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Bisons for Christ



photo by NOAH DARNELL | Petit Jean

Heston Wingfield, a member of men's social club Sub-T 16, scrapes rust off a basketball goal at Sydney Deener Elementary School April 22 as part of Bisons for Christ. During this event Wednesday, groups from Harding participated in service throughout the community.

'Rescue' event to help make children visible

by KYLIE AKINS
 student reporter

When Jacob was 12 years old, he and his brother were abducted. He was given a gun and made a soldier for a cause he did not understand and promised death if he fled from the army. When their abductors caught Jacob's brother attempting to escape, he could only watch as they slit his brother's neck with a machete.

"I saw," Jacob said. "I try to cry, but they said that when I cry, they are going to kill me."

Today, now free from his kidnapers, Jacob lives in fear, wondering if they might find him and kill him. He will never experience the comfort of security that most children enjoy.

For 23 years, the Lord's Resistance Army, Ugandan

rebels lead by Joseph Kony, has utilized child abduction to form an army against the government and terrorize neighboring countries. In 2005, three U.S. filmmakers formed an organization called Invisible Children to raise awareness and inspire action on behalf of the abducted children.

Invisible Children's founders, Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Laren Poole, first encountered the LRA on a trip to Africa in 2003. In the documentary produced during this visit they told stories, including Jacob's, and expressed their shock concerning the situations they saw there.

During the past 20 years, approximately 30,000 children have been abducted by the LRA, with about 3,000 captive child soldiers in the current army. see RESCUE page 3a

'Dead week' sometimes too lively for students' tastes

by BLAKE MATHEWS
 news editor

With final exams looming closer every day, students at some universities are counting on a break from school to give them time to pull all their notes together. Commonly referred to as "Dead Week," whether it lasts a few days or all week, the break can be the last calm before a fierce academic storm.

Harding students will observe Dead Week next week, though they may not realize it. Classes have never been cancelled in the week before finals, a fact of life at Harding that some are saying might be in students' best interest.

Dr. Marty Spears, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, has worked at Harding for nine years, during which time he has heard Dead Week brought up repeatedly. The week is still dedicated to study and preparation for finals, he said, even if classes are held and projects are due. Though some have suggested giving students extra time to study by cancelling classes, the idea has not gathered enough momentum among Harding's leaders.

"I don't think everybody is convinced that time would be

spent studying necessarily, because a lot of times people will wait 'til the very last minute," Spears said.

Some members of the Academic Leaders Committee, a group of roughly 50 deans, department chairs and key officials on campus, are in favor of giving students a break. Junior Drew Dell said he would not mind a few free days added on to the weekend before finals.

"If you plan and manage your time well, you still have to kill yourself during Dead Week," he said.

A nursing major, Dell said he has seven tests during Dead Week.

Junior Matt Lewis, an engineering major, has two projects due next week: He must construct an operable robot and a microprocessor. Neither he nor Dell said they noticed much of a difference between Dead Week and the rest of the semester.

"It's actually busier for me," sophomore Meg Dalafave said.

Dalafave, a music major, has two concerts and a test waiting for her next week, with her most difficult final scheduled for Monday.

Dean of Student Services David Collins said he recognizes

that students are not getting a break before finals, but Dead Week earns its title because it is "dead socially."

"It's a week that we want to focus strictly on wrapping up classes and preparing for finals," he said.

Social club activities, including functions and meetings, are not supposed to be held from April 27 to May 1. No concerts are scheduled on campus, either. Collins said that Harding has minimal influence over intercollegiate sports, which are scheduled in advance by the Gulf South Conference, but he "strongly encourages" student athletes to avoid games if they can help it. Spears reiterated that social club meetings "really shouldn't take place," but he said he was not sure how rigidly that rule would be enforced.

Lewis said that the extra-curricular cancellations do not bother him.

"We don't go to them anyway, pretty much," he said. "You've got to study, got to finish all your projects."

Other schools share Harding's position on not cutting classes from the schedule, though student workloads may be lighter for that week.

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A dedicated teacher



photo by TAYLOR DURHAM | the Bison

The 2009 Petit Jean yearbook is dedicated to communication professor Dr. Jack Shock in chapel Thursday, April 23. Shock has been a favorite of students since he began teaching at Harding in 1986.

'Tea party' thrown to protest tax

by SARA SHABAN
 student reporter

Hundreds of Searcy locals went out to Berryhill Park Wednesday, April 15, with tea bags in hand. Named after the Boston Tea Party, the Searcy Tea Party was part of an American Family Association-sponsored event to send Capitol Hill the message that they do not want anymore bailouts.

The Searcy Tea Party brought together citizens of White and Claiborne counties who agree that the government is not only overspending but overtaxing as well. But it was not only locals protesting the stimulus bill. In 1,700 other cities across the nation, more people had tea parties in the name of small government.

Flags and signs saying things such as "Taxation is another word for Depression" were posted all over the park with a large box for tea bags nearby. Later, the group divided up the tea bags to send to each state representative. People sat in lawn chairs to listen to six speeches from various speakers scheduled to talk about their opposition to the bill.

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Local tax service 'waver' wins state-wide award

by NICK MICHAEL
 student reporter

He swaggers. He whoops. He dresses like the Fourth of July.

He also saves you money on your taxes.

Known to friends and passers-by as "R.C.," Rich Cambron is the official "waver" for Liberty Tax Service at the intersection of Beebe Capps Expressway and South Main Street in Searcy, Ark. Now waving for his second tax season, Cambron has received accolades from all angles, most notably from Liberty Tax's corporate offices as Arkansas' "2008 Waver of the Year."

Star-spangled and sun-baked, Cambron sizzled with energy even indoors.

Wearing a Captain America baseball jersey and red and white pinstripe pants, he removed a pair of shamrock sunglasses before explaining his amazement at his status as a minor Searcy celebrity.

"I can't go out of state," Cambron said. "People know me. They say, 'You're the waver.'"

Still, he does more than merely wave. Cambron knows how to put on a show.

"I do the strut like Ric Flair, and I'll do the twirl," he said. "It's like a hurricane spin. Last time they timed me it was four minutes, and I never fell down. Not yet."

Corporate "waver" judges were impressed. In addition to honors as the "Waver of the Year," Liberty Tax awarded Cambron a hat and a barbecue grill set.

"I was surprised when a guy from corporate came down and said, 'I have a surprise for you,'" Cambron said, remembering the day he received the award. "I was speechless."

Motorists have felt the same at times, but their horns and sheepish grins speak for themselves. Every now and then someone whoops back.

"My first reaction is to smile," said junior Sara Shaban, who frequents the intersection. "When you look around at the people in the other cars, they're all smiling. Everybody secretly enjoys him."

Cambron, who claims to have elicited 1,500 honks in a day, makes more than noise for his Liberty Tax location. Manager Brad Cooper said he believes his tax center owes as much as 25 percent of their business to Cambron, whom he

said is a model employee.

"The worst complaint we have on him is that when it starts raining and lighting outside, he don't want to come in," Cooper said. "He's a grown man, you know. We've told him to come inside, but he stays out there and works."

Cambron said he is hunting something besides the honors or the attention. He said it makes him feel good to brighten someone's day with a whoop or a twirl. No red-lit Searcy intersection has ever felt so like an audience, and sometimes Cambron gets a little feedback.

"I have kids that come up and hug me," Cambron said. "And it makes a good feeling in my heart, cause I have kids also."

Cambron's stories from this tax season alone have involved him signing 300 kids' shirts, making a stoic widow smile, receiving lemonade from a group of Harding girls and completing a freestanding back flip.

"I had horns from north, south, east and west," Cambron said. "And they was honking for at least five minutes."

With Cambron on the corner, Searcy can't help but smile back.

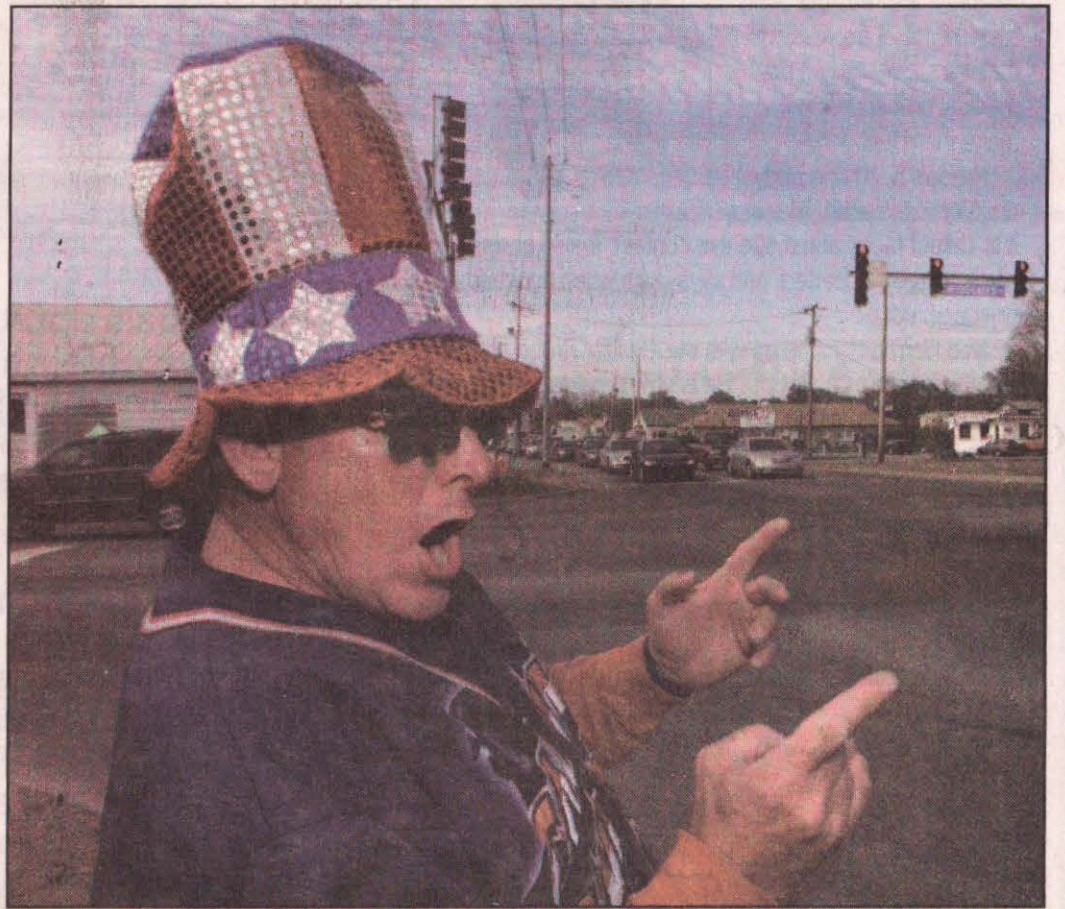


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Liberty Tax Service's official "waver" Rich Cambron tries to attract attention to draw customers to his employer. Cambron was honored as Arkansas' "2008 Waver of the Year."

TheNewsreel

Charred meat linked to pancreatic cancer risk

Those who consume burned or charred red meat on a regular basis have a 60 percent higher risk of pancreatic cancer, U.S. researchers said Tuesday.

The research team documented the diets of 62,000 healthy people over nine years, in which time 208 were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

When the participants were divided into five groups based on charred meat intake, those with pancreatic cancer were much more likely to fall in the top two groups.

Because pancreatic cancer is often fatal and has very limited treatment options, the team focused their research around the disease in order to find ways to prevent it. The leader of the study said that one sensible way to reduce the risk of getting the disease is to avoid excess burning or charring of meat during preparation.

Tiger nurses piglets, sow nurses cubs

In an effort to tame its tigers, a Thai zoo is letting a sow nurse a pair of cubs while the tigress takes care of some of the sow's piglets.

This unusual choice by the zookeepers at the Sriracha Tiger Zoo in Chonburi is intended to familiarize the prey and predators, making the tigers more docile.

"It is to calm the tigers' fierce behavior because the pig will not teach them to hunt or be wild. The pig will only lie down and feed them, so that could help calm their fierceness," said veterinarian Soonthon Kamvisek.



The two-year-old pig named Ple feeds the cubs alongside her piglets, while the cubs' mother feeds six of Ple's piglets. This attraction has drawn thousands of tourists to the zoo.

\$5.7 billion nation service bill signed

Encouraging Americans to volunteer, President Barack Obama signed a \$5.7 billion nation service bill Tuesday that will triple the size of the AmeriCorps service program over the next eight years.

"What this legislation does, then, is to help harness this patriotism and connect deeds to needs," said Obama, who once served as a community organizer in Chicago.

The bill is also intended to create opportunities for students and seniors to earn money for college by volunteering by providing for the gradual expansion of AmeriCorps from 75,000 enrollees to 250,000.

AmeriCorps offers volunteer opportunities such as youth outreach, housing construction, disaster response and caring for the elderly. Most volunteers annually earn just under \$12,000 for 10 months to a year of work.

Cuddly robot comforts hospitalized children

A cuddly green robot may offer comfort to children in hospitals sometime in the near future, thanks to Belgian scientists who unveiled the robot Tuesday.

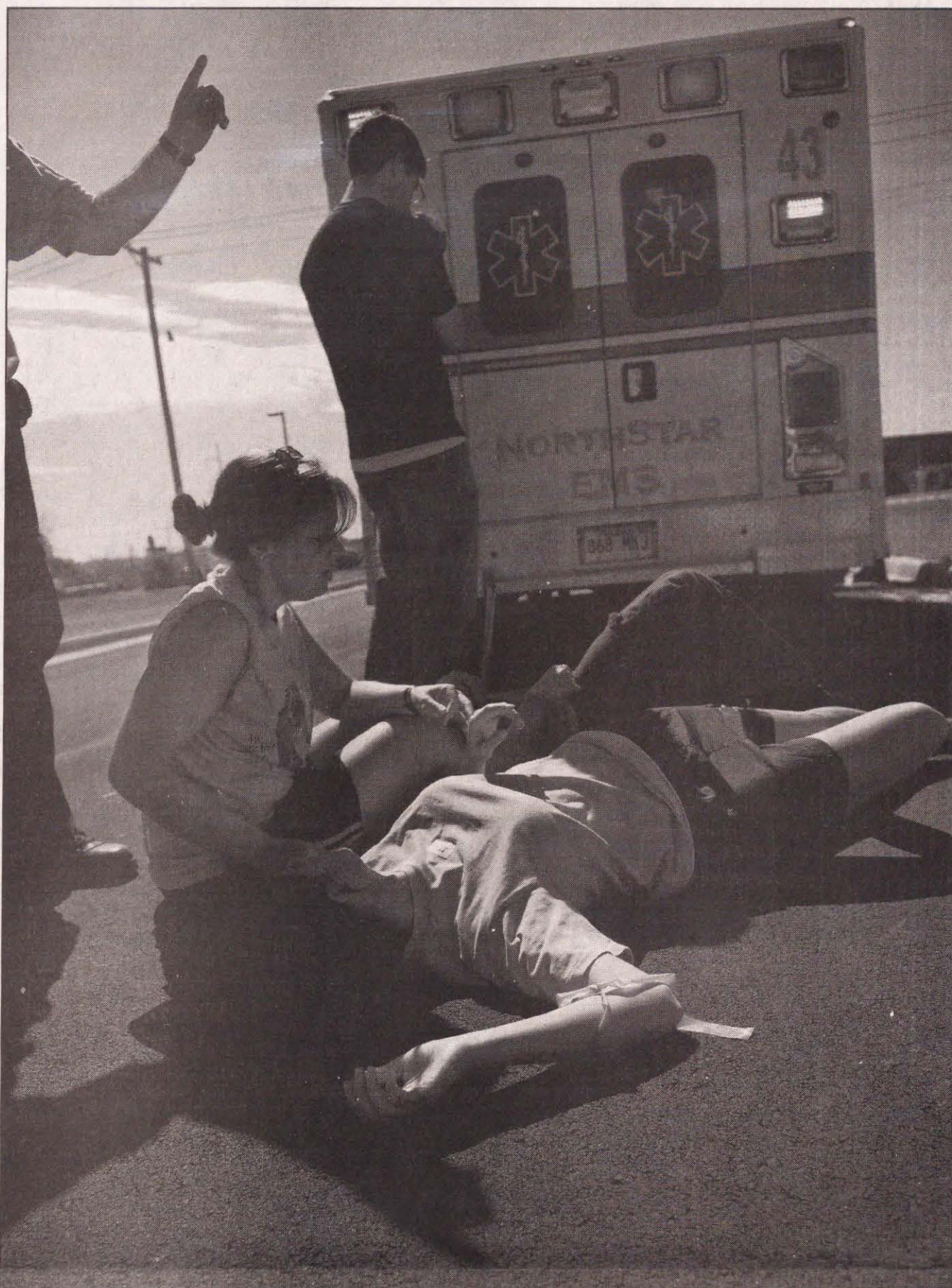
Named Probo, the robot comes with a touchscreen stomach that explains operations in a child-friendly format. It also has the ability to make facial expressions that will show children how medical procedures will make them feel.



Probo's head and body are fully automated, allowing it to detect faces and make eye contact. It also purrs when hugged or petted, and says ouch when punched or squeezed.

Ivan Hermans came up with the idea for Probo after watching the film "I, Robot." He is now president of the Anty Foundation, a non-profit organization that was set up to design the robot.

TheWindow



NOAH DARNELL | Petit Jean

Senior Belinda Birdwell attends to a student as she pretends to lie wounded on the ground outside the Ulrey Performing Arts Center Wednesday during the disaster drill. Searcy and Harding use the drill to test their emergency preparedness every year.

TheWatercooler

"I'm not Santa Claus. I can't figure out who's naughty and who's nice."

— Steve Donnelly, a motel owner in New Zealand, on his decision to ban all Wainuiomata residents for unruly behavior, saying "each time they visited, our life became less exciting."

"You can't improve any situation by staying away from it."

— Kgalema Motlanthe, president of South Africa, calling on people to vote in the country's fourth democratic election.

"The situation is nothing short of catastrophic."

— Pierre Kraehenbuehl, Red Cross operations director, commenting on the tens of thousands of civilians who are trapped in Sri Lanka's northern war zone.

"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.

"Your name is so troublesome and problematic. Just change it."

— A Chinese official, to Ma Cheng, whose name has caused a conflict with government efforts to standardize identity records.

"This was a tragic issue on the magnitude of losing a basketball team in an airplane crash."

— John Walsh, president of club operations at Florida's International Polo Club Palm Beach, in response to the mysterious collapse and death of 21 ponies before a tournament match.

TheScoop

With finals approaching, students who don't have time to cook flock to fast food restaurants for an inexpensive and quick meal. But when finals are over and summer begins, the cost of high calorie burgers may catch up with your waistline. Consult the list to the right, and size up your favorite burger before it super-sizes you.

Wendy's Single
Calories: 430
Total fat: 20g
Saturated Fat: 7g
Sodium: 870mg
Carbs: 37g
Sugars: 9g
Protein: 25g

McDonald's Hamburger
Calories: 250
Total Fat: 9g
Saturated Fat: 3.5g
Sodium: 520mg
Carbs: 31g
Sugars: 6g
Protein: 12g

Sonic Hamburger
Calories: 552
Total Fat: 26.1g
Saturated Fat: 8.8g
Sodium: 666mg
Carbs: 54g
Sugars: 11g
Protein: 26g

Arby's Regular Roast Beef Sandwich
Calories: 329
Total Fat: 13g
Saturated Fat: 6g
Sodium: 953mg
Carbs: 34g
Sugars: 5g
Protein: 20g

TheNumber

143

—Number of days that Harding students have been in school so far this year.

New caf designed by students

by RACHEL DENZIN
student reporter

A new project will soon change Harding's cafeteria.

According to Aramark Retail Manager George Strachan, Aramark is in the beginning stages of redesigning the front of the cafeteria, (the area with the drink machines and sitting bar), in order to better utilize the area.

Student Association President Michael Crouch brought up the idea for the redesign during an SA meeting with Aramark. The problem of wasted space by the drink machines was suggested as one needing to be solved. Among those involved in solving this problem of misused space are

Mel Sansom, vice president of finance, Strachan, SA President-Elect Bryan Clifton and Amy Cox, head of interior design.

"The space is currently situated for students to bring in laptops and sit there to work, but more often than not, it is either not used, or people sit by themselves facing a wall," Clifton said.

Sansom asked Cox for advice on how to go about redesigning this particular area of the caf.

Cox turned Sansom's request into a project for her Interior Design II class. The class comprises 10 junior-level interior design majors and focuses on commercial spaces such as health care facilities, offices and hospitality.

The students were divided into three groups and met with Aramark representatives, the SA and the administration in the actual space that is to be redesigned. While in the cafeteria, the students were able to ask questions and measure the space.

The groups spent about two hours designing possible uses of the space. They produced sketches of their designs as well as a written explanation of the goal for their particular design.

"My students are frequently asked to do quick design ideas in class; we call them design charettes and they are like 'calisthenics' for designers," Cox said. "This project was very short and was

intended to simply give ideas to the cafeteria group."

The students' designs were then presented to the committee in charge of the cafeteria redesign on April 16.

Although a design has not been set in stone, there is a design that stood out.

"One design definitely stuck out above the rest," Clifton said. "Nothing is finalized right now, but the ideas will now go to Danny DeRamus, who is in charge of physical resources."

Finances for the redesign must still be approved for the project to be carried out. But if all goes as planned, Harding students will have a new and improved section of the cafeteria to enjoy next semester.

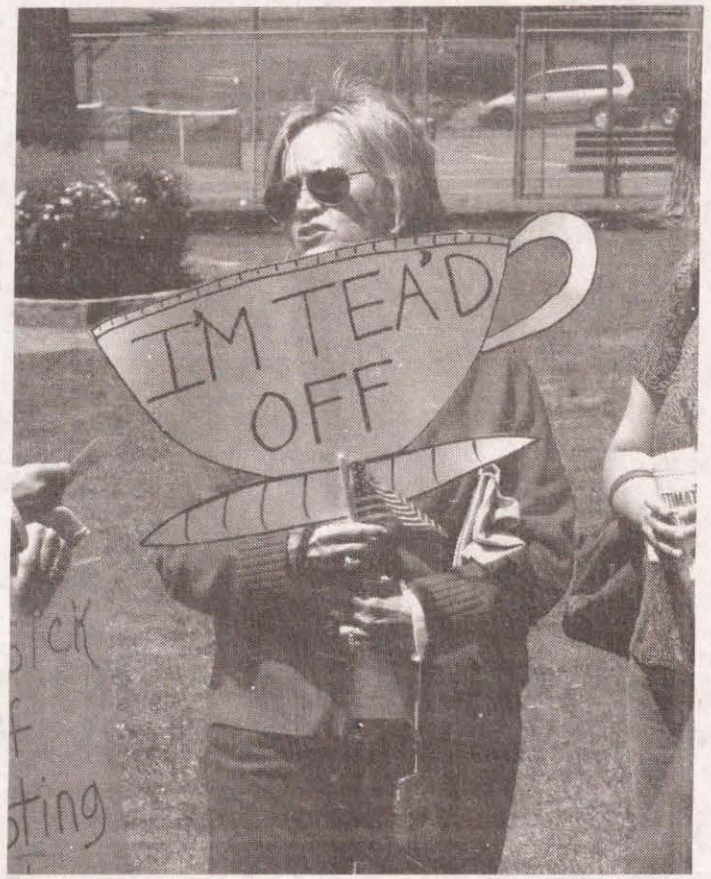


photo courtesy CHRIS SCHANDEVEL

A Searcy woman shows her disapproval of the Obama administration's economic policies at a tea party protest in Searcy's Berryhill Park on April 15.

Student musician mugged in LR

by CAROLINE DAMRON
student reporter

Sophomore JB West was mugged Saturday, April 11, while playing his guitar in downtown Little Rock.

"Basically I was just playing the streets like I always do and some guys walked up and punched me out," said West.

He was playing on the River Walk near the club Willy D's when he was attacked.

"I usually have a big group of people there with me, but everyone had to bail that night and I should have too," West said.

West goes to the streets of downtown Little Rock every weekend to showcase his talents, make a little money and just have fun.

"I go ... to play guitar and sing on the streets ... [and] to make some extra cash for the

week," West said.

Even though West was in an open area, because he was alone, he was more susceptible to people passing by, especially as it got later.

"Basically, it was like three hours into the night, and four guys walked up and asked me to play them a song, [and] in the middle of the song one of them punched me in the eye," he said.

West said they took the money out of his case and his shoes.

"My shoes were off because I like to play barefoot," he said.

Aside from the black eye and bare feet West was unharmed. He did report the incident to the police, but because West could not identify the muggers the police said there was little they could do.

"I'm just really glad that all they took was money and shoes, I can always get those things

again," West said. "I wasn't really hurt in anyway, and I'm very thankful for that."

*West said he plans to continue singing in Little Rock.

"I will still be going downtown every weekend ... this happening hasn't made me scared to go down there, just more cautious," West said.

West said that even though he had a less than encouraging experience while playing downtown, his zeal for music has definitely not been affected.

"I play guitar and sing my own songs on the streets," West said. "And [I] play some rap covers: Beyonce's 'All the Single Ladies,' Wycleaf Jean's 'Sweetest Girl,' and Akon's 'I Wanna Love You.'"

West said that he's not making music for the money.

"I've been playing since I got to college and just started really getting into recording and

playing shows," West said.

West said he also has an album on purevolume.com.

"You can get my CD from purevolume.com/citiesfromthesky," West said. "It's all free to download. It's just a little four-song CD, and it doesn't include my rap covers."

West said he has been playing in the streets for over a year, and he's not ready to stop. Also, in the past West and his friends have had small shows on campus.

"Some other guys that play music up here [in Searcy] are going to try to play a show before the end of the semester," West said. "It's been pretty busy, so we haven't played yet this semester, but we usually try and play shows in the Hammon room above the student center."

West said he and his friends hope to showcase their talents before the semester is over.

DEAD: Students want to avoid too many days off, go home earlier instead

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A biochemistry major at Pepperdine University, senior Linda Ehlig said her school has always had class during Dead Week, but professors were asked not to give tests.

"The professors didn't really follow it, so we don't have a dead anything anymore," she said.

Pepperdine eventually decided to remove the restriction on tests right before finals.

"The only difference really is that you can't get mad if you have a test during Dead Week," Ehlig said.

Some Harding students, although admittedly in need of a break, are not upset about working and testing through the week. Lewis said he was

wary of losing class days, as "a lot of teachers fall behind as it is, and so they need all the days they can get." Extra days would likely need to be added to the calendar to compensate, he said, and that would delay his trip home.

Lewis and Dell said they both agreed with Spears, saying that many students would not dedicate any new free time to preparing for finals, anyway.

"They might even try to go and take a little road trip and come back, and then really try to study after that," Dell said.

Dalafave said she would not mind a day or two off, but that she was not comfortable with the idea of classes being cancelled for all of Dead Week, as is done at some universities.

"I think the whole week off might actually be a bad thing, because then you have an entire week between the last day of classes and your test, which is enough time to forget things," she said.

Collins and Spears both acknowledged that procrastination and adding days to the calendar were both reasons to keep students in class until the end, but they mentioned another factor. According to Collins, the end of each semester sees a rise in "mischievous" activity in the dorms and around campus.

"That's also a time where, sometimes ... students make some pretty serious mistakes with regard to our code of conduct," Collins said. "Even without having some days off

there seems to be free time that gets used by students in a way that's not healthy."

Dalafave said she could see Collins' point, but she believed that it would be against the nature of Harding students to turn destructive in their extra free time.

"I think there would be a few more problems, yes," Dalafave said. "But I don't think Harding would suddenly explode."

Though Dead Week at many universities sees more classrooms sitting empty, students here take the schedule in stride. They know that, when the work is done, it is done until the fall.

"You just get through it and know, after that one week, you'll be able to go home and rest," Dell said.

RESCUE: Rescue event designed to raise awareness, encourage action to save captured Ugandan children

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Children traveling from their homes into villages to hide, packing into the basements of large buildings or abandoned structure to prevent being abducted by the LRA, known as night commuting, was a common occurrence they saw in Uganda.

These children who are abducted into the LRA are forced to commit acts of violence without hesitation. In the Invisible Children documentary, International Criminal Court's lead prosecutor, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, spoke of a boy and the violence he was forced to commit when he was a member of the LRA. Once the boy was made to throw a baby in a river

simply because the mother was walking too slowly. He burned a family in their home and murdered many more during his captive service.

"They transformed this beautiful guy into a monster, and of course something cannot return," Moreno-Ocampo said in the documentary. "Something cannot go back to normal."

Since Invisible Children's founding, it has initiated programs that have attempted to spark the government's involvement in a solution to Kony's violence. On April 25, the Rescue Event sponsored by Invisible Children will be held in 100 major cities across the world to raise awareness and continue to encourage global

government to pursue a solution to the Ugandan crisis.

Harding students have become aware of this movement and now form a large majority of the participants in the Little Rock event, even taking responsibility for the organization of the gathering. The activities involved in the Rescue Event will symbolically represent the abduction of child soldiers.

The first meeting site will be where the students are "abducted" and leave behind pictures, marking themselves as "missing" people. They will then walk to the "LRA camp," a site a mile to three miles away, where they will stay for the night until they are "rescued."

To be rescued, two qualifications must be met: coverage by an approved media outlet and attendance of a pre-determined cultural or political leader.

Freshman Kayla Ross became a major organizer for the Invisible Children movement on campus in early March and has now been given the responsibility for the entire Little Rock Rescue Event. Ross said Christians have a responsibility given by Scriptures to the weak and abused.

"A lot of that is overlooked until it's too late, and so many people have died," Ross said. "I think people forget that we live in the same world. Invisible Children acts on the power of the people to bring awareness. They

realized the only way they could bring recognition to what was going on in Uganda is to use the people."

Ross and others involved with Invisible Children said they hope the Rescue Event will bring much-needed attention to the plight of child soldiers.

"It's like we've failed the children because we are there to protect the children, and we didn't," Angelina Atyam, a mother of an abducted child, said in the Invisible Children documentary. "Every minute that ticks away, a child is dying; a child is being injured; a child is starving to death. I want to see their faces and know our children are alive."

"I hope that this [tea party] serves as a networking opportunity so that people who are concerned with these issues can come together."

Dr. Cheri Yecke
political science
professor

TEA: Harding professor links national situation to Biblical story

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Among these speakers were Dr. Cheri Yecke, former Secretary of Education and political science professor at Harding, White County Judge Michael Lincoln and College Republicans chairman Nicholas Horton.

There were waves of applause and nodding of heads as many folks cheered against big government and against elected leaders straying away from the founding fathers' original intent for America. The idea that the government is out of touch with what American citizens want and, more importantly, need was a consistent message among all the speakers.

Yecke gave a history of the founding fathers and what they envisioned for America in order to illuminate the intent of the Constitution. Her speech supported her belief that the people of Searcy need to be informed about what the government can and cannot do. Yecke made the parallel between what is happening within the government today and the story of King Josiah when the child king discovers the scrolls and comes to find that the people have not been following the word of God. Yecke said she hopes American citizens are on the same road.

"I hope that this [tea party] serves as a networking opportunity so that people who are concerned with these issues can come together," Yecke said. "This is definitely a grassroots movement."

Often, with protests come



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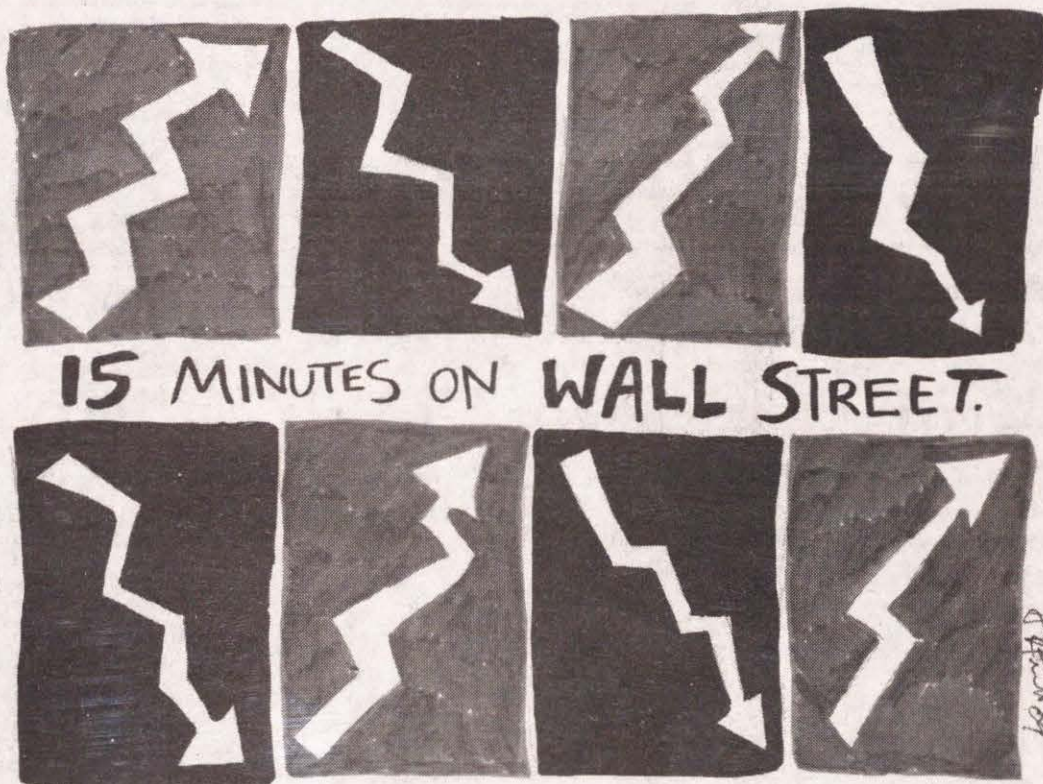
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JEREMY WATSON
Elementary, My Dear

Information, But At What Cost?

There has been a stir in the news media this week as a White House memo was released that contained Dennis Blair, President Obama's intelligence director, stating that some of the banned interrogation methods used on terrorist suspects produced valuable information.

This is controversial not only because of the fact that it seems like someone in Obama's administration is doing an about-face on the official policy that whatever the possible benefits of coercive techniques like waterboarding, they were not worth sacrificing America's values; it also appeared that the Obama administration was attempting to keep this assessment quiet as the statements by Blair were not in the memos originally released to the press, but were only made public later. Some of Blair's representatives said the statements were only taken out in the normal process of shortening memos to a manageable size before making them public, but that of course has not stopped the accusations of trying to keep things quiet.

I don't know whether the Obama administration was trying to keep that assessment quiet; to me, it doesn't really matter. The general consensus of the world for the past several years has been that those types of interrogation techniques are a form of torture, and as such, illegal and immoral. The question this recent event brings up, though, is, "Yeah, but do they work?"

Most people have seen at least one episode of the TV show "24", and as such, know Jack Bauer's views on the issue: if something works and can get information that can save thousands, if not millions, of lives, then whether or not it's illegal or whatever the personal consequences, it should be done for the greater good. I have a hard time coming down concretely on either side of the issue.

Yes, there is some evidence that methods that could be considered torture sometimes work, and this memo just further confirms that. If many lives can be saved by causing one person pain, or even killing him or her, is that not worth it, especially when the person suffering is someone involved with purposely putting all those lives at risk in the first place? Looking at it on the macro, utilitarian level, it almost makes sense.

But then I look at it on the micro level, at the individual, and I think about what it would be like to experience waterboarding: being strapped down, arms and legs, not being able to move with a cloth over my head and water being poured over my face, suffocating me and making me feel like I was drowning, over and over again. Does anyone deserve that? Is there not some basic level of freedom or life or dignity or whatever that everyone deserves on the basis of simply being human that makes even thinking about such an action almost repulsive?

But then I think about something like 9/11, and wonder, if those methods had been used, could it have been prevented? And wouldn't it have been worth it, and wouldn't the people tortured deserve it?

So I go back and forth. I don't think I could ever justify torturing someone myself, even if it saved a lot of lives. But when it's some other, faceless person torturing another equally faceless person who wants me dead, it's much more easy to simply say, "Well, it's for the greater good," and actually believe it, at least in part. It's a tough question, and while it's not a pleasant one, I'm glad it's being discussed again.

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A Few Of My Favorite Things



MICHAEL CLAXTON

Guest Space

As we head toward graduation in two weeks, when our seniors will hear the traditional Harding farewell song, "Climb Every Mountain," I am inspired to end this semester's columns with another classic number from "The Sound of Music." It's always a pleasure to write for the Harding community, and I wish you all a happy summer and rewarding days beyond. For maximum entertainment value, hum the tune as you read.

Springtime at Harding with fresh flowers blooming
Projects are mounting, and finals are looming
Before we depart for those mid-summer flings
Here are a few of my favorite things

Catfish at Georgetown with French fries and pickles
Chips at Pueblito in salsa that tickles
Half-off on Wednesdays, we stock up on Wings
Eating too much of our favorite things

Strawberry shortcakes at Bald-Knob Bull-Doggy's
Goodbye to Trail Dust, DQ and to Froggy's
Can a new restaurant survive until spring
Without some more of my favorite things?

The buffet at Larry's is simply inspired
They bring the pizza — no walking required
Red pepperoni that's fit for a king
Overindulging my favorite things

When the pounds come
When the scale sings
When I'm feeling sore
I simply remember my favorite things
And then I go back for more

But college is more than just feasting and eating
I'm always happy when classes are meeting
Students may doze till their Blackberries ring
While I expound on my favorite things

Lyrical poems with metaphors blending
Dashes and commas — their uses unending
Freshmen would rather be smooching in swings
As I drone on about favorite things

Milton and Wordsworth and Kafka and Hardy
You thought World Lit. would be one giant party
"Is there a version on YouTube," they sing
Cliff-noting through all my favorite things

Stacks of term papers and mountains of writing
Suddenly grading is not so exciting
When is the next airplane flight to Beijing?
I need relief from my favorite things

When the commas splice
When the bell rings
When my fingers ache
I simply remember my favorite things
And they include summer break

What now that the basketball season has ended?
The girls beating Tech was a moment so splendid
And to Christian Brothers an upser we bring
Victory's one of my favorite things

Road trips to Memphis and energy drinking
Bouncing off walls — what the heck was I thinking?
Red Bull assuredly gives you a zing
It is not one of my favorite things

New laptop — I sure am a punishment glutton
Searching all week for the on-and-off button
The folks at Dell think I'm a big ding-a-ling
Their hotline is one of my favorite things

Now the semester is finally over
Next fall I'll be touring the White Cliffs of Dover
I'm heading to England; I'll see you in spring
As I return to my favorite things

When the rain comes
When Big Ben dings
When I'm feeling mean
I simply remember my favorite things
And maybe I'll meet the Queen

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Green Without Envy

Letters To The Editor

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Female Submission Infers Inequality

I came across this article when a friend provided me with a link to it. I consider myself a feminist and am vocal about my ideals and beliefs as such, so I was interested in reading what another Harding student had to say on the topic. I would like to counter some of the points she made with what I have learned from my studies of the feminist movement and what it means for our society today.

In the beginning of her article, Ms. Dixon wrote that a woman's search for independence and desire for relationship cannot exist together because it "seems to suggest a worldly standard that women should pursue relationships, but maintain the upper hand." Feminists' desire for independence is not about who has "the upper hand," but about equality. Why does one member of a partnership have to have "the upper hand?" Can't two people be in a fully equal relationship?

Independence is not about being better than someone else; it's about the freedom to be who you

are and do what you would like with your life. Plenty of feminist women are in wonderful egalitarian marriages with men who respect and love them. Independence and relationship are not mutually exclusive: if they were, there would be no need for basic friendships.

She next addresses the issue of Christianity and female submission, arguing that submission is not demeaning. This makes no logical sense, seeing as how the very nature of submission holds that one person is inherently better than the other.

She cites everyone's favorite Scripture on the topic, Ephesians 5:22-32, but I disagree with her interpretation of the Scripture. It seems to me Paul is not instructing men to rule over their wives, but for husbands and wives to have a mutual respect for each other, each taking the other's needs into consideration within the relationship. Two cannot become one if one half has more control than the other. Women are not children who need to be guided and

cared for but human beings who are just as capable of making rational decisions as men.

What I found most offensive about Ms. Dixon's article is her statement that feminists are women who "dress immodestly, disrespect men and advocate unrestricted abortions (not to mention obtain them for themselves), all in the name of independence." The feminists I know and have read about do not love abortion, nor do they see it as a simple form of birth control.

They recognize it as a hard and tragic decision some women have to make. Most feminist women I know don't dress immodestly on purpose. What is modesty anyway? It's so hard to define, and the definition changes so often. It was scandalous 150 years ago for a woman to show her ankles, but dresses were cut ridiculously low.

Today, it's acceptable to wear knee-length skirts, but low-cut shirts offend people. Modesty is an attitude, not a checklist of guidelines you should go over every

time you leave the house.

As for the issue of disrespecting men, feminists understand that to earn respect you have to show it. I have found no basis for that concept of feminism from feminist women I know or books and articles I have read by feminist women. If a woman does treat a man in a way that could be considered disrespectful, it is usually provoked.

Women face disrespect from men every day through everything from catcalls to music lyrics. Even if a woman does disrespect a man, my guess is that he is perfectly capable of manning up and dealing with it, just as women have done for thousands of years.

In conclusion, I find Ms. Dixon's stance on feminism unfounded and weak. Perhaps if people knew more about modern feminism's ideals and goals, they could form a more legitimate argument. As it stands, I stand by my opinion that modern feminism and Christianity can exist in harmony together.

— BECCA BURLEY, student

Green Cleaning

While routinely cleaning one of many toilets at my summer state park workplace, I looked down —horrified —to see that toilet bowl cleaner had soaked through my jeans where I knelt, penetrating my knees with a tingling sensation.

"It feels like burning," I exclaimed to my co-worker, who immediately envisioned the worst-case scenarios: possible leg amputations, serious chemical burn reactions or a leave of absence. As he rattled off each dismal possibility to me, my heart sank as I ran my legs under a furious spray of water to get the "venom" out of my system, for my situation momentarily seemed akin to a poisonous snakebite. After filling out an accident report, I contended with mildly chemically burned knees for a while and was nicknamed Ralph for the Simpson's character that said, "They taste like burning" when he ate too many berries.

My ordeal goes to show that household cleaners contain chemicals that can be harmful if mishandled, and, as is often the case, these chemicals harm the environment if released. Some cleaning supplies like chlorine bleach, synthetic cleaners and air freshener sprays contain VOCs (volatile organic compounds), which are organic chemical compounds that can vaporize out of cleaning solvents; they can trigger breathing problems, dizziness and watery eyes. Some cleaners, too, contain the VOC formaldehyde, a human carcinogen. What's more, VOCs specifically harm soil and groundwater and contribute to air pollution.

The green alternative to synthetic cleaners and other similar chemicals is to choose cleaners containing natural ingredients that still clean effectively. According to National Geographic's Green Guide, "The healthiest, least-toxic cleaners you can find are the ones you make yourself." As such, a host of inexpensive kitchen cabinet ingredients serve as the backbone of many do-it-yourself cleaner concoctions: lemon, white vinegar, baking soda and salt. Baking soda is especially versatile, as shower curtains can be soaked in a water and soda solution to remove mildew, and soda can be sprinkled as a deodorant in toilets and as a de-clogging agent in sink drains, among countless other functions.

White vinegar, another multi-purpose cleaner, can be used to mop floors, clean mirrors and countertops, polish furniture and clean toilets. Considering my toilet-cleaner phobia, I effectively scrubbed my room toilet using white vinegar for my dorm's latest health and safety check. For cleaning microwaves, a chemical-free method entails microwaving a bowl of water on high for several minutes to loosen hardened food. A slew of other homemade cleaner recipes can be found at www.thegreenguide.com and www.greenerpenny.com.

If you're pressed for time, green cleaners can be purchased as well. Seventh Generation, Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps, Simple Green and Clorox Greenworks are lines of eco-friendly cleaning products. I am particularly fond of Greenworks all-purpose cleaner for its widespread availability and effectiveness, in addition to the company's associations with the Sierra Club and the EPA's Design for Environment program, which recognizes products with eco-friendly ingredients.

For this season's spring-cleaning session, I encourage you to consider starting at the root of the process: with the cleaners themselves. When you choose natural products that protect your body, you're preserving other bodies too — bodies of animals and bodies of water. Opt for the environment, and you won't get burned, chemically or otherwise.

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Evolutionary Theory Is 'Unprovable Dogma'

Several weeks ago, Ben Stein was given a standing ovation by 4,000 people jammed into the Benson Auditorium on the Harding campus.

Stein's movie "Expelled" documented the fact that in institutions of higher learning, evolutionary theory has become "politically correct," and no challenge to the theory is permitted. Professors have been expelled who tried to challenge it. Instead of engaging in rational dialogue, academics poke fun at creationism.

How ironic that shortly after Stein's speech, a writer in a column in the Bison seemed to imply that if he were in charge, Stein would have been expelled to be replaced by a theistic evolutionist. Our entire generation of students has been saturated with evolutionary

theory their entire lifetime by public schools and the mass media. They need the opportunity to hear the creationist viewpoint. The writer would be better advised to spend time with Stein's effort to get our public institutions to give creationism a fair hearing.

When I was a student at Harding, I studied theistic evolution. When I taught history at a public school in New York, I was challenged by a student in a public university who poked fun at Harding as a "sheltered" environment where only one point of view was presented. But in subsequent discussions I discovered that it was his education that was deficient. While I could articulate both sides of the issues, he had no clue about the Christian perspective.

After years of intensive study, it is my conclusion that evolutionary theory is nothing more than unprovable dogma. Charles Darwin himself once said regarding the complexity of the human eye that it seemed "absurd in the highest degree" that it should have arisen by chance and evolution. It reminds me of what was once written by Dr. George Wald, Nobel prize-winning biology professor at Harvard University.

In discussing the extreme complexity of even the simplest living organisms and the infinite improbability that such systems could ever have arisen spontaneously from non-living systems, he wrote: "One has only to contemplate the magnitude of this task to conclude that the

spontaneous generation of a living organism is impossible. Yet here we are — as a result, I believe, of spontaneous generation."

I wonder why Scriptures must be twisted to accommodate an impossible theory. I have a friend who is a research scientist and an evolutionist who concedes that it is impossible to disprove the literal interpretation of Genesis 1 that God created the universe in six 24-hour days. Jesus said, "with God all things are possible." The theistic evolutionist has to make God fill the missing links in a deficient theory. I find it much more reasonable to take Genesis 1 at face value as intelligent and educated people have done for dozens of centuries.

— MILO HADWIN, Chinese Student Life Administrator

Think, Pray Before Getting 'Africa Fever'

As Christians we are supposed to be missions minded — we are even commanded by Jesus to "go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matt. 28). But why has the word "missions" suddenly taken on an exotic form? When was the rule made that for it to be a real "mission trip" it has to be at least a plane ride away and in a third-world country? Now, I am not professing by any means that this is the universal or even majority perception, but my concern about this new definition of missions grew when I overheard a student talking about Africa at a local coffee house. She expressed that she felt a kind of unspoken pressure from her friends to go to Africa for missions. She even expressed the fear that she would be perceived as a "bad" Christian because she was not going to Africa.

Now hold up just a second — why does she feel this pressure, or better yet, why are her friends (possibly unknowingly) putting this pressure on her? It is something I like to call Africa Fever. Now, another disclaimer: I do not think



CAROLINE DAMRON

Guest Space

African missions are bad; far from it. I think the work being done and the restoration that is growing in Africa is awesome. However, it concerns me that Africa has become the only option for some people. God is not just in Africa. Opportunities to serve are not just in Africa. Opportunities to serve are not just overseas, but everywhere, because we are called to serve people, not a culture or an experience.

So if we know that God is working everywhere, not just overseas, and we know there are opportunities right in front of us, why do so many people still want out of the U.S.? Here's another shock to your system: some people, believe it or not, don't want to go overseas. Many are satisfied here: serving, living and growing in the U.S., yes, even right here in Searcy, Ark. Wanting to go overseas is not

bad; wanting to stay in the U.S. is not bad; I just want us to recognize that we each have a different calling. In Romans, the church or the people are described as a body: "For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function" (12:4). We do not all have the same function; we do not all have the same calling and we do not all need to go to Africa. Do not let a fad, and it is a fad, of African Fever influence your decision of what to do with your summer or your life. If you have been called, if you are being pulled, then for goodness' sake, go, because if you stay here you will not be acting in your part of the body. If you've been called internationally but are not pursuing it because you do not want to be like everyone else, then you are making the same mistake as the girl who goes because she's following everyone else.

Cultural activism is great, but it is a movement that with much good has come much over-zeal. We need to help others, but putting pressure on every person you meet to support your campaign or buy your

sustainable merchandise or go to your prayer meeting is not effective; it's draining. There are so many things to do and so much pressure to do them that little is really being done well. However, if we recognize our calling, if we seek our talents and use them where they're needed for God's kingdom — we'd be unstoppable.

I will admit, I have the bug — I have African Fever, but I have prayerfully and thoughtfully made my decision because I know it is where God wants me. Will it be for my whole life? Probably not, but I know right now it's where I need to concentrate.

As you seek God's heart and His plan for your life, remember:

"But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matt 6:33) and "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:6).

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DAVID COOK

'American Idol'-atry comes to Harding

by KYLIE AKINS
student reporter

Since his "American Idol" win last year, David Cook has enjoyed overwhelming success becoming an independent artist. After the debut of his self-titled album, 11 of his songs appeared on the Billboard Hot 100 at once, passing this era's record holder, Miley Cyrus, who had six songs at once.

In a recent interview, Cook discusses his childhood dreams, "American Idol" experiences and career amenities.

What are some of your favorite artists?

"I really like my Lady Peace, Pearl Jam and Big Wreck. More recently I've really been getting into bands like Injected and Burnt Halo."

What is your favorite pair of shoes?

"I have a pair of black python cowboy boots that I wear pretty religiously."

What was your childhood dream career?

"I wanted to be a ninja or the guy that rode on the back of the trash trucks. I had goals."

How did you become involved with music?

"I remember growing up watching my dad play guitar a lot. My first instrument was actually a violin. After I got made fun of one too many times, I switched to guitar."

Why did you audition for

"American Idol"?

"I went with my little brother who was auditioning. I was there to be his support, and I got hooked into it."

Did you have aspirations to be a musician before that?

"I was living in Tulsa and recording music there. And before Tulsa, I lived in Kansas City and was in a band there. I've been in a band since I was 15. I had been trying to do it for a while."

What was it like to be on "American Idol"?

"I remember everything being very hectic. Trying to put together an hour long TV show in a week and a lot of that revolving around us and knowing our songs was a lot of work, but overall I think it was an experience getting to meet the mentors. I remember one week we went to Vegas, and that was my first time ever in Vegas, and I liked it. Vegas still has quite a bit of my money."

What was the "American Idol" experience like?

"We had a generally good season. Every day was kind of funny. We came to the conclusion that I was really funny when everyone was really tired, like pretty much any time before noon, and then Michael Johns would normally take it over in the afternoon. Every day we just tried to keep it light and fun."

Out of all of the people that

you met on "American Idol", which were the most memorable?

"The judges were great. And I formed relationships with a lot of the people backstage: the stage manager, the camera crews and the list goes on. For me it was just that I got to make friends on that show, and that was cool."

"I still talk to Archie [David Archuleta] as much as possible. He stays pretty busy. I talked to Michael Jarvis the other day, Carly and Chikezie too. What's cool about this show is not only have I made friends with people from this season, but I also made friends with people from other seasons, like Carrie [Underwood]. I try to talk to them as much as I can."

Do you feel like people stereotype you because you were discovered on "American Idol"?

"I don't really concern myself with it much. I'm just trying to concentrate on being who I am, and if people want to try to put that in a box, so be it."

How has "American Idol" affected your career?

"For starters, it gave me one. I think before, I was struggling to get people to pay attention, and 'Idol' was an amazing platform for me to do that. I think, as far as how it's affected me, it's been primarily positive."

Why did you decide for your first tour to be exclusively for colleges?

"I wanted to do something different. Coming off of the 'Idol' experience, it's a massive machine. With 'Idol', I remember for the finale we played in front of 7,000 people. And on the 'Idol' tour we were in arenas every night with anywhere from 10,000 to 18,000 people. I just wanted to get back to my roots a little bit, and the college idea seemed the perfect fit to play the show that we've been playing. Smaller venues and smaller audiences, but they're the kind of people that there is a definite energy there. It's fun for us as a band to find a common ground with each other in that kind of atmosphere. It makes it really fun."

Do you prefer a small crowd or a big crowd?

"Both for different reasons. There's no better sound in the world to me than 18,000 people going nuts. I remember walking off stage and being really excited, but not really feeling like I got to everybody. But with the smaller venue, I feel like I can reach a higher percentage of the audience, and it's just fun."

How do you think your music appeals to college students?

"I don't think about stuff like that. I just play the music that I love to play and hopefully it appeals to everybody. More than anything, I just try to be true to who I am."

What has the college tour

experience been like so far?

"I love it. I think the response we've gotten and really just the fact that we've been able to play these shows has been massive. It's a win-win for me."

How does this compare to when you were in college?

"More people show up to these shows than they did when I was in college, for sure. I wish I would have done this before I went to college. It would have given me a better idea of where to go. These are the best campus visits imaginable really. It's a cool vibe."

What do you enjoy about your career?

"All of it. The fact that I have one really. I'm extremely lucky, I get to do what I love to do every day, just play music."

What are any unexpected downsides to your career?

"I've never been this busy. It's harder to make time for family and friends. But it's a sacrifice right now that I'm willing to make."

How do you hope your music will reach your audience?

"I just want to reach people in any way. I write these songs from a therapeutic aspect for myself, to put pen to paper and get it out of my head. Hopefully people take something from these songs and find something for themselves. More than anything I want people to find something for themselves in the music."



Cook ticket scalping some of first at HU

by BILLIE PIETERS
student reporter

Many students on campus were disappointed in January when tickets went on sale for the surprise David Cook concert. There were only 998 tickets sold for Tuesday night's concert.

This was because the concert was being held in the Administration Auditorium, where only one sixth of the student body can be held.

This caused many students to resort to desperate measures. Many begged, pleaded and bribed friends for extra tickets.

Others took advantage of the situation. Though none agreed to an interview, there were quite a few student scalpers. Some did it for the money, others because they had a prior engagement to where they couldn't attend the concert.

The definition of scalping from Webster's dictionary is "to buy and sell so as to make small quick profits; especially: to resell at greatly increased prices."

When tickets went on sale in January, the CAB (Campus Activities Board,) sold them for ten dollars each and free with the Pass to those that signed up outside the CAB office.

Coleman Yoakum, a member of CAB commented on the scalping, "We are pro scalping."

"We're open to free enterprise and think it is great that students can make money off of this."

Scalpers were not the only ones putting themselves out there though. Students that still needed tickets made fliers and put them on information boards all through campus with how to contact them. Many of them read, "Desperate for

David Cook."

The ticket resale of Tuesday night's concert ranged anywhere from the original value (ten dollars) of the tickets and up. It was common to hear people selling theirs for 15 dollars throughout the day.

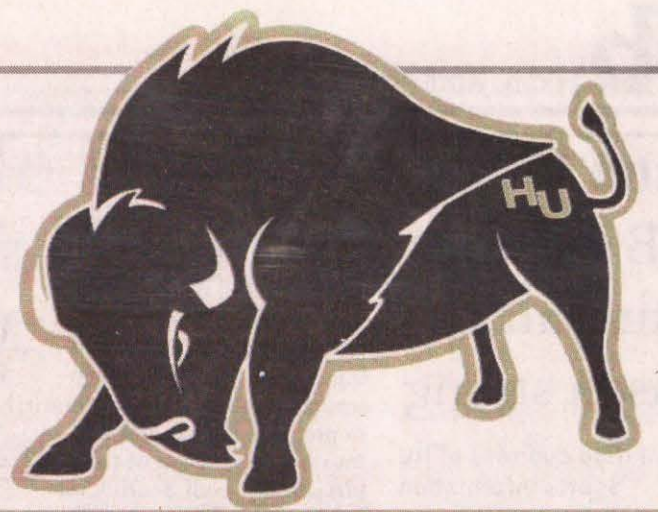
Many students were seen standing outside the auditorium hours before the show. Seating was first come first serve. Also, outside the auditorium were student scalpers. For several Harding concertgoers this was new. "Who would have thought there would be scalpers for a concert at Harding," senior Stacey Foster.

"There were scalpers all over the place," said freshman and student security, Megan Lockert.

Concertgoers and scalpers alike both got what they wanted in the end. A good show and some extra cash.

SECTION B

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Bison tennis completes conference tourney

Men's team finishes regular season 16-7

By CHRIS O'DELL
sports editor

The Bison tennis team split two matches in the Gulf South Conference Tournament last week to finish the regular season with a 16-7 record. The men's team fell 5-0 to North Alabama in the quarterfinals of the tournament before defeating Christian Brothers 6-0 in the consolation round.

The split in the GSC tournament caps off another successful season for the Bison tennis team. Senior Marco Ruiz said the team was more competitive this year compared to last season.

"I feel like the season went very well this season," Ruiz said. "We had a stronger team than last year, which made us have closer matches against the really good teams, as well as raise everyone's singles and doubles records."

Ruiz, a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, recently earned his third straight All-GSC honor after finishing one of the most successful seasons ever by a Harding tennis player. Ruiz finished the season with a 16-1 singles record after winning

his first 13 matches at number three singles. His .941 winning percentage tied the Harding record for a single season. Ruiz has one year of eligibility left at Harding and said he has enjoyed his time on the Bison tennis team.

"I have had a blast playing tennis at Harding," Ruiz said. "I have had a great time during the practices, team meetings and trips. Everyone on our team is great, especially [Head Tennis] Coach [David] Elliott, who treats all of us like his sons and daughters."

Although Ruiz will be leaving Harding after next season, the young talent on the team is making sure the successful tradition continues for the Bison tennis team. Henrique Ruiz, Marco's brother, joined the team this year and has already collected his first All-GSC honor after posting a 12-5 singles record at number two singles.

Henrique and Marco also teamed up at number one doubles and collected a 14-4 record together. Marco said Elliott is constantly looking to improve his team.

"I am sure that Harding's tennis team is getting stronger

every year," Marco Ruiz said. "We might have a few new players on our team next year, which makes all of us really excited with the idea of doing even better during next year's season."

The Bisons had two freshmen on this year's team to go along with four sophomores.

The young talent coupled with Marco Ruiz and players like juniors Olzhas Taniyev and Jared Walters should be sure to keep the Bison tradition alive for years to come.

After finishing as a runner-up in the GSC West this season, the Bisons now await word whether or not they will be invited to the NCAA tournament. Marco Ruiz said the idea of a possible NCAA Tournament bid is very exciting for him and his teammates.

"If we do get into the NCAA tournament, I am sure that we have a great chance of doing well, especially in the first round," Marco Ruiz said. "I am actually really excited about it because we always get to compete against really strong and well-ranked teams from all over the country."



Senior Marco Ruiz returns a shot at a recent match against LeMoyné Owen in Searcy. The Bisons won the match 9-0 and finished their season with a 16-7 record.

Lady Bison golf adds to successful season

by CHRIS O'DELL
sports editor

The Lady Bison golf team recently concluded the 2008-2009 season by recording its second-best Gulf South Conference Championship score in the program's four years. The 691 score was good for sixth place in the GSC Championship, which was held at the Hot Springs Country Club. Senior Brandi Watkins said the 691 score was a small part of the success the Lady Bisons had throughout the season.

"We had an extremely successful season this year," Watkins said. "As a team, we set some new school records, won tournaments, had many second-place finishes and played very well overall."

Watkins, a native of Canon City, Colo., led the Lady Bisons with an 84.3 strokes per round average on the season. She also set a record for the lowest ever score in a round by shooting a 76 in the second round of the Bison Fall Golf Classic. In the same tournament, Watkins set the record

for the best two-round score by shooting a 155.

Those accomplishments helped Watkins get named to the All-Gulf South Conference Team, making her the first Lady Bison to ever be on the All-GSC first team. Senior Natalie Gay was also named to the All-GSC team. Gay was named to the second team after averaging 85.8 strokes per round this season. Watkins said she was thrilled about her and her teammate's honor.

"It's an exciting feeling to know that I made the team, especially in my final season of college golf," Watkins said. "I have to say that I'm proud of Natalie for making the GSC team as well because I know she has put many hours of practice into her game, and she deserves this award."

The Lady Bisons were under new leadership this year with Dr. Nicky Boyd in his first season as women's golf coach. Boyd had previously been the men's golf coach for the last 14 seasons before taking over the women's team this season.

With a new coach and three

freshmen on the team entering this season, Watkins said the future of the Lady Bison golf program is on the right track.

"After seeing all the talent on the team this year, I know that the seasons to come are going to be amazing," Watkins said. "The girls on the team are full of so much potential, and I know that they are all hard workers and are going to accomplish great things."

Harding had three second-place finishes this season and a first-place finish at the Lyon College Piper Invitational. Watkins said the successful season for the Lady Bisons capped off a great career at Harding.

"For me, I just feel extremely blessed to have been able to play golf all through college without any setbacks," Watkins said. "I have such a passion for the game that I get excited just knowing that I get to play. All of the other stuff that comes with it is just icing on top of the cake."

Watkins and Gay both placed in the top five in three different tournaments this season.



Senior Brandi Watkins follows through on a swing at a recent golf tournament. Watkins became the first Lady Bison in school history to be named to the All-GSC first team.

Cavs, Lakers on collision course for Finals match-up

CHRIS O'DELL

The Leadoff

The NBA playoffs have just begun and there have already been multiple "instant classic" candidates for ESPN to look at.

Game one between the Celtics and Bulls featured multiple ties and lead changes throughout the entire game. It also boasted one of the best playoff debuts in league history when Bulls rookie Derek Rose went for 36 points and 11 assists in Chicago's 105-103 overtime victory in Boston. Rose, the first overall pick in the 2008 draft, matched

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's record for most points in a playoff debut. He even made Boston's Rajon Rondo play second-fiddle after posting 29 points, nine rebounds and seven assists in the same game.

The Philadelphia 76ers also played an instant classic in game one of their series against the Orlando Magic. After pulling off an improbable comeback late in the game, the 76ers stole game one in Orlando and now have the Magic right where they want them. If Andre Iguodala can keep up his clutch play, the Magic just might face a first-round upset.

Then you have the Lone Star Showdown, possibly the league's best rivalry, between the San Antonio Spurs and Dallas Mavericks. The

Spurs are owners of multiple championships in recent years and have been one of the most consistent teams in the league this decade. However, Dallas didn't seem to care when they went into San Antonio and took game one right from San Antonio's grasp. This could definitely be a series that goes the full seven games.

However, two teams that have yet to get a scare in these playoffs are the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Los Angeles Lakers. Maybe it's because the Cavs and Lakers are the NBA's two best teams, hands down.

After finishing with the league's best two records in the regular season and starting the playoffs 2-0, the Cavs and Lakers seem head-

ed for an inevitable collision in the NBA Finals. If so, this year's NBA Finals will feature the best two basketball players on the planet in a showdown for the league's ultimate trophy.

It will be LeBron James' second finals appearance after getting swept by the San Antonio Spurs in the 2007 finals. LeBron, who is likely to be named this year's Most Valuable Player, has a better supporting cast than he had in 2007 and has improved his defense significantly since then. The 24-year-old phenomenon is hungry to claim the first NBA championship of his five-year career.

For Kobe Bryant, it will be his sixth finals appearance as he goes for championship number four in his career.

Don't make the mistake of thinking for a second that Kobe will be satisfied with anything less than a ring after losing in last year's finals. Since the game six loss to Boston last June, Kobe put off finger surgery to play in the Beijing Olympics. He helped team USA win a gold medal, then played all 82 regular season games for the second consecutive season while leading L.A. to the league's second best record. The final stop on Kobe's wish list is his fourth ring with the Lakers and first without big man Shaquille O'Neal.

Although the match-up between Kobe and LeBron will be intriguing enough to draw in plenty of fans for this year's finals, the series itself

might be far less exciting. The Lakers are just too big and too deep for the Cavs. Although LeBron is capable of single-handedly willing his team to victories, it won't be enough in a seven-game series against the league's best team. I see the Lakers winning in five games and Kobe adding another title to his Hall of Fame resumé. Cavs fans will be able to rejoice in the fact that LeBron James was this year's MVP, and now will have to hope "King James" stays in Cleveland after that infamous 2010 offseason.

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Bison Notes

Baseball finishing season strong

Information courtesy of HU Sports Information

Bisons Sweep UAM with two Classics

The Harding baseball squad won twice in its final at bat Sunday, sweeping a double-header and winning all three games of the series against

Arkansas-Monticello at Jerry Moore Field. The Bisons won the opener 6-5 in 12 innings and took game two 4-3.

With the victories, Harding (30-21) collected 30 victories for only the fourth time in program history and moved into sole possession of third place in the Gulf South Conference West Division with an 11-7 record and clinched a spot in the GSC Tournament. The top four teams in each division advance to the GSC Tournament beginning May 2 at USA Stadium in Millington, Tenn. Harding needs only one win in its final GSC series next weekend at

Arkansas Tech to clinch the third seed.

Lady Bison honored after season ends

Harding senior women's tennis player Alicia Williams became the first Lady Bison ever to earn Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Year honors Wednesday as the conference released its postseason honors. Williams was also named First-Team All-GSC and teammate Lola Pardo was named Second-Team All-GSC.

Williams, a native of Greenville, Miss., compiled a 15-5

singles record and won her final six matches of the season. In her four-year career at Harding, Williams won 70 singles matches at number one, setting a school record for wins at the top position. Williams teamed with four different Lady Bisons at the number one doubles position this season and notched a 13-8 record. It marked the fourth consecutive season that Williams earned First-Team All-GSC honors.

Pardo, a junior who hails from Hendaye, France, played Harding's number two singles position and had a 12-8 singles record. Pardo won a team-high 17 doubles matches, playing at

both number one and number two doubles.

Pole vaulter headed to nationals

Harding senior Brian Jones recorded a provisional qualifying height in the pole vault at the Memphis Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

Jones cleared 16 feet, 3/4 inches to finish second in the pole vault and provisionally qualify for the NCAA II National Outdoor Track and Field Championships for the first time in his career. His previous career best in the event was 15-7, set at

the Harding Invitational in 2006. His best height this season had been 14-11, which he achieved at the Ole Miss Invitational and the Rhodes Open.

Eric Mammoser of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville won the event, clearing a height of 16-6 3/4.

Three Bisons have now provisionally qualified for nationals. Sophomore Daniel Kirwa and freshman Philip Biwott both qualified in the 5,000 meters at the Ole Miss Invitational earlier this season. Junior Dustin Hahn finished fourth in the 110 hurdles, finishing in 15.16 seconds, his second-fastest time of the season.

Senior distance runner leading track team

By ROBERTO MCGOWAN student reporter

Standing at 5-foot, 2-inches, graduate student Vicky Schandevl is living proof that big things can come in small packages.

Schandevl, a native of Columbia, S.C., said she has loved running since she was in eighth grade.

"I think it's a misconception that you have to be tall to be a good distance runner," Schandevl said.

Schandevl ran track and cross-country for the Bisons during her undergraduate years. During her senior season, she suffered an injury that she said she thought would make her unable to compete, and she thought she was done running.

Schandevl went on to receive her bachelor's degree from Harding University and started teaching at the Greater Atlanta Christian School in Norcross, Ga.

While teaching at the GACS, Schandevl coached and practiced with the boys' and girls' track team, so she

would stay in shape.

"Coaching and running made me miss the competing, so I contacted [Head] Coach [Steve] Guymon and Coach [Jeff] Morgan to see if I had any eligibility remaining," Schandevl said.

Schandevl found out she didn't have any cross-country eligibility, but she could still compete in indoor and outdoor events. She said this was music to her ears and made her want to return to Harding and start her collegiate sports career where she left off.

In the fall semester of 2008, Schandevl returned to Harding and began training with the cross-country runners—dispite not having any eligibility for this event—to get in shape for the indoor and outdoor season.

Guymon said Schandevl was the first girl he recruited when he came to Harding University in the 2002-2003 season.

During her undergraduate years, Schandevl was all-conference and all-region each year she competed. Every cross-country team she was

on placed in the top nine in nationals.

Guymon said Schandevl has always been an extremely hard worker, sometimes too hard. She has had to fight through some injuries, but she always comes back strong.

Guymon said sometimes he has to hold Schandevl back because she wants to do more than he puts on her workout schedule.

"Runners always feel they can be better; they are never satisfied," Guymon said.

Guymon said she is very energetic, supportive and pushes the other girls to do their best.

"She is like the mom of the team," Guymon said.

Teammates agree that Schandevl is encouraging to the team.

"She is always smiling and laughing even though she has a tough workout," sophomore Rachel Conley said.

Guymon said when Schandevl first signed her letter of intent she was not the number one runner and he did not build the team around her, but he always

knew he could count on her.

Guymon said in six years that the relationship between him and Schandevl has grown. It is still a coach and player relationship, but now it's like she is a player coach.

"I have watched her grow up," Guymon said. "She has even grown a couple of inches since she has been here."

"I ask her for advice now, and I have a great deal of respect for her. Schandevl is a great leader, and she will be good at whatever she chooses," Guymon said.

As for this current indoor-outdoor season, Schandevl has already qualified for the Steeple Chase, but said she knows it's not going to get her a spot at nationals.

Schandevl said she feels she is training very hard, but she hasn't reached her goals. She didn't qualify for indoor, and it has motivated her to train harder for the outdoor season.

"I always want to train as hard as the top competitors in the nation; I have to run faster if I want to make nationals," Schandevl said.

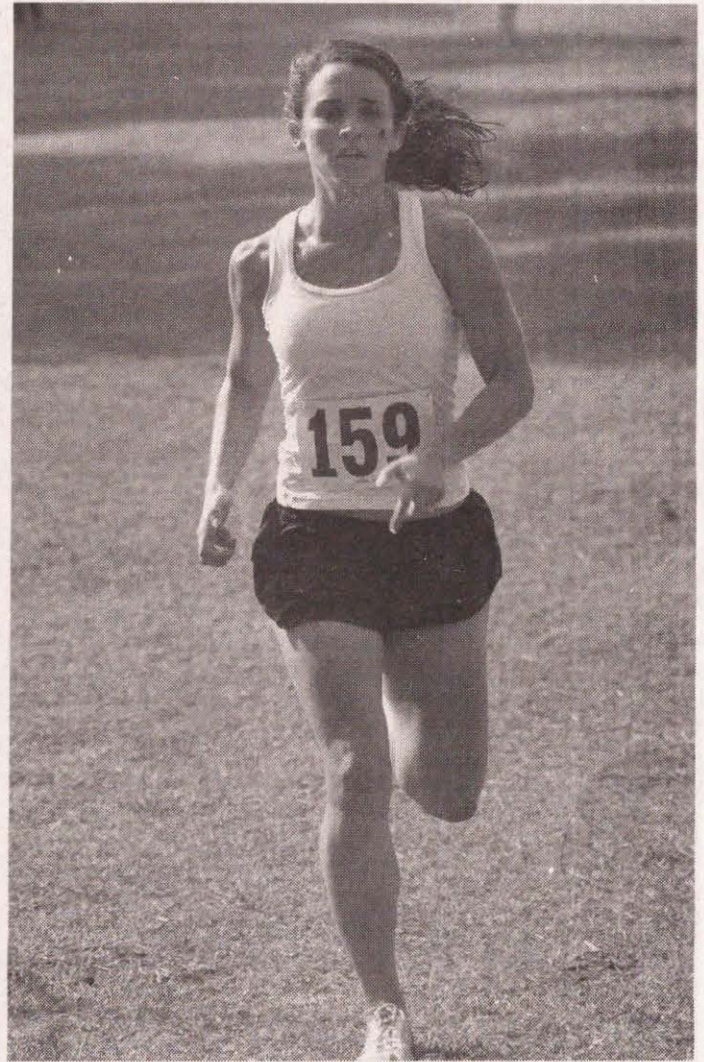
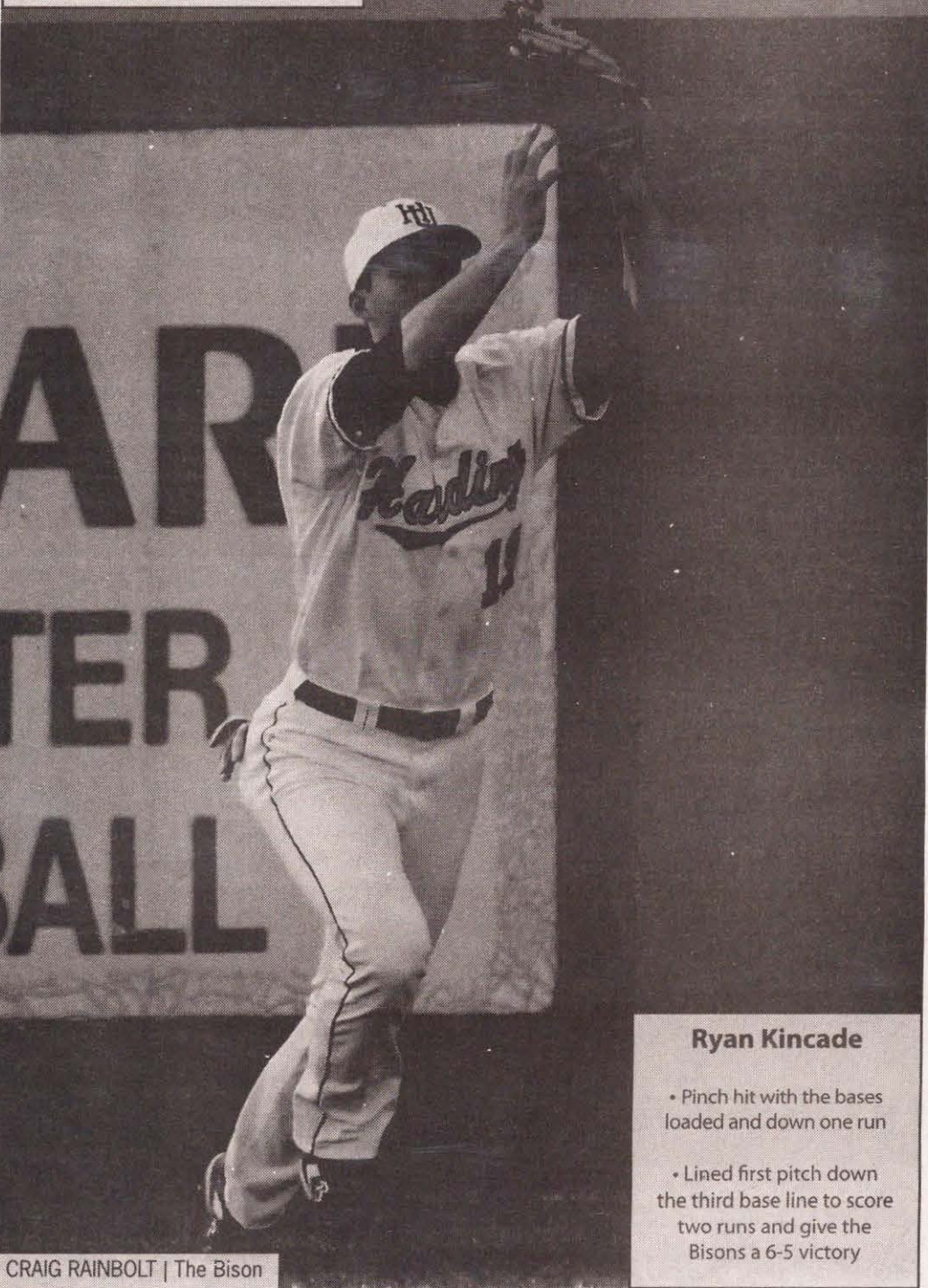


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Senior Vicky Schandevl runs through the finish line at the Wylde-wood Track Meet this season.

Athlete of the Week



CRAIG RAINBOLT | The Bison

Ryan Kincade

- Pinch hit with the bases loaded and down one run
- Lined first pitch down the third base line to score two runs and give the Bisons a 6-5 victory

Lacrosse battling inexperience

By ROBERTO MCGOWAN student reporter

Even though the Harding Lacrosse team is relatively new, it has grown accustomed to winning, but this season has been different.

In the 2005, 2007 and 2008 seasons the Lacrosse team won the Great Rivers Lacrosse Conference Championship.

The Bison started the 2009 season ranked No. 1 in the GRLC by the coaches in the annual pre-season poll held at the conference meeting in St. Louis.

Unfortunately for the Bisons the pre-season rankings were not indicative of things to come.

In the 2009 season the Lacrosse team lost six All-conference seniors, including Branden Riley.

Riley played Lacrosse at Harding for four years and was a two-time All-American and an All-conference honoree.

Riley said in his freshman season there were 25 members on the team.

"There wasn't a lot of talent, but we still won conference. Now there are only 13 members on the team and everybody has to play the whole game," Riley said.

Riley is now the assistant coach and says, "It's very difficult to watch the team struggle knowing you can't

suit-up and help."

The team has very high expectations; we were not use to losing Riley stated. This year has been a big shock.

The team goals coming into this season were to make the playoffs, but the team has since had to re-evaluate and just wants to make it through the season.

The Lacrosse team went from being pre-season number one to a 3-3 record with a couple of games left and already eliminated from the GRLC championship.

The Lacrosse team has accepted its fate for this season and is now looking forward to finishing this season strong and returning to its winning ways next season.

Riley says since there was a shortage of players the team was forced to start players with no previous Lacrosse experience.

Starting players with no experience can be disastrous, but Riley thinks it may have worked out just fine.

Junior Nick Peirce has scored 10 goals this season and junior Scott Foster caught on fast.

"Foster may not be the best shooter, but he faces-off well and is very intelligent."

Riley says once they realized this team would not be as good as previous teams they decided to use the rest of the

season to improve.

Sophomore Andrew Boyd is one of the better players that will be returning next season.

"Our team is the size of most teams bench," Boyd said, but we still make it happen.

"It's funny to see how sometimes we are still out running other teams in the fourth quarter," Boyd said.

Boyd feels like all of his teammates care about the game and want to win especially since each player has to pay a \$500 fee just to be on the team.

"Everybody ask what social club I'm in and I say the Lacrosse club."

There will be some big changes to the Lacrosse team after this season. Head Coach Mark Bates will step down and turn over his duties to Riley. Seniors Ryan Boyd, brother to Andrew, and Chris Hamilton will be leaving the team. Hamilton will rejoin the team as a coach.

Hamilton says he has enjoyed playing at Harding and he had some of his best memories on the bus rides and sleeping in church pews.

"I have always wanted to coach," Hamilton said, and I think the transition will be natural.

Riley hopes that having two coaches with high levels of experiences will have a huge pay next season.

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Harding Alumni Serving Harding Students

Students present at capitol

by ERIC HOLLINGSWORTH
copy editor

Several students got the chance to present some of their research to Arkansas state legislators Jan. 26 at the state capitol. The Undergraduate Research Poster Day, sponsored by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, was a chance for colleges to show the legislators the breadth and depth of science research at the undergraduate level in the state of Arkansas, according to Dr. Ed Wilson, Professor of Chemistry at Harding University. Wilson supervised the research of most of the students who participated.

The nine students who presented their research were Taylor Hendrixson, Lara Haynes, Lori Wheeler, Katie Vaughan, Seth Coleman, Paul Elliott, Greg Lyons, Steven Barber and Megan Bush. Each student created a poster displaying his or her research and presented

to legislators for an hour. The Harding students comprised about one-fourth of the total presenters.

"Presenting my research at the state capitol was a learning experience," Wheeler said. "I'm used to talking about my research with fellow molecular biology nerds, so effectively expressing my ideas to legislators required a streak of ingenuity."

Wheeler did biology research on the isolation and characterization of a model organism used for plant research.

Coleman, a chemistry major, did research trying to determine a practical method for determining components in the atmosphere, which would be useful for possible Mars exploration.

"It was good to be there and at least make a statement for Harding," Coleman said. "The biggest purpose that I felt for being there was trying to remind people that Harding is an excellent school for

education."

Vaughan did research during the 2008 summer at the North Louisiana Crime Lab in Shreveport, La. She helped prepare and validate a method to determine the ethanol concentration in alcoholic beverages.

"Anytime I can present my research is worthwhile," Vaughan said. "Not only do I get to share an interest of mine, but presenting allows me to practice for other presentations I have ... such as upper-level chemistry courses or senior seminar."

Hendrixson, who did research developing an improved design Raman spectrometer using a diode laser, said he felt that the time spent was worth it.

"I think that this event was worthwhile, because it allowed schools from across the state to showcase their research endeavors to the legislators," Hendrixson said. "It is important for elected officials to understand the importance of scientific research and funding to our future."

Simple precautions can prevent security breaches

by PENELOPE CRONK
student reporter

A hacker penetrated an Abilene Christian University server that housed personal information and passwords last month.

Kevin Roberts, ACU's associate vice president of operations, assured the student body and faculty that although someone did gain access to the server, there is no evidence that any sensitive information was compromised. ACU has discovered the hole that the hacker used and promptly patched it.

"We have made sure that the hole they found has been blocked and plugged and can't be accessed again by anybody else," Roberts said.

Keith Cronk, Harding's vice president of information systems and technology, said that one of the dangers of people hacking into university servers is that it

leaves room for identity theft. "This shouldn't be done," Cronk said. "Teachers identify students through their social security number. That is dangerous."

There is also other personal identity information that can be used for fraudulent activity: opening limits of credit, getting loans and signing leases.

Most security breaches are not that technical and are easily preventable.

"One of the most common ways information can be compromised is through stolen laptops or other Web-surfing devices such as iPhone's," Cronk said.

Some people store personal information such as bank pin numbers and social security numbers on their computers. Some Web browsers also save passwords or automatically log in to certain home pages.

"The more one has stored on their computer, the more

they loose with the theft of their computer," Cronk said.

This is a simple fix. Students should not store personal information on anything that can easily be stolen and should always keep an eye on their laptops.

Another common way people gain access to sensitive information is by using passwords. Some people reveal their passwords to friends, post their password near or on their computer or use their H-number as their password.

"As soon as someone has your password, you are vulnerable," Cronk said. "They can access everything we do on Pipeline, which is quite a lot."

Cronk said he encourages students and faculty to change their password regularly and to keep it secret.

"Not everyone is a hacker, but anyone can pick up a computer or use a password, so it's good to protect these things," Cronk said.

Professor spends summers in research

by BILLIE PIETERS
student reporter

Harding professor and alumnus Dr. Ken Turley does not have the usual summer off from his teaching duties like many of his co-workers.

Turley has spent the past few summers conducting studies on caffeine, which is what he will be doing again this summer. All of this has happened on the Harding University campus.

Turley has both conducted and participated in exercise studies since his graduate studies in the 1980s. He has worked with the military, NASA, the Mayo Clinic and even cyclist Lance Armstrong.

"I think that [Harding's] most novel work has been our caffeine studies," Turley said.

This summer, testing will be done on children who will be taking caffeine supplements to test their baroreceptor sensitivity. A baroreceptor is a stretch receptor located within the cardiovascular system that senses changes in blood pressure. Turley's wants to find out why heart rate decreases in children who take caffeine and then exercise.

Turley originally got a degree

in landscape horticulture and had a job in California upon graduating. He said that there, he came to know God and decided he would like to attend Harding University, where he got his MSE in kinesiology.

He then went on to the University of Texas at Austin where he attained his doctorate in exercise physiology. There, he worked as a research scientist for the NIH Heritage study and was able to test Armstrong's body composition and maximal oxygen consumption, better known as VO2 max testing.

Before his career at Harding, Turley worked as an assistant professor in exercise science at Winona State University in Minnesota. While he was there, he did research in cardiovascular control at the Mayo Clinic.

Turley also tested military suits that were used while loading and unloading bombs in extreme heat. This involved many hours in a heat chamber while walking on a treadmill.

Many of Turley's articles have been published in peer-reviewed journals including: "Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise," "International Journal of Sports Medicine" and "Journal of Applied Physiology."

Repetitive lack of hot water has some dorm residents steamed

by BLAKE MATHEWS
news editor

Cone residents found themselves with no hot water for the fourth time in the past month on Tuesday, April 21, but the Physical Resource department had supposedly found the source of the problem.

Assistant Director of Physical Resources David Kelly said he believed the recurring problem was the fault of a bad sensor inside Cone's water boiler. The boiler is protected by a series of sensors, which measure the pressure of the gas used to heat the water. If the gas pressure rises too high or sinks too low, the sensors alert the boiler's safety system, and the hot water shuts off.

Kelly said the sensors were reading low gas pressure, but he did not believe this to be the case.

The first report of the Cone boiler shutting down this semester came to the Physical Resources department on March 24, during a thunderstorm. Kelly said he thought the storm had knocked out the power, so he simply switched the water pump and the boiler back on. Until last Tuesday, the work order from

March 24 was the only record Physical Resources had of any problem with the boiler. Kelly said he and the other technicians did not think such a simple solution required anyone to write up an official work order.

Linda Cox, resident life coordinator for Cone, said she had sent out four work orders total, including Tuesday's. She said that the number of outages in the past month was "very unusual."

"I've been here for nine years, and this has happened in the past, but I would say, probably, not any more than once a year," Cox said.

As Cone's "dorm mom," Cox is responsible for calling Physical Resources when something like a boiler shuts down. However, she said she does not believe that all the residents, who normally feel the effects first, know to come to her with their complaints.

Cox also said she takes the time the complaint is received into consideration.

"I would hate to call them at 12 at night, but I have called them at 10 at night and had them come out and do whatever so that we have hot water the next morning," she said.

When she does call them, Cox

said she does not always write up a work order either.

Meanwhile, Cone residents have been forced to adapt to the temperamental boiler. Sophomore Nick Smelser said he usually notices the absence of hot water when he steps into the shower in the morning.

"It throws me off for the day, really," he said. "I have a harder time convincing myself to get up and going and a harder time waking up."

Smelser was one of several Cone residents who felt the hot water turning cold on the night of March 23. He and some friends responded by donning swim trunks and bathing in the Lilly Pond Fountain by the Administration Building. Smelser said the act was not a protest against Harding, but he did use the opportunity to warn curious onlookers that the hot water was out.

Although the sensors are possibly responsible for the lack of hot water, Kelly said that the boiler would not be safe without them. Without instruments to monitor the gas pressure inside the boiler, the pressure could build up to the point that the valves and pipes could rupture.

"If that safety doesn't work, you've got a bomb," he said.

Though he acknowledges the problem has taken some time to diagnose, Kelly said it would not make sense to buy new parts before knowing which of the old ones needed to be replaced.

"You have to diagnose the problem, get the part and put it on, just like you would your car or anything else," he said.

Cone has its own boiler, so the problem has not spread to other residence halls. Kelley pointed out that most of the women's dorms are fed hot water by the same large boiler. If that shut off, he said, many more people would be affected.

Cox said she was grateful to Physical Resources for the "fabulous service" they provide for the residents of Cone. Until they fix the water boiler, she knows some residents will be facing cold showers in the morning.

"I just told the RAs, 'Let the guys know that there's not going to be any hot water,'" Cox said, recalling her reaction to one late-night complaint. "But we did have hot water by about 9 that morning. I figured, you know, most of the guys take showers after chapel."

Online registration frustrates some

by REBECCA HARRELL
student reporter

For many students, registering for classes can be a stressful time. Anxiety often accompanies trying to decide which Bible class to take or attempting to get in a particular class with a group of friends. Either way, people are keyed up when registration rolls around each year.

However, there are two major complaints that cause more tension to students than everything else combined: inability to log in to begin registering and Pipeline kicking students off after they have already logged in.

"I had to wait three hours before I could get back on," Senior Eboni Gardner said. "I was on before 12, and I was clicking around in Pipeline, and then boom! I was kicked off, and there was no way I could log back in."

Junior Mary McBride had a similar experience.

"I needed to get a certain time slot for one of my upper level classes and I was really nervous that I wouldn't be able to," McBride said. "In the end, I got the class, but I had to stay logged into Pipeline for about 45 minutes before registration actually began."

Even though registration stressed out mainly the students, it does affect other people as well. ITS, Harding's Technology Services also has more pressure and responsibilities as students start registering. Someone constantly monitors the system during registration, so their workload increases greatly as students begin to make their schedules and submit them to Pipeline.

Shawn Spearman, is the manager of application development and enhancement, has worked

at Harding for 10 years. He said he knows what has to go on behind the scenes for registration to take place. He said he understands that students get annoyed by Pipeline, but there are many issues that are either far too complicated to fix, or the effort and time that it would take to correct the problem is not worth the end product.

There have been many ideas that have been discussed that focus on trying to alleviate registration problems. One such suggestion is that registration begin at midnight instead of noon.

Spearman, who has extensive knowledge of this problem, said he didn't think it was such a good idea to begin registration at midnight because it would demand that someone have to stay at Harding and watch what was happening. He said it would be very hard on somebody if they had to be at the office at midnight

and stay up all night every night during registration week.

"Someone has to be here to babysit," Spearman said. "It's not ideal [noon registration], but it's the best time during the day because lots of faculty and staff go to lunch."

Spearman said while some have suggested midnight registration, he doesn't think that it would make a large enough difference to Pipeline congestion.

"I don't know if it would relieve Internet traffic," Spearman said. "It might spread out some of the load. It's interactive. We have settings we have to change. It has been discussed but it's not worth it to change that."

With Pipeline in the hands of people like Spearman and the rest of IT, registration might still be stressful to some people, but it is under control and is being monitored by people who know what they are doing.

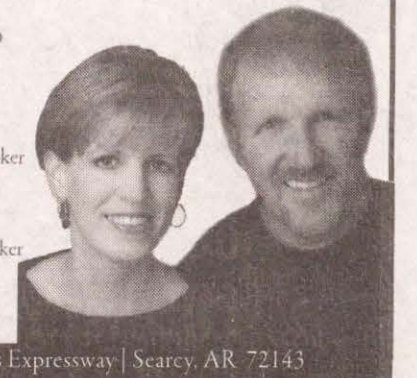
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Wings to Go serves with spunk

Customer service a major priority under new management

by MARYCAITLIN TANKSLEY
student reporter

Regular or boneless, wings seem to hit the spot for many students. When looking for a quick, simple meal worth your money, Wings to Go meets the goal.

Wings to Go changed management earlier this year. The difference is impossible to miss because of how seriously they run the business. When dining at Wings to Go, the staff is on task even during the slower hours.

It is impressive how clean they keep the entire restaurant, even the restrooms. Customers

cannot miss them constantly making sure all the tables are wiped down, and everything is stocked for their customers. Even after ordering, they are sure to approach customers and ask how the meal is. This makes a huge difference in the overall experience and assures that Wings to Go customers come first.

In some cases, customers may mistake their spunk and sense of humor for an attitude, but it can be said that they mean well. Just be sure you know exactly what you want when approaching the cashier, and do not be hesitant to give your name for your order. They may

tease you if you are somewhat confused and have never dined there before.

With a variety of sauces ranging from "mild" to "barbecue", Wings to Go seems to have something for everyone. Wing portions start with five and go up to 50 wings for the larger groups. Whatever size meal you are looking for, you can be sure that they have it, and you will leave satisfied and full.

Wings to Go is a great place to eat with friends, especially if you are searching for a relaxed and fun atmosphere. If you want their tasty wings for game night, their drive-thru is conveniently available. Choice of dressing

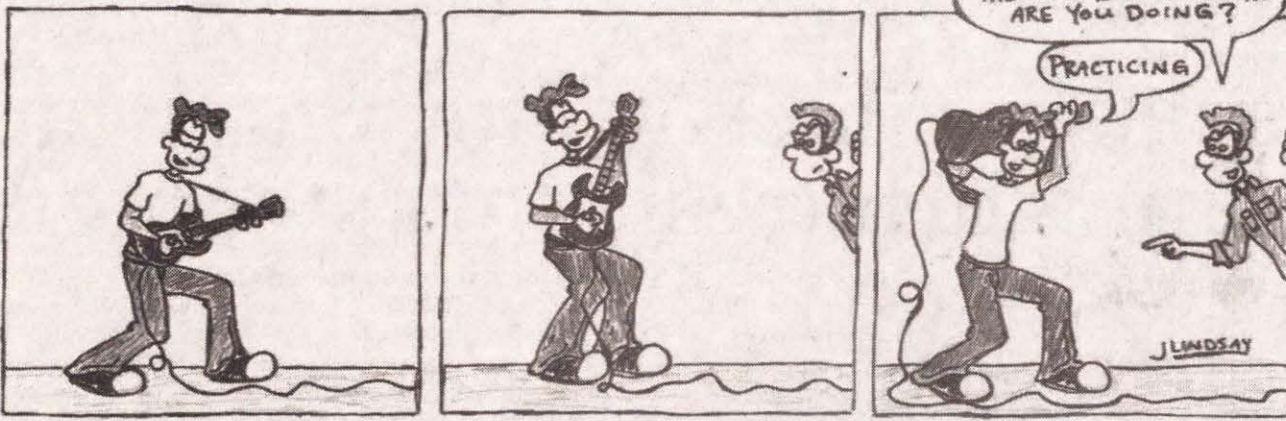
for their wings is bleu cheese or ranch. They provide celery if you wish and a choice of a roll or Texas toast.

However, unless you are a child, do not think of ordering a meal. Although there is no written rule forbidding it, do not challenge the manager on this issue. Luckily, Wings to Go offers half off their boneless wings every Wednesday if you are looking for a good deal.

Hopefully, Wings to Go can keep the impressive work consistent and set an example of hard work, quality and friendliness. You cannot have too many restaurants that have these positive characteristics.

Mike Shelby

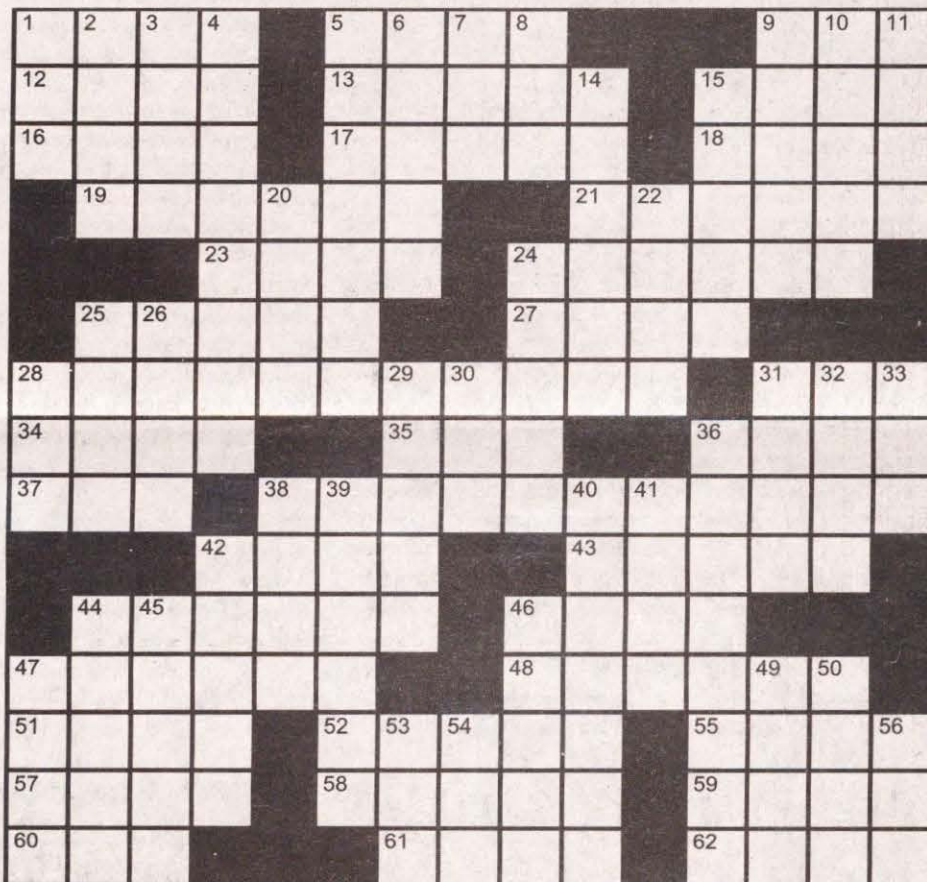
By JONATHAN LINDSAY



The Bison Crossword

Across

- 1 Type of store
- 5 Mocked
- 9 A Gabor sister
- 12 Boundary
- 13 Eng. river
- 15 Weight unit
- 16 Ireland
- 17 Israeli dance
- 18 Function
- 19 Kinsman
- 21 Deduce
- 23 Cruise
- 24 Coal fragment
- 25 Deceivers
- 27 Some addresses (Abbr.)
- 28 Sports car items
- 31 Correspond
- 34 Afr. perennial
- 35 Geller, for one
- 36 Chomp
- 37 Weapon
- 38 Peaches
- 42 Lure
- 43 Gap
- 44 Fragrances
- 46 Evening (Fr.)
- 47 Finally!
- 48 *White Fang* author
- 51 Prophet
- 52 Lawful
- 55 Roman date
- 57 Receptions
- 58 Sidestep
- 59 *Thin Man* character
- 60 Carney, for one
- 61 Suggestive look
- 62 Rum

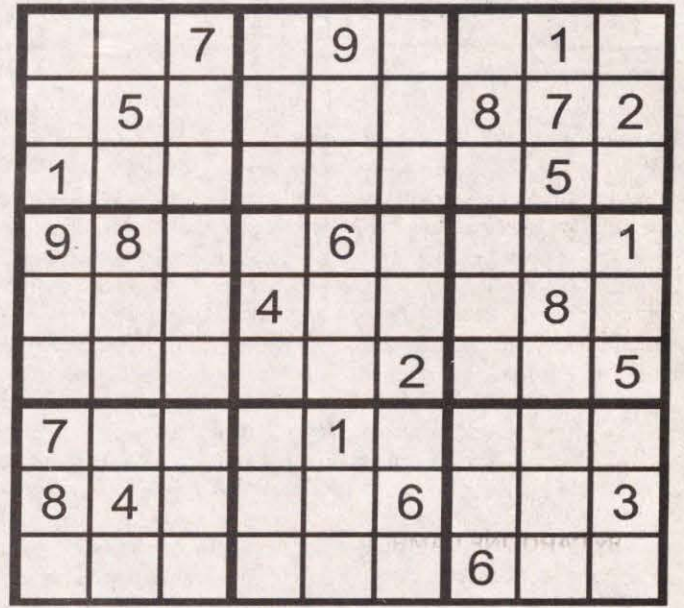


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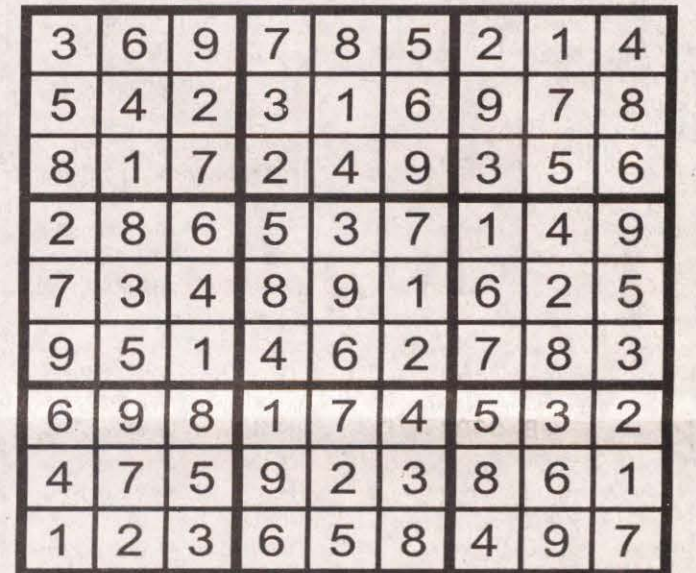
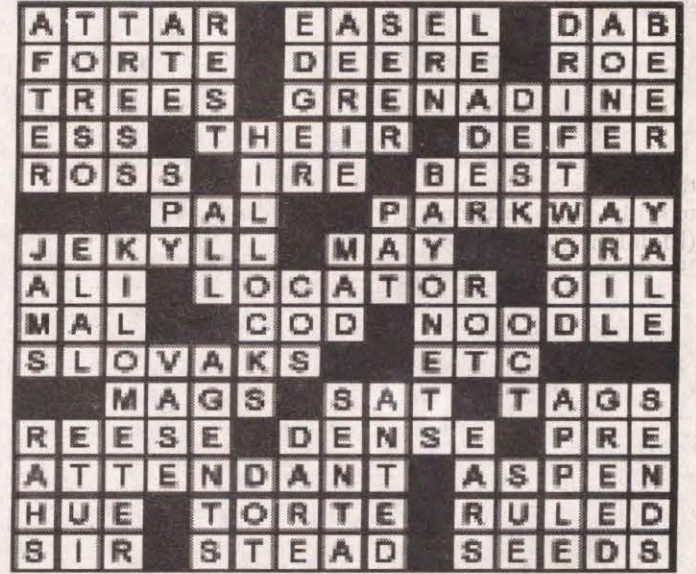
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- 1 Insect
- 2 Norse war god
- 3 Fiend
- 4 Souvenir
- 5 Nonbeliever
- 6 Stealthy move
- 7 Always (Poet.)
- 8 Genetic material
- 9 Notched
- 10 Heroism
- 11 Prayer word
- 14 Frugality
- 15 Alumni
- 20 Jackrabbit
- 22 Conclusions
- 24 ___ T. Nelson of *Coach*
- 25 Cartoon character *Little ___*
- 26 Rel. painting or statue
- 28 Sack
- 29 Court proceedings
- 30 Sea eagle
- 31 Whale parts
- 32 Unit
- 33 Your (Fr.)
- 36 Type of school or house
- 38 Containers
- 39 Trivial
- 40 Two-wheeled vehicle
- 41 Lean
- 42 Carnivores
- 44 Guide
- 45 Baseball shoe addition
- 46 Transparency
- 47 Movie dog
- 49 Bouquet
- 50 Roman Emperor
- 53 Sick
- 54 Pool stick
- 56 Droop

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Students voice study preferences

By CAROLINE DAMRON
student reporter

Students have different habits, study methods and places they like to hit the books; some like the last minute cram sessions, others enjoy the three-weeks-early laminated study guide approach. Different personalities require different arenas for learning, and on Harding's campus most choose from among the three most common places to study—a coffee house (Midnight Oil/Underground), the Brackett Library and your dorm room.

Each place, whether a coffee house or the traditional library experience, has advantages and disadvantages. Allison Evins, a junior psychology major, said she likes to study in the library to be able to both socialize and focus.

"There are less distractions [in the library], but you're still not secluding yourself in your room," Evins said. "You can study and still see people you know."

"If I skip a meal to study for a class, I'll definitely get something [at Java City],"

Evans said.

Many students prefer the library because you can conveniently study with friends, spread out and enjoy a quiet atmosphere. Freshman Hannah Hughes said she likes to study in the library because if she needs help on an assignment, she can ask someone.

"I study mostly at the library, but only because it gets me out of my room and into a good environment for studying where I can ask others for help," Hughes said. "It's relatively quiet; also there is Internet [access], a printer, copier and coffee."

Caroline Maddux, a junior exercise science major, said she prefers to open her books at a coffee shop.

"I like to wake up early on test days and go study at Midnight Oil," Maddux said. "It's nice to get up early and start your day."

She said she enjoys the home-like atmosphere, but the coffee is also an incentive. Junior English major Tabitha Goyne said she enjoys Midnight Oil early in the morning; however, when she really wants to study hard she heads

to the library.

"The library is mostly quiet upstairs," Goyne said. "I can go to a desk, spread out and really concentrate."

She said Midnight Oil is great occasionally, but most of the time she ends up hanging out with friends while she's there. Goyne said she really enjoys the library, but because so many people study there, it is hard to find a good spot.

"Sometimes there are so many people in there it's distracting; we really should build a bigger space," Goyne said.

Freshman Jennifer Russell said she also splits her study time between two locations: her room and the library.

"I like to study in the library because I know it will always be quiet," Russell said. "I can spread out [but] I like studying in my room just for convenience's sake."

Russell said her bed is very comfortable to study in, but sometimes that means she might fall asleep. She also said the dorm is really loud at certain times of the day, which makes it difficult to concentrate.

"Basically for serious studying I go to the library, but for semi-studying I go to my room," Russell said.

While some enjoy the studious setup of the library for intense learning, some, like sophomore Megan Ramirez, prefer the comfort of their room.

"I study in my room because it's a place I won't be interrupted," Ramirez said. "It's quiet and I can get into comfy clothes."

There is no formula for finding the perfect study spot on campus. However, there are many options and many avid advocates for each method. For a great place to read, drink coffee and have the potential of seeing a familiar face, Midnight Oil or the Underground are very good picks close to campus. Some students' room might not be clean, but they are hopefully a good place to prepare for finals because after curfew there are few other options. The library combines aspects of both, and other studying students can be found there. In the end, it's a matter of personal preference.

Movie shows piracy problem



By CODY WAITS
student reporter

Recently the movie industry was rocked by the sudden and undesired release of "X-Men Origins: Wolverine." The movie was a work print of the film, meaning that certain effects, sound, music and clips were not included. The film was released on several Web sites allowing Internet users to download the movie. The movie was supposed to be released May 1, but with the incident, Fox is up in arms. They released this statement the day after it happened:

"Last night, a stolen, incomplete and early version of "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" was posted illegally on Web sites. It was without many effects and had missing scenes and temporary sound and music. We immediately contacted the appropriate legal authorities and had it removed. We forensically mark our content so we can identify sources that make it available or download it. The source of the initial leak and any subsequent postings will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law—the courts have handed down significant criminal sentences for such acts. The FBI and Motion Picture Association of America are also actively investigating the crime. We are encouraged by the support of fan sites condemning piracy and this illegal posting and pointing out that such theft undermines the enormous efforts of the filmmakers and actors and, above all, hurts fans of the film."

Internet piracy has become a very common thing over the past few years. The MPAA states that it is the downloading or distribution of unauthorized copies of intellectual property such as movies, television, music, games and software programs via the Internet.

The damages of piracy are seen in the lives of many people who have ever downloaded illegally. According to the MPAA, since November of 2004, individuals who have infringed copyrights in motion pictures and television programs over the Internet have been sued for those infringements in lawsuits in the smallest of towns, the biggest of cities. Damages for copyright infringement range from \$30,000 to \$150,000 per

work and, if there is criminal prosecution, could include up to five years in jail. Anyone can be prosecuted.

Not only are there legal matters at stake, but monetary as well. The movie industry alone lost more than \$18.2 billion dollars to Internet piracy in 2005. The MPAA is trying hard to get the word out on Internet piracy. Many people will recognize their public service announcements that show before the film starts in a theater or on a DVD.

Harding University is no different in the way they treat the growing problem of piracy. Even with Harding's firewall, there are still ways that piracy can get through. If caught, the consequences can be severe. Piracy is addressed in the Student Life handbook. Stealing movies and music can result in the same disciplinary action as physical theft:

"In this age, theft would also include sharing music and movies illegally. This would mean if you download music or movies from sources that do not own the copyright of the music, e.g. KaZaa, Gnutella, Morpheus and others, you are stealing that music or movie. If you copy and share music with other people, that, too, is theft on your part and on the part of those who copy the music or movies from you. If you are discovered engaged in this while at Harding University, especially if you use Harding IS&T resources to accomplish this, it will be considered theft."

Even though there are all these consequences, piracy is still very prevalent. The recent release of the Wolverine movie is being called one of the worst leaks of our time. However, some people think that this can only help the movie in the box office. This movie is set to begin the big summer blockbuster season and is sure to bring in millions of dollars. With the release, people have been able to peek at it and formulate opinions. So far, many of the responses have been great. This only means more money for them.

Even the people who have seen the new movie before release are still missing out. There is more than 10 minutes of footage that has since been added to the leaked version.

Dark comedy film features cop

'Observe and Report' shares themes with 'Taxi Driver'

By CODY WAITS
student reporter

Many people who saw previews of "Observe and Report" might have been immediately turned off by the premise of the movie.

From first glance, the movie looks to be a copy of another movie, "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," which was released earlier this year to decent box office success.

Both movies center on overweight mall security guards with dreams of something bigger. It is very easy to be turned off from the basis of both movies. However, the PG-rated "Blart" is funny, warm and inviting, whereas "Observe and Report" takes a different route.

"Observe and Report" is the tale of Ronnie Barnhardt, head of security at the local mall. The film gets right into the action when the mall is terrorized by a flasher who runs around the parking lot during the day. From this point on, Ronnie makes it his mission to apprehend the deviant and

bring him to justice.

Ronnie hopes that this will give him credibility and eventually bring him closer to his dream of becoming a real police officer. The plot seems harmless enough, right?

Wrong. Jody Hill, director of the cult comedy, "The Foot Fist Way," takes the viewer through the dark mind of Ronnie, played by Seth Rogen. Rogen's character is anything but loveable. Ronnie suffers from bipolar disorder and lives a life built on delusion. He is in love with the mall's make-up counter girl, Brandi, played by Anna Faris, and she couldn't care less about Ronnie.

Ronnie uses the recent crime at the mall to impress his dream girl, but he is constantly interrupted by the police detective who has taken over the investigation. The movie follows Ronnie on his road to success, but it is definitely a long road. Ronnie's psychological state and obsession with being accepted propel him down paths that ultimately lead

to his demise. He is often rejected, beaten up and taken advantage of for his faults. This is not your typical comedy.

This is what is called a dark comedy. Believe me, it doesn't get much darker than this movie. Some jokes are very slapstick and conventional, but the real humor lies in the reality of the characters.

The characters, with a few exceptions, are all very realistic. Their lives are comical, normal, obscene and not-so-normal. It is a great blend of touching story mixed with ridiculous humor. This is all thanks to those who surround Ronnie on his journey. From Brandi and the detective ridiculing him, to his warm-hearted, but messed up mother consoling him, the movie makes you laugh until you cry and even makes you sad in Ronnie's failures.

One thing that really sticks out in the movie is the acting. Rogen, who is usually placed in chubby, funny everyman roles, is given a role that proves to be more than just that. With the bipolar disorder and the constant

insults, Rogen makes Ronnie into someone you ultimately want to help and empathize with. His mother, played by Celia Weston, is probably the best role in the film. She loves Ronnie so much and wants nothing but the best for him.

She constantly pushes Ronnie to be the best, but she has her own demons to deal with. Lastly, the crew that makes up Ronnie's security team really brings the film its comedy. They are unorganized and gun crazy, which only means more hilarity to an already good film.

I do have to warn readers that while "Observe and Report" is a great comedy mixed with twists and turns, it is not for the faint of heart. The movie is quite vulgar, violent and even disturbing at times. The character of Ronnie borders that of the character of Travis Bickle in "Taxi Driver." He is not always in the right state of mind. However, if you can bear it, and love Seth Rogen, then I recommend it.

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Jared Potts: from Stuntman to Youth Minister

By SARAH KYLE
student reporter

Glass scatters in a million pieces from the five-story window, an explosion propelling a flame-engulfed figure from the building ... and onto a landing pad.

For Jared Potts, this scenario used to be his job.

Potts, now a 23-year old freshman at Harding University from Townsville, Australia, said he had always had a thrill-seeker personality, be it front rappelling—also known as Aussie-rappelling—, rock climbing or just doing any activity outdoors.

Then a friend urged him to enroll in a stunt academy in Goal Post, Australia, a city near Brisbane.

"I was into a lot of acting, a lot of that sort of theatrical stuff, and I also loved rock climbing and thrill-seeking in general, and he was just like, 'Dude, you should do this,'" Potts said.

Potts embarked on what he described as an intensive three-week program in the stunt academy, learning how to carry out the live-or-die stunts seen in movies today.

The key? Concentration. Potts said many stunts are multi-faceted, like a jump out of the window of a multi-story building.

"First you have to break the window, and then you're going to be falling down; so you have to concentrate on the window break, hitting it right, and you have to concentrate on the fall and landing right," Potts said.

And Potts said the break and fall could just be the beginning of the stunt.

"They may want you to do it on a motor-bike or on fire, and then they want to put an explosion behind you, so you come out on fire with an explosion," Potts said. "So you have to concentrate on all these different things, at the same time making sure that your hair and makeup is still fine and you're still looking the part."

But while Potts is a self-proclaimed thrill-seeker, he said the lifestyle of a stuntman eventually began to lose its appeal to him, being an extremely dangerous and violent line of work.

"It was a lot of fun, but you get so hurt," Potts said. "You end up with bruises and sore muscles everyday. It takes a toll on your body. It's a lot of fun, but it's a different lifestyle completely."

Another reason, Potts said, was the brutal and superficial nature of being a professional stuntman.

"I did one movie that was a big fight scene, and that's all stunts could be; just being in a violent role," Potts said. "You've got to do a lot of work, and mainly you have to dedicate your life to working out every day and applying for movie roles. But I always felt like I was destined for something more."

While still enrolled in stunt acad-

emy, Potts said his calling became clear when he began to work with the youth of a local congregation.

"I've been out of school for five years and just went from one job to another, not really finding my place," Potts said. "While I was in stunt school, I was working at the church, and I really felt a call to work with the kids."

Potts said that his own life trials, coupled with working with the youth of the local congregation, led him to the decision to become a Youth and Family Ministry major at Harding.

"By the grace of God, I was brought out of a hole myself," Potts said. "I want to be there to help other kids out of holes and stop other kids from digging holes."

Potts said he had been familiarized with the Christian universities in America as a result of groups coming and going from the States to Australia on various mission campaigns, particularly Lipscomb University, but chose Harding because of its small-town atmosphere.

"Sometimes I forget that I'm in a completely different country, even though I'm around American voices all the time," Potts said. "[My hometown] is 180,000 people, but it's a very laid-back town and very casual and easy-going. That's why I like Searcy. That's why I chose Harding over the other colleges."

Potts enrolled in Harding in the fall of 2009 and quickly began to involve himself in the culture of campus life, joining the Knights social club and serving Chi Omega Pi as a beau.

Potts even began working with the Downtown Church of Christ ministry within days of arriving to the States.

"I was in the country for three or four days, and Jeremy Shelby enlisted me to work there," Potts said. "I'm pretty sure I'll be interning there and working there part-time this summer as a youth leader."

Potts leads a Wednesday night Bible study with the youth of Downtown, a 6:30 a.m. Bible study at Midnight Oil every Friday, occasionally teaches on Sunday mornings and even skateboards with youth group members—in spite of a torn ACL from ... skateboarding.

"I'm not very good at it," Potts said. "[But] it hasn't really stopped me. I've got a nice knee-brace that I wear. I'm in Knights, and we've got our Allen Wrestling Federation that we run every year. I just won that championship last weekend, so I'm feeling pretty good about that, torn ACL and all."

In working with the Downtown youth group, Potts said he has been impressed by the dedication to Christ that he sees in the students he works with, a stark contrast to those he left behind in Australia.

"That is huge. Where 99 percent of the people in Searcy are Christians, 95 percent of the people back

home are atheist and agnostic," Potts said. "I was the youth group back home, I was the only youth really. To see 16, 17-year old kids devoted to God and living their life for Christ is something that shocked me big time."

Potts said that after graduation he hopes to return to Australia and carry out a five year plan he has set with his brother to help lead the un-churched Australian youth to living such a life.

Potts said he already has a plug to become a chaplain for one of the larger schools back in Australia, which will allow him to work with the students enrolled.

Also, Potts and his brother own property across the road from the school, which they plan to develop into a youth facility that will serve as a "neutral zone" for kids.

"There's a lot of fights and stuff that happen after schools, gang-violence and that sort of stuff," Potts said. "That'll be a neutral zone for kids to be in and be safe and congregate in the afternoon."

Potts and his brother also hope to use the facility to help the many students who live their lives on the streets of Australia.

Potts said that a key component of his ministry style will be incorporating parents and leaders in the church, creating a family atmosphere that youth group members can witness and so they can experience a Christ-like love.

This idea, Potts said, came from his own experiences with parents of other youth loving him unconditionally, no matter what stage of life he was in at the moment.

"It was because I had parents that weren't my own that stood by me that were always affirming, even through being a rebel and stuff," Potts said. "Them treating me like Jesus and showing me their love no matter what I was doing, that enabled me to come back into that [better] life."

Potts also plans to use the experiences he faced in stunt school as devotional thoughts for his future youth ministry.

"One of the main things I've been working with and actually trying to get devo points out of is one of the things we get taught in stunt school: trying to juggle everything you've got going on," Potts said. "You've got so much stuff going on around you all the time, but it's concentrating on that goal, concentrating on what your main purpose is."

"Ultimately it's to be safe and to live, because with a lot of stunts you have the option of dying, if you want to take that road. It's just that concentration factor of being able to be aware of everything around you, to let it be around you but not let it control you."

Potts said he plans to graduate from Harding in 2012 and then return to Australia and being his ministry.

