Senior Ben Downey and juniors Dan Scheid and Steven Davis observe artwork and designs Feb. 26 by seniors Amy Bingman and Holley Hogan in the Stevens Art Gallery. The gallery displayed the women's work for the entire week, which highlighted pieces they created throughout their college career.

Time Well Spent With Norah Jones

KRISTLE BOISE
student reporter

Norah Jones isn't exactly my cup of tea — or wasn't, anyway. But realizing I needed to diversify my album reviews for the sake of expanding my portfolio, I browsed through the aisles at Hastings and chose the new one from Norah Jones, "Not Too Late," released Jan. 29 by Blue Note Records. The results of my casual purchase pleasantly surprised me.

"Come Away With Me," released in 2002, was wildly

successful for a debut album — plaintive and soulful. It sold more than 20 million copies around the world and received eight Grammy Awards including best new artist. "Feels Like Home" came out in 2004 and sold more than one million in the first week. So it's no surprise that "Not Too Late" went No. 1 on the charts the same weeks as its release.

Being that it's the third album from Jones, you know by now whether or not you enjoy her music. Unless you've been living in isolation for the last few years, you've heard at least one of

Jones' jazz/country/folk/easy-listening songs. Having never been an avid fan, I can only compare this album to the hit songs I've heard on the radio. Nonetheless, it's not difficult to hear that the 27-year-old Jones seems to be going through a transitional phase. It's nothing earth-shattering. The sultry, smooth voice of the songstress is still intact; the changes are subtle.

"Not Too Late" sounds less polished and produced as her previous work, and it should, since it was recorded at Jones' home studio. However, the step down in

production seems to give the singer's voice a leg up: Without people tampering with the natural sound of the music, it eliminated the ability to categorize it into the jazz or country or pop genres, instead creating a new genre with no boundaries. This is good news for Jones, as "Not Too Late" could easily be her most mature album yet.

Looking at stand-out tracks, "My Dear Country" is slightly political, expressing the dilemma of being a proud American but fearing what America is doing to the rest of the world. Jones shows the storyteller in her



in "Wish I Could" about a woman who longs for an old lover while offering sympathy to the soldier's new love. "Little Room" is playfully romantic, with a dash of darkness amid the intimacy. Almost as a nod to long-time Jones supporters, "Sinkin'

Soon" is a nod to the singer's jazz roots.

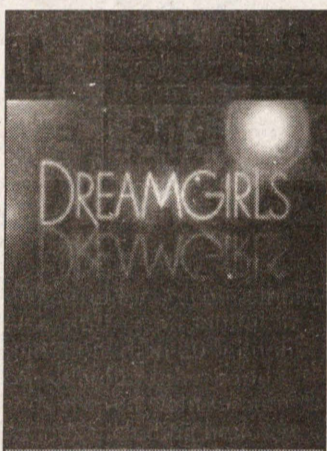
All in all, Jones offers an album full of class, perfect for rainy Sunday mornings, long summer evenings and late night/early morning insomniacs. Her piano-room, lounge-around voice and wide range of lyric topics had a calming effect over me, which is a change from my preferred loud, political, rowdy rock music. And from what I hear from long-time Jones fans, the album won't impress nor disappoint any fan. It is typical Norah Jones and will most likely sound softly in Starbucks.

Musical Film Not So Dreamy

ERIN SMITH
student reporter

Three years have gone by since we have seen a musical that has moved Hollywood the way "Dreamgirls" has. The last musical that left its mark on audiences, "Chicago," won the award for best picture in 2002 and was nominated for 12 other awards. "Dreamgirls" is a musical based on a 1981 Broadway play, which at that time received a Tony Award. The story revolves around three young women, Deena Jones, played by Beyonce Knowles; Effie White, played by Jennifer Hudson; and Lorrell Robinson, played by Anika Noni Rose, who want to be famous pop stars. The movie follows the story line of the famous Motown group The Supremes.

The movie starts off in the early '60s at a Detroit talent show where Curtis Taylor Jr., played by Jamie Foxx, discovers the girls. Taylor see the potential in the girls, who at the time were named the Dreamettes, and he and the girls start touring as a backup group for a singer named James "Thunder" Early played by Eddie Mur-



phy. The beginning follows the typical format of the motivated talent movies when the amateurs are eager to make a mark on the world.

The story progresses as the trio make changes in their act and reassess the overall presentation. The girls step out from under the shadows of Early and attempt to become an established group on their own. Along with the changes comes rearranging of roles, which leads to inevitable conflict within the group. It's the same story of every music group; they search for their big break, have some luck and lose success after issues arise. The music in the film highlights classic sounds

of the '60s, which come at random points throughout the movie.

Former American Idol contestant Jennifer Hudson makes her movie debut and is successful as she steals audiences' hearts with her belting solo number "And I Am Telling You."

Beyonce's talent is authentic as she attempts to make the actress/singer crossover. Many have attempted to do the same and failed (think Madonna, Britney and Whitney).

There is nothing new about this storyline of small-town singers making it big and riding the roller-coaster of fame. The musical was nominated for eight Academy Awards, and won two, including best supporting actress for Jennifer Hudson.

The movie is 131 minutes long and I found myself wondering when it would end. The first half of the movie is juicy and promises a dramatic story, but after the love affairs, drug addiction and poverty, the movie drags on for what seems like an extra hour. Also, the songs in the movie sound more like show tunes from Broadway and less like music with Motown roots.

Brain Stimulators


Sudoku

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What Of It?

Television Worth Watching

Entertainment Industry Focuses On DVD Sales

One are the days when I would wake up early on Saturday mornings to watch "Saved By the Bell" and "California Dreams." It was the great incentive for studying my multiplication tables and braving the dreaded P.E. when we would have to run around the gym for several laps. The thought of the weekend and a blissful morning with the ol' gang made it all worth it. Now that I have reached adulthood and am supposed to take on more responsibility, I am hardly able to find a minute to even glimpse at the television. Perhaps some can relate to this realization when you never dreamed you would become so busy with projects, tests and the various activities you signed

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up for, which sounded like a good idea at the time. Throughout my college career I gradually saw my time slipping from my hands along with my quality TV time, that is until I reached my final semester and procrastination in its worst form hit me. All of a sudden I have loads of time and the chance to catch up on all the hours of television I've been robbed of.

Now even though I discovered this missing time, all of the good shows left the airwaves and we are reduced to the likes of "The Class." Sure there are the TBS re-

runs, which are generally good for a laugh, but what happened to the rest of the classics? Even the stand by TV Land started to take a turn for the worse by playing either ridiculously boring programs or the ones that aired when I was 5 years old. That just leaves me depressed and I start wondering if I should already be looking into retirement plans.

Consumed with angst, boredom and an abundance of free time, I'm facing a stalemate. Well, some clever person, whoever it was, bless his soul, invented the revolutionary idea of television on DVD. This phenomenon graced the shelves a few years back and customers took to it like a bear to honey — myself included.

It started with the popu-

lar shows freshly leaving the production status. Fantastic. Now the viewers can stop the protests and simply stock up with the entire series of the show until DVDs become obsolete. Shortly thereafter, other television shows followed suit. The classics were dusted off and spruced up with the assistance of technology to digitally enhance the quality and carefully placed into the homes of loyal fans. TV Land can keep their "Sanford and Son" and "Gunsmoke." Now that I have "I Love Lucy" at my disposal, I've lost any use for the channel who prides itself on supposedly featuring the "oldies but goodies."

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Wrong. Marketers knew vulnerable people such as myself would only crave more. This is exactly why it was no accident that I found this one particular gift under my Christmas tree this year. This gift is probably the most obscure and perhaps most delightfully entertaining animated program of my childhood. "Adventures of the Gummi Bears" finally escaped the Disney vault, and I can now forever hold on to a piece of my youth. Not only can one have every single episode of his or

her favorite shows but also a chance to experience behind the scenes footage, hear interviews with the cast and director and pretty much anything else the production committee thinks will advance sales. Just wait a little while, even though you are under the impression you acquired the platinum edition, soon enough the collector's edition will be released.

True, the world will not stop turning if I never get my hands on the next season of "A Different World," but the way I see it, it's a simple pleasure in life, something to connect to. Now if someone thought to put my favorite show as a kid on DVD, just think of the possibilities: "The Wonder Years" perhaps? Frank said it best, "The best is yet to come."

Theatron



JONATHAN LINDSAY/The Bison

Sophomore Brett Ellis and senior Dale Coley, members of Theatron, act out a skit Feb. 28 for the Bible class Summit, in the Heritage Auditorium. Theatron performed the previous weekend for Winterfest.

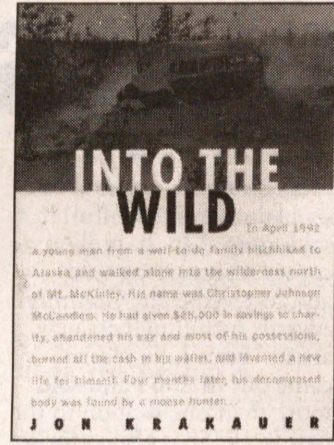
'Wild' Book Is Must-Read

LEIGH HUTCHINSON
student reporter

Jon Krakauer, author of "Into Thin Air" and "Eiger Dreams," captures readers' imaginations once again in his latest novel, "Into the Wild," a book about what went on in the mind of Christopher McCandless and why he ventured into the Alaskan winter forests, never to return again.

Krakauer, a journalist for Outside Magazine, was assigned to report on the strange circumstances behind McCandless' death, after his body was found in 1992.

McCandless' journey took place from 1990 to 1992 after he graduated with honors from Emory University, then dropped out of sight. After graduating, McCandless changed his name to Alexander, gave the \$25,000 in his savings account to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions and burned the cash in his wallet. His goal was to make a new life for himself; his family did not even know where he was until his body was found in Alaska. His journey took him from Atlanta to Detrital Wash, Ariz, across to Carthage, S.D., then up to Fairbanks where the journey ended. He only hitch-hiked and along the way met many differ-



ent people, most of whom offered him shelter and food, and he became close friends with some of them. The article Krakauer wrote for Outside Magazine generated more mail than any article in the magazine's history, and then he turned it into a book. Nobody knows for sure why McCandless wandered into those woods unprepared for the brutal winter ahead. Krakauer leaves the decision of whether McCandless was actually insane or just full of courage up to the reader. I liked the open ending because he left it up to you to decide and did not sway you one way or the other. Krakauer portrays McCandless in a way in which it is easy for you to think he is absolutely nuts, but at the same time, feel bad for him and see why he did the things he did. McCandless' two-year adventure was just that: an adventure.

He experienced many things and was determined to make it through that brutal winter with only the supplies he had in the beginning. He was the hero readers love to root for; he was clever with immense determination.

The journal plays a vital role in this book as well. Krakauer uses excerpts from it to further demonstrate what McCandless was thinking, and it is also how Krakauer found many of the people that McCandless met along his journey. If he had written about them in the journal, Krakauer would find them and learn about how they each knew McCandless, and a lot of the time, McCandless had told them each a different story as to why he was hitch-hiking and homeless.

This book was very hard to put down; it was an ongoing puzzle that I had to figure out. Krakauer is an amazing author and writes a lot about his own personal experiences he goes through while writing the books, which help the reader connect to the author. Like I said, nobody knows exactly why McCandless wandered into those woods, but this book helps you see into his mind and read the story of a man whose life was very interesting and compelling to me. I would read the book again in a heartbeat, no doubt about it.

Answers from 3b

Sudoku

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- (1929) Grand Teton National Park established by Coolidge
- (1942) Joan Fontaine wins Oscar for Best Actress in "Suspicion"
- (1993) World Trade Center bombed

Feb. 27

- (1827) First Mardi Gras established in New Orleans
- (1929) "Hearts in Dixie" debuts
- (1936) Shirley Temple receives \$50,000 per film at age 7

Feb. 28

- (1932) Last Model A produced
- (1953) Watson and Crick discover chemical structure of DNA
- (1975) London Subway crash kills 43 people
- (1983) Final episode of M*A*S*H airs after 11 seasons

March 1

- (1803) Haitian independence proclaimed
- (1863) Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation
- (1959) NASA created

March 2

- (1788) Georgia enters the Union
- (1811) First censuring of a United States senator