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Laptop theft thwarted with DormNet help

by JEREMY WATSON
editor in chief

The latest incident of dorm theft came to a satisfying conclusion two weeks ago as the property stolen was recovered in less than 24 hours.

Senior history major Will Baker, a Resident Assistant in Cone Hall, was working on his laptop at the front desk in Cone March 16, the Sunday after Spring Break, when a resident asked him to unlock his room after he accidentally left his keys inside. Baker said that when he returned, his laptop was gone, even though he had only been gone for a minute or two upstairs.

"[The resident] was on the third floor, and his door was really close to the stairwell, so it's not like I was going down the hall or anything," Baker said. "I

had folded [my laptop] up and set it aside, so it wasn't blatantly obvious, but I hadn't locked it up, which is always the thought that you have in the back of your mind: 'Maybe I should lock this up.' But usually we're not going to be gone long enough for it to really matter too much."

Baker said that while he immediately reported the theft to Public Safety and Cone's Resident Life Coordinator, Linda Cox, he had little hope of recovering his computer. His suitemates, however, were more hopeful. When Baker asked to borrow one of their computers to change his passwords to Web sites to try to prevent identity theft, David Farrow, a senior computer science and biochemistry major who works for DormNet, forwarded his computer's information to DormNet.

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Advertising experience



photo by JONATHAN JAMES | the Bison
A group of communication students stand and sit behind the news desk of Chicago's ABC affiliate station during their recent trip. They were able to view the 6 p.m. newscast in person then tour the studio and take photos.

Fashion shows more than style

HUmanity increases awareness of injustice manufactured in sweat shops

by KIM KOKERNOT
assistant news editor

In order to challenge students to see past the fabric of their clothing and recognize the sacrifice of sweatshop workers who produce it, HUmanity hosted a fashion show in the Administration Auditorium Thursday, March 26.

Workers in sweatshops, 90 percent of whom are women, earn sub-minimum wages, receive no benefits, are forced to work overtime, suffer sexual harassment and verbal abuse and are often illegally fired.

HUmanity, an organization focused on spreading social justice awareness, felt the need to share this information with the student body. The group came up with the idea of a fashion show to educate students about companies that use sweatshops to produce clothing.

"These companies work hard to mask what they're doing. That's what [drove] us to do the fashion show," sophomore and co-director of the fashion show Emily Gilbert said. "We want to get the truth out so people can make their future [purchasing] decisions out of knowledge instead of the ignorance we're all held under by the fashion industry."

With a backdrop of music reflecting the group's humanitarian mission, social club beaux and queens walked the runway as the truth behind each stitch of their outfits was unraveled. Brands popular with students, including Abercrombie & Fitch, Hanes, Adidas and Nike were worn by models on one side

of the runway, representing "bad" clothing companies.

The "bad" clothing was made unsustainably, while the opposite side of the runway was used for modeling "good," sustainable clothing.

"A good company benefits the earth and its people," junior and co-director of the show Zachary Seagle said. "Benefiting the earth means not using synthetic chemicals, not ripping and pillaging the earth for resources and using recycled resources. They are grown in farms that have workers that are paid well. Bad companies do the opposite."

The sustainable clothes used in the fashion show were donated by about 35 companies, while unsustainable clothes came from the models' personal wardrobes.

Hostesses Abby Howard and Heather Mitchell announced which company each article of clothing came from, why it was good or bad, and how to purchase it if it was good.

"We've got to start looking beyond the price tag to see the real cost of the things we're buying," Gilbert said.

After realizing the indignities that sweatshop workers endure, shopping for clothing now comes with moral decisions for some.

"Following Christ, and even as citizens of this world, we should regard other people that are making our clothes and care about the life that is being taken away from them," junior John Snyder said. "The fact is that in the U.S., we are exploiting people that we don't

even know about. It's important to see that just by spreading awareness, by changing the way that we buy or even by going out and talking to companies and forcing them to change, we can change the lives of millions of people for the better."

Gilbert said by comparing the concerns of life in the U.S. with those of children being exploited, she found herself compelled to fight for justice.

"I worry about having enough time to study for my test if I play in my club softball game tonight; kids in India working in these sweatshops are wondering if they'll have enough time to finish all the work they need to do to make enough money to have food tomorrow," Gilbert said. "They don't have the time or resources to tell people about the unjust world they live in and ask for help, but I do. I think that makes the responsibility fall on me, on all of us here at Harding."

Although the students of HUmanity are now educating others about the use of sweatshops, they once had to face the reality of their own wardrobes.

"I had no idea how many of my clothes were made in sweatshops and, more importantly, how many peoples lives are affected by my fashion choices," Gilbert said. "Now it's hard to open the closet without picturing the unjust conditions in which we know they were produced."

Though the fashion show has changed the way that students think about clothing, it was not

Unsustainable Clothing Brands

- Timberland
- H & M
- LL Bean
- Eddie Bauer
- J Crew
- Levi
- Liz Claiborne
- Calvin Klein
- TJ Max/Marshall's
- Wal-mart
- Jansport
- Abercrombie & Fitch
- Limited Brands
- Victoria's Secret
- Ralph Lauren
- Kohl's
- Macy's
- Hanes
- Jones Apparel
- JC Penny
- Gap
- Adidas, Nike, Puma
- Champion

intended to make anyone feel guilty about their past purchases.

"It's not about guilt. It's about reforming," Seagle said. "Now that we know these things, that these clothes are stitched with slavery, we can choose to wear sustainable clothes instead."

Students were encouraged to shop for sweatshop-free clothing online, purchase items from Goodwill and consignment stores and to fill out comment cards in the store or online to ask stores to carry clothes from socially responsible suppliers.

For more information about sweatshops and where to purchase sustainable clothing, go to www.coopamerica.org.

Harding grad strives to live life of peace

Jonathan McRay's travels and work in Palestine and around the globe teach 'reconciliation'

by JORDAN BAILEY
assistant copy editor

Harding graduate Jonathan McRay returned to Palestine Feb. 28 through March 28 to work with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society, assisting medical residents from the U.S. travelling in Palestine.

Last summer, McRay, who earned a bachelor's in English, worked with the "Palestine Monitor," a news Web site dedicated to telling Palestinian stories about the Israeli occupation of Palestine, and he is currently in Palestine working with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society.

McRay said he planned on returning to Palestine in January, but he decided to remain in the U.S. for the semester. After he made that decision, the opportunity to accompany his father and three medical students to Palestine became available.

McRay's father, David McRay, is a doctor in the Family Medicine department at John Peter Smith hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. David

McRay organized the trip as an elective medical rotation for JPS residents.

McRay said he feels fortunate to be able to help his father coordinate the trip and serve as an unofficial tour guide for the two third-year residents from JPS and one medical student from Northwestern with the group.

"I am also documenting this trip, writing about the experience for a Web site that is geared toward introducing university students to global situations and ways in which to be involved," McRay said.

The team spent a week at Ben Gurion University in Beer Sheva to learn about Israeli health care and see their facilities before moving to occupied Palestine for three weeks. According to McRay, the students have been able to see a stark contrast between the health care systems in Israel and Palestine.

"Walls and checkpoints, and other disastrous effects of the Occupation, have made it very difficult for people to receive adequate healthcare [in Palestine]," McRay said.

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State politician speaks at College Republican caucus

by BLAKE MATHEWS
news editor

Although Republicans suffered setbacks at the national level and in Arkansas last November, Joseph Wood believes that the party is far from finished. He shared his views on conservative values and the future of the GOP in a speech sponsored by the College Republicans of Harding on Tuesday.

Wood is currently the state treasurer for the Republican Party of Arkansas, but his roots lie in a very different place. An African American born and raised in Chicago, Wood said he grew up thinking that the Democratic party was the only party he could belong to.

That changed in 1988, when Wood had a "revelation." A Democratic politician walked into a church service that Wood was attending, and the minister

stopped the service to let the politician give a campaign speech. Wood said he was "so enraged, I couldn't tell you what the rest of the service was about."

His anger led him to Dr. William O. Stewart, a Republican and fellow Chicago resident who shared his conservative ideology with Wood.

"He started talking about a real belief in the Constitution and the Declaration and what it stands for," Wood said. "He talked about smaller government, smarter government... he talked about the freedoms of, as opposed to the dependency on, government."

Stewart inspired Wood to change his party affiliation and get back into the community as a Republican. Last fall he ran for party chairman in Arkansas, and he told the small crowd gathered in Cone Chapel on Tuesday night that his strategy

of "commitment, connecting, competing," was the key to future Republican success.

Wood explained his idea of "commitment" first. Republicans should be loyal, not only to their political party, but to an ideal greater than themselves. He used John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, as a model of this kind of commitment. Adams spent his presidency trying to abolish slavery, a controversial platform in the 19th century U.S. that kept him from winning reelection. Adams did not quit, however, and returned to politics as a congressman. He used his office to promote dialogue on antislavery legislation for eight consecutive terms until his death. Wood said Adams' tenacious commitment to his cause should be an inspiration to the Republican party.

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photo by TAYLOR DURHAM | the Bison

Republican Party State Treasurer Joseph Wood speaks to a group of students at a College Republicans-sponsored event Tuesday. Wood discussed strategies for future Republican success.

The Newsreel

Postal Service faces budget shortfall

The United States Postal Service is facing severe budgetary issues and may run out of money this year, the Postmaster General told Congress on Wednesday. After losing \$2.8 billion last year, Postmaster General John Potter said that the post office's situation was "critical." From October to December of last year, usually the busiest period for postal workers because of the holidays, the office lost \$384 million. The loss is being attributed to the recession, since far fewer people are sending letters and packages. The high gas prices of last summer also drained money from the post office's budget.

To keep the mail flowing, Potter asked Congress for permission to cut delivery from six days a week to five. It would reportedly save \$3.5 billion annually, but Congress has not embraced the option so far.

The post office has already made plans to cut cost by offering early retirement to 150,000 of its workers and eliminating 1,400 management positions. The planned cost cuts for this year total \$5.9 billion.

World's cheapest car now on sale

The world's most affordable car went on sale this week: the Nano.

Manufactured by India's Tata Motors, the Nano has no air conditioning, no power steering, no airbags, a two-cylinder engine and a top speed of 65 mph. But the little 5-seater sells for 100,000 Indian rupees (less than \$2,000) and gets 56 mpg, making it affordable to a new class of would-be drivers in countries across the world.

"The Nano represents the spirit of breaking conventional barriers," Tata Motors chairman Ratan Tata said. "I hope it will provide safe, affordable, four-wheel transportation to families who till now have not been able to own a car."

The body of the Nano resembles that of the Smart car, and at 1,323 lbs it weighs slightly less than its Western-European predecessor. But the latest model of the Smart costs eight times as much as the Nano and only seats two people.



Fireman in costume rescues child

A fireman in Thailand rescued an autistic boy who had wandered too close to a third-story ledge on Tuesday. Rather than a traditional red hat and overalls, fireman Sonchai Yoosabai performed the rescue wearing a full-body Spider-Man costume.

The fire department was called after the boy walked out to the ledge of his special needs school in Bangkok. Efforts to coax him back inside were unsuccessful; the boy's mother then mentioned his love of comic book heroes, and Yoosabai dashed back to the fire station.

He came back dressed as the famous web-slinging crime fighter.

"I told him Spider-Man is here to rescue you, no monsters are going to attack you and I told him to walk slowly towards me as running could be dangerous," Yoosabai told reporters. The boy calmly walked into his arms and was brought inside.

Zoo spares life of popular baby hippo

A ruling to preserve the life of a baby hippopotamus was made last Friday in a Swiss zoo after suggestions were made that

Last Friday, a Swiss zoo ruled against suggestions to kill a baby hippo to free up space and feed its other animals.

Farasi the baby hippo, now a star attraction at the Basel Zoo, will be allowed to stay put until a new home can be found for him.

Spokeswoman Tanja Dietrich reported that the zoo is confident that they will be able to relocate the hippo, and that cases where the zoo has to kill an animal are rare.

The four-month-old hippo will need to stay with his mother for at least the next year in order to feed on her milk.

Seven other hippos, all born by Farsi's mother, have also been given to other zoos due to lack of space.



The Window



Senior Randall Gabriel cultivates the land of the organic HUmunity Community Garden on Monday, March 23. 10-by-20 foot plots of the garden have been sold to students and faculty for \$20 and will be used to grow organic seeds.

The Watercooler

"If you have money, you can get your rights restored, and if you don't have money, you won't."

— Jeannie Darneille, State Representative, who sponsored a measure in the Washington state legislature that allows ex-felons to vote without waiting until they have paid restitution and court fees.

"I love history, but there comes a time when you have to adjust."

—Thomas V. (Mike) Miller, president of the Maryland Senate, on the removal of offensive phrases like "Northern scum" from the state song.

"China's economy cannot escape the impact of the global weakness."

— The World Bank, in a report that estimates China's economic growth in 2009 will decline from 7.5% to 6.5%.

"The right question to ask is not if we want the President to fail or succeed, but whether we want America to succeed."

— Bobby Jindal, governor of Louisiana, urging Republicans to defy the President when they disagree with his policies during a Republican congressional fundraising dinner.

"If you had said to us a year ago that the least of my problems would be Iraq — which is still a pretty serious problem — I don't think anyone would have believed it."

— Barack Obama, on the challenges his administration is facing.

"We've got so many offenders out there. I just see the balloon getting bigger and bigger and bigger."

— Jennifer Price, a Wisconsin Justice Department special agent, in response to the increase in the number of child predators online.

The Scoop

Dorm Room Exercises

Seated Crunches

Desk Push-Ups

1. Place hands shoulder-width apart against a desk with your arms slightly bent, back straight, abs tight and with your spine at a 45-degree angle to the floor.
2. Slowly lower yourself until your chest touches the desk.
3. Push up to bring yourself back to your starting position. Do 3 sets of 10 repetitions.

1. Sit on the edge of a chair and lean back with your hands on each side of the chair to balance. Do not actually let your back touch the chair.
2. Keeping your back straight, outstretch legs, then slowly pull your legs up and up toward your chin until they touch your stomach/chest. Hold this position for two seconds, then return to starting position. Do 3 sets of 10 repetitions.

Chair Squats

1. Stand in front of a chair with your feet hip-width apart and your arms crossed in front of your chest.
2. Slowly lower yourself until your legs are bent at a 90-degree angle, but do not allow yourself to actually sit in the chair.
3. Push through your heels to return to your starting position. Do 3 sets of 10 repetitions.

The Number

420

—Number of calories in a Chick-fil-A Chicken Biscuit

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Elementary, My Dear

Genius in Eye of the Beholder

Around this time every year, people start talking about brackets. Of course, everyone knows about March Madness, but it seems the "bracketology" is contagious and spreads beyond the realm of basketball into other, often completely unrelated, areas.

There are several recurring brackets that I enjoy each year, such as the one that appears in "The Morning News," an online magazine I read. Each year they have a Tournament of Books, taking many of the most popular new novels of the previous year and matching them against each other in a battle to the death. Zombie rounds (in which books "come back from the dead" to take another shot at winning) and the great commentary from the writers of the magazine are just a couple of the things I enjoy, but the best part is that the author of the winning book is then presented a live rooster as a prize. Why? I don't think even the tournament creators know.

However, my favorite bracket this year came from the blog of Mental_Floss, my favorite magazine. They had a "Tournament of Genius", in which they matched up 64 different geniuses from throughout history and let their readers vote.

Of course, there are the people you would expect, those whose names are sometimes even associated with genius: Albert Einstein, Leonardo da Vinci, Isaac Newton, etc. There were also some great "grudge matches" where Mental_Floss intentionally seeded some people to face each other, like Edison versus Tesla and Bill Gates versus Steve Jobs. But the really interesting people are those you might not normally think about when hearing the word "genius."

One of the most unexpected names was Burt Reynolds. Yes, that Burt Reynolds. Even with the description on the tournament Web site describing his achievements (successful tailback, voice actor in radio and animated movies, successful actor, kept his mansion even after filing for bankruptcy), I was still dubious. And, as he was a 16 seed, he went up against Leonardo da Vinci in the first round. Imagine my surprise when he won, 73 percent to 27 percent!

It was not to last, though. It turns out there was "voter fraud," with most of Reynolds votes coming from one computer. In a special re-vote, the result was more than reversed, with Leonardo winning with 78 percent of the vote.

One of the most interesting people highlighted in the tournament was Edward McSweeney, who won the "play-in" vote against Paris Hilton to face off against Einstein.

McSweeney worked at the National Institute of Health from 1996 to 2003, which seems fairly bland. The interesting part comes in the fact that he revealed that during that time, he did no work. Literally none. For seven years, he was paid about \$100,000 a year to write books and take extended breaks at the health club across the street from his office. He completed and published two novels during that time that he wrote almost completely at work. He eventually came forward to highlight the gross inefficiency and waste of the government, but Mental_Floss felt that anyone who could make that much money for that long had to have something going on upstairs. (He was, of course, swiftly defeated by Einstein).

Obviously, the inclusion of people such as Reynolds and McSweeney show that the definition of genius is somewhat subjective, but the vast diversity of those in the tournament shows people in every field can be very successful and influential.

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If Red Bull Gives You Wings, I'd Rather Call A Taxi

Burger King has really gone too far. You may have seen the commercial for BK Burger Shots, which shows two guys unwrapping their miniature lunches. Suddenly, they are surrounded by seven adoring women who think that these mini-burgers — and, by extension, their owners — are just too cute. "I just want to squeeze them," gushes one brunette, and I can't help but wonder if she's looking for the Charmin ad auditions.

While advertisers have never had any shame about exaggerating the sex-appeal of their products, this grill-and-girls scheme is too much. I saw some poor guy on the front lawn the other day, holding up his BK Burger Shots and looking around for a response. Instead of becoming a gal-magnet, though, all he attracted was a handful of ants.

But that's not what I want to talk about this week. There's another TV ad that shows stunt motorcyclist Robbie Maddison jumping over a Las Vegas hotel as crowds cheer him on. After the jump he takes off his helmet and says, "Welcome to my world — Red Bull." And then we are told that "Red Bull gives you wings."

Rapid-flutter hummingbird wings, to be more precise. You see, I had my first encounter with Red Bull right before Spring Break. When the basketball teams went to the GSC tournament, I made several trips down to Southaven, MS, which involved a couple of late-night drives across Highway 64. By "late night," I mean it was well past 8 p.m. in Searcy. And by "Highway 64," I mean the single dullest strip of



MICHAEL CLAXTON

Guest Space

asphalt on the face of the planet.

For many drivers, that's a deadly combination, and dozing through McCrory is a real danger. So on my way back from Wednesday's games, I stopped at a convenience store and asked for something that could keep me awake until Bald Knob. The clerk recommended a Red Bull. I had never had an energy drink before, so I thought, "If it keeps me alive, how bad could it be?"

It's a shame that naivete is wasted on the young.

When I finally went to sleep about six days later, I swore I would never fight another Red Bull. This witch's brew kicked in about 20 miles out from Memphis, and I could have easily jogged the rest of the way home. I was so wired that I began picking up cable signals in my head. So at least I could watch TV all the way home, and, ironically, this was the first time I was able to stay awake through a whole episode of "House of Payne." Looking at the ingredients on the eight-ounce can (which I saved in case it was needed for evidence at the autopsy), I realized that the drink was mostly caffeine and taurine, which, I believe, is the active ingredient in power-steering fluid.

The logo on the Red Bull can reads "Vitalizes body and mind."

Solving Faucet Faux Pas

The past two summers I've had the privilege of working at a state park nestled on a pristine sliver of the Lake Michigan shoreline in Wisconsin. Whether I was picking up litter or apprehensively relocating a snapping turtle from its abode on a cabin porch, I could always gaze upon that glittering expanse of water, seemingly limitless, spanning the horizon. Though I had feelings of romance and comfort upon gazing at the lake (when I didn't think about the E. coli alerts), another thought penetrated my musings: the lake can be considered a monetary entity, increasingly valuable as water shortages increasingly rage across the nation.

You see, according to a news story entitled "Crisis feared as U.S. water supplies dry up," the government has estimated that at least 36 states will encounter water shortages due to escalating temperatures, population growth, drought, urban sprawl and more, no later than 2012.

Thus, it's no wonder that in 2005 the states surrounding the Great Lakes — which hold one-fifth of the world's surface fresh water — took action, forming the Great Lakes Water Compact as a conservation measure. Specifically, the compact was made to prevent drier regions of the country and world from siphoning Great Lakes water to their parched lands.

In the "Milwaukee Journal Sentinel," Wisconsin Governor Jim



SAMANTHA HOLSCHBACH

Green Without Envy

Doyle favorably spoke of the compact in 2008, stating, "People shouldn't think this is some science fiction, because as we speak, Georgia is trying to take some of Tennessee's land to get a little bit of the Tennessee River over water fights ... there is no doubt people already have, and will, look to the Great Lakes for that source of water."

On the outset, this compact might look like a selfish deal that neglects water shortage issues beyond the Great Lakes, but really, these lakes have other important functions ecologically and monetarily that must be considered.

With the Great Lakes in mind, we might do well to conserve the water supply we have on campus and really, everywhere we go.

I encourage you to take the conservation initiative now to preserve water in simple ways that save money and bolster your conscience.

Especially concerning portable drinking water, I encourage you to invest in a heavy-duty water bottle you'll be happy to tote around. A reusable bottle versus bottled water is preferred because reusing

something is more eco-friendly than recycling; as a bonus, you'll also save money. Another factor to consider is, surprisingly, the safety of the bottle. According to the January/February issue of "Audubon," "Recent studies show that plastic polycarbonate bottles with the number seven on the bottom — that includes a lot of sport and baby bottles — contain bisphenol-A (BPA), which can be harmful to fetuses, infants and children ..." This toxin found in plastic bottles and containers can enter the food and liquids they protect, but bottles exhibiting the numbers two, four and five on the bottom haven't been shown to do that. However, your safest, sure bet might be to stick with metal or ceramic drink ware. Within Searcy, trendy Vessel metal bottles can be found at Hastings.

Fresh water, an often taken-for-granted commodity, must not be treated as such any longer. We must view water for what it really is — a key to our survival and daily livelihood — and change our habits to reflect its valuable status. Let's protect water as we would ourselves because when we do the former, we ultimately protect ourselves in the process.

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Letters To The Editor

The opinions expressed in letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the members of the Bison staff.

Include Theistic Evolutionists In Debate

Dear Editor: I read with great interest and a glad heart Dr. Danny Mathews' Feb. 20th commentary on evolution and Ben Stein.

Not only does Dr. Mathews make a good case for the Christian to remain open to evolutionary theory as a mechanism of creation, but he also correctly points out that Ben Stein's documentary "Expelled" is a polarizing polemic that, in my mind, represents another unfortunate volley in the so-called "Culture Wars." Stein's cherry-picking of the facts and editing of crucial context from filmed interviews may have their place in the courtroom but serve only to muddy the waters of scientific debate. Indeed, the wedge that Stein drives between faith and reason in his film is so large that it can be seen clearly from outer space.

Stein's exclusion of theistic evolutionists from the film was no accident. In an interview with "Scientific American," available on its Web site, Mark Mathis, associate producer of "Expelled," admitted his belief that the inclusion of biologists such as Dr. Francis Collins, Director of The Human Genome Project, and Dr. Kenneth Miller, Professor of Biology at Brown University, who are both committed Christians and evolutionists "would have confused the film unnecessarily."

I've always thought that the inclusion of all points of view in a debate ultimately "clarifies" rather than "confuses." I would imagine that most faculty members at Harding, especially those in the Pryor-England Center for Science and Engineering, feel the same way. Inclusion of truly distinguished speakers such as the likes of Drs. Collins and Miller as campus lecturers, as Dr. Mathews points out, would constitute "serious dialogue" that might inspire students to search for ways to integrate the respective truths elucidated by both science and Scripture.

And frankly, the sooner Harding students — indeed, all of us — learn that life does not consist of choosing between a series of false dichotomies, the better.

- Michael D. Brown, 1984 graduate

Drainage Issues Should Be Addressed First

Dear Editor: Spring is my favorite time of year. The birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, the trees are budding and the Harding physical plant is abuzz with spraying green snot on the front lawn, filling in the flowerbeds with prickly bushes and saying it's all for Spring Sing. Well that just really "grinds my gears" for two reasons. First off they say it's for Spring Sing, but we all know it's because the administration doesn't like to see us walk through their "beautiful" plants. In regards to the "path" students created from the front lawn to the caf: Wasn't there an easier solution than to replant the whole flower bed and put prickly bushes there? Why not some nice stepping stones with Bible verses or something instead of wasting manpower and funds on replanting the whole garden just for some excuse like Spring Sing. Finally, if it isn't an excuse and it really is for Spring Sing, then I have something major that might be a bigger deal than flower beds: How about working on the water drainage issue all around campus? Let's face it: if it rains Spring Sing weekend, all the alumni and future students will get their feet wet like they do almost every year. So how about it, Harding: water drainage issue next year? Let's tackle that!

- Stephen Ramsey, student

Staff Editorial: Bison Calls For Humility From Next SA President

In lieu of endorsing an SA presidential candidate, the Bison staff has decided to share what we are looking for in the next SA president.

What's important isn't who the next president will be, but rather what he will do for the student body and the community surrounding Harding.

We want a president who serves as Christ served: with humility.

We want a president who, rather than using the office for his own personal gain and resume padding, will truly try to improve the quality of life at Harding; someone who sees a problem and his automatic reaction is to fix it, not merely say "Oh, well."

We want to see a president who unites our

campus, taking away any prejudices that result from social club rivalries, racial background, church denomination, religious views, major or any other dividing factors.

We want to see a president who appreciates what different majors and groups do for the campus; a Harding in which service organizations are valued just as much as athletic achievements, and those who choose not to take part in the club process are just as important as those who do.

We want a president that anyone, from the science techies to the quarterback of the football team, can approach and truly be heard if they have concerns.

We want to see a president who looks to God for guidance and tries to do the right thing in every circumstance, no matter how much it hurts or

cramps his style.

We want to see a president who prays for the student body daily and, should there be a time of tragedy, leads us through it with God's grace.

No, we are not asking that our president change the world, just that he makes every effort to make a difference.

The election is only a few days away, on Wed, April 1. Look at these men who may lead our student body next year. Ask them questions, evaluate them, test them. Don't just vote based on their name or their social club or how funny their chapel video was.

See them for what they are, and see if they match up with what you want in the next SA president.

SA President Candidate Platforms

Look In. Look Out. Look Up.



SKY VANDERBURG

Guest Space

trusty old suggestion box in the SA office, I believe that the best way to ensure student involvement is to encourage personal interaction between students and their SA representatives, proposals from any student at SA meetings and participation in useful campus-wide surveys on important issues.

The SA is useless if it does not use its wide appeal to lend support to the efforts of existing student groups through combining efforts when appropriate, publicizing events and establishing a Web site as the center for all student activities. With the current economy, the SA and other groups will likely have a shrunken budget next year; therefore smart leadership on the part of the SA and cooperation among campus groups is absolutely essential. Being able to hold even more social or networking events is going to take a plan from the beginning and endurance until the end, a challenge I

am eager to take on.

All this talk about community doesn't mean that I want to add to the sense of any "bubble" on this campus. Quite frankly, we're at our best when we are serving the people of Searcy and this region, and we're blessed to have many Harding students who are already reaching out.

In my vision for community, I see a larger SA role in integrating freshmen, international and transfer students into Harding life. When these groups arrive at Harding, they know little about how this campus works and are struggling with being away from their home or familiar environment. The SA can help meet these challenges by sponsoring an involvement fair for all campus groups to connect students, taking the baton from Impact leaders to further encourage a freshman class identity and highlighting new students from different backgrounds in chapel.

After speaking with student leaders at my campaign's latest issues forum, I realize that no other experience or campus commands more attention and potential than chapel — our shared 35 minutes. I believe that we students have so much invested in the success

of chapel. As SA president, I will make sure that insightful, dedicated students will be on each committee, including that which directs chapel. The most realistic and responsible role for the SA regarding chapel is encouraging student speakers, discussion of issues relevant to our generation and a daily shared commitment between those speaking and those listening to be real.

I fully expect the leadership of the SA to have to prove itself to the student body continually. I will be ready from the beginning to produce results rather than resting on beautiful words about community and rolling up sleeves. I am committed to providing a vision, sticking to it, and harvesting the consequences. Effective leadership is not sticking a finger up in the air to wait for the winds of change; it is preempting the change and choosing a direction, especially whenever one must work both with students and the administration. You have to be on your toes. And that is why I am running.

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Teaming Up To Get Results



BRYAN CLIFTON

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available for students.

We are currently in the process of considering more favorable meal plan options for students that include fewer required meals for students and possible increases in DCB. I am also working with Aramark personnel and members of the Information Technology staff at Harding to make it possible for you to check your DCB balance on Pipeline. All of these issues came from students' suggestions that my committees have been able to make happen with the assistance of the administration.

Do you feel like you are informed about what the Student Association is trying to do to help out students? I would like to bring transparency and openness so the student body will be informed about what the Student Association is doing. From past experience, I feel that more students would bring ideas and concerns to the

SA if they knew what could get done and what the SA is currently doing. One way that I would like to make this happen is by allowing the Bison to either be present at all meetings or have a column that will be published regularly regarding the actions of the SA.

This is the STUDENT Association. It should be open to any and all students who want to be a part of it. I would like to see the number of people actively involved in the SA increase dramatically. One of the ways that I plan on increasing this number is by having regular meetings with the leaders of every organization on campus to hear what they have to say. They have been elected by the students that they associate with the most and should be able to help the SA get a better understanding of how to assist the student body.

Currently, I would estimate that roughly 20 students are actively involved in the Student Association. There is no way that this small group of students can accurately portray what a student body of our size would like to see happen. I would like to see 200 students actively involved in the Student Association in areas such as marketing, policy making and service

projects. There are many different departments and ways for students to be involved, but students are unaware of these opportunities. I will change this.

I will never promise anything I cannot follow through with, and I will always lend a listening ear to your concerns and suggestions. My history with the SA and other organizations exhibit my ability to perform and follow through with my plans. I envision an SA that is transparent and effective. Anyone should be able to be involved, and I will do my best to give them the resources needed in order to empower their ideas to action.

No organization can be run by one person. I know that I cannot do this alone. We have many capable students at Harding that can and will take initiative if given the opportunity. I am prepared to EMPOWER students to make their visions come true. I hope to continue to improve our school should I be given the honor of serving as your Student Association president next year. I am asking for your vote on April 1.

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Harding has talented students with great ideas and suggestions, but far too often, these ideas never get a chance to happen. This can be frustrating when you as a student know your idea is a fabulous suggestion but are unsure of the steps needed to make it a reality. I want to create a Student Association where students can bring ideas to the SA, and together we can make them happen. In my previous experience, I have found that the administration is very willing and able to work with the Student Association and students whenever they are aware of the problems and concerns.

This year I have served as chairman of the Finance and Information Technology Committees of the Student Association, as well as Student Association Treasurer. During this time, I have been able to take students' ideas and translate them into real results that you can see are happening on campus right now. The Finance Committee, made up of five students and I, have gotten 10 new dryers for the men's laundry facility and extended overnight parking areas behind the Rhodes Field House, which are now

My name is Nathan Dullnig, and I am majoring in Youth and Family Ministry. I have been involved in many campus activities and organizations over the last three years. I have donated my time to Gamma Sigma Phi social club, the Harding University Theater Department, the Honors College, the Harding University Walking Society and various College of Bible and Religion events. I am an Eagle Scout and an active member of society who cares about the people around me.

I want to be your Student Association president because I believe Harding University has some of the best people on earth. Harding is a diverse place filled with wonderful individuals who have their own unique talents. I want to weave these abilities together to enhance campus life for all.

In addition, I aim to improve the everyday life of students and build



NATHAN DULLNIG

Guest Space

strong foundations for future members of the Harding student body. The student population needs to be united under the common goals of our school; involving God, education and the well-being of students.

I want to make the SA office a more open place with a friendly atmosphere. Many find that closed door in the pit of the student center foreboding and unwelcoming. This door should be opened both physically and metaphorically.

The Student Association should be where students can share ideas, discuss the advancements of Harding

and even start new organizations on campus.

I want to know everything from the little things that annoy you each day to your dreams to take Harding to the next level. Through these efforts, I aim to improve the daily life of students at Harding.

For example, I would like to start a parking citation court where students can come and appeal their tickets instead of having to jump through the hoops of the present e-mail appeals system. I want Harding to be a place where students feel free to express themselves and their ideas.

Harding University is a place where students can learn, think and grow spiritually; I believe the SA should be instrumental in all these efforts.

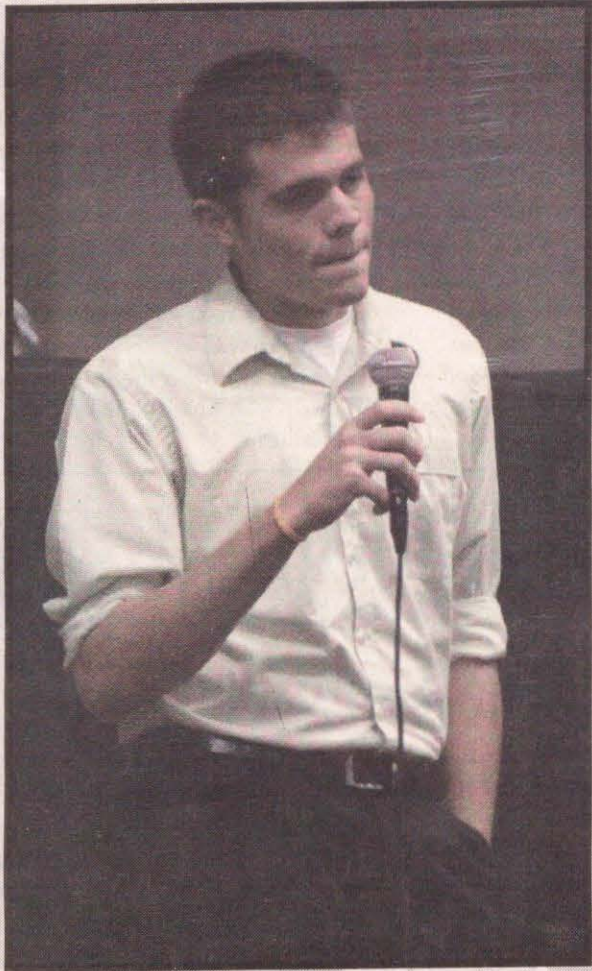
I am not your typical candidate, and I do not want the same old Student Association. I want this next

year to be a milestone for Harding University where future generations can clearly see that a new and improved campus was begun.

And since Harding University is such a great place already, we have an opportunity to try out new ideas, plans and programs, secure in the knowledge that this university will always be a solid institution with amazing people.

I want to bring the Student Association back to the students, and I want everyone involved. I want the SA to be fun and fulfilling for every one of us. So, if you're looking at the future of Harding through this same perspective, then join me as we try to make Harding better than ever.

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BRYAN CLIFTON

Major: Accounting and Finance double major

Why did you choose to run for SA president?

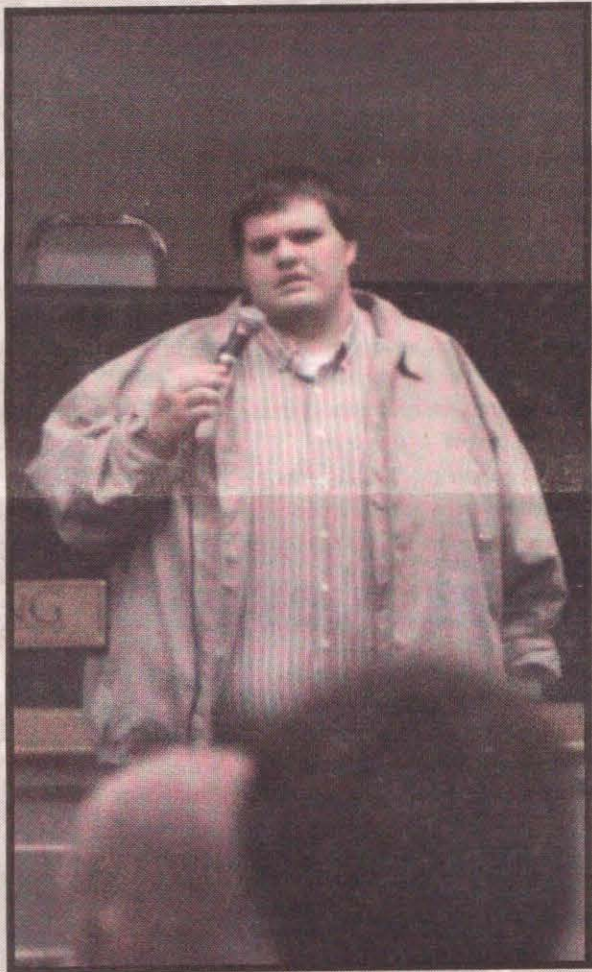
The SA President has a chance to greatly impact how things are done and help out many people along the way, and I want to make Harding a better place for everyone involved. I feel like this is a perfect opportunity to give back to Harding and influence future generations of people who will come into contact with Harding.

What's your focus going to be for next year if you win?

We have many capable students at Harding that can and will take initiative if given the opportunity, and I am prepared to EMPOWER them to make their visions a reality. My history with the SA and other organizations exhibit my ability to follow through with my plans. I will create a more transparent SA that is receptive and effective in managing students' concerns and ideas.

What experiences or talents will make you ideal for a leadership position?

I have two years of SA experience in which I've worked with differing leadership styles that helped me to form my idea of how the SA will be most effective. In addition to the SA, I have also served as Kyodai President this year and led my club through a potential lawsuit which required a name change. I have seen just about anything that can happen, and my talents in working with people will provide me the experience to make a major impact for the students in making their ideas a reality.



NATHAN DULLNIG

Major: Youth and Family Ministry

Why did you choose to run for SA president?

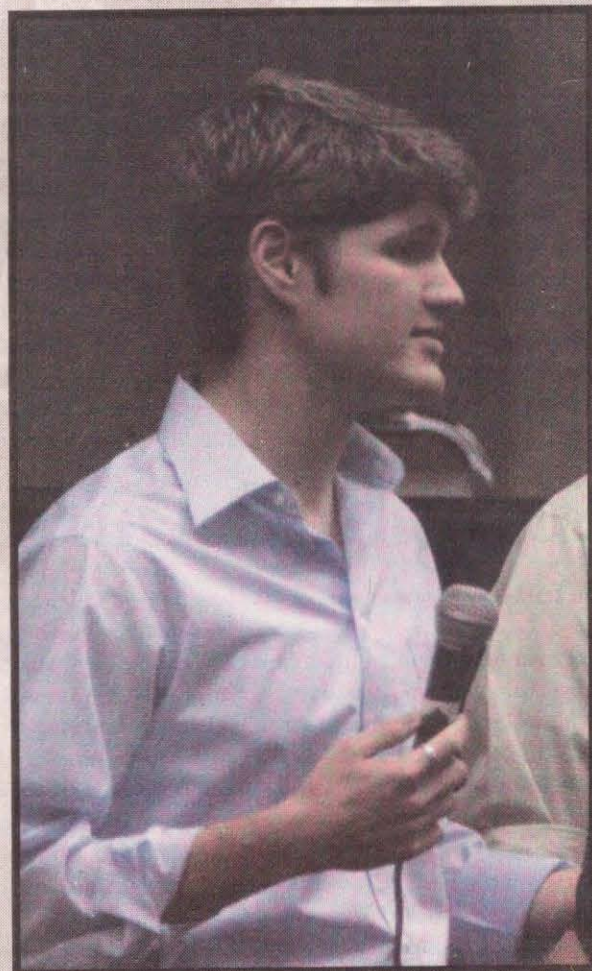
I chose to run because I believe Harding has some of the best students in the world, and I want to use all of their talents to make a better Harding University.

What's your focus going to be for next year if you win?

I want to open up the SA to the students and improve students' daily lives.

What experiences or talents will make you ideal for a leadership position?

I am involved with many diverse activities on campus, am well acquainted with the administration and am good at establishing relationships with others.



SKY VANDERBURG

Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Why did you choose to run for SA president?

I believe that the Harding student body deserves an SA president with both a heart and vision for the future. I believe we as a community are at our best when we empower each other to leadership, and I have a clear plan to do so.

What's your focus going to be for next year if you win?

I would like to heighten the sense of community on campus so that each person feels like she or he has a place at Harding. Whether that means lending SA support to campus groups and causes or enabling more events like the stress-reduction fair or Homecoming bonfire, I am ready and willing to lead in looking in to our own potential, out to the values of others, and up to God.

What experiences or talents will make you ideal for a leadership position?

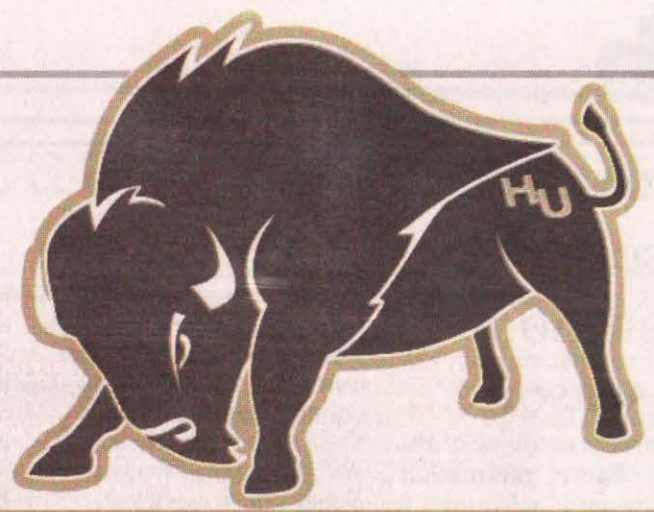
At Harding, I believe that the most effective leaders are those who spend time cultivating friendships and connections with people. It is because of these connections that I was able to craft L.C. Sears Collegiate Seminar series events to meet real interests on campus, and it is because of these friendships that I feel the SA needs a leader who knows above all that true success is defined in terms of people, not facts and figures.

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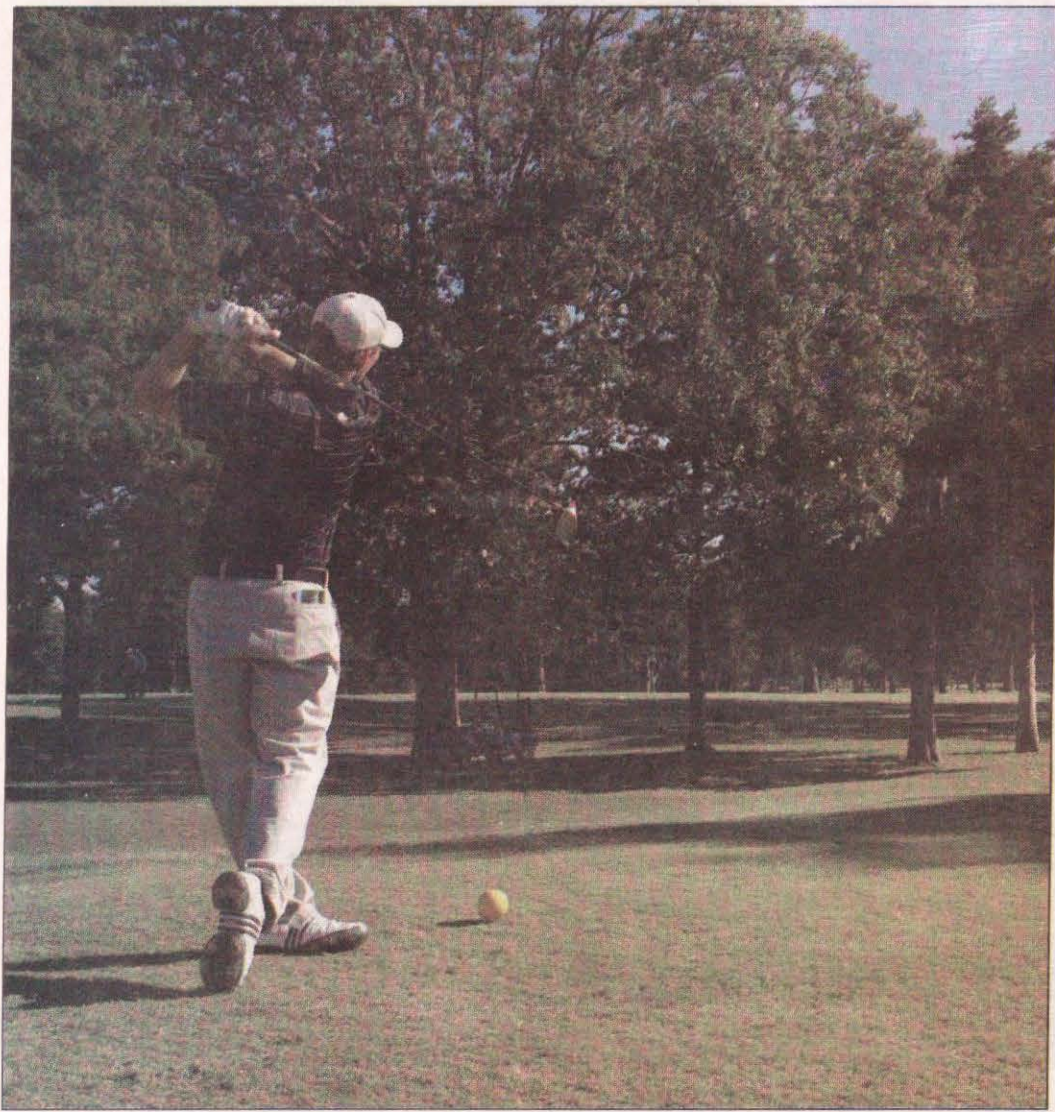
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Fresh faces greet Bison golf teams



Senior Dusty Gourley tees off during a recent match. Gourley ranks sixth in Harding history with a 76.6 stroke average and has seven top five finishes in his career.

By ROBERTO MCGOWAN
student reporter

All the talk about Tiger Woods' return to professional golf may have caused you to forget that Harding also has a men's and women's golf team, but they do exist.

Dustin Howell became the newest golf coach last year after taking on the role as head coach of the mens team. Howell said he is excited about the new role and that it "keeps him young." Howell said he didn't play golf in college, but it was always his passion.

Howell said he realized he would never play competitive golf, so he felt like coaching was the next logical option.

His team lost five seniors on a seven man roster. However, Howell said the team is on an improving path.

"Fall was difficult and we struggled as a team," Howell said.

Howell said he feels the spring has been much better. Returning this season are letter winning seniors Dusty Gourley and Andrew Warder. Howell said he feels they are the two leaders on the team.

In the UA Fort Smith Lions Classic, the men's team finished in third-place. The Bisons had the third best

team score in each round, shooting 315 in round one and improving to a 311 in the next round for a total score of 627.

Gourley shot a 155 to finish seventh, and freshman Dustin Richter shot a 156 to place eighth.

Howell said that because of the lack of seniors, he has been forced to play freshmen in starting roles and has been impressed with the play of freshman Dustin Richter.

In the Crawford-Wade Invite, hosted by the University of Central Oklahoma, the Bisons shot a 991, finishing 15th of 16 teams in the three-round tournament. Richter, Harding's top individual finisher, tied for 48th with a 26-over 242.

Howell said he feels everything leads to the conference tournament. Since there is no regular season in golf, every team in the conference will have a chance to compete in the tournament.

Last year, the Bisons men's team finished ranked 10th, and this year's goal is to improve upon that, Howell said.

Howell said he also believes that recruiting this year has been fantastic. Howell said next year's team will be very young with one junior, three sophomores and three

freshman, but he is looking forward to the next couple of years.

Last year's men's head coach, Dr. Nicky Boyd, now the women's coach, is entering his 14th season as a golf coach at Harding. Boyd said he took on the new role because he "wanted a new challenge."

Boyd led the 2006-2007 men's team to a ninth place finish in the Gulf South Conference Tournament, tying its best finish since joining the league in 2000.

The women's team has senior Brandi Watkins and letter-winning senior Natalie Gay returning to this year's team. Boyd said he feels both Watkins and Gay provide good leadership for the team.

Boyd said his goals for this year's team are to have a good team and wants to finish top 5 in the GSC. Boyd said that in order to accomplish these goals, he feels that he has to have good individuals, and the players have to work on their own. It is also important to have players who love to play and compete.

Boyd said the experience coaching men and women is much the same.

"There is no difference," Boyd said. "Both love to play and look forward to playing."

Former Bison Matt Hall enjoys success overseas

by CHRIS O'DELL
sports editor

Former Bison basketball player Matt Hall quickly made a name for himself at Harding University.

During his career as a Bison, Hall scored an impressive 2,227 points and etched his name among the all-time greats at Harding by being named Gulf South Conference West Player of the Year three times. Although Hall is now a Harding graduate, the 6'7" forward is having the same impact in Europe.

Hall plays for the Residence Walferdange Basketball Club in the Diekirch Basketball League in Luxembourg. Hall said there is a difference between Division II basketball and the league he currently plays in, but he made the transition smoothly. He is currently the leading scorer in his league, averaging nearly 30 points per game.

The DeQueen, Ark., na-

tive began his professional basketball career with the Zwickau Rascals of the Regionaliga in Germany. He led his team to a victory in four of its first five games and averaged 26 points per game before eventually signing with Walferdange.

The league Hall plays in, the Diekirch Basketball League, is the highest professional league in Luxembourg. Hall said the competition in each league is similar to the competition in the United States.

"When I was in first league Germany, the competition was very good," Hall said. "There was NBA talent on every team. In Luxembourg, it is similar to college ball at Harding."

Residence started the season 1-3 and quickly fired their head coach Kevin Magdowski. The team replaced Magdowski with new coach William Brand, who spent the first part of the season as the team's only American, but became coach after a serious knee injury

kept him from playing.

Hall is the third former Gulf South Conference player to play in the eight-team Luxembourg league and said he loves playing overseas.

"The lifestyle here is great," Hall said. "Everything is much more laid back, and people really enjoy themselves. Me and Laura [Hall's wife] couldn't be happier living in Europe."

Through 20 games this season, Residence has posted a record of 7-13, ranking them third out of four teams in the club's group.

Hall's team is located in north-central Luxembourg and is a small town with more than 6,000 people and has a land area of fewer than three square miles.

Hall said although he has enjoyed playing with Residence, he likely won't be back on the team next year.

"I don't have any concrete plans for next year, but I will be looking to move up in leagues," Hall said. "That means I will probably not return to Luxembourg."



Former Harding basketball player Matt Hall drives into the lane during a Bisons home game last season. Hall scored over 2,200 points in his career at Harding University.

Asian countries embrace World Baseball Classic

CHRIS O'DELL

The Leadoff

For decades, baseball has widely been considered an American sport. It has even earned the label of America's pastime. However, this year's World Baseball Classic was yet another reminder from the Far East of how the game is supposed to be played.

Signs of this can become evident to even an average spectator from the effort, talent and emotions that teams like Korea and Japan put into each and every game. Their desire to play the game is

more than just fame and dollar signs. It's about winning and winning only, and that means playing the game the way it is meant to be played — not the way Major League Baseball players play it today.

The MLB has lost a lot of respect from fans around the country in recent years, mostly because of the way the league has become an individual sport where nine-figure contracts mean more to players than championships do. The use of performance-enhancing drugs and season-long strikes also contributed to the league's tarnishing reputation. However, if we have learned anything from this year's WBC, it is that all is not lost in the game America once adored. In fact, maybe the

WBC was exactly what the MLB needed to help restore order.

Watching Korea and Japan play Monday night in the championship game of this year's WBC reminded me of how perfectly a game can be played. Players from both teams never argued a bad call, never trash-talked their opponents and never questioned their respective managers.

For them, the manager is the ultimate authority on the team, and whatever he says is what needs to happen. This is perhaps why the extra-inning game between the two rivals featured only one error between both teams in the 10 innings played Monday night. It is about more than playing the game the right way. It is about

playing the game as close to perfect as two teams possibly can, and that's what Japan and Korea do.

With Japan's 5-3 win over Korea, Japan now holds the first two championships in the WBC. Team USA, who was considered the odds-on favorite going into the tournament, was knocked out in the semi-finals to the eventual champions. It was a fitting end to the tournament that ended with the best team on top.

If you ask many team USA supporters, they might tell you the event doesn't matter, or the WBC is no big deal. However, this year's WBC had more fans in attendance, more television viewers and more drama and intrigue than the inaugural event. It

is becoming as national as the sport of baseball is. So when will America embrace the event like other countries have?

It needs to start with big name players stepping up and putting their names in the event as soon as possible. Pitchers like C.C. Sabathia, Josh Beckett and Jonathan Papelbon need to set an example for younger American pitchers. The same needs to happen with the team's batting lineup. That means getting the best hitters the country has to offer and not players with just good reputations (like Derek Jeter).

If team USA wants to show the world that baseball is still America's game, then it has to start with the

individuals playing the game today. It has to be shown each and every game during the MLB season and into the World Baseball Classic every two years. That is the only way Americans will begin to look at the WBC as more than just another sporting event. It is the only way the world will again view baseball as America's game because for now, baseball may still be America's pastime, but it has become Asia's present-time sport, with USA in the rearview mirror.

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Bison Notes

Bisons open outdoor season

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Bison Track Teams off to Quick Start

Senior Brian Jones was one of five Harding athletes to record top-10 finishes in the Bisons' outdoor season

debut at the Rhodes Open on Saturday.

Jones, who redshirted last year, finished second in his return to one of his signature events, the pole vault. Jones cleared 14 feet, 11 inches in his first outdoor meet since 2007. He had not vaulted 14-11 since 2006.

Sophomore Blake Arnold, returning as one of Harding's most experienced sprinters, posted a fourth-place finish in the 200 in his outdoor season debut, running in 22.15 seconds. He also finished 16th in the 100 (11.30).

Junior Dustin Hahn finished seventh in the 110 hurdles, running in 15.74 seconds. Freshman Milton Stewart posted a top-10 finish in his first career collegiate race; he ran the 100 in 11.17, good for ninth place. Stewart also competed in the 200 and finished 12th (22.15).

Freshman Logan Callier cleared 5-11.50 in the high jump to finish ninth.

Harding's 400-meter relay team was fifth in 43.05 seconds.

Junior Esther Komen posted the first NCAA provi-

sional time for the Lady Bison track team Saturday at the Rhodes Open. Komen placed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 11 minutes, 7.60 seconds.

Harding had two other top-five finishes at the meet. Sophomore Cathy Ebnja placed fourth in the 100 meter dash in 12.32 seconds. Sophomore Dia Gibson was third in the high jump with a mark of 5-feet, 1-inch.

Harding is back in action Saturday at the same venue. The meet is called the Rhodes Invitational.

Baseball Team Keeps Hot Streak Alive

Harding University senior Adam Darby lined a three-run home run over the rightfield wall Wednesday to give the Bisons a 4-3 victory over Lyon College in non-conference baseball action at Jerry Moore Field.

It was the final game of a nine-game homestand for Harding, which won six of the games and travels to Delta State for a three-game, weekend Gulf South

Conference series.

With Harding (18-16) trailing 3-1, sophomore Trent Kinnear laid down a bunt single with two outs in the bottom of the fifth. Senior J.D. Glenn, who was 3-for-4 in the game, then singled to center. Darby worked the count full against Lyon starter Trent Weeks (0-2) before lacing his seventh home run of the season just inside the right-field foul pole.

Tyler Thompson had two hits for Harding. Evan Sigler and Zac Wallace had two hits apiece for Lyon.

Bison baseball team looks to improve around young infield

by CHRIS O'DELL sports editor

The Bison baseball team struggled early this season but has improved as the season has progressed. The Bisons ended a seven-game losing streak Tuesday against Williams Baptist, making it the 17th straight win over the Eagles. In the series, first baseman Kevin Ganus had four hits to improve the Bisons record to 5-11 on the season. Ganus said despite a slow start this season he knows the team will play better as the year goes on.

The Bison baseball team struggled early this season but has improved as the season has progressed. The Bisons ended a seven-game losing streak last month against Williams Baptist, making it the 17th straight win over the Eagles. In the series, freshman first baseman Kevin Ganus was instrumental with four hits to improve the Bisons' record to 5-11 for the season. Ganus said that despite a slow start this season, he knows the team will play better as the year goes on.

"The season hasn't started the way we expected," Ganus said. "We haven't played to our potential, but we are a young team, and I know we will turn it around."

The Bisons have since improved

their record to 18-16 on the year, including a 17-11 record at home this season.

Ganus, a redshirt freshman from El Dorado, Ark., is trying to help fill the gap left from the loss of Aaron Roberts, who is no longer with the team. Ganus said redshirting his first year at Harding helped him make the transition to college baseball a little easier.

"Redshirting my first year was definitely a good decision," Ganus said. "Physically, Heath [Boyd] and I were able to get in the weight room and get stronger. It was also good because I was able to learn the system and see how things needed to be done."

Ganus is hitting .330 after 88 at bats this season. He has also scored 12 runs and batted in another seven runs.

Ganus is part of a young infield that hopes to lead the Bisons defensively this season. Boyd, also a redshirt freshman, starts at shortstop for the Bisons and is joined in the infield by sophomore second baseman Charles Bradley and sophomore third baseman Tyler Thompson. With such a young infield, the Bisons may see marked improvements throughout the season. Ganus said the team still looks to compete in the Gulf South

Conference this season.

"Our goal is to win a conference championship," Ganus said. "I believe we will peak at the right time and contend for a championship."

The Bisons began conference play March 14 with a loss against Southern Arkansas. However, the Bisons rebounded by winning six of their next eight conference games. With nearly a month of GSC play remaining, the team should have enough time to eliminate any weaknesses the team has at this point in the season.

"Our pitching has done a great job putting us in a position to win every game," Ganus said. "We need to start coming up with big hits when runners are in scoring position."

The Bisons are led by senior outfielder Adam Darby, who leads the team with a .417 batting average, 31 RBI, 75 total bases and .728 slugging percentage. Ganus said once the entire team begins to hit consistently, the Bisons will be a team to watch out for.

"When we begin to hit as a team and have big innings, we will be tough to beat," Ganus said.

The Bisons' next game is Saturday against Delta State at Cleveland, Miss. The Bisons will play Delta State in a doubleheader that begins at three.

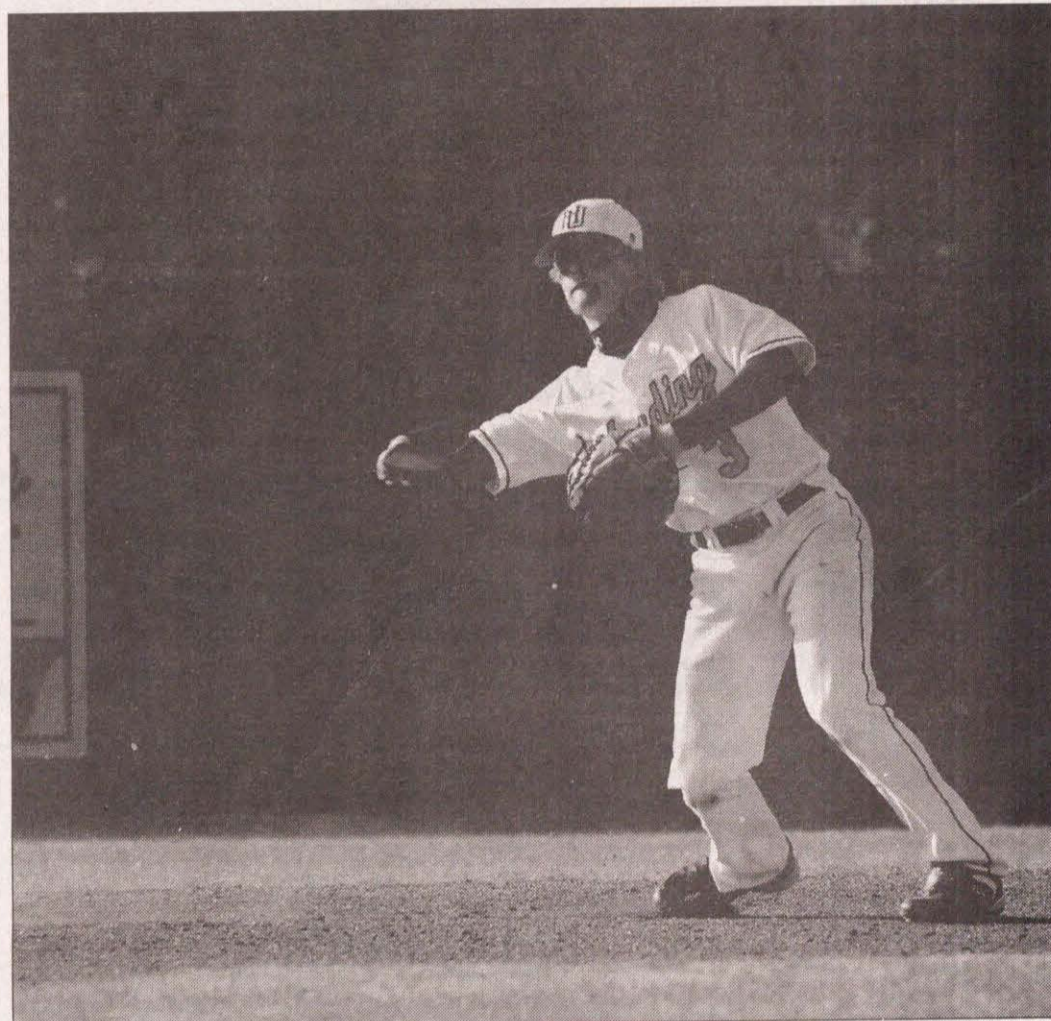


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Sophomore second baseman Charles Bradley attempts to turn a double play at a recent home game against Missouri Western. Bradley is one of several young infielders receiving early playing time.

Madness learning points revealed

CODY WAITS

Guest Sports Column



March is here. The temperature is going up. Spring has sprung. Most importantly, the madness has hit the nation. March Madness, that is.

The NCAA Tournament began this past week, and the brackets are set. All that is left is for these games to play out and eventually crown a national champion. Who will it be? Will it be a number one seed? Will it be a team from a mid-major conference? Who will the Cinderella story be? Does any of this make sense to you? If not, I hope that I will help you out so that maybe next year you will have a heads up.

1. Making your picks: Whenever that bracket is placed in front of you, don't fret. You may know absolutely nothing about these 64 teams, but most people don't pay that much attention to college basketball until March anyway. So, you are

pretty much on an even playing field.

Most of the time, picking the higher seed or ranked team is a safe bet. You may even put all the number one seeds in the Final Four. That would be boring and pretty much never happens. That means throw some upsets in the first round. Have some 12 seeds beating some 5 seeds (usually popular). Those big upsets usually get you big points. Don't go too crazy with it. Keep in mind a number one seed has never lost in the first round of the men's tournament. If you don't feel like that, go for colors. It can work and also make your opponents really angry because you have no clue what you are doing.

2. Cinderella stories: This is something I look forward to whenever the tournament rolls around. A Cinderella story usually involves that lower ranked team, sometimes never heard of. These teams enter the tournament with everyone believing they won't win a game, definitely not two games.

There is always one team that makes its way to the Sweet Sixteen. Root for this team. Most of the time this will be the only chance they get to shine.

They can use all the support they can get. This team will also not win the tournament. That would be too great of a story. The lowest seed to ever win the tournament was an eight seed. That was also back in the 80s. It's not impossible, just very unlikely.

3. Tournament = completely different playing field: During the regular season, there are games that are close. There are games that go into overtime and games with winning shots at the buzzer. When it comes to March, the intensity level is kicked up to 11.

Look at last year's championship game. Kansas was down with only seconds to go, and Mario Chalmers shot a 3-pointer to send the game to overtime and Kansas eventually won. That was crazy.

There are no easy games when it comes to tournament time. You have to watch out for everyone. No teams are set to win. It isn't fixed. The upsets are real.

4. It is the ultimate reality show: You may be watching "Dancing With The Stars" or "American Idol," but the only true reality show on in the month of March is the NCAA

tournament. It has everything that you could ask for in a good reality television show.

You have your villains. These are the number one seeds. They aren't nice. They are already favored to win. No one wants to see these teams take home the trophy. You have your favorites. These are the teams that have the miraculous stories. They are the bounce back teams, the never-heard-ofs, the what-are-we-doing-heres. They are the teams that America roots for. You have your drama. This occurs between rivals, coaches and refs. It happens every game. There could be questionable calls, injuries or fights. There is heartbreak. One team must go home a loser. Some of these players won't play basketball again. The tears are real. This is not a scripted show like "The Hills."

5. After it is all said and done: Once March Madness is over, you have a way more important sport to look forward to: Major League Baseball.

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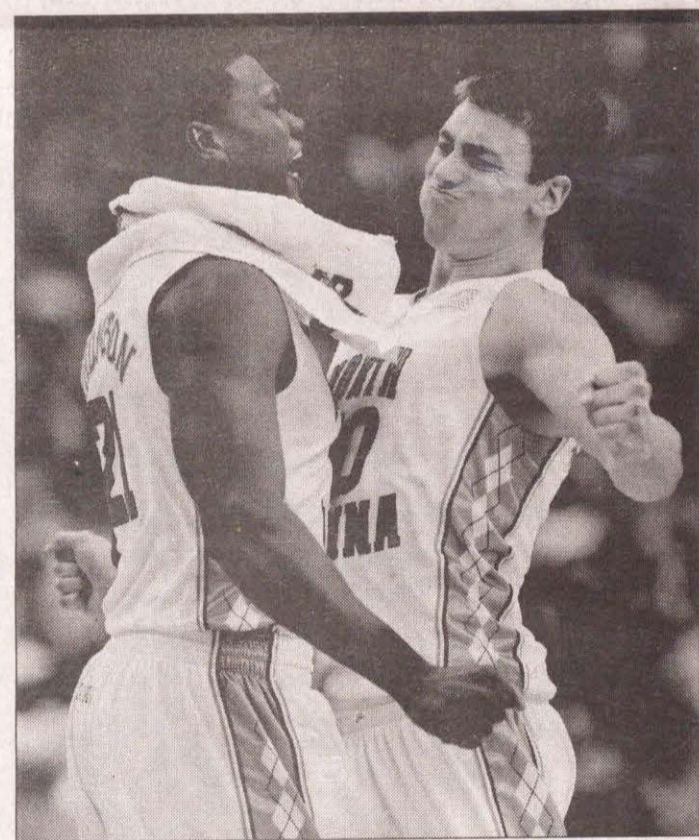


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North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough, right, and Deon Thompson celebrate their 79-76 victory over Virginia Tech on March 13.

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Animal Collective plays up nature

By LUCAS NOSSAMAN student reporter



At times, Animal Collective doesn't sound like humans; sometimes they sound just like their band name suggests — noisy animals. In fact, before becoming known as Animal Collective, they went by ambiguous nicknames: Avery Tare, Panda, Geologist and Deakin. Their names fit their music: a mix of percussive build-ups, lo-fi noise bursts, and slightly deranged melodies. Indie magazines raved about their musical genius; I just couldn't get the point. It sounded like a day at the zoo.

After reading a superb review on their eighth release, "Merriweather Post Pavilion," which highlighted their accessibility, I decided to give them another try. While "Merriweather Post Pavilion" continues their quirky method of writing that focuses on emotional layers, Animal Collective's past albums contained uninvolved lyrics, meaning that it was unclear how they connected with the rest of the music. Now on their latest album, "Merriweather," the lyrics focus a lovely, atmospheric album. I can actually understand what they are singing about without having to dream up my own topics.

For the most part, the lyrics serve to narrate dreamy samples. The places change from "four walls and adobe slabs" in "My Girls," the catchiest song

on the album, to the "wilder-ness up in my head" in "Lion in a Coma." The details range from a squeaky air conditioner to blue eye shadow, depicting a breezy summertime tone.

Nevertheless, Animal Collective explores some difficult themes, too, like identity. Perhaps Animal Collective's most intriguing question, and maybe even the meaning of their album, is this: "Am I really all the things that are outside of me?" in "Taste."

More importantly, Animal Collective has fun asking difficult questions. In fact, tracks like "My Girls" and "Summertime Clothes" recall patio disco parties with their bouncy, frolicking beats. These tunes are jolly, and the analyzing listener will appreciate the surprisingly weighty lyrics. Though "Merriweather Post Pavilion" has a mere 11 tracks, the album still

clocks in at 55 minutes, about the perfect time for a spring-time run with the iPod or a study session on the front lawn.

The band named the album after an outdoor venue in Columbia, Md., nestled among woodlands. The album, recalling this scenery, beckons for an outdoor listen. Animal Collective features the bizarre — jangling electronics, dripping guitar notes and pulsing percussion — to capture the landscapes.

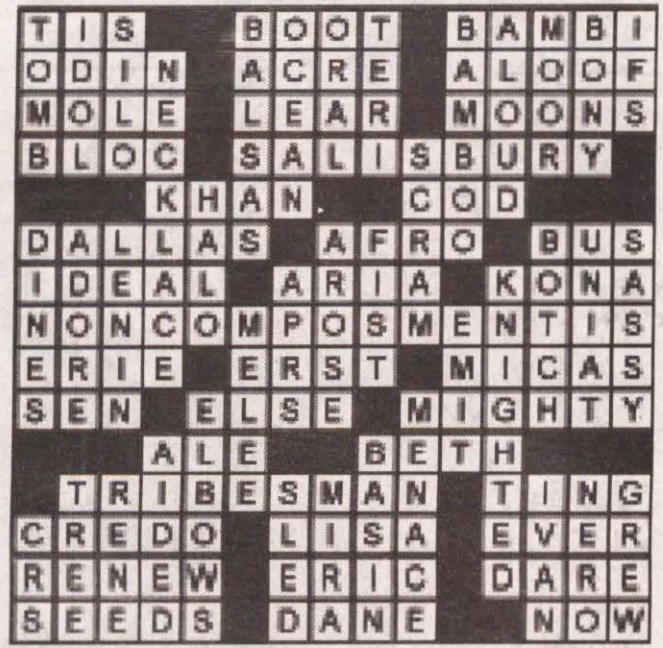
Though the sounds are mostly samples, they blend together organically, not like some GarageBand mix made in a basement. With some sounds I find myself asking what they are. Was that a guitar, keyboard or drum sample? Rather than piecing together the standard indie-rock instruments, Animal Collective does an awesome

job focusing on the musical experience.

Animal Collective might sound too weird at first. After a couple of listens, however, the album recalls melodies and harmonies found in earlier pop songs by the Beatles, except with a modern touch. Each track contains something unexpected and fresh, whether it's the explosion on "In the Flowers" or the Africa-infused pop song "Brother Sport."

Apparently, Animal Collective wants to get you moving. Even the album art, an optical illusion like one of those on the back of a cereal box, flutters back and forth like a springtime breeze. "Merriweather Post Pavilion" belongs in the sky, the flowers and the fields — anywhere else won't do the album justice.

Below: Answers To Previous Crossword And Sudoku Puzzles



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Front lawn acts as playground

Students play frisbee, walk on slackline for fun

By BILLIE PIETERS student reporter

Spring Sing can be heard around campus, trees are budding and the grass is popping up throughout the campus with help from a little something extra the Physical Resources Department likes to sprinkle on the ground.

Now that the grass is covered and the weather is starting to heat up again, students are making their way back outside after a long hibernation in the dorms.

After looking down from the balcony of Patty Cobb onto the front lawn, student Jonelle Taylor said, "it reminds me of looking into an ant farm."

Students are doing many of the typical things one would do in a large plot of land. Football and baseball are some of the usuals. Harding Frisbee is a little different from other schools, though; students take it a bit more seriously because of the Ultimate teams here on campus.

"A lot of the players look like professionals on the front lawn compared to the normal game of frisbee at other schools," Taylor said.

Yard games are not the only thing happening on the front lawn. Slacklining can be seen on most sunny days. A small group of students are often found under a few trees with what looks like a tight-rope. On the contrary, this

rope is actually a slackline. Slacklining is a lot like tight roping but a with a small, flat nylon rope and walking the distance between two points. It is a balance game and is slowly making its way across college campuses.

As well as its grass, the front lawn has added a little extra to its trees. It may not be noticeable to most residents and visitors, but it is well known to students that our trees are wired. Most trees in the front lawn have electrical outlets, and students take advantage of this technological advancement to the university. Many students listen to music, watch movies and TV and even surf the Internet on the campus's Wi-Fi connection.

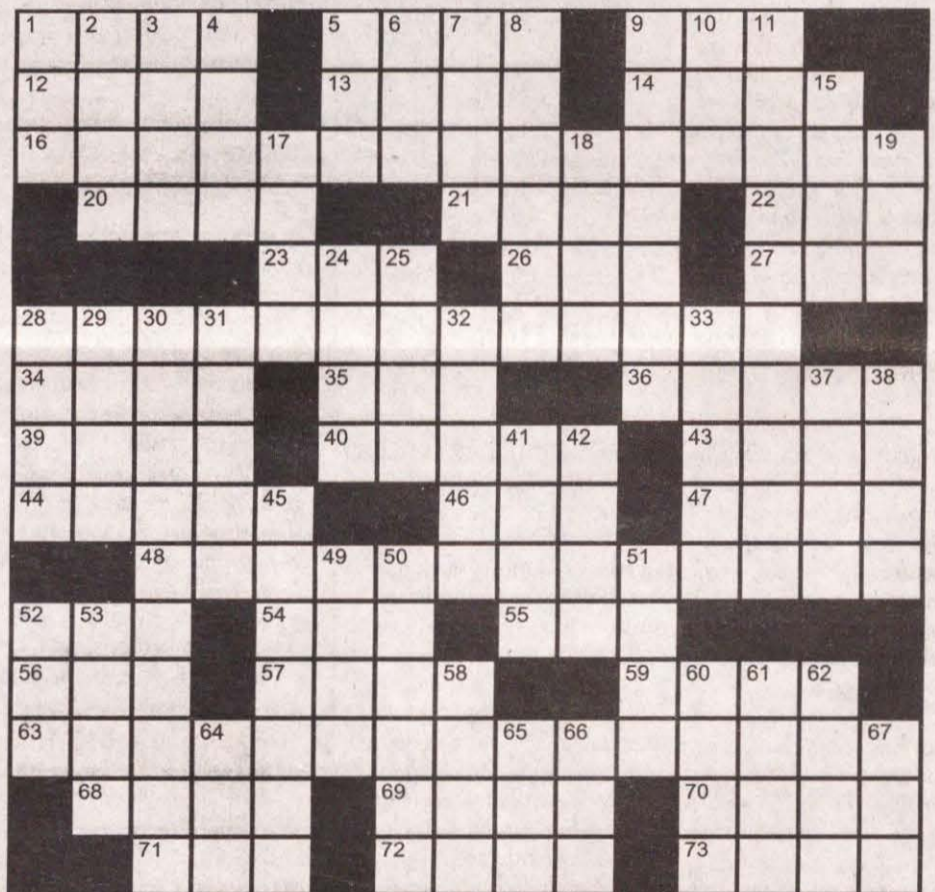
Whether something like frisbee or a new sport like slacklining, students will always be doing something in the front lawn on nice sunny days. There will be new fads and common games, but they all seem to be entertaining to bored college students.

With an economic crisis at hand, college students seem to be the ones doing the best. They have no money for the government to tax, and they are always finding new, exciting and cheap things to do. Harding University's front lawn may be a source of great joy and camaraderie for those struggling in these tough financial times.

The Bison Crossword

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- 5 Dross
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- 12 Explorer ____ J. Tasman
- 13 Norwegian port city
- 14 Flightless birds
- 16 Land broker
- 20 Mild oath
- 21 Close
- 22 Tai language
- 23 Fish catcher
- 26 Anger
- 27 Snoop
- 28 Irregular tribunal
- 34 Pitcher
- 35 Wedding words
- 36 Less common
- 39 Hindu theistic philosophy
- 40 Punctuation mark
- 43 Inlet
- 44 Feeds the pigs
- 46 Peace (Lat.)
- 47 Actor Jannings
- 48 Indifferently
- 52 Sporting equipment
- 54 Up (Prefix)
- 55 Danson or Turner
- 56 Actress Merkel
- 57 Mellow
- 59 Roof part
- 63 Nonetheless
- 68 Blessing
- 69 Jacket
- 70 Celebes dwarf buffalo
- 71 Ordinance (Abbr.)



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- 72 Rave
- 73 State of confusion

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- 5 Distress signal
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- 10 Raiment
- 11 Vortices
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- 17 Volcano
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- 19 Xmas gift
- 24 Author Ambler
- 25 Disruption
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- 29 Absentee inits.
- 30 Go-between
- 31 Illustration
- 32 Pizzazz
- 33 Hastens
- 37 Wicked
- 38 Depend
- 41 Actor Dillon
- 42 Shaft
- 45 Flying high
- 49 Building block
- 50 Burrowing rodent
- 51 Promised land
- 52 Star
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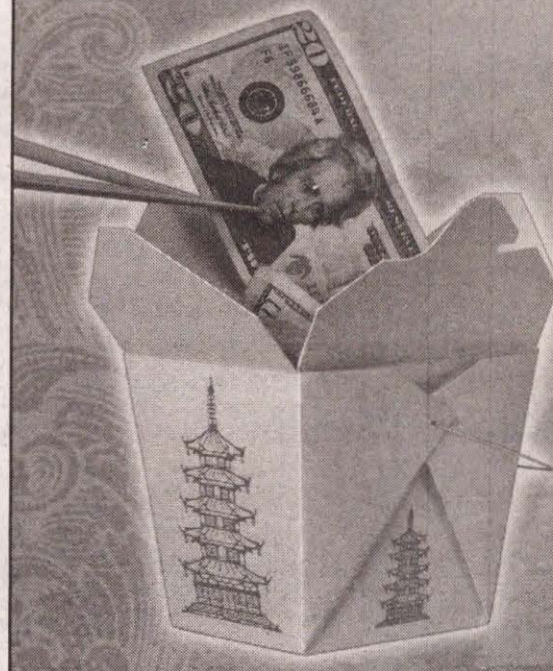
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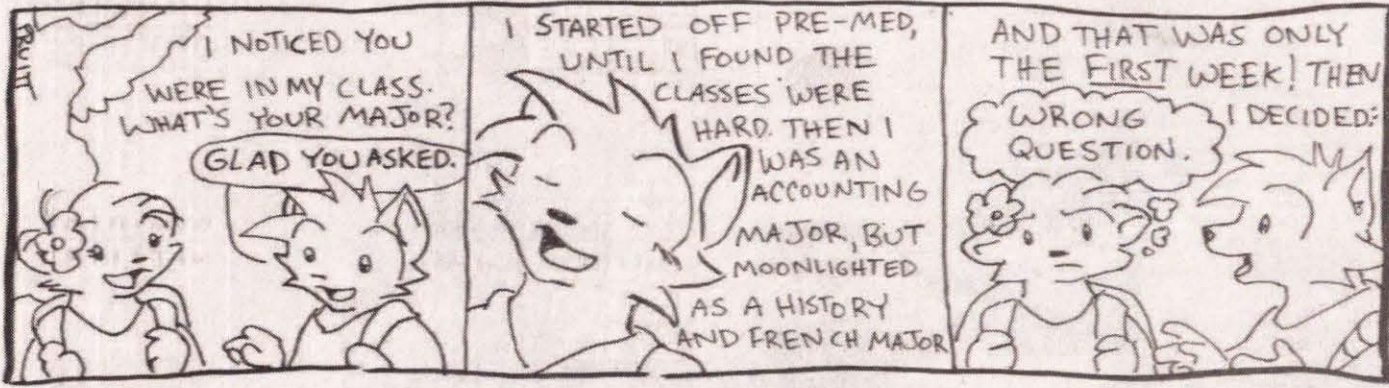


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Harding Squirrels

By AMANDA PRUITT



Birds on campus delight observers

By SAM HOLSCHBACH
features editor

With the onset of spring, many migratory birds south of the U.S. border — and even south of the equator — are returning to their Arkansas abodes or resting here momentarily, the increased birdsong at Harding affirming their presence. However, several students have been acutely aware of birds throughout the school year, erecting bird feeders near campus or observing a roost of Barn Owls on the front lawn.

Finding solace in bird-watching, freshman Zane Grimes established a total of six bird feeders on campus and at Riverside Park last fall.

“About half of it has to do with my interest in watching birds, and the other half is so that I could lure them in close enough to photograph,” Grimes said.

Between his Riverside and Harding feeder sites, Grimes has erected three suet feeders, two vertical tube-shaped feeders and one covered-box feeder mounted atop a pole. A variety of backyard birds have visited his feeders filled with suet cakes, safflower seeds and sunflower seeds.

“At Riverside I’ve seen [Northern] Cardinals, Carolina Wrens, Dark-eyed Juncos, Carolina Chickadees, Eastern Phoebe, Tufted Titmice and Downy Woodpeckers,” Grimes said. “The only thing I’ve ever seen at the feeder on campus was a couple of Carolina Wrens, but I’m pretty sure that they’re not the only ones using it.”

Grimes said his interest in birds developed alongside his passion for photography during his junior year of high school.

“I wanted to photograph nature, and birds seemed to be some of the most abundant and available subjects, so I began to learn what I could about attracting them for my photographs,” Grimes said.

Grimes said that in the past, he filled the feeders with seeds and suet about once a week, but now that spring has arrived he has decided to reduce his feeding frequency.

“The birds don’t visit the feeders as much in spring because of the availability of bugs and other food sources,” Grimes said. “I’ll keep visiting the spot at Riverside though, and I may keep some year-round suet in the suet feeders.”

Grimes said that in his feeding experiences, he has encountered few difficulties beyond keeping the feeders stocked, though lighting, at



A Carolina Chickadee alights on a branch near one of freshman Zane Grime’s bird feeders in Searcy. photo submitted by ZANE GRIMES

times, has been problematic for photography.

“It was pretty tough to find a spot at Riverside that was secluded, but not so deep in the woods that light couldn’t shine on the feeders,” Grimes said. “Light was a pretty big issue for me because of the photography aspect. I really wanted the early morning and later afternoon light to reach the feeders, which is tough when there are so many trees around.”

Grime’s campus feeder was located near the fountain in front of the Administration Auditorium, but he discovered a few days ago that it had disappeared. His feeders at Riverside are in more obscure locales, and as such Grimes said he doesn’t think he could “possibly explain where the ones at Riverside are.”

A busy biology major, Grimes said he delights in the relaxing aspect of watching and photographing birds.

“It’s so nice to have a secluded place to visit, watch birds and not be bothered by anyone,” Grimes said. “That may sound absurd, but it can be really relaxing.”

Beyond the birds attracted to Grime’s feeders, a pair of Barn Owls, which have sometimes been dubbed “Ghost Owls” for their pale, ghostly features, penetrating black eyes and high-pitched scream, have established their haunt in an oak tree on the front lawn.

A number of students have observed one or both of the owls throughout the semester and even earlier, as in junior Sam Goodrum’s case. Goodrum said he has seen a Barn

Owl on campus for about one and a half years, but it wasn’t until a month ago that he saw a second owl. He said he believes the second owl is a male and that there is a possible nest in their roost tree.

Junior Laura Cooper spied one of the owls about a month ago and said she has seen one almost every night since then. Her first sighting of a Barn Owl was especially memorable because it was the first owl she had ever seen.

“It kept looking at me — it was really scary,” Cooper said. “It was really pretty with those dark eyes. I felt like it [either] wanted to eat me or be my friend.”

Cooper said she frequently sees an owl late at night, sometimes around 11:30 after Spring Sing practice. She has shared her sightings with others.

“I’ve told all my friends about it and how it looked at me,” Cooper said. “Just the other night we were out. I felt special because I had seen it before and it was ‘my owl.’”

The owl pair’s roost tree is located on the western half of the front lawn, just south of the brick path that lies between Kendall Hall and the American Studies building. A large metal chain can be seen wrapped around the branches.

According to the Arkansas Audubon Society, Barn Owls are uncommon and only occur in a few places in Arkansas. As such, it is especially important that observers of the owls maintain a reasonable distance and abstain from anything that

might harm them.

For more information about birds in Arkansas, view the Arkansas birds listserv (ARBIRD) at www.birdingonthe.net/mailling-lists/ARKS.html or subscribe to the listserv at listserv.uark.edu/archives/arbird-1.html. The Web site www.arkansas-birder.net serves as a comprehensive Arkansas birding resource and offers photos, videos, checklists, local Audubon Society contact information, a rare bird alert system and more to explore.

With each successive spring day, a cornucopia of birds increasingly calls Harding home. As Harding students increasingly call the front lawn their afternoon and evening abodes, too, they can leisurely observe their feathered neighbors, finding joy in their antics and voices — ranging from feeble chirps to blood-curdling screams — that are sure to add interest to a regular school day.

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“Watchmen” wows comic fans

By LUKE JONES
student reporter

When writer Alan Moore and artist Dave Gibbons set out to create the groundbreaking graphic novel “Watchmen,” their goal was to build a work in comics with the same kind of density as “Moby Dick.” After making its initial shockwaves in 1986, there were rumblings of a film based on the comic. Not surprisingly, those rumblings didn’t take physical form until a couple years ago. Most filmmakers agreed that “Watchmen” was, quite simply, not filmable on account of those onion-like layers of density. Then Zac Snyder, director of the testosterone drenched, meme-breeding “300” stepped into the spotlight and delivered to us what is probably the best possible film version of “Watchmen” that anyone could have hoped for.

First, a brief spoiler-free synopsis: “Watchmen” was created to examine, parody and ultimately deconstruct the superhero genre. Its characters are purposefully flawed, fallen and rife with the same burdens of any human being. Specifically, the story is about a second-generation group of crime fighters, most retired, and the intrigue curling out of the murder of one of their oldest members: a violent gunslinger named the Comedian. Each crime fighter of the story — and note that there are no real villains in the comic sense: those that exist are rendered meaningless compared to the heroes’ massive psychological problems — gets his or her own segment of development, and by the end, a questionably diabolical plot is finally unraveled, but the morality is left to the audience to decipher.

“Watchmen” is a movie made for a certain kind of person. I would not recommend the film to these people:

1. Those adverse to graphic imagery. Snyder did not hold back on the R-rated imagery present in the comic and seems to have twisted it up a notch or two. I wouldn’t go so far as to say it was gratuitous, but it certainly wasn’t for the weak of gut.

2. The casual super hero filmgoer. If you loved “Spider-Man 3” because Tobey Maguire melted your heart, or if you had never heard of Two-Face before watching “The Dark Knight,” or if you liked “X-Men 3” at all, this film is not for you.

3. Folks who will react to minor changes made to the graphic novel. No, the Black Freighter scenes are not present. Yes, the examination of Rorschach was cut down to one session. No, the ending is not quite the same as in the comic. In my eyes, I see it as all necessary to keep the movie under 12 hours, but the most anal fanboys or girls need not apply.

Those reservations aside, I would recommend the film to anyone with an appreciation for good cinema and well-thought out, detailed character development. The film is not without its flaws (the choice of music in several specific scenes was rather foolish, for example), but I will say that my expectations were met and exceeded. In fact, I found that most of my friends and some of the critics I’ve read online found that the price of admission was earned just by the opening credit sequence. In the end, I’d say that besides the reservations made above, if you ever had even a passing interest in “Watchmen,” go see it. I guarantee you will at least be entertained.

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Student shows it's never too late to fulfill dreams

By ASHTON REELY
opinions editor

Picture your average college student for a moment. Worn-out jeans, that favorite university sweatshirt. Let's not forget the bad hair day baseball cap and the year-round Chacos. Now picture your average 77-year-old woman. Having lived a long, very productive life, perhaps she is enjoying retirement. Bunko parties have replaced the study parties of her youth and the Red Hat Society is her new social club. When the two worlds collide, however, you have the witty, spunky Ms. Betty Fulop.

While most women her age are settling down into leisurely

retirements, Ms. Betty is just now picking up the pace and fulfilling her lifelong dream of obtaining a college degree. Ms. Betty began her college journey at the age of 26, but she found it hard, as a widow and mother to three young sons, to balance school with matters at home. When her sons grew older, she attended a few community colleges in her native northern Idaho, but always dreamed of one day attending Harding University if she was ever given the opportunity.

Abusive marriages and family heartache are struggles that have been woven into Ms. Betty's life. Sometimes, however, it is the caged bird that has been set free that flies the highest

and sings the sweetest song. A general studies major, Ms. Betty intends to return to northern Idaho after graduation and work with others who have grown up in abusive relationships.

Before she graduates next spring, Ms. Betty is getting the opportunity to study in Italy with the Harding University in Florence (HUF) program. Arts and humanities being her favorite area of study, she said she can't wait to see artwork and statues that she has read about in textbooks come to life. A smile lights her face when the topic of living with college students for a semester comes up in conversation. She describes herself as a very private person who likes

her "alone time," but said she is open and excited about the prospect of something new.

The love she has for Harding students was written on her face and heard in her voice as she talked about the friendships she has formed and hopes to form in the future. "One young man," she joked, "always has his arms wide open when he sees me. All I have to do is walk into a great big hug." Ms. Betty is one friend that students would be wise to listen to, for she has soaked up 77 years of life lessons. College students, she said, need to have a vision for their future. She said that's why she wandered around for so long in uncertainty—because she didn't have a plan.

"[College students] need to set a worthy goal and then pray about it and pray that God will help them do what they need to do to reach their goal. One of the most worthy goals is to get your life straight with God."

What about finding that job after graduation?

"Be sure to do something you love. Don't get into a job or career that you don't like doing. Make sure it is something you enjoy doing because then you'll do a great job."

Her advice doesn't just apply to college students. She also challenges those her age to never stop dreaming — if goals haven't been met, don't be afraid to rise up and face them,

no matter your age.

The next time you see Ms. Betty walking around campus, with her large backpack and million-dollar smile, remember that it's never too late to seize an opportunity. Even Ms. Betty still has miles to go: she still plans on continuing her mission trips to Panama and intends to take a Spanish class when she returns to Idaho.

Someone once said, "The great awareness comes slowly, piece by piece. The path of spiritual growth is a path of lifelong learning. The experience of spiritual power is basically a joyful one." Like Ms. Betty, we should all strive to better ourselves and become lifelong learners.

