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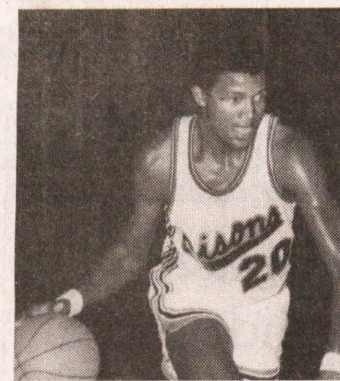
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SPORTS
As senior Matt Hall ends his career at Harding, the Bison reflects on his career and that of Harding great Butch Gardner. Page 1B

Faculty Votes Down Adding Extra Days

Faculty Affirms New Vacation Days; Test Schedule Remains Unchanged

By BLAKE MATHEWS
assistant news editor

41 vote last week that gave the student body MLK Day and Fall Break off, Wednesday's motion passed by a much more convincing margin. As for the staffing concerns, "they didn't mention all that," Stanglin said.

"My thanks goes out to the faculty," Student Association President Charlie Walker said. "This would not have been possible without them."

With the faculty's decision to not offset the two holidays by adding additional class days to the calendar, the SA's original proposal has been fully realized.

Walker said he was "thrilled" when he heard about the vote.

"I encourage students to thank their teachers, big time," he said.

By not adding days back to the calendar, several courses at Harding will undoubtedly be affected. Chief among those are classes that only meet on Mon-

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After voting last week to cancel classes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and a day during the fall, Harding faculty met again Wednesday and decided not to make any additional changes to next year's academic calendar.

The motion to leave the calendar alone next year passed 86-12 after a brief meeting in the Founder's Room. Harding administrators and some of the faculty had expressed concern last week when the proposal to cancel classes was first accepted, saying that the loss of two class days would cause unpredictable complications to life at Harding.

"Apparently there were logistical concerns over which staff work on these days, like cafeteria staff," Dr. Keith Stanglin said.

However, worries over variables in the schedule seemed to have subsided. Compared to the 90-

Live In Concert



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Cheyenne Medders and his brothers, Carson and Will Medders, perform in the Administration Auditorium as part of Harding's "We're All Rowdies" Weekend. Last week's activities were capped by a sold-out basketball game against Henderson State that was broadcast on national television.

U.S. Tax Rebates Deliver Choice

Americans Can Decide To Save Or Spend

By JEREMY WATSON
copy editor

Big Brother may always be watching, but this year, he's also handing out big stacks of cash.

The 2008 economic stimulation tax rebate is technically not a gift, since the government is only returning some of what Americans have already paid, but it feels like a gift to many taxpayers. In fact, a lot of people already have the money spent, either in their heads or more literally through extra credit purchases in anticipation of Uncle Sam's hand-out. But for a cash-strapped college student, might it be better to save the money to help pay off some of the debt being racked up while in school than to blow it on a new TV or Xbox 360?

Before you start deciding what to do with your rebate, you need to know if you're actually getting one. First, you obviously must be paying taxes on income yourself. According to IRS.gov, if you have a normal job and will file a 2007 tax return, then that is all you need to do to get your payment. You will be receiving an amount equal to the tax liability on your return, and at least \$600. If, however, you are some type of low-income worker making \$3,000 or more (like if you are employed by Harding as a student worker or for work-study) and you do not regularly file for a return, you will need to file for your rebate and you will get a minimum payment of \$300.

There is a catch for a lot of students, however. If you are still listed as a dependent of anyone, like your parents or guardians, then you are not eligible. Sadly, that rules out many at Harding. While dependants more than 17 years old don't give those claiming them the \$1,000 tax credit those younger do, they still qualify for an exemption. Taxpayers can get a maximum number of exemptions equal to the number of dependants listed plus the person filing and

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Fuel Prices Limit Vacation Plans

By FARRON MARTIN
student reporter

All across America, consumers are feeling the effects of rising gas prices. People are cutting down on travel, carpooling whenever possible and deciding that maybe a night at home is better than driving somewhere.

Harding has students from 49 states. Many of these students drive to Arkansas at the beginning and end of each year. But what about Spring Break? Are the gas prices keeping students closer to campus or are students finding alternate ways home?

This year has forced many students to compromise on travel. Students are either flying home for the vacation, carpooling with students from surrounding areas, or staying with friends that live much closer to campus.

"My friends and I had thought about taking a road trip this

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Alumnus Goes Into The Wild



Above: Former Harding student and Bison wide receiver Jonathan Paulson balances on a log he cut down in order to pass over a mud pit near his hut Wednesday. Right: Paulson built his own Native American-styled hut out of surrounding resources on a friend's land. According to Paulson, he learned survival skills during an African safari when he was 12 and at various survival and tracking schools. He got to put those skills to use during a trip to Fiji where he stayed with a primitive tribe.

Former Bison Receiver Builds Mud Hut, Weaves Own Baskets In Return To Nature

By CARA GUGLIEMON
assistant copy editor

Walking through the woods after an intense martial arts session, Jonathan Paulson balances his way over a series of logs as he nears a clearing with some branch-covered shelters. He is almost home. Tall, thin pines stand around him as grasses rustle and he passes a fire pit. He stops in front of what looks like a Native American hut and pushes a 3-foot door open, slipping his 6-foot-6-inch body inside. Inside is every kid's dream fort: dirt floor, fire pit, branch shelves with woven baskets and wooden bowls, bamboo spears and bows and a sleeping bag on planks. But this is no childhood fort; this earth shelter is Paulson's permanent residence — at least for now.

Paulson, recent Harding graduate and former Bisons wide receiver, built an earth shelter, reminiscent of a Native American wigwam, on his friend's land in Searcy and has been living in it for almost a year.

But his story goes back further than that.

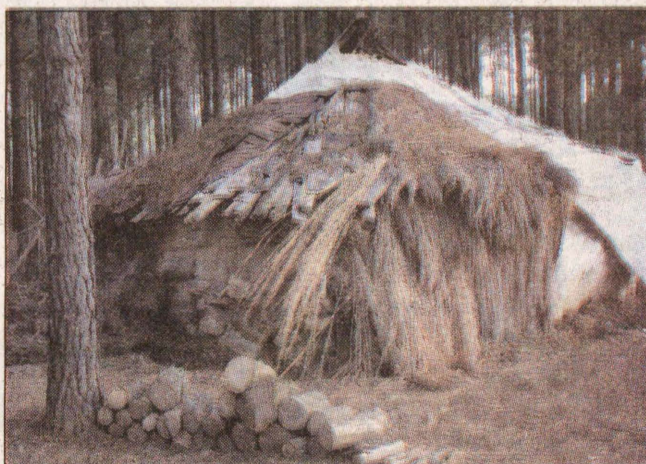
Born in Oregon, Paulson

built his first fort at age five and started learning outdoor survival skills from his father, an Eagle Scout and owner of a trap line, and his father's friends. Sent by his father on an African safari at age 12, he spent time with the tribal people learning to track and observing their earth shelters, the technical term for mud huts.

As he got older, Paulson started attending survival schools to learn how to live a primitive lifestyle in nature. At The Tracker School based in New Jersey, he learned from Apache traditions; he went to the PAST Skills wilderness school in Montana, where students learn the "ancient arts of indigenous philosophy, nature awareness, primitive survival and aboriginal tracking;" he studied the ideas of Eustace Conway, founder of Turtle Island environmental educational center, read wilderness survival books and experimented. Paulson even stayed with a primitive tribe in Fiji as they built shelters, spear-fished and wove baskets.

"The basket weaver one was funny," Paulson said while leaning against a tree stump and playing with

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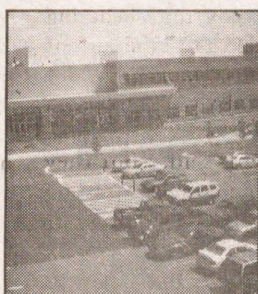


The Newsreel

Student Injured In UALR Shooting

A student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock was injured in a drive-by shooting Wednesday. While the suspects are still at large, the victim has been identified as James Ear Matthews, 33.

Matthews was walking down the sidewalk near University Theatre and Stabler Hall at 2:10 p.m., in view of about 15 to 20 students. According to witnesses, two black males shot at the student before fleeing in a vehicle. At least one of the bullets struck Matthews, who managed to make it to the parking lot before ambulances arrived on the scene.



UALR

UALR's alert system went into effect around 2:30 p.m., although the campus did not go into lockdown. E-mails were automatically sent to all faculty and students, warning them of possible dangers and to stay away from the scene of the shooting.

Classes were canceled for the rest of the day on Wednesday, but were set to resume on Thursday. School officials said they believe the shooting was an isolated incident, and that "the campus is safe and secure with all operations back to normal."

Pakistan Takes Down Youtube

In a bizarre technical error that affected Internet users around the world, the nation of Pakistan managed to briefly shut down Youtube last Sunday.

The incident occurred when the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority issued a statewide ban on the website, citing "highly profane and sacrilegious footage." The footage in question shows the controversial Danish cartoons of the prophet Mohammed that sparked violent riots across the Arab world in 2006.

However, one technician working to block Youtube in Pakistan used "erroneous protocols," according to the video-sharing giant. As a result, Internet users worldwide were blocked from Youtube for about two hours on Sunday.

Pakistan claims that the incident was accidental, and has since restored its citizens' access to Youtube.

American Orchestra Plays North Korea

Last Tuesday, a plane carrying the world-renowned New York Philharmonic landed in one of the last places on earth anyone would associate with dramatic expression and musical finesse: North Korea.

The 105-member orchestra played to a packed house at the East Pyongyang Grand Theater. The set list included the national anthems of both the U.S. and North Korea, but also works by Anton Dvorak and George Gershwin. The concert is a result of North Korea's agreement to halt some of its nuclear weapons program, in exchange for greater access to the global market.



N. Y. PHILHARMONIC

Though the performance landed on the front pages of newspapers across the globe, North Korea's state-run paper knocked the story all the way back to page four. The story on page one was about leader Kim Jong-il, who had sent flowers to the newly inaugurated President Raul Castro of Cuba.

Part of President Bush's "axis of evil," the North Korean government bans popular Western genres such as jazz and rock and roll, which could complicate things if legendary guitarist Eric Clapton accepts North Korea's offer to play a show there in 2009.

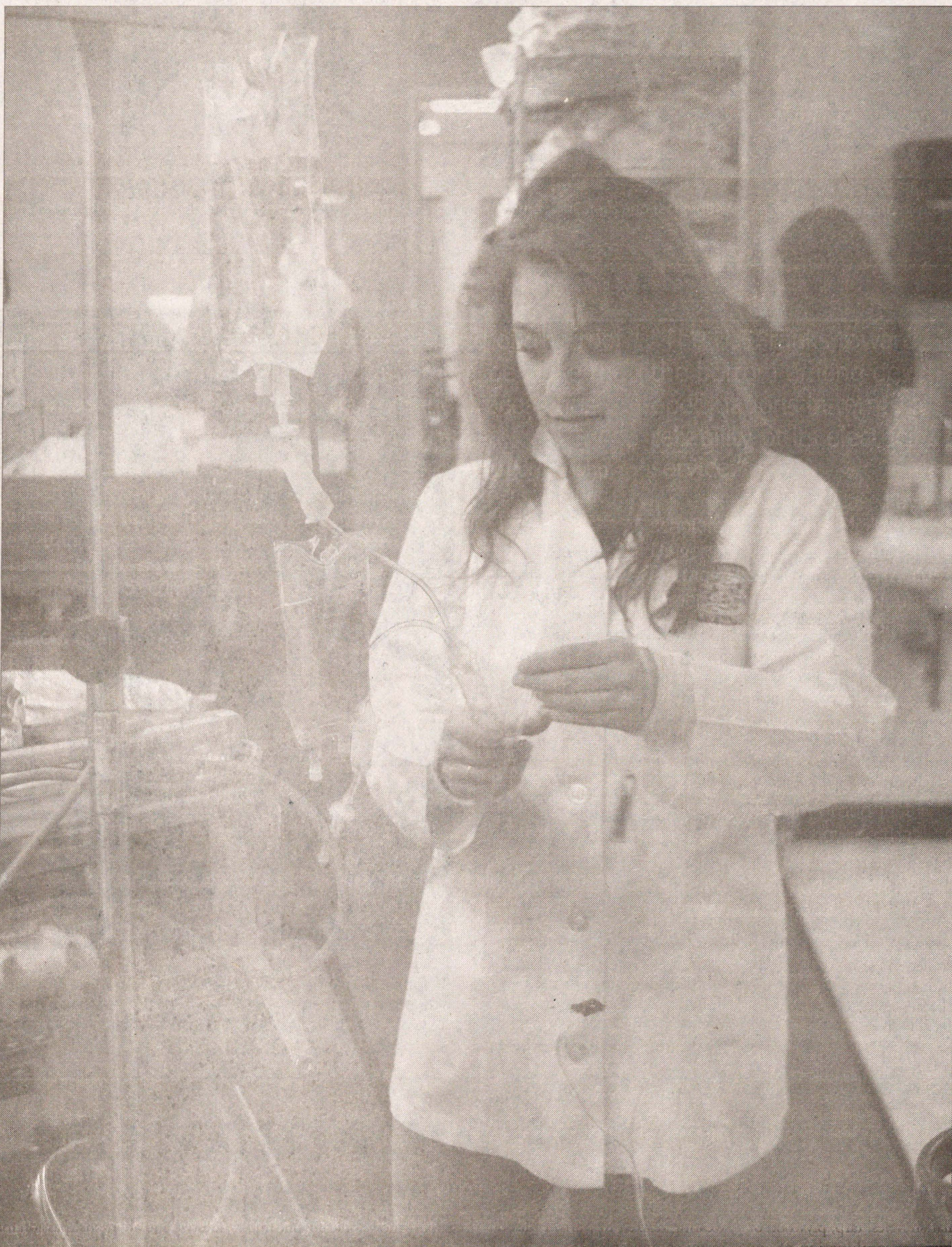
Dude Looks Like A Lady

A Japanese man was arrested for trespassing at a high school after he appeared in a schoolgirl's uniform and a long wig.

Tetsunori Nanpei, 39, was standing outside the gates of a high school in Saitama last Wednesday when students saw him and began screaming. A panicked Nanpei then ran onto the school grounds and into a crowd of teenage students, trying to blend in.

After more screaming Nanpei fled the grounds, leaving his wig behind. He was pursued by a school clerk and eventually stopped at a nearby river.

The Window



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Junior Hannah Johnson, practicing blood administration. Remembering all the right steps and techniques is extremely important for properly storing, transfusing and otherwise handling human blood.

The WATERCOOLER

"It's very important that the Turks make this operation as short as possible and then leave."

— U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, urging Turkey to withdraw its troops from northern Iraq as soon as possible. Turkish troops have moved into Iraq in order to combat Kurdish rebels who have launched attacks against targets inside Turkey.

"Talk is cheap. Flouting the rules is expensive."

— European Union Competition Commissioner Neelie Kroes, on Microsoft Corp., which was recently penalized a record \$1.3 billion for gouging prices on software information for its rivals.

"I'm standing on the roof of Parliament because the democratic process has been corrupted."

— Richard George, who, along with four others, climbed up on to the roof of the Houses of Parliament in England as a protest against plans to expand London's Heathrow Airport.

"I'm not sure why it's going to take them three hours to learn how to press a button."

— Michael Perry, owner of a small coffee shop in L.A., commenting on Starbucks' three-hour evening closure as part of a new in-store training program, designed to help baristas improve the coffee's quality.

"The U.S. ranks toward the bottom among developed nations in terms of reliability of its electricity service."

— a study released by scholars at Carnegie Mellon University, which says that the average U.S. electrical utility customer experiences 214 minutes of power outage each year.

"No wonder they have to keep on knocking on doors."

— director Luis Lugo, whose Pew Forum group just released a study showing that Americans are frequently switching faiths, speaking on the high turnover rate among Jehovah's Witnesses.

The CALENDAR

FEB. 29

No events

MAR. 1

Spring Break

MAR. 2

Spring Break

MAR. 3

Spring Break

MAR. 4

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MAR. 5

Spring Break

The NUMBER

3.2x10¹⁵— Hypothetically, the number of tons of Kool-Aid it would take to turn the world's oceans into Kool-Aid. — Answers.com

Charity Dress Sale Reaches Out To Searcy

Sale To Raise Funds For Accident Victims

By HAYLEY TODD
student reporter

At the beginning of the semester, the student body was informed of the tragedy that came to the Steve and Elizabeth Rose family over Christmas break. Since that time, there have been many prayers offered on their behalf. Now, Harding students are being given the opportunity to aid the Rose family financially.

The Rose family was driving to church on Dec. 16 when their vehicle was struck by a drilling rig at Joy Mountain. Brooklyn Rose, 3, and Tanner Rose, 9, were killed in the accident. Steve and Elizabeth Rose were seriously injured.

Zeta Rho social club has organized a charity dress sale that will take place on March 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Harding's Hammond Room. All benefits from the sale will be given directly to the Rose family to help pay for their medical expenses. The sale will include semi-formal, formal and ball gown-type dresses that have been donated by female members of the student body.

The charity event was suggested to Zeta Rho service directors senior Claire Dunnagan and junior Britany Mills by Zeta Rho sponsor Brenda Seawel.

"Claire and I were trying to figure out what we would do for our next service project when Mrs. Brenda came to us with this fantastic idea," Mills said. "She told us the idea came to

her when she was looking in her daughter's closet and noticed all the dresses she would never wear again. We immediately thought this was the perfect opportunity to do something wonderful for not only the Rose family but the Searcy community."

The charity sale will be opened not only to Harding students but also to the Searcy community. Advertisements are being placed in Searcy high schools and in the Bald Knob area about the event. Mills and Dunnagan said they believe this will give female high school students the opportunity to find a beautiful dress at a discounted price.

"This is such a great opportunity because it is not just about Harding or the Harding family but about truly reaching out to the community," senior Amy Olree said.

The prices at the sale will range from \$20 to \$30. Short semi-formal dresses will be sold for \$20, long formal dresses for \$25 and full ball gowns for \$30. There will also be bags and shoes for \$5 to \$10.

Mills and Dunnagan said 125 dresses have been donated to the event. They said they are hoping female students around campus will donate more dresses to this charitable cause. A donation day has been set for March 14 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Senior Rachel Hopper has already made a pledge to donate a dress that she will not wear again.

"I think this is something every girl can be a part of," Hopper said. "It gives us a great reason to clean out our closets and the satisfaction of knowing that the money raised is going to such a great cause."

Dunnagan and Mills have high hopes for this charity event. With the 125 dresses they already have donated, they have calculated \$3,000 that could possibly be raised. While they are thrilled with the possibility of \$3,000, they would love to see their goal of \$5,000 met after the sale ends on Saturday.

"I think this is just the easiest way to help someone," Mills said. "A little bit of sacrifice goes a long way."

Humdinger

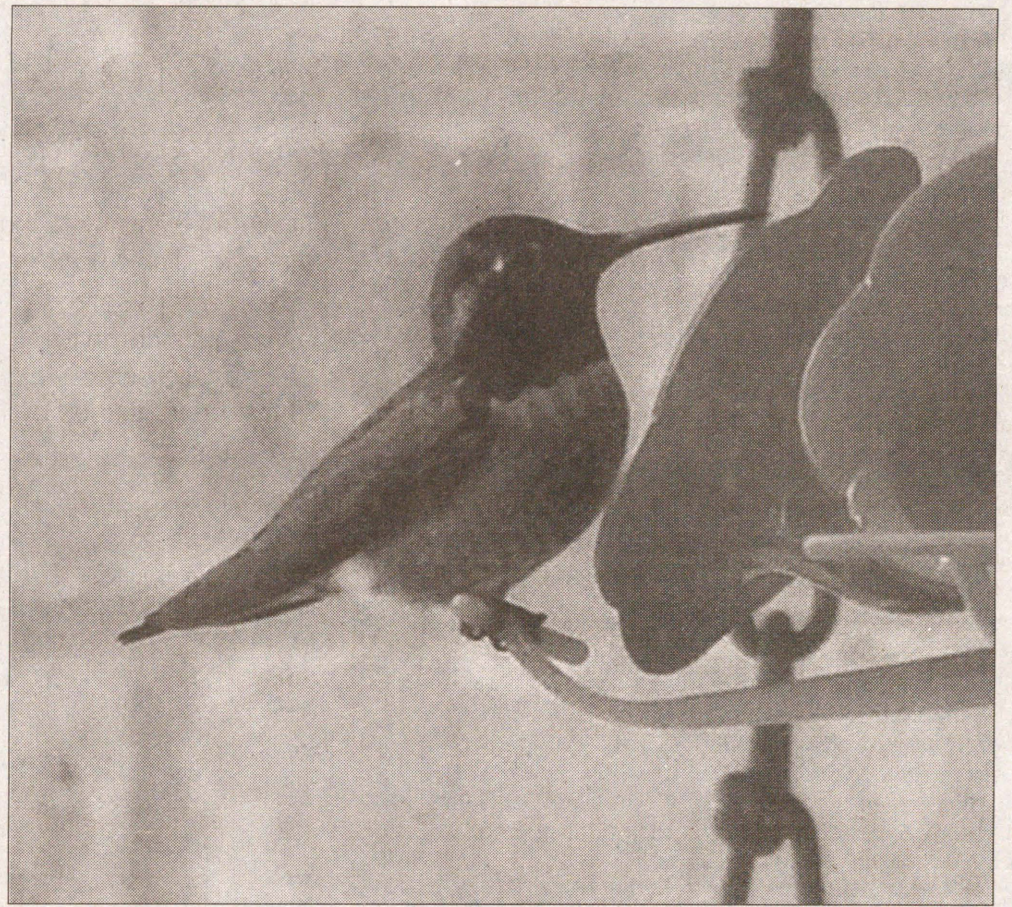


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Junior Sarah Goy and sophomore Samantha Holschbach visited a Searcy resident's home to view a very rare male Anna's Hummingbird. The bird exhibits a fuschia throat, and its normal range covers California.

Health Sciences Building To Offer Food Options

By HAYLEY TODD
student reporter

The new Center for Health Sciences is scheduled for completion at the end of June.

While the facility will offer pharmacy and physician assistant students a place to work and study, it will also offer an eating area.

The new eating area became part of the building plans in response to a need for a place to get food on that side of campus.

"We felt that now was the time to place a food facility over there," Julie Hixson-Wallace, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, said. "Our students have full schedules and leaving campus is difficult for them at lunch, but

now with the new eating area, there will be a place for them to eat and socialize."

The eating area will offer students custom sandwiches, chips, soups and other "grab-on-the-go" foods.

This new area will be similar to the Student Center, but without the chain food-services. The area around the eating facility will have tables, chairs and a television.

"We really hope that this area will be a place for students to interact with one another and enjoy time spent together in the midst of working hard," Hixson-Wallace said.

This new eating facility will not only be available for pharmacy and physician assistant

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Dean of the College of Pharmacy

students but also to all students on campus.

While health science students will have card access to the building 24 hours a day, the eating area will be open to all students during daytime hours.

TV-16 Undergoes Professional Alterations

Scholarship Students, Classes Create Nightly Show

By MARISSA SHEPARD
student reporter

"Live at Five starts now!" At 5 p.m. every weekday this semester, the anchors for TV-16 welcome viewers to the 30-minute nightly newscast.

"Live at Five" is a completely student-run news program designed to give communication majors a feel for working in the real world of news. Every position from timekeeper to cameras, graphics, anchors, directors and producers are student led and run.

How are these positions obtained? Every semester, applications are available for students to apply for positions such as graphics, video-editing, assistant producer, producer, director, anchor and many more.

These are scholarship-based positions, but there are also two classes that help run the news program. Broadcast News Practicum and TV Practicum students take on operating and

production roles to gain more practical experience in the broadcast field.

"The class originated several years ago as a course designed for broadcast journalism majors," said Dr. Dutch Hoggatt, professor of the Broadcast News Practicum class. "The purpose of the course initially was to have students produce regular video news content for TV-16 News [soundbites, packages, etc.]."

Many students in Broadcast News Practicum were already working on TV-16's news. Now those students enrolled in the class can receive one-hour credit for their work.

There have been many changes in the last few semesters of TV-16 news to create a more professional feel on camera. With smoother transitions come easier viewing for the White County audience.

Tuesday and Thursday Producer Lindsay Reece said, "Over the last few semesters, we have made the newscast flow more — and not so choppy — just

going from shot to shot."

Mini-intros after commercial breaks allow viewers just tuning in to know what they are watching. Also, more ad-libbing creates a more personal feel than if anchors just read from a script.

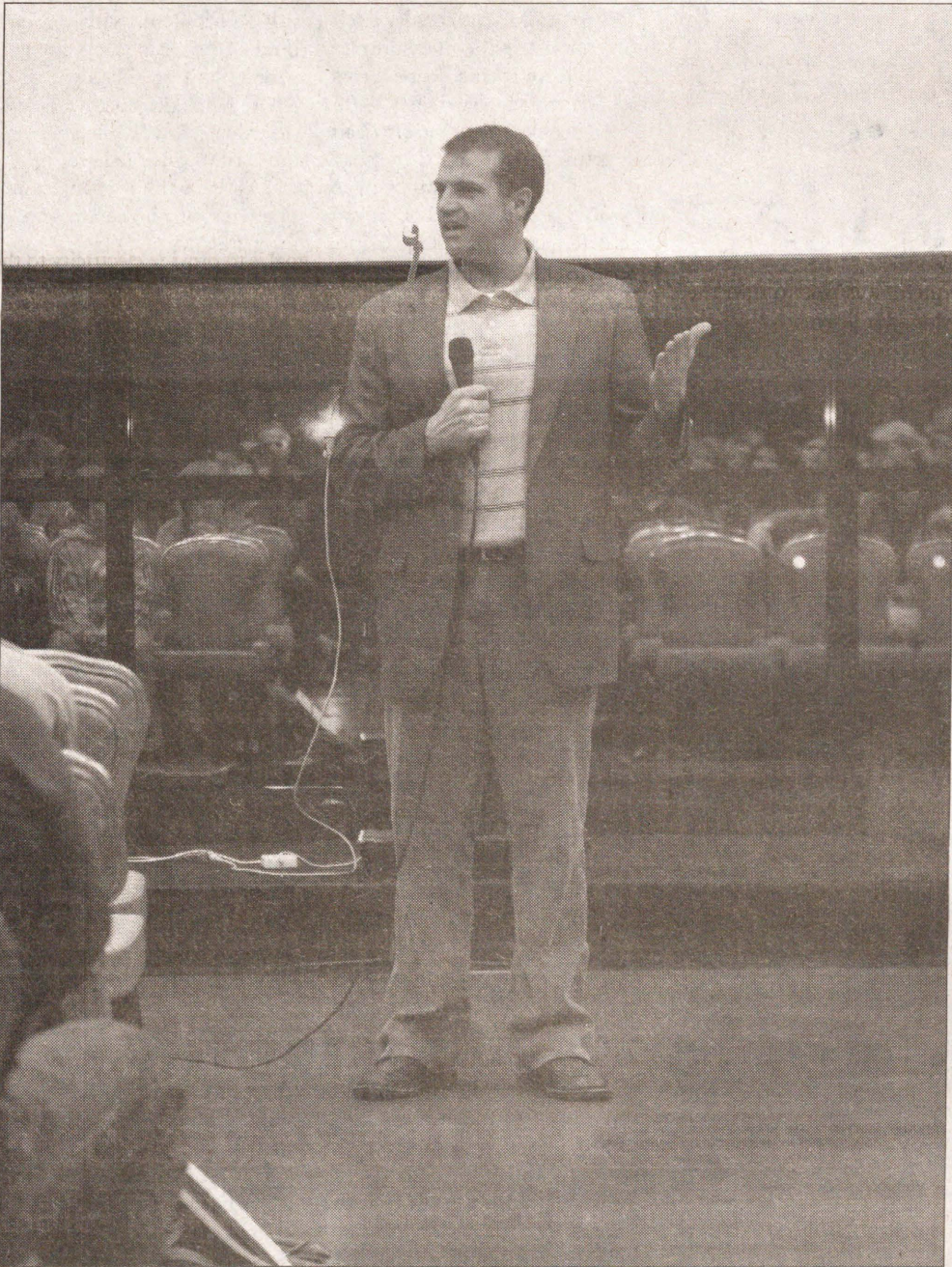
Full-screen graphics before breaks allow viewers to see the day's stocks, weather and what occurred that day in history.

"For the most part, I like the changes we have made; it makes the newscast look more professional," Reece said. "They add dynamic to what could easily be a dull newscast [visually speaking]. Overall, I think our newscast has come a long way the last few years."

With a professional looking set, CNN video feeds and graphics, Harding's TV-16 News is evolving each semester into a more real life experience for students wanting to work professionally in electronic media.

For more information on Harding's TV-16, contact Dutch Hoggatt or visit the communications department office.

On A Mission



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Mark Moore, a missionary in Africa and Harding alum, spoke Monday in the Cone Chapel as part of the L.C. Sears Honors Series.

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This book is a collection of memories of growing up in the rural South during the late 1960s and 1970s near Searcy, Arkansas. The memories are of a young boy who is disadvantaged educationally but gifted in surviving in the deep woods as a hunter, trapper, and fisherman. The stories show his transformation into a young scholar who became the first in his family to attend college and then to enter medical school.

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HU's Greece Program To Name New Directors

By MARISSA SHEPARD
Student Reporter

Established in 1994, the Harding University in Greece program has seen seven directors who have led more than 750 students through the desert, the mountains, on camel rides and up an island on a donkey. It's an experience any "HUG-er" will never forget.

The directors are a part of that, become the students' "mom and dad" and being there for them during whatever trials or celebration they experience in Greece. However, there comes a time when the directors must pass the torch to another couple to lead the students on the adventure of their lives.

Jerry and Dianne Myhan have been directors at HUG for the past five years. They have been there for more than 450 students and have affected every life in some way. The Myhans said they now feel that it is their time to retire from the HUG program to move back to Searcy to be with family and friends.

"I would say that being at HUG for the past five years has been the most challenging and rewarding thing I have ever done," Dianne Myhan said. "It's been a chance to be involved in the lives of some of the most wonderful people in the world while seeing some of the most amazing sights."

"I have been blessed in more ways than I would ever have imagined and hope that perhaps some who have come to HUG

for a semester have been blessed by being here. It's been an amazing ride."

It is a new era for the HUG program and President David Burks, Dean of the International Programs Dr. Jeff Hopper and members of the overseas program are in the process of finding new directors for HUG. The Myhans' last semester in Greece will be Summer 2008. Hopper said he is hoping they will have new directors chosen by the end of March so they can start the transition with the Myhans this summer.

Right now, there are about 25 candidates for the position and the interview process is underway.

The interviewing staff has a variety of candidates with different qualities and experiences, including some who speak modern Greek. The language fluency would benefit the program by giving the students a more cultural experience inside the Porto Raffi campus. However, the program will be losing a valuable asset as Jerry Myhan is a certified nurse practitioner.

With a resident staff already in place, there are high hopes for a smooth transition for the new directors of the HUG program. As happens with any new individuals coming into an established program, changes will be made and new ideas brought to the table. This transition will be an exciting new chapter in HUG life.

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Dianne Myhan
co-director of HUG

Hopper said he does not want the decision to choose a director does to be a rushed one.

"It's important enough that everyone feels good about it," Hopper said. "The HUG program is close to the core of what Harding is about."

Hopper said the Myhans are wonderful directors, but it is not one person but a strong program already established that keeps things running smoothly. The directors are there for support and guidance for the students in their semester abroad. For the directors to be successful, there must be a strong backbone supporting them.

And that is where the program comes into play. HUG is one of the strongest programs on Harding's campus, and with the new directors starting next fall, it should continue in its success.

For more information on the HUG program, please visit www.harding.edu/international/hug/html.

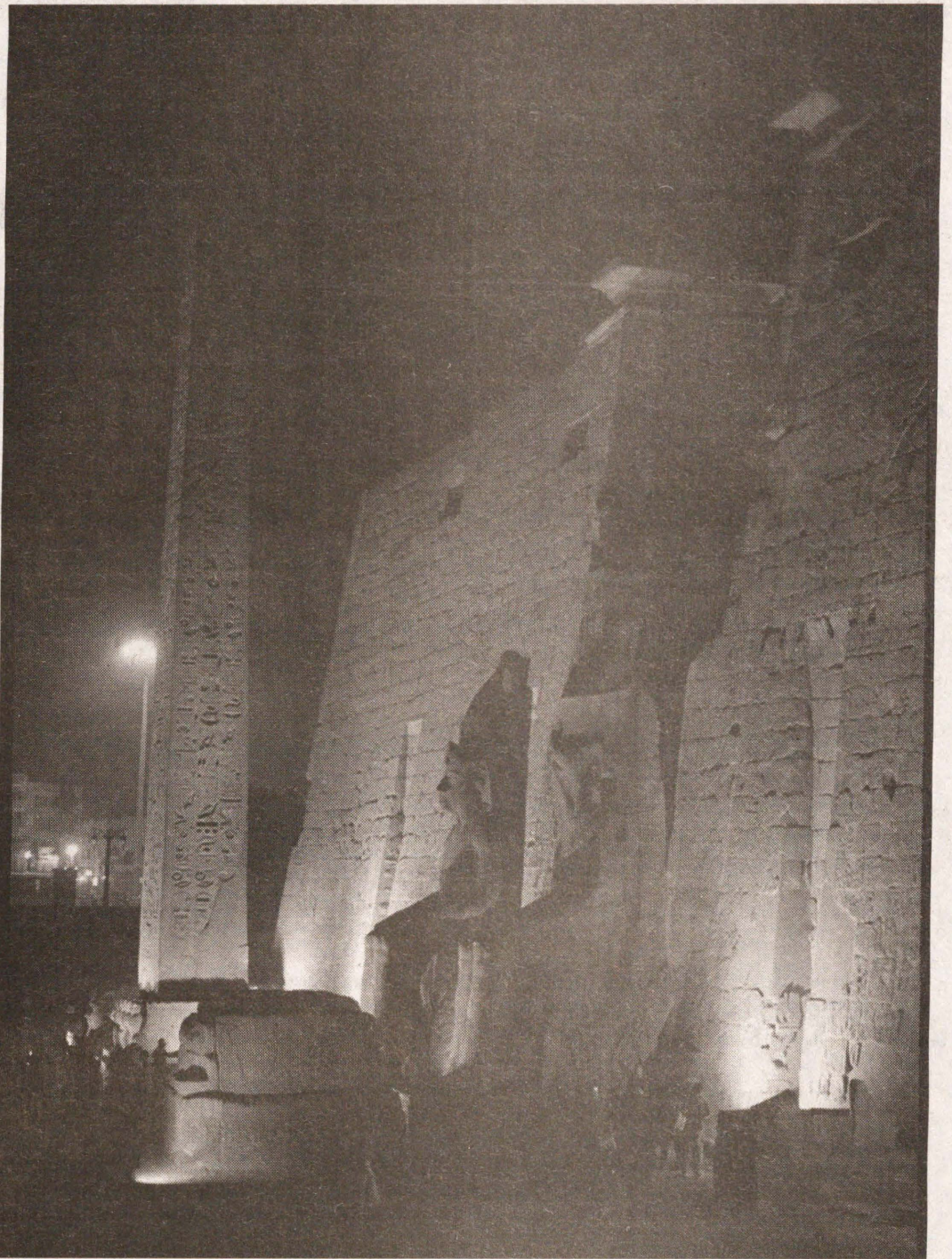


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Harding students attending the overseas program in Greece travel throughout the Mediterranean region and visit many historic sites in Egypt.

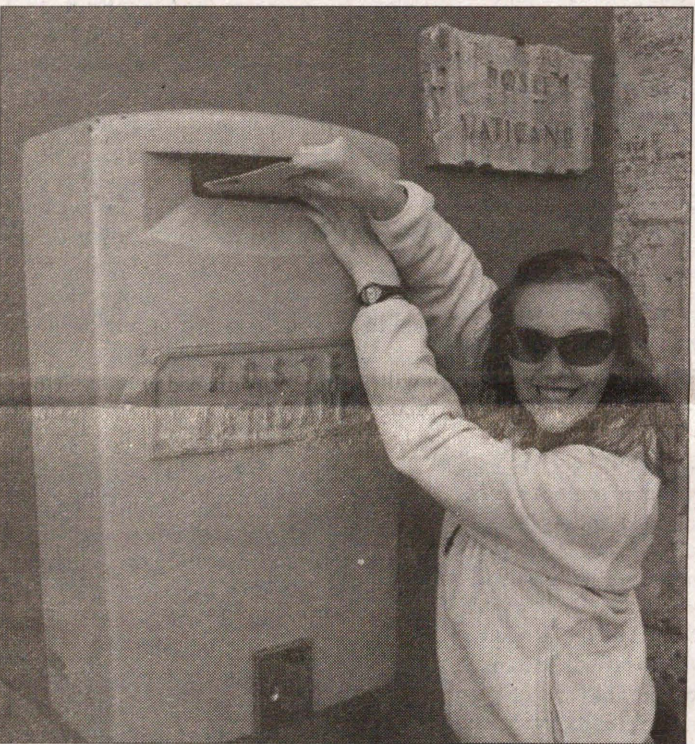


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Sophomore Molly Ellis slides some mail into an Italian post office box. Ellis, along with the other Harding students currently in Florence, is a member of the Honors College.

Group Helps Honduran Children Smiles For Christ Raises Charity Money Via Creative Means

By LAURA NAVARRO
student reporter

For students at Harding, it is hard to imagine there are children living and working in a city's dump. Every day, a child scavenges for food at a dump; it is a reality that many children in Honduras experience every minute of their lives.

Junior Tadeo Sequeira said Smiles for Christ was started as an organization in Honduras by a group of high school seniors who wanted to make a difference and change lives.

Sequeira said students gathered for their school's social service on Dec. 21, 2005, when they chose to work at the city's dump located six miles northeast of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Sequeira said students founded the AFE (Amor, Fiel, y Esperanza) School, and it was then the Smiles for Christ project started.

"When I came to Harding in fall 2006, I knew that with the help of students we could help even more children in Honduras," Sequeira said. "It was then when I named the project Smiles for Christ."

Sequeira was able to start the project at Harding with the help of Walton scholars. She said the first to participate in the program at Harding were seniors Wilber Romero and Eric Juarez, sophomore Estefany Estrada and freshman Allans Coello.

"After members of Smiles for Christ gathered, hard work and dedication began," Sequeira said.

Smiles for Christ had their first activity in September 2007. A cookout was held in the backyard of Cone Han, where traditional food from El Salvador was sold.

Sequeira said \$350 was raised. The money raised was used for "A Christmas and a Thousand

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junior Tadeo Sequeira

Smiles," the Christmas 2007 activity for children in Tegucigalpa.

Hernandez said the activity consisted of snacks, lunch and a present for each child.

"We also had a concert of positive music for the children," Sequeira said.

Sequeira said the event was made possible through its sponsors: Kairos Christian Radio Station, Abundant Life School in Little Rock and the store Papyrus.

Estrada said the project's goal is to reach out to the 100

children that still do not attend school.

"Our short-term goal is to provide school supplies for the children who attend school," Sequeira said. "And our long-term goal is to provide electricity to the region of the school."

Sequeira said in order to reach their long-term goal, \$5,000 are needed.

Sequeira said Smiles for Christ has \$800 saved. Each semester, \$1,500 is expected to be raised to reach the long-term goal.

Smiles for Christ had a Valentine's Day activity at the Underground Café. Sequeira said cookies were sold and a concert was held by members of the program. Other activities such as a Jenga tournament will be held for \$1 per person.

"I believe that with hard work and devoted time, Smiles for Christ will be more successful each semester," Sequeira said.

HUF Caters To Honors Students

By BETHANY LOFTIS
student reporter

Harding University in Florence is trying something new: this semester has been designated for Honors College students only and includes some changes in the humanities curriculum.

"It is the same as a regular HUF semester except that it employs these academic enhancements and the program is limited to only those students in the Honors College," said Dr. Jeff Hopper, Dean of International Programs.

Throughout the semester, different professors will be traveling to Florence for two weeks to focus on different units. These units are part of the Humanities 270 course that is required for all students at HUF.

"We are employing supplemental professors, who are donating their time, to enliven and challenge the students who are currently at HUF," Hopper said.

This semester, HUF will be offering special units on painting with Robbie Shackelford, travel journals and podcasting with Jack Shock, photography with Mike James, opera with Jeff Hopper and the Florentine poetry of the Brownings with Dennis Organ.

"We're doing this because we can," Hopper said. "There are honors abroad programs from perhaps 20 universities in the U.S., but very few universities have a 16-century villa they can use, and it is even rarer for the study abroad program to be linked to the Honors College."

This trial run for the honors

semester seems to be going well. By experimenting with added teachers and units, Hopper and other program organizers are learning ways to make all the international programs better.

Shock, a communication professor, spent two weeks in Florence teaching the students about travel journals and podcasting. Now that Shock is back in Searcy, the students are still working on projects for him. They are writing their travel journals and e-mailing them to him. The journals are turned into podcasts and then put on iTunesU so their families and friends can enjoy them.

"I expect Dr. Shock's podcasting unit to be a big success," Hopper said. "If it is, then we may incorporate this activity into all our international programs every time."

While Shock was there, he spent time in the Villa in Florence and also got to join the students on their four day trip to Rome. He said he really enjoyed working with the students in Italy.

"The thing I loved most was sitting around a table with great kids and watching, before my eyes, them grow and become well rounded, increasing their global perspective," Dr. Shock said.

This semester was designated for the Honors College about four years ago and is the first honors semester that has been attempted.

Another honors semester for Harding University in Greece is tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2010, with Dr. Dale Manor leading it with an emphasis on archaeology.

Graduates Desired For Teaching China Now Program Seeks Those Willing To Teach English

By SHAYNA VARNER
student reporter

The China Now program is currently looking for students who are interested in an unparalleled teaching opportunity after graduation.

Students graduating with a bachelor's degree or higher are qualified to teach conversational English at universities across China. Over a 10-month period for 12 to 16 hours a week, China

Now ambassadors spend time acquainting Chinese students with the technicalities and proper grammar of everyday conversational English.

Because of the desperate need for English teachers in universities across the country, China Now ambassadors are treated extremely well and provided with a fully furnished apartment with utilities on arrival, along with reimbursement for a single round-trip plane fare

and a window into the world of the Chinese people and culture.

Once a year in late May, the China Now organization holds a three-day orientation program on the Harding campus that provides intensive instruction and advice to prepare prospective ambassadors for their journey east. Once settled in China, China Now participants are stationed near other ambassadors in the same cities and areas.

Program director Dr. Milo Hadwin said this teaching opportunity is a once in a lifetime experience.

"This opportunity to teach is completely unparalleled in human history," Hadwin said.

For more information or questions about how to get involved with the China Now program, contact Hadwin by email at mhadwin@harding.edu, by phone at (501) 279-5794 or by campus mail at box 12280.

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DESTINATION: ZAMBIA

By KIM KOKERNOT
student reporter

The mournful wailing of women cloaked the village with sorrow and loss. Sophomore Josh Bakke and his peers, who had ridden several hours in the back of a truck in search of the village, knew the cries meant they had reached their destination — the place where they would bury Tiana, an infant that the students of Harding in Zambia had helped care for.

With the strong emotional ties to a member of the community they had become a part of, the students felt a bludgeoning loss at her death. Tiana, whose mother had died and whose father was unable to fully provide for her, had been under temporary care in the area of the HIZ program. They were bringing her body home to her people and to share the pain of loss, but Bakke said he still felt somewhat displaced.

"I felt like I wasn't supposed to be there, like I was intruding on what was going on," Bakke said.

Yet he said he and the other students found a common bond in the loss of a child's life.

"It's an experience we shared," Bakke said. "It was a person we had direct contact with. She was a child, an infant. She was so young, it was hard for us to comprehend. This experience alone was something I will never forget."

"It was my twentieth birthday. That morning I really did not feel any older, but by the end of the day, I definitely did."

In Zambia, observing and gaining life-experiences became the classroom with the poverty-stricken as teachers, allowing for an education in humanity that cannot be taught with traditional curriculum.

"I see poverty as having a purpose for the furthering of God's kingdom now," HIZ student Sky Vanderburg said. "I am no longer guilty for being a 'rich' American, for I trust God in where he has placed me and my Zambian brothers and sisters."

Opportunities for understanding poverty were both inside Namwianga, the mission where the students stayed, and beyond it. By working with and for the underprivileged, poverty became personal.

"Now I know people that live in poverty," Bakke said. "Now, whenever I read a statis-

tic or see a picture, memories and images of people I know in African come to mind."

"We encountered poverty every day. We went to them and they came to us — they were our friends," Vanderburg said.

Although the students who will attend the HIZ program next fall have already begun preparing by learning basic nursing skills and culture, some things cannot be fully understood without experience.

"You can see picture after

There is also an anticipation of a changing world view for those who have yet to travel to Zambia.

"I think it will shatter [my worldview], tear it down then rebuild it," future HIZ student Jonathan Sims said. "I definitely think it will take me out of my comfortable American bubble and open my eyes to the world around me."

Vanderburg said he returned with a broadened comprehension of a life outside of the United States that will assist

lenge to assimilate.

"It was really just overwhelming to come back from a place where people have nothing to a place where there is just so much stuff," Bakke said.

He said the first time he walked into Wal-Mart after returning the reminder of American surplus jolted him.

"I seriously had a hard time dealing with all of the stuff that is in Wal-Mart," Bakke said. "I sort of just stood there with my mouth open and had a hard time comprehending it all."

On a family vacation after his return, Bakke said he sometimes felt distant and overwhelmed. His sister, freshman Calea Bakke, noticed these changes, but found the positive developments in him more impressive.

"It's been really interesting to see how he's still changing, even though he's back," Calea Bakke said. "Sometimes it feels like he never left, but sometimes I realize he's a totally different person. He has changed his priorities. He sees the importance of investing in relationships, and material possessions have lost their appeal."

God's power and influence were and still are one element working on the lives of those who spent last fall in Zambia.

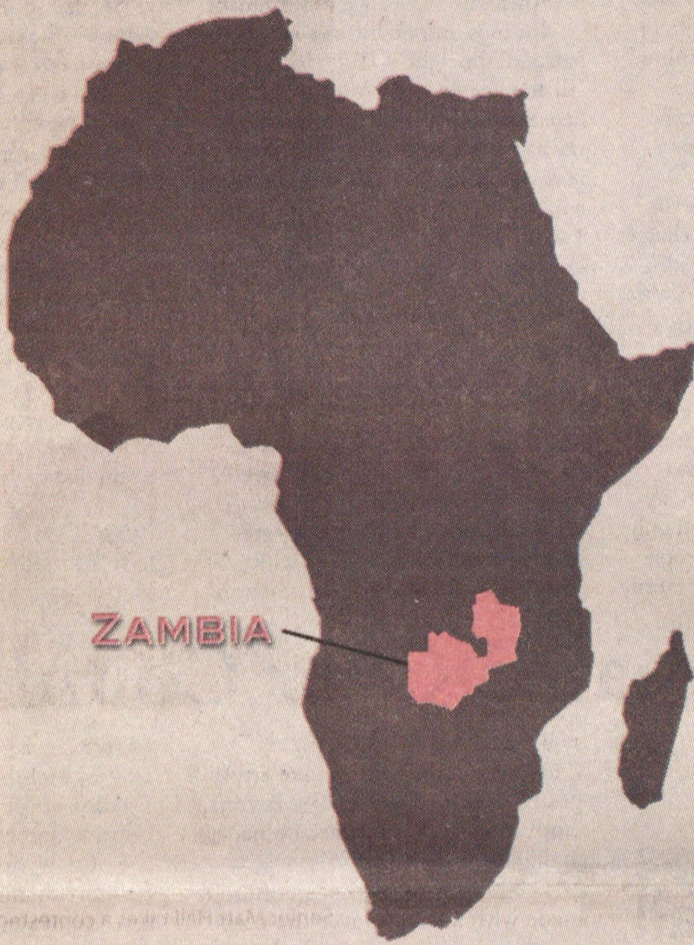
"The whole experience was made life-changing by little daily realizations that God was working in my life," Vanderburg said. "I have learned many things in reflection since I have returned to the States." "I feel like I am a little wiser now, but only because I realize how much I don't know. I am glad to feel so insignificant."

Many luxuries like hot showers and flushing toilets were not available in Africa, but the people of the land compensated with their love and humility.

"There are times when Africa is more of home to me than Nashville or Searcy because of the people, the love they show to you and their hospitality; they don't even know you, and they still welcome you with open arms," Bakke said. "They're genuinely glad to see you, and there's something attractive about that."

Because of revelations during and after the trip, Bakke said he feels confident he will return to Africa.

"There's a spirit of Africa that's just contagious," Bakke said. "Once you go, there's a desire to go back."



picture of poverty, but it won't be the same in person," future HIZ student Laura Lovett said. "When I saw pictures of what the tornadoes did to Clinton, Ark., I thought, 'it doesn't look too bad,' but when we got there, I was in shock. Pictures never give the real thing justice," future HIZ student Laura Lovett said.

Lovett, an early-childhood education major, said she hopes to influence the lives of children beyond the classrooms where she will be teaching.

"The main point of us going is to show God's love through our actions," Lovett said. "I think that the younger you are when you see the power of the Lord in someone else, the more like you are to pick it up, carry it in yourself and pay it forward for others to see."

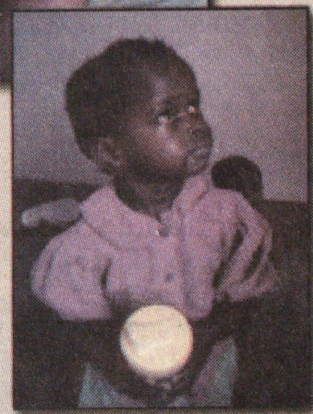
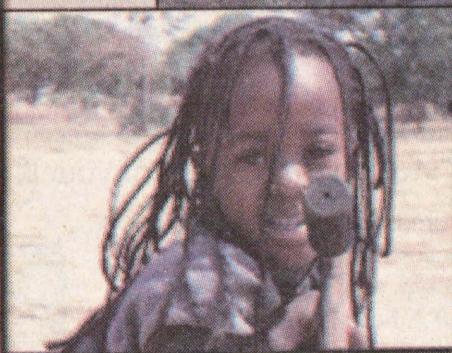
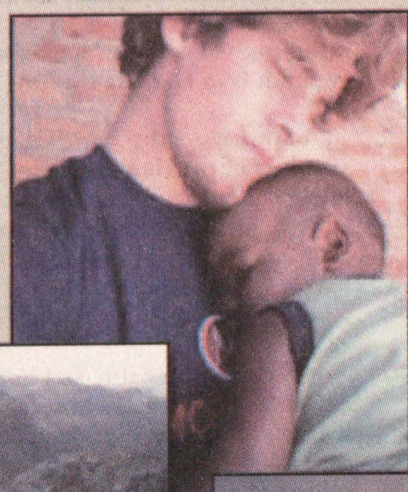
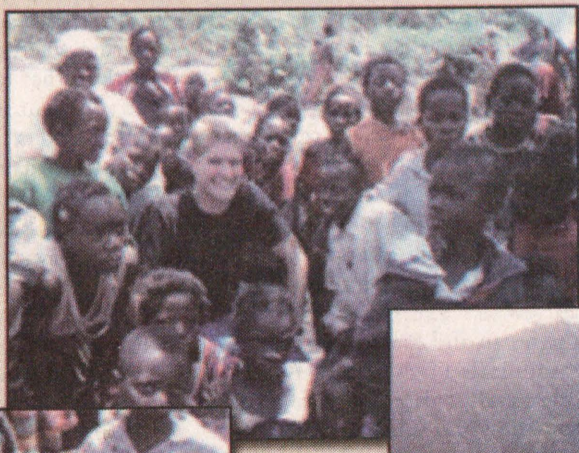
him with his career goals.

"I feel blessed to understand even a small part of a worldview so affected by poverty so that I can work within such a culture to achieve health development — my career interest," Vanderburg said.

Even though future students are told what to expect, arrival in Africa will bring culture shock. The hardest adjustment for some was learning to live in a culture that values relationships more than punctuality.

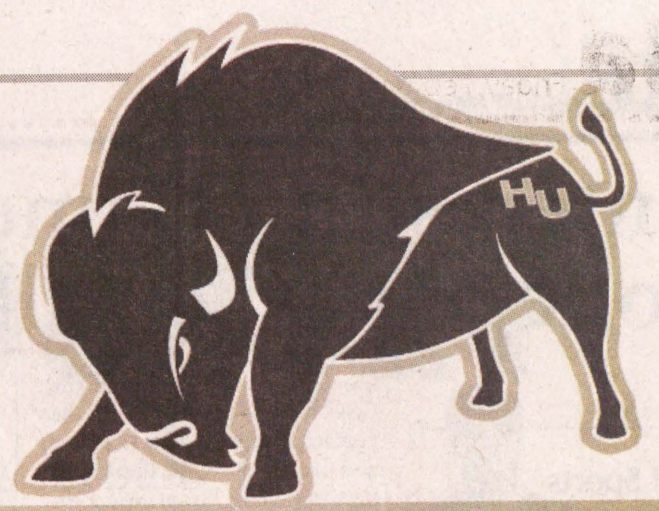
"You don't realize how much your life is driven by time until you go somewhere where time isn't as important," Bakke said.

But culture shock is not over once students adapt to life overseas. Upon returning, students' ideas and understandings of the world have changed, presenting yet another chal-



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Not The Same Old Game

Matt Hall and Butch Gardner played in very different games, but their similar success places them in a class by themselves.

Butch Gardner Career Stats

Points	2255
Pts/game	21.1
Field Goals	927
FGA	1948
3-pointers	—
FTM	401
Rebounds	983
Rebounds/game	9.2
Assists	250

Matt Hall Career Stats

Points	2089
Pts/game	19.0
Field Goals	686
FGA	1360
3-pointers	131
FTM	586
Rebounds	621
Rebounds/game	5.6
Assists	138



Former Bison Butch Gardner dribbles down the floor and looks to score one of his 927 career field goals. Gardner is Harding's all-time leading scorer, averaging 21.1 point per game during his career.

photo courtesy of Sports Information



Senior Matt Hall takes a contested shot on Feb. 16 against Delta State. Hall scored more than 30 points in each of his meetings with the Statesmen this season, helping the Bisons to a season sweep. Hall has scored over 2,000 points in his Harding career.

CRAIG RAINBOLT | The Bison

By BRANDON HIGGINS
sports editor

Twenty years and a revamped game of basketball separate Matt Hall's and Butch Gardner's careers.

Gardner played for the Bisons from 1973 to 1977, garnering All-American honors three times. During those years, he averaged 21.1 points per game, making him Harding's all-time leading scorer. What makes those statistics even more impressive is that he played without a 3-point line or a shot clock.

Kinesiology Department Chair Dr. Wilt Martin, who coached Gardner, said Gardner would have been effective from the 3-point line.

"There's no doubt in my mind that having a 3-point line would have bolstered his point totals," Martin said.

The absence of a shot clock also greatly affected the way Gardner was able to play the game.

"He played in a much more deliberate type of offense because of the absence of a shot clock," Martin said. "Having a

shot clock would have definitely given him more offensive touches and shots."

Gardner said he wishes he could have played in an era with those offensive catalysts.

"I love today's game because it's so offensive-minded," Gardner said. "With no shot clock, I'd sometimes go several minutes without an offensive touch because everyone could hold on to the ball."

Hall has played at Harding from 2003 to 2008, scoring over 2,000 points en route to two Gulf South West Player of the Year awards. Hall was also named the conference freshman of the year in 2003.

He has taken advantage of the 3-point line that Gardner never had, connecting on over 130 shots from beyond the arc, which ranks him No. 8 on Harding's all-time list for 3-pointers made.

Hall came to Harding after being recruited by virtually every school in the area, including teams from the Division I Southland Conference. Hall chose Harding after an unfortunate mishap shortened his senior season.

"About five games into the season, I broke my ankle," Hall said. "While I was in the hospital, I got a call from coach [Jeff] Morgan saying that his offer was still on the table, and that really meant a lot to me."

People who are familiar with Harding basketball routinely talk about how great Hall and Gardner carried themselves off of the court.

"Matt is such a great person," Morgan said. "Among his top off-the-floor goals each year is to help someone grow in his or her relationship with Christ, and a lot can be said for that."

Martin said similar things about Gardner.

"I was always most impressed with what kind of person he was and how coachable he was," Martin said. "I always thought that if I could build a program around someone, it would be Butch Gardner."

Though Hall and Gardner have played in different eras, they have made their marks on Harding athletics.

"They are two of the greatest players in Harding's history."

Harding Basketball Teams Impress Fans, Opponents

BRANDON HIGGINS

The Payoff Pitch



I must say: The atmosphere inside the Rhodes Field House against Henderson State on Saturday was probably the best that I've seen since I've been at Harding. I have several observations about men's game and the women's game.

1. Kevin Brown is an absolute stud.

Brown was the definition of a stat-stuffer against HSU. The freshman from Hughes, Ark., poured in 14 points for the Bisons while grabbing seven rebounds. Brown also blocked

two shots and picked up four steals. Along with his steals, Brown also had an uncanny ability to deflect the ball out of HSU's passing lanes. He was a menace to the Reddies all night long defensively.

Offensively, Brown was electrifying. He was just too fast for HSU defenders, which was evident as he blew past his man twice on his way to a dunk. He made his defender look like he was moving as slowly as molasses in the Arctic. The Reddies just didn't have an answer for the six-foot-five slasher.

2. Henderson State's players were scared to death of our fans.

I went to high school with a player on Henderson State's team, and I asked him what he thought about the game and our fans. All he could talk

about was how many people were crammed into the gym and how loud it was. You could just tell that HSU's players were frightened; in fact, my friend looked like a terrified chihuahua while he was on the court. He is a very confident player, so that speaks highly of how the fans played a large role in that game.

Perhaps Harding will let us take a contingent to the Gulf South Conference Tournament to help cheer the Bisons toward a conference title, and that goes for the Lady Bisons as well. That's just a suggestion.

3. Jesse Bynum has now officially transformed into Reggie Miller.

The six-foot-ten Bynum buried two threes against the Reddies on his way to an 11-point performance. Bynum is

now shooting almost 43 percent from beyond the 3-point line. For a big man, his touch from outside is outstanding. Not only was he firing up 3-pointers against the Reddies, he was pulling up from Craighead County a few times. Kudos to Bynum for gaining the confidence to be able to do that.

4. Teams can't just key in on Matt Hall.

In my eyes, the number of the night for Matt Hall was five. The senior from DeQueen, Ark., dished out five assists in order to get other players involved against the Reddies. The Bisons had five players score in double figures for the first time since joining the GSC in 2000. Hall showed that if teams collapse on him, he can distribute, but he can also fight through a double-team for a tough basket

or a trip to the free throw line. He's the GSC's all-time leading free throw shooter for a reason, you know.

Also, it's incredible to have seen Hall's perimeter game blossom throughout his years here. He said a reason for that is so teams can't just stop him on the block. He's worked extremely hard to develop a very reliable outside game to complement his ability to bruise down low.

5. The Lady Bisons have more grit than a southern breakfast buffet.

Paging Harding University — you have a fantastic women's basketball team.

The women overcame a 15-point deficit to beat Henderson State on Saturday, inching them closer to a GSC tournament berth and possible NCAA

tournament bid. Five players scored in double figures for the Lady Bisons, showing that they are well-balanced and able to get contributions from anyone at any time. Henderson State played a fantastic first half, but the Lady Bisons were just too determined to go away. They pestered the Lady Reddies at the end of the first half, and then put the game away late on free throws to sweep the season series.

Congratulations to each team for marvelous seasons thus far. If they keep playing good basketball, their seasons may not be over for quite some time.

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Interesting Games Fuel College Basketball Season

CARSON FANT
 Guest Sports Column



It may just be the recent rainy weather that's telling me March is around the corner. I think, though, it's the basketball.

Last Saturday was one of the best days of regular-season college basketball in some time. Those on this campus got to see the Bisons defeat rival Henderson State in a nationally televised game. The Lady Bisons completed the sweep of Henderson State with a crucial conference victory.

And for the nightcap, ESPN televised the most anticipated game of the season, an intrastate grudge match between the top ranked Memphis Tigers and the second-ranked Tennessee Volunteers. Sandwiched in between these games was the always-entertaining Arkansas-Kentucky match-up.

The Bisons' game wasn't hard to get up for emotionally, but the 11 a.m. tip-off was a bit difficult for this college student to wake up for. Being at the game, though, was worth any sleep I missed.

Henderson State, winless in Gulf South Conference play, played a very good first half and gave the Bisons a tough time, which is what you would expect from the Reddies.

The Bisons, however, were not going to lose on Saturday. Not in a televised game, and certainly not with the GSC West Division title so close.

Saturday's win was a complete

team effort. Matt Hall, twice the GSC West Division player of the year, led the Bisons with 18 points and five assists. While that's not a big surprise, the Bisons got contributions out of every player.

The second-leading scorer for Harding was freshman Kevin Brown with 14 points. Brown also raised the crowd's enthusiasm even higher early in the game when he dunked seconds after coming into the game. He added another exciting slam later. Harding also got 11 points from big man Jesse Bynum, who hit two 3-pointers.

Perhaps the most impressive moment was late in the game. Junior forward Brian Howard had the ball at the top of the key. He then took off — the referee called a walk, but I didn't see it — and threw down a powerful dunk. No, it didn't count, but the shot had the "wow!" nonetheless.

Nationally, the Memphis-Tennessee game dominated the sports headlines. Memphis entered the game with a 47-game home winning streak and a 26-0 record this season. Tennessee came into the game with its highest ranking in school history. According to United Press International, tickets were going for as much as \$3,000. Peyton Manning wasn't even the biggest celebrity at the game. That honor went to Priscilla Presley.

The game achieved the difficult task of living up to its hype. Memphis came out on fire, making their first three 3-pointers and six of their first 10. Tennessee, though, was too talented and battle tested to fade away. The Volunteers pulled out a 66-62 win.

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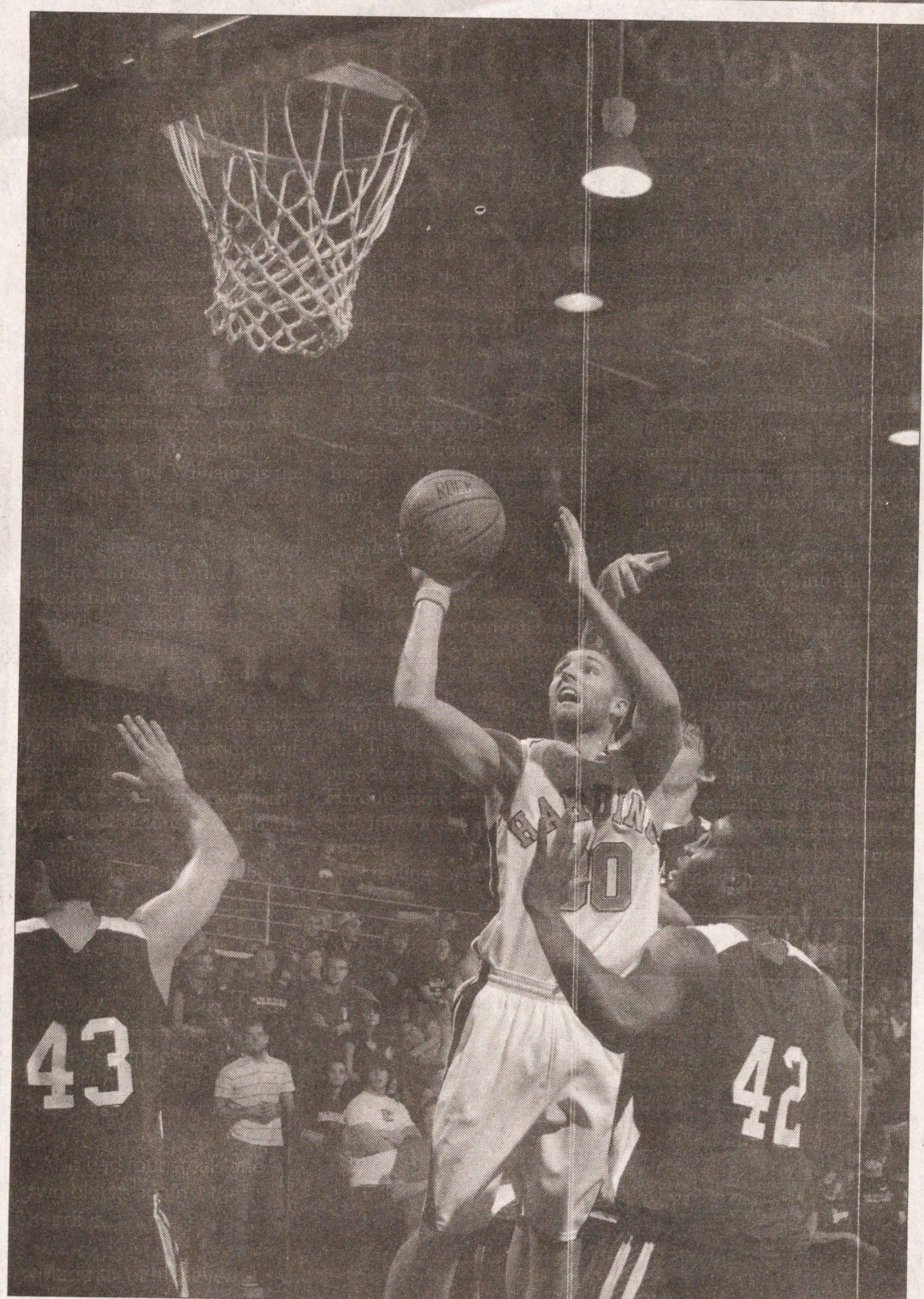
Carson Fant

Both teams play an up-tempo style, which, coupled with their abundance of talent, makes them fun to watch. Hopefully, these two teams will meet again in the NCAA tournament and give fans another exciting, hard-fought game.

Another season of March Madness is almost upon us, and judging by the basketball played on the last Saturday of February, the games should be as entertaining as ever.

We are fortunate this year in that North Little Rock's Alltel Arena is one of eight hosts for the first and second rounds of the tournament. Memphis, most likely, will be there, and there's a good chance fifth-ranked Texas will be there too. But even if you can't attend any of the games, don't miss the chance to follow the Bisons and Lady Bisons in their postseason games or the exciting spectacle that is the NCAA tournament.

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Senior forward Matt Hall puts up a shot in traffic against Delta State on Feb. 16. Hall scored 30 points to lead the Bisons to a 90-64 victory over the Statesmen.

Williams Serves Harding, Gulf South Conference

By BETHANY LOFTIS
 student reporter

Alicia Williams is usually in the spotlight for her achievements on the Harding tennis team. Now she is being recognized for her leadership skills as president of the Gulf South Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

The GSC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is composed of one representative from each sports team throughout the conference, and Williams is the girls' representative for the tennis team.

This committee is the voice of student athletes in the NCAA. The members help give the student-athlete perspective on rules, regulations and policies in the NCAA. They also assist in the reviewing of NCAA proposed legislation. Each division gives their input on the issues that will affect them and their welfare. There are 79 members on the national Divisions I, II and III committees.

Williams was asked to be on

the committee and immediately asked to be president.

This year is her second year as president.

The SAAC has local, regional and national representatives. Williams is the local representative for Harding and one of the regional representatives in the GSC. Every November, she attends a regional meeting to talk about the issues in the GSC and NCAA Division II. They discuss the constitution, rules to change, how they can improve the GSC and sportsmanship.

The SAAC has not been very involved with the GSC until now.

"It started out as a group of student-athletes who met once a year and didn't do much," Williams said. "But this year I am trying to get the ball rolling with the committee."

This year Williams' goal as president is to get the SAAC of Harding more involved with the activities of the regional committee.

"Harding's SAAC was basically

inactive until now," Williams said. "I decided to kick things into gear."

The SAAC is having more meetings this year and they are also taking part in a fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Each school in the conference has a goal of raising \$1,000 for Make-A-Wish.

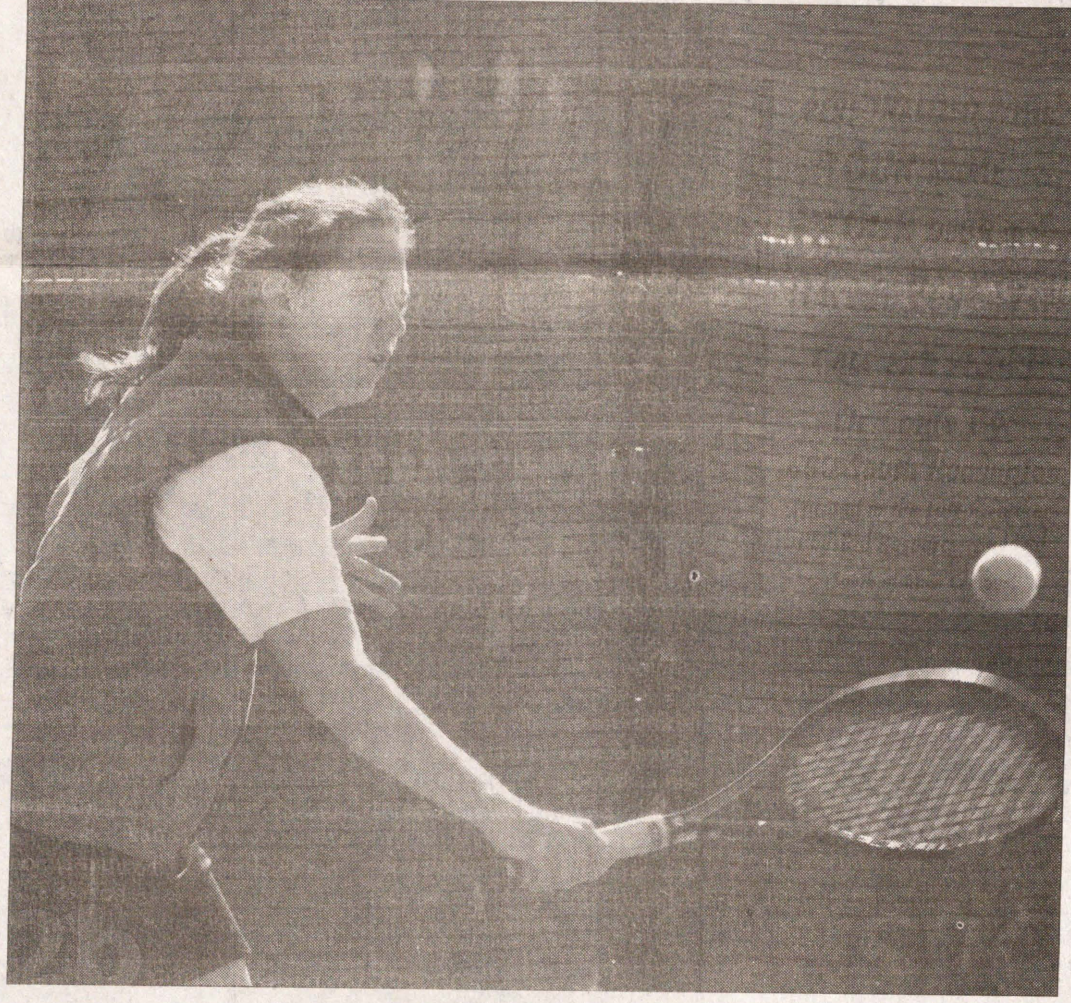
"No one knows what the SAAC is," Williams said. "This is the official event to get their name out there."

Williams said she hopes to promote the idea so they can do this every year.

"We want to get schools to give back to the community because college athletes are a good example," Williams said.

The SAAC hopes that people will follow their example and try to help someone in need like the children Make-A-Wish helps.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses, trying to bring joy to lives of children ages 2 through 18 by helping grant their biggest dreams.



JEFF MONTGOMERY | Public Relations

Junior Alicia Williams slices a ball during a Feb. 19 match against Arkansas Tech. Williams won her match against Anna Carson in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0.

Sports In Short

• The Harding men's golf team opened the spring season with a sixth-place finish at the Doyle Wallace Classic, hosted by Henderson State on Monday and Tuesday. The Bisons shot a two-round score of 626.

Harding's Andrew Warder placed tied for fourth with a two-round score of 148, just six strokes behind individual medalist Jack Bartlett of Henderson State.

• The Harding women's tennis team won its fourth straight match Tuesday, defeating Southern Arkansas 6-3. The Lady Bisons moved to

6-2 overall and 4-0 in NCAA II South Region play.

• The Bison baseball team split with the Crichton Comets on Tuesday afternoon improving Harding's record to 11-5 and Crichton's to 7-9. The Comets won game one with an eighth inning push, 11-5.

Harding won the second game, 8-5. The Bisons hit four home runs in the double-header.

• The Harding men's basketball team rose to No. 5 in the NCAA South Region rankings. The three conference champions from the region move on to the NCAA Regionals. Also, the top three

non conference champions in each region move on to the NCAA Regionals.

• The Harding women's basketball team is ranked No. 7 in the NCAA South Region.

• The Harding Bisons won the distance medley relay, and senior Artur Kern finished second in the 5,000 meters Saturday at the Prairie Wolf Invite, hosted by the University of Nebraska.

Information courtesy of Harding Sports Information

Kevin Brown

• Scored 14 points and recorded seven rebounds during the Feb. 23 game against Henderson State.

• Also had four steals and two blocks against the Reddies.

• Made six of his seven field goal attempts.

Athlete of the Week



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What: Ice-skating
When: Open daily through 3/16/08
Where: McCormick Tribune Ice Park
Cost: Free and open to the public; skate rentals \$9; www.millenniumpark.org/parkevents

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What: Love For Humanity Benefit Art Exhibit
 Jedidiah Clothing is hosting art show benefiting Invisible Children.
When: 2/16/08 - 3/20/08
Where: All Things Project on Bleeker Street in Greenwich Village
Cost: Event is free but a \$5 donation is encouraged. All donations go to Invisible Children. Visit www.nycvisit.com/calendar for more information.

Los Angeles

What: 13th Annual International Family Film Festival
When: 2/28/08 - 3/2/08
Where: Raleigh Studios, Hollywood, Calif.
Cost: Visit www.iffilmfest.org for a complete listing of events and prices.

Dallas

What: American's Got Talent Live Taping
 NBC's primetime show hits Dallas in search of the best amateur performers in Texas to compete for a chance to win American's Got Talent.
When: 3/5/08 - 3/6/08
Where: Majestic Theatre
Cost: Visit www.ogt.com/shows for ticket prices.

Little Rock, Ark.

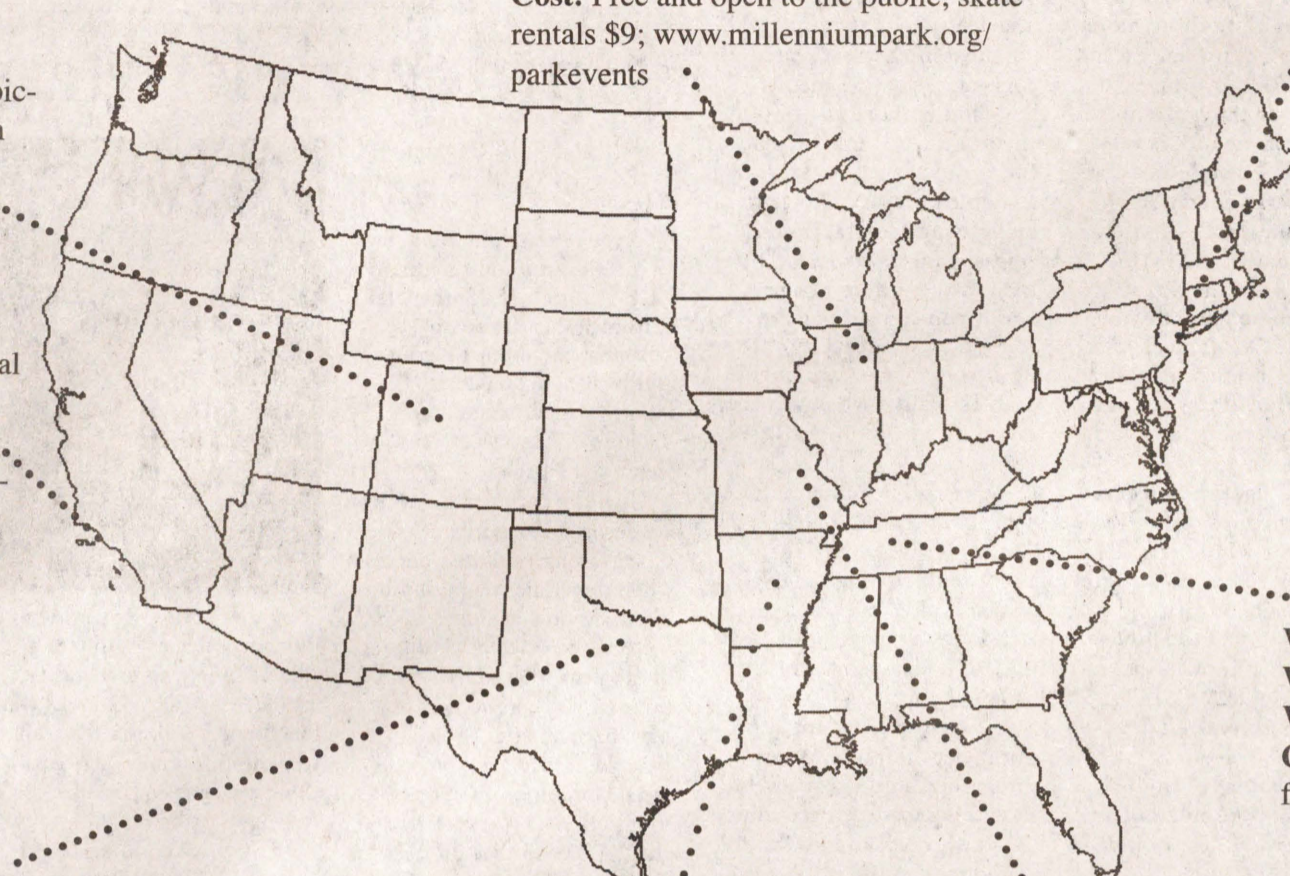
What: Rascal Flatts with guest Kellie Pickler in concert
When: 3/1/08 at 8 p.m.
Where: Alltel Arena
Cost: Tickets \$50.75 and \$64.50 available at Alltel Arena box office or www.ticketmaster.com

St. Louis

What: RAIN: The Beatles Experience
 Experience Beatle mania as RAIN covers the Fab Four's greatest hits
When: 3/6/08 - 3/9/08; 8 p.m. (6-8); 2 p.m. (9)
Where: The Fox Theatre in Grand Center
Cost: Tickets \$30.00, \$40.00, \$45.00 available at www.fabulousfox.com or 314-534-1111.

Nashville, Tenn.

What: Wilco in concert
When: 3/2/08 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Ryman Auditorium
Cost: Visit www.tickets.nashville.com for ticket prices.



The Bison Crossword

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- Singer Melaine
- Orbit
- Range
- Foreboding
- Croquet
- Glade
- Leg part
- Daisy-like flower
- Part of paper
- Bed
- Strut
- Hindu food
- Marquis de
- Pastureland
- Muscle
- Sandwich iris
- Conjunctions
- Shaped molding
- Series
- Giant
- Ornaments
- Cove
- Pants material
- Beef cattle
- Laurel & Hardy producer
- Cherry
- South Korean city
- Gall
- Poker term
- Seed
- Her calendar month
- Freshwater fish
- Nobleman
- Look after
- Agony
- Extraordinary
- Asate
- Zachary
- Concerning
- St. saint (abbr)
- Concur
- Transport
- Office worker
- Auto necessity
- Stigmata
- Web
- Dross
- Visual perception
- Herd
- Memorization
- Stop
- Polen stimulators
- performer
- Team (Ger.)
- Angel type
- Sao _____ Brazil
- Ornament for one
- 1964 Anna Karenina movie
- Time of day
- Adjustment
- Tribe
- Animal group
- City
- A Gabor sister

Answers In Next Issue

Brain Teasers: Puzzles & Games

Sudoku

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2	4	1				5		
	8	6	9					
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Difficulty

Cryptique

"OXYN XB
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 N equals E

Difficulty

Answers found on 4b

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What's The 'Point'?

Thriller Puzzle Feels Repetitive

By JONATHAN GERBER
student reporter

Coming off of Sept. 11 and the subsequent invasion of the Middle East, it is no secret that America has many enemies. With all the talk and fear of terrorism, a presidential assassination is not too far from many peoples' minds during our momentous national gatherings and speeches. But few people could imagine how such a horrific thing could happen, or the degree of chaos that would immediately follow. It is this political relativity and original screenplay that makes the film "Vantage Point" intriguing. Unfortunately, it does not quite reach its potential.

"Vantage Point" begins with a news crew reporting in Salamanca, Spain, for an anti-terrorism summit. Only minutes into the film, President Ashton (William Hurt) takes the stage and, before he can even speak, is shot. Two explosions quickly follow. This same 15 minute scene is then replayed through the eyes of four other characters, each time revealing clues to the mystery and intertwining the various stories. The Secret Service agent Thomas Barnes (Dennis Quaid), Spanish police officer Enrique (Eduardo Noriega), tourist Howard Lewis (Forest Whitaker) and

the president provide the other four perspectives.

The remainder of the movie uncovers the assassin's complicated methods and continues through a wonderfully action-packed chase scene. From this point until the conclusion of the movie, the intensity refuses to falter. This scene is reminiscent of the "Bourne" movies, but not quite of the same caliber.

The cast of "Vantage Point" is solid; nothing more, nothing less. With few exceptions, (you'll know them when you see them) Dennis Quaid's performance is very convincing. His role as a concerned veteran Secret Service agent fits him well. Matthew Fox is similarly believable (although speaking Spanish does not come naturally to him). Forest Whitaker's jovial character, who throws himself into the whole mess out of concern for others, is impossible not to love.

Finally, Sigourney Weaver is one of the most effective actors of the whole cast, although her role is little more than a cameo. Surprisingly, the best actors of the film are the least well-known, including Saïd Taghmaoui, Edgar Ramirez and Ayelet Zurer.

While the layout of "Vantage Point" is original, it poses a major problem. Each time the storyline "rewinds," it loses momentum. The

movie climaxes five times only to start over at the beginning after each time. This does not work in our A.D.D.-plagued society. Granted the new clues in each of the perspectives are breaths of fresh air, but the viewer hardly gets a chance to process them.

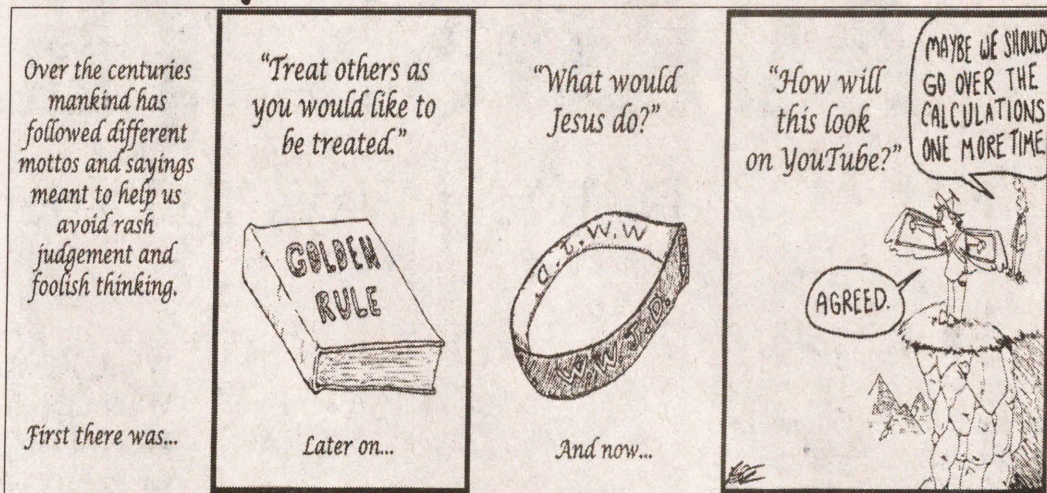
The layout is not the movie's only fault. It seems that the director, Pete Travis, was trying a little too hard to make an action movie. While it is definitely entertaining, the most intense parts are pock-marked with cheesy lines and fantastically unrealistic stunts. Dennis Quaid's car, for instance, only revealed a couple of minor dents after being struck several times. And apparently Forest Whitaker is a very gifted runner. But if you can get past such idiosyncrasies, it will surely keep you on the edge of your seat. In reality, when was the last time an action movie was realistic?

When all is said and done, I can't say this was a bad movie. It gives a fresh perspective of cinematography which is always a plus. There are definitely parts where you feel very wrapped up in what is happening.

I was just expecting more: more depth, more mystery, more lightbulb effects. While it is unique and entertaining, don't expect it to blow your mind.

Money For Pizza

By ALEX BLAIR



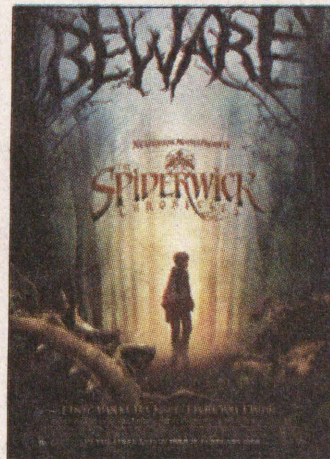
'Spiderwick' Magical Film

By HANNAH BEALL
student reporter

If you're searching for a new magical motion-picture to dive into, "The Spiderwick Chronicles" is the one to see. This new Paramount Pictures and Nickelodeon Movies fantasy, which opened on Valentine's Day, is perfect for viewers of all ages.

The film captures the adventures and secrets that the Grace family's children uncover when they inherit a mysterious old mansion-like house from a great-uncle named Arthur Spiderwick, played by David Strathairn. There could not have been a better choice to play the role of twin brothers Jared and Simon than Freddie Highmore, who also starred in the 2007 box office hit "August Rush" and "The Golden Compass." Highmore brilliantly portrays these two characters' personalities as opposite as possible, successfully showing the significant differences between them.

Mallory, the twins' older sister played by Sarah Bolger, also plays a key role in the incredible adventure. Acting as



it is both creative and detailed, it could come across as a bit intimidating or horrific for young children.

As the children take on the task of protecting this book of knowledge from the wrong hands, they meet a multitude of magical fairies and goblin-type beings. Some of these more pleasant creatures give a sweet and maybe light-hearted sense to some of the more dramatic and anxious situations, making the journey a bit more fun and enjoyable.

Though the film is primarily centered around that plot, the whole Grace family, including the mother (played by Mary-Louise Parker) and even their great-uncle and Aunt Lucinda (played by Joan Plowright) end up learning more about themselves and achieving a new sense of closeness and respect that will put a smile on your face.

Together, this family uncovers the mysteries of the house and of the most desired knowledge within the pages of a determined man's guide to the most unknown magical creatures, called "The Spiderwick Chronicles."

Brain Teasers: Answers from 3b

Sudoku

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Answers To Last Week's Crossword Puzzle

BUS	CPA	PARR			
ATOP	LOU	ALOUD			
REDUCING		SAUNAS			
	CANC	SENNA			
STRETCHING		SICK			
LEA	HONAN	NEE			
ASCOT	SPUING				
YAQUI	FHA	LAMAS			
	URSULA	KNAVE			
FOE	NAPES	TET			
ISTS	EXERCISERS				
BABEL	RANT				
SKATES	WORKOUTS				
ALTER	ARC	PREP			
LORE	SSE	NAY			

Cryptique

-Fran Lebowitz
SLEEP!
YOU CAN'T GET TO
THAT HAPPENS WHEN
LIFE IS SOMETHING

This Week In History

February 25
• (1804) Jefferson nominated for president at Democratic Republican caucus.

• (1870) Hiram Revels is sworn in as first black member of Congress (Sen.-R- MS).

February 26
• (1848) Marx and Engels publish "Communist Manifesto."

• (1933) Golden Gate Bridge groundbreaking ceremony held at Crissy Field.

February 27
• (1827) 1st Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans.

• (1922) U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld 19th amendment for women's right to vote.

February 28
• (1961) JFK names Henry Kissinger as special advisor.

• (1972) Pres. Richard Nixon ends historic week-long visit to China.

February 29
• (1940) Hattie McDaniel becomes first black woman to win an Academy Award. "Gone With the Wind" wins 8 Oscars.

• (1960) JFK makes "missile gap" the presidential campaign issue.

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