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Health care reform becomes law

by LAUREN BUCHER student writer

resident Obama signed a sweeping health care reform bill, the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act, into law on Tuesday, March 23.

"We have just now enshrined, as soon as I sign this bill, the core principle that everybody should have some basic security when it comes to their health care," Obama said before he signed the bill according to an article from The New York Times.

Over the next decade, the bill will expand health coverage, incorporating about 32 million people who are currently uninsured. According to the latest U.S.

Census Bureau report, as of 2008, more than 46 million Americans have no health insurance.

This bill requires that most Americans have some form of health insurance. The major stipulations that are in the bill prevent insurance companies from denying coverage to people who are sick or have pre-existing conditions.

Another monumental health care change: young people will be allowed to stay on their par-



photo courtesy of AP

President Obama puts his signature on the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act on Tuesday. The measure sparked over a year of Congressional and citizen debate.

ents' health insurance policies until they are 26.

'We won't be able to see the full effects of the bill for the next few years, but it's a step in the right direction," junior political science major Jane Messina said.

The bill works, in part, by subsidizing private coverage for both middle-income and low-income people and expanding Medicaid. Additionally, exchanges will be added, starting in 2014, which are state-run insurance marketplaces that sell insurance

to eligible Americans.

"I am a little nervous that they are expanding Medicaid, which already is bad enough that a lot of doctors don't even accept it," nursing student Brianna Sims said.

The House passed the bill with a vote of 21 to 212 on March 21. By no means, however, is the partisan struggle about the government's role in health care over. The Republican Party is proposing a number of fix-it bills for the reform, and attorneys general from 13 states have sued the federal

government already.

"I think we should be more focused on other issues right now, like creating more jobs," Caleb Hancock said. "I am also worried that we will not have enough doctors.'

The bill will cost the government about \$938 billion over the next decade according to the Congressional Budget Office. This non-partisan estimate predicts that the bill would reduce the federal deficit by \$138 billion during the next decade, according to an

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Students stay hungry for MANA

by LAUREN BUCHER student writer

any Harding students skipped the cafeteria for a day, opting to participate in a campus-wide fast to raise awareness about stopping malnutrition with MANA from March 17-18.

In last Wednesday's chapel led by MANA, Mother Administered Nutritive Aid, students learned that every six seconds a child dies from malnutrition, a death that is preventable. They learned about MANA's aim: ending malnutrition.

"It begins with a day of you experi-encing food insecurity," Mark Moore, a Harding alum, former SA president, and co-founder of MANA, said. "[Fasting is] better than your money. It's solidarity, identifying with the one-third of the world that is hungry.

The fast began with a devotional on Wednesday night, where both Moore and Harding Bible professor Dr. Phil Thompson spoke. Thompson relayed his experiences with fasting and quoted the series in Matthew 5:16, noting that fasting is included in a list next to prayer and giving. He said that there is the assumption in the passage that Christians will fast, but the discipline tends to be overlooked in American Christians. Thompson encouraged students to find something that they depend on, ranging anything from food to electronic

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Employee loses home in fire

by SARAH KYLE news editor

Harding University Physical Resources employee lost his home due to a fire early Tuesday morning.

Brock Stanley started working for Physical Resources as a temporary employee in 2006 and became a full time employee in 2008 as a member of the general maintenance crew.

The family, who lives in Pangburn, had to leave their trailer around 3 a.m. Tuesday morning when a fire, caused by a nightlight, started in the babies' room. All members of the family were unharmed.

While Stanley and his family - which consists of his wife, Shannon, and three children, Christopher, Skyler and Blakeley — are able to stay with family that reside in the area, nearly all of the children's clothes and furniture was lost in the fire.

Physical Resources secretary Katherine Boone said the family's immediate needs

are diapers for Blakely, who is just two months old, and other baby products (see box below for a full list).

Boone added that Christopher and Skyler, ages 4 and 2, enjoy playing with the typical boy toys: cars, dinosaurs, super heroes and yard toys.

The Stanleys have already received help and encouragement since the fire, which Boone said showed the character of the Harding community.

"Brock and Shannon are so appreciative of all the help they have received in a matter of a few hours," Boone said. "They are overwhelmed with all the love shown to them. When the Harding community and the Searcy Christian community mobilizes to help a family, it is inspiring to see all that can happen."

Monetary donations and items can be dropped off at the Physical Resources Physical Plant at 600 S. Remington. Please contact Katherine Boone with any questions at keboone@harding. edu or 501-279-4339.

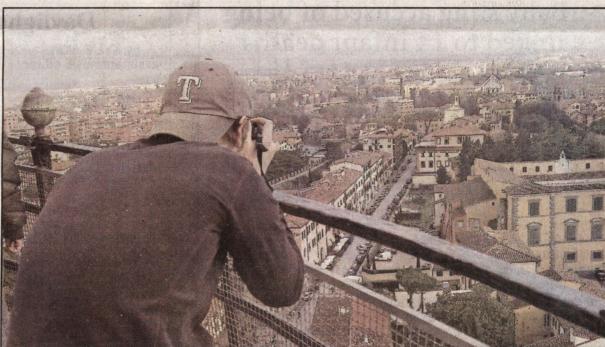


photo by SARAH KYLE I The Bison

James Buce snaps photos of the city of Pisa as he leans over the side of the famous leaning belltower. Buce was just one of many students that spent their spring break representing Harding in a foreign country.

HU groups work, serve globally over spring break

by JOSEPH DICKERSON student writer **BLAKE MATHEWS** editor-in-chief SARA SHABAN opinions editor

his spring break, schools all over America set their students and teachers free for a week to enjoy friends, family and the change of season. While some students made the trip home to see family and others took their vacations various places; many teams of students from Harding University turned their breaks into opportunities to share Christ through service.

One such team made their travels to the country of Belize.

Belize is on the Caribbean coastline and borders Mexico to the north and Guatemala to the west. It shares the same time zone as Arkansas, making it an easy destination, and because the official language is English, Belize is a prime place to do short term mission work.

"It's a great training ground for students who want to think about being missionaries," said Steve Shaner, a Harding University teacher who led the mission team to Belize. "While the conveniences there are not nearly what they are here, it's rough enough and third world enough but still available enough to still get a clean hotel room that's safe but by no means a lot of frills."

Shaner teaches advertising in the College of Communication and had made this trip to Belize before as a leader once and as a participant several times.

The team that traveled to Belize worked with three different churches in different villages, Punta Gorda, San Pedro Columbia and San Antonio Belize, encouraging the brothers and sisters in Christ there and also reaching

out to the community. In the mornings students helped paint a building and sanded down and varnished church pews. In the afternoons the team ran vacation bible schools for the many children in the villages for

the three congregations. Unlike the other two overseas spring break trips Harding students participated in, this one was strictly missions and work-oriented; though the Belize team did get to enjoy one day at the beach.

"Belize is so beautiful. I've built so many relationships there," said Kara Schwab, who was part of the Belize team. "My heart is in Belize, I have to go back and get it."

Harding's connections to Florence, Italy, are deep and decades old, and 22 mass communication students spent their spring break looking for the people, places and experiences that make HUF one of Harding's most popular international programs.

The students were chosen for the

trip by Dr. Mike James, Dr. Jack Shock and Dr. Jim Miller, who judged applicants from several majors based on past work examples and submitted resumes. The 22 selected students were used to form two teams: one to produce a promotional documentary for the International Programs and one to find and report on stories around Florence for The Link, the student-produced news Web site for the College of

Communication. Three hours of credit were offered to students participating in the trip, but no further incentive was needed for junior public relations major Abby Kellet, who worked on the Link team with 11 other students. As soon as the trip was announced last fall, she wanted in.

"Even though I didn't understand all the details, I knew I was going to do everything in my power to be on that plane to Italy," Kellet said. "I have never heard of such an amazing opportunity

like that at Harding before. She and the other Link reporters were given access to professionalgrade equipment and some help from Miller, who advised them and helped, set up interviews. Though each team member was expected to produce multimedia stories every day for The Link and for personal blogs, Kellet said Miller and the other professors knew that "students chosen to report on

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HOW TO HELP

Christopher (Boy): 4 yrs old. Wears size 5T shirts and pants. Likes cars, dinosaurs, superheroes and trucks.

Skyler (Boy): 2 yrs old. Wears size 3T shirts and pants. Likes cars, dinosaurs, superheroes, and trucks.

Blakely (Girl): 2 months old. Wears clothes size 6-9 months, and diapers for 8 lbs-12 lbs.

Additional items for the family: baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby powder, small snacks for the children, juice boxes, toys and books for ages 2-5. sippy cups, Playtex bag baby bottles, dishes (mugs, plates, and glasses), silverware, baby bibs, rubbermaid food storage containers, working microwave (used is OK).

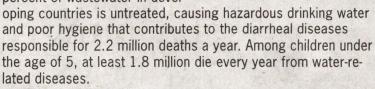
- * * Money donations are also welcome, as the Stanleys lost their bed and mattress in the fire*
 - **Brighten their day! Draw the kids pictures and write them stories.*

The Newsree!

U.N. reports polluted water kills more than wars

The United Nations released a report Monday announcing that more people die each year from contaminated water than all forms of violence, even including wars.

According to the report, 90 percent of wastewater in devel-



"If the world is to thrive, let alone to survive on a planet of 6 billion people heading to over 9 billion by 2050, we need to get collectively smarter and more intelligent about how we manage waste, including waştewaters," Achim Steiner, U.N. undersecretary general and executive director of UNEP, said in an. interview with CNN.

Though the report recognizes that waste management can require multi-million dollar investments, the U.N. said it hopes simple education programs also can "ensure water, nutrients and future opportunities for employment and development are not wasted."

Classes canceled for "sun day"

Forget about praying for catastrophic snowstorms in order for school to be closed.

The principal of Bellingham Christian School, a private non-denominational Christian elementary school in Washington, canceled school on Wednesday because of the excessively sunny day, a "sun day," if you will. Sunny days are rare in the Pacific Northwest in winter and spring, and the school had not used any snow days.

"In Washington we often have soggy winters and spring," Principal Bob Sampson said. "We all love the sun up here. Sometimes we cancel school due to snow. So one day I thought, 'if we don't have any snow days, why not do that for good weather?"

Principal Sampson announced the closing via the school's Web site, stating, "Good morning students, parents and staff. Yes, It's a Sun Day! Wahooo. That's right, school is CANCELED today due to good weather! Enjoy!" A photo depicting Sampson giving a thumbs-up on a motorcycle accompanied the text.

Baby sling accused of being linked to 14 infant deaths

Infantino, a baby product company, is recalling two infant slings after a lawsuit was filed by mother Lisa Cochran. Her son died after an Infantino sling caused him to suffocate. She claimed they were negligent and responsible for her son's death in 2009.

Since the lawsuit, Infantino has recalled two slings and warns con-

sumers against using them, but did not take responsibility for the deaths.

This month, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a warning against certain baby slings, linking them to 14 infant deaths. The statement said that "The sling's fabric can press against an infant's nose and mouth, blocking the baby's breathing and rapidly suffocating a baby within a minute or two."

The president of Infantino states that commitment to safety is their highest priority.

"Hopefully, there won't be any more babies that die and any more families that have to go through what me and my family have gone through," Cochran said.

Synthetic marijuana legal, more prevalent

A synthetic form of marijuana is becoming popular among American teens, a legal substance called K2 or Spice.

Produced and sold in Asia, the K2 herb is sprayed with synthetic substances that mimic the natural chemical in marijuana that causes a high. However, the production and make-up are believed to be highly unregulated according to health and drug officials.

Our biggest concern is that this particular chemical is likely manufactured in a dorm-room setting. And these dorm-room scientists are not going to be exhibiting a lot of quality assurance techniques," Dr. Gaylord Lopez, a toxicologist and head of the Georgia Poison Center said in an interview with CNN.

Kansas became the first to ban K2 earlier this month. Other states are considering the same legal action as more hospitals report cases of dangerous side effects reported by what is becoming known as "Scary Spice."

The Window

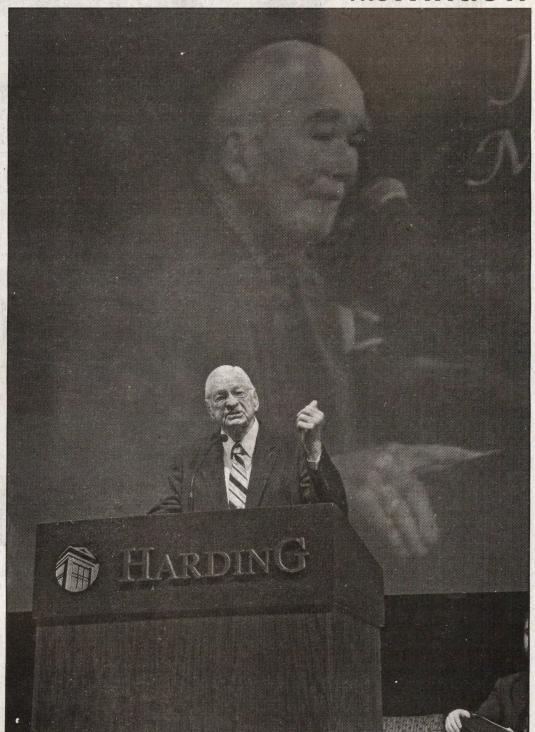


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Chancellor Clifton Ganus speaks during a chapel honoring the life of Jim Bill McInteer.

TheInsideVoice

Daylight Savings Time Resolutions

by KYLIE AKINS assistant news editor

Stop using my laundry quarters tattoos.

Realize that more daylight does not mean more time to procrastinate.

Reclaim my lost socks.

Wait until after the RA does room to buy temporary check to look like a chocos - oh wait. complete weirdo.

> Lock the door while I'm showering so my suitemate can't pour cold water on me anymore.

Help my roommate dust off her she wore them all winter.

Avoid embarassing statuses by logging off Facebook when I go to the bathroom.

The Water cooler

"Once the antennas are shut down at night, our people are like the blind."

- MOHAMMED NI-YAZ SERHADI, a governor in Kandahar on the nightly blackouts practiced in parts of Afghanistan by cell phone companies because of Taliban decrees that prevent citizens from passing tips to coalition forces

"I would do it again, worms and all."

- GREG DU TOIT, wildlife photographer who sat in a water hole in Kenya for three months and became infected with worms while waiting for the "perfect shot" of lions drinking water

"It could end tomorrow; it could go on for a year or two."

- MAGNUS TUMI GUDMUNDSSONL, a geophysicist at the University of Iceland, saying there is no way to predict how long the volcano might continue to erupt in South Iceland after it caused thousands to evacuate Saturday

#MyBison



Each issue, this section will feature the Bison editorial staff's favorite Tweets from users on campus. To submit yours, just add #MyBison to your Twitter updates.

Still got it. The faculty softball team took down a student team for the second week in a row.

- i miller

Maybe... there won't be a reason to stay awake for 72 hours... maybe.

- Haonavy

Hears screams around campus. Yep-that's right-it's beau-ing season. Like Hunting season or Wabbit season... except no one dies.

- livinggypsy

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distractions, and go without it for a day.

"The fast is a way for us to really sacrifice more than just giving ten dollars, buying a T-shirt or donating a Facebook status," President of the dietetics club SaraBeth Myers said. "Identifying with the hungry in this small way makes us more passionate about fighting malnutrition.

Neither T-shirts nor dinners were sold to support MANA because fundraising was not the primary objective. The fast was intended to engage students by being a memorable experience and a sacrifice. The purpose of sacrificing by fasting was to expand student involvement beyond dropping money

in a jar.
The Dietetics Club, Student Association, Kibo Group's Harding chapter, the Roosevelt Institute, Multicultural Student Action Committee (MSAC) and the Honors College paired with Moore to bring malnutrition awareness and MANA to Harding. Students staffed a booth Wednesday and Thursday in the student center, distributing samples of MANA and answering students' questions. Thursday night, students broke the fast in the cafeteria with a traditional African meal.

About a billion people are suffering from hunger. Out of that billion, the children of the perpetually hungry can slip into an extreme form of malnutrition - severe acute malnutrition, which annually kills up to 2 million children.

MANA, a nutrientloaded paste containing peanut butter, powdered milk and vitamins, reverses the self-harvesting effects of malnutrition. Several servings induce rapid weight gain, yanking children out of severe acute malnutrition, and three doses of MANA daily for six weeks bolsters

children enough to prevent them from slipping back into severe malnutrition,

The program supplies mothers with MANA to feed to their children, an improvement on the traditional malnutrition treatment, which required a hospital stay. With home treatment, families avoid the burden of time and money that a long hospital stay requires. An added benefit of home treatment is that the children avoid contracting additional sickness from malnutrition wards. Staying in the hospital can be deadly because the children have weakened immune systems, which allow disease to spread more quickly between them.

MANA is a ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF); RUFTs are the endorsed standard for malnutrition treatment and have been since 2007. MANA has a shelf-life of 2 years, requires no refrigeration, is prepackaged and can be manufactured cheaply and locally. Additionally, malnourished children can digest it better than grains and feed the paste to themselves.

Peanut-based RUTFs, like MANA, are the new and improved malnutrition treatment and work better than the previous practice of distributing powdered milk formulas. Milk-based malnutrition treatments proved impractical as they require clean water, are not pre-mixed and will curdle quickly without refrigera-

"Ultimately, the main purpose [of the fast] was to share what MANA is about," Myers said. "They need support and for people to believe in them. Malnutrition can be a thing of the past. This is the first time I've felt that it's conquerable in a large-scale way."

Students can learn more about MANA from their Web site, www.mananutrition.org or by becoming a fan on Facebook.

passed, signed by Obama continued from page "I am weary of all the greed :

REFORM: healthcare bill

article in the New York Times.

Six months after enactment, the bill blocks insurance companies from denying coverage to children who have preexisting conditions, and from canceling people who get sick that are under their insurance already, and from imposing lifetime caps on coverage. Moreover, the uninsured who have been refused for coverage because of pre-existing conditions are put into a pool, where the government will help pay for their medical expenses until 2014.

By 2014, insurance companies will no longer be able to shut out people who have pre-existing conditions from coverage. Among other requirements in 2014, most employers will be required to provide coverage for their employees or be penalized. Companies with fewer than 50 employees will be excused from providing employee health coverage, and by that time, most people must have obtained coverage.

"I think it's a good idea," Messina said. "It's going to cost a lot of money, but it's a good idea.'

The bill works in part by expanding Medicaid by 16 million patients, while cutting Medicare by \$500

and politics tied up in this issue. Regardless, change in the system is necessary."

> Rachael Kunkel junior nursing student

million over the next 10 years, which will help fund the new plan. Currently, most people do receive their insurance from their employers, but right now it is not a requirement for companies to provide their employees with health coverage. Changes in healthcare mandate that companies provide health coverage to their employees. People who choose to buy individual insurance plans will be able to continue to do so, and this will not change much, except for the effects of more regulation of the health insurance industry.

"As a nursing student, I believe that health care is a right,"junior Rachael Kunkel said. "However, I am weary of all the greed and politics tied up in this issue. Regardless, change in the system is necessary.'

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MANA: curing malnutrition Preparing for earthquake danger

by BLAKE MATHEWS editor-in-chief

Recent major earthquakes in Haiti and South America have shown people all over the world how dangerous it can be to live and build in a seismic zone. Americans living on the West Coast have been forced to adapt to the active fault lines running beneath their homes and businesses, but how prepared for a severe quake is the rest of the continental US?

Considering Searcy's proximity to the historically violent New Madrid fault, how prepared is Harding?

According to experts, officials and seismic enthusiasts associated with Harding, the campus would likely shrug off a major earthquake along the New Madrid fault.

Searcy's distance from the actual seismic zone, which stretches 150 miles along the border between Missouri, Tennessee and Arkansas, is its biggest saving grace. Dr. David Cole, chair of Harding's chemistry department and a professor of geology, said that a 7.2 magnitude earthquake at the southern end of the New Madrid fault would register

in White County as a 6 or 7 on the Mercalli intensity scale. That translates into moderate damage to brick buildings and some cracked or crumbled chimneys, but few buildings would be completely destroyed.

When asked if Searcy was built to survive a direct hit from a major quake, Cole replied, "Oh shoot no, absolutely not.'

Thankfully, he said, the chances of that happening were "extremely remote." Chief of Public Safety Craig Russell, who also operates Harding's Emergency Management Committee, offered a similar risk assessment, but said the university still has a detailed earthquake response plan.

According to Russell, in the event of a tremor the immediate response should be to find shelter under something sturdy, like a desk or a doorframe, to protect against falling debris. If you are outside, he said, then stay outside and away from buildings. Once the shaking stops, the emergency plan would go into effect, and all buildings on campus would be completely evacuated. Only after a building is inspected and cleared by the Physical Resources department would

anyone be allowed back in.

If a building like a dormitory was deemed unsafe, Russell said the contingency plan included several temporary shelters that displaced residents could use. As the entity responsible for residents and dormitories, the Office of Student Life would be charged with locating all of the students and accounting for the injured or worse.

While some of Searcy's structures might not have been built with fault lines in mind, architect Mike Steelman said any Arkansas building designed or significantly renovated in the past 20 years must, by law, incorporate "earthquake resistant design."The design is determined by three factors: proximity to known fault zones, soil conditions at the building site and how many occupants the building plans to hold. Each of the buildings built or renovated on Harding's campus since 1991 meet these requirements, Steelman said, and as the architect behind several of those renovations, he would know.

Steelman's faith in the older structures on campus is just as sturdy, he said. Even before the current building laws were written, buildings like Patti Cobb Hall and the Olen Hendrix building were designed using quality materials and criteria that was "quite stringent by world standards."

"I would be able to sleep soundly in any of [the buildings], dorm room and classroom alike," Steelman said.

Though Searcy and Harding's campus would likely be spared, the city of Memphis is located near the center of the seismic zone. A 2009 report from the US Geological Survey said Memphis would be "severely impacted" by a New Madrid earthquake. Aging buildings and infrastructure would be highly vulnerable, and the two bridges over the Mississippi River that connect Memphis to Arkansas might collapse. Such a collapse could have a significant impact on the Harding student body, especially among students from states east of the river.

The University of Memphis Center for Earthquake Research and Information could not be reached for comment on the integrity of the Mississippi River bridges.

use skills abroad to TRAVEL: students travel

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a trip like that shouldn't need someone to hold their hand and tell them what to do and report on every moment of the day.

The Link team worked long days and published dozens of articles that Miller said would hopefully be used to promote HUF, but their primary purpose in Florence was to learn. Finding stories amidst language and culture barriers was a "wonderful experience" for the mass media students, he said, and after interviewing the mayor of Scandicci, the head chef for Italy's national soccer team and several other figures, the Link students will have plenty of new material for their portfolios.

Seniors Tyler Jones and Nick Michael led the documentary team and were the original catalysts for the trip. Before the trip was opened up to the entire mass communication department, Dr. Jeff Hopper of the Honors College had approached Jones and Michael about making a promotional video for HUF. Both students are accomplished documentarians, and both had spent a semester at HUF. Jones said he and his team of ten "were given creative control to really capture HUF as we remembered it."

The documentary team

members, most of whom had been to HUF, followed current HUF students around Italy as they participated in activities that define the HUF experience, ranging from life at the Harding Villa to a photo scavenger hunt in seaside Cinque Terra. The final product will be a 30-minute DVD designed to promote the program to interested students, though Jones said that, more than any of the adventures or the traveling, the real "hook" of the program is the authentic Italian atmosphere that HUF students are experience.

"I hope that anyone that watches this who's been to HUF will believe that we didn't try to sell HUF, that we let the experience speak for itself," Jones said.

Transformation was the theme for 22 Harding students who spent their spring break searching for God in the people of Nicaragua. With Andrew Baker, director of the Institute for Church and Family, and Philip Holsinger leading a variety of students ranging in majors from communication to education, the group set out to interact with and witness the everyday lives of people in the city of Jinotega.

Mision Para Cristo, a multifaceted mission in Jinotega run by Baker's parents, Benny and Donna, served as the platform for students to experiment with

their talents. Baker's vision for this spring break mission was to intentionally avoid making any concrete plans outside of facilitating students ability to use their majors, passions and interests to further the kingdom of God. Baker left that journey up to the dynamic of the group.

Knowing the students would leave more changed than the people of Jinotega; Baker challenged the students to find God in every conversation, documentation and interaction.

"Everybody saw God in some way," Baker said. "The people in Nicaragua didn't need us. This was opportunity for growth for us personally, and it benefited the people of Nicaragua."

With class credit and resources in tow, the students set out to be transformed. Communication students went out with cameras, interviewing people in the markets, communication disorders students provided hearing screenings and Bible students studied the spiritual attitudes of Nicaraguan teens in comparison with research conducted at Uplift last year. Class credit was granted under the same logistics as the spring break HUF project along with credit available through the Bible department.

Flor Ramos, a broadcast-

ing journalism major from El Salvador, jumped at the opportunity to spend her spring break documenting the stories of real people with whom she identified. Expressing enthusiasm for her Spanish background, Ramos served as a translator, reporter and visual artist. Ramos felt an intense connection with the people she met and interviewed. Their stories reminded her of her own humble beginnings with her family working their way to a better future.

"That girl with the tortillas on her head, beaten up if she doesn't sell them. That girl could have been me," Ramos said.

Expressing her purpose for being in Nicaragua, Ramos felt her work was embedded in simply being present.

"The trip was about just being there, watching, listening, documenting everyday people. By being there, witnessing everyday people, you're finding God, "Ramos said. "I want to be a medium. God works and is still there in those poverty places."

Many claim the trip to be a success and look forward to similar opportunities in the future, opportunities Baker said he hopes to provide. He added that summer opportunities may also become a possibility in the future.



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THE QUOTE

"To me, piracy is something adventurous. It makes you think about Johnny Depp."

- AGNETE HAALAND,

president of the International Federation of Actors, arguing that "piracy" should no longer be used to describe illegal downloading because the term is too catchy

To Alice, With Apologies

wo weeks ago I went to the local movie theater to see Tim Burton's new version of "Alice in Wonderland" in 3-D. Having taught Lewis Carroll's classic in my English courses for years, and having endured several well-intentioned failures to capture its madness on film, I was curious - perhaps even curiouser — to see how the producer of "The Nightmare Before Christmas" would fare with Wonderland. But first I had to sit through an apology from the cinema manager.

I am not making this up. Before the film started, a manager came out to ask the audience to please return the \$30-apiece 3-D glasses after the movie. He then apologized for any steam spots on the glasses since, as he said, they are cleaned and sanitized after every showing. But that's not the apology that struck me. To conclude his speech, he said something like this, "We've turned up the volume as loud as we legally can, but I'm sorry if you can't understand what they're saying. They're speaking in that old English way, very soft and proper you know (insert failed accent). Anyway, sorry about that."

What a very British thing to do — apologize for the accents. I can picture a trailer before the movie with a "beg-your-pardon" by Michael Caine: "We're terribly sorry, but the actors in the following film are using a dialect that may give Americans some difficulty. We deeply regret the inconvenience and promise that we'll sound more like Minnie Pearl next time. We do hope you Yanks can still salvage a modicum of pleasure from the film,



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despite the bother of listening to actual English. Again, sorry."

It gets better. The teenagers sitting behind me responded to the manager's speech with the following exchange. Teen One: "What did he say?" Teen Two: "He said they're gonna speak in Old English." Teen One: "(expletive)." As the Tweedle brothers continued to lament the upcoming onslaught of stuffiness, I couldn't help but picture Wonderland in Old English. I could see Alice getting miffed at the Mad Hatter and yelling, "Hwæt! We Gardena in geardagum!" Or battling a Jabberwocky that looks suspiciously like Grendel's mother. Or ordering the pack of cards to form a "shield wall" against "thæt Redde Queene, cutter of heddes."

But I shouldn't be so snippy. Not everyone knows that "Old English" is an ancient language. In fact, as far as some people are concerned, it's a furniture polish.

What did I think of the film? Even though Burton deviates from the plots (such as they are) of the original Alice books, I believe that Lewis Carroll would approve of his extreme whimsy. Burton has taken Carroll's nonsense and talking animals (which up until now had to be portrayed by actors like Peter Sellers in a fur costume) and created a frenetic CGI dreamscape that rightly captures the bizarre

loopiness of Wonderland.

Burton is especially brilliant at reinstating the dark undertones of the original stories he works from. In Carroll's books, Alice is terribly uncomfortable in Wonderland, a place that turns all her prim Victorian training on its head. Burton maintains this angst with the ingenious choice of making the child Alice a 19-year-old (played by Mia Wasikowska, who thankfully beat out Lindsay Lohan for the role), struggling to figure out who she truly is. Without too much moralizing — Carroll's book was insistently NOT a didactic tale for children — the film affirms the importance of self-discovery, even if one must talk to a blue caterpillar smoking a hookah to find it.

And Johnny Depp as the Mad Hatter? Well, picture a combination of Willy Wonka, Salvador Dali, and Carrot Top, add a dash of Beetlejuice and a top hat borrowed from the Artful Dodger, and you have the marvelous freak show that is Depp's mad hat fiend. Understandably, Burton had to edit out the shaggy Hatter's first line to Alice — "Your hair wants cutting" to avoid the teapot calling the kettle black. But since it's not possible to overplay the Mad Hatter, Depp delivers as usual. And Helena Bonham Carter is a scream as the big-headed Queen of Hearts. This is an entertaining film. If only those 3D glasses could provide subtitles for those who don't speak British.

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A Liberal Art Lost

efore I go stepping on toes, let me explain myself. Now, there are many reasons why people go to college, and I am not immune to a very popular sentiment that a large population of college students share. I am at college because, when it came time for me to make the decision, I believed that it was just what people did after high school; a way to push off the real world for another four years. But this article is simply an appeal to a romantic notion of what should be at the heart of a true "liberal arts" education, which has been lost, as well as the tremendous opportunity college presents in general, which is often squandered.

"Liberal arts" is a term with which everyone is familiar. We all understand that the goal of a liberal arts education is to develop well-rounded individuals, to give us the ability to adapt to an everchanging work world. Yet it used to be something so much more. The original liberal arts university attempted to instill in students that the concept of total truth had to be viewed and understood from a number of angles. These angles consisted of the classic schools of thought: science, art, music, mathematics, history and moral philosophy. In order to gain the authority and capability of understanding the world, students had to master the ability to continue independent learning in each of these disciplines. What we seem to have now is a group of students who, while looking at their major's requirements, see taking a mandatory biology or history class as a small speed bump in the road to attaining their diploma instead of a rewarding opportunity.

The general attitude among a number of my peers has become one that limits college to the place that prepares you to earn more money than those who have entered the work force after high school.

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Another fashionable idea is that college is where you will be taught the skillset to be a good elementary school teacher, businessman, doctor, lawyer, etc. Plainly put, college is simply what you do after high

This is all well and good, and while statistically this is the move that will make us the most money down the road, this is where we differ from our ancestors and their reason for attending college. The university should function as more than just a vocational training center.

The university held a different objective during its infancy: an objective held by students as well as professors and founders. It was only those deemed intellectual elites who were able to attend college, not those who had the ability to apply for loans and take on the heavy burden of debts.

Today, those who display aptitude at the high school level with a high SAT or ACT score are desirable to universities and are rewarded with scholarships and financial aid. When some of these same students are accepted to a university (an incredible opportunity in itself), they must decide on a major. Now the process for deciding a major is a complicated process for many students, as they are essentially deciding what to do with the rest of their lives. Everyone can see how this process becomes even more complicated when these students have no idea why they are even in college. One of my professors, like most professors on campus, plays the role of advising students. She says that commonly, the first

question she is asked is, "How much money will a worker in this field earn?" This is an undeniable factor behind many students' selection of a major. It seems that many are trading the ability to understand the world around them for a paycheck. Rather than picking a field that they will enjoy for the rest of their lives or one that will contribute something beneficial to society, the focus is limited to monetary gain.

What is most disturbing though, is that learning stops when the bell rings. Once class is over, "me-time" begins. Make no mistake, I enjoy free time as much as the next history major with big glasses, but I simply cannot accept that what I just sat in class listening to for an hour should have no impact on the way I conduct myself. I feel that it is most commendable for one to take a subject being presented in class and apply it to their own worldview, asking the question, "How does this affect me?"

Times have changed, as well as the highest values in our society. An essay published in 1853 sheds some light. William S. Plumer, a professor lecturing at the University of Virginia said this:

"To answer a matter before he hears it... would save these young gentlemen the toil and labor of demonstrating problems and theorems. They might be persuaded to believe all things that are told them without looking at the evidence on which they rest. Life at the University would then be a time of elegant leisure to be sure."

As college students, we should constantly be weighing the facts presented us in class against our perceptions of truth. This is our responsibility. Anything else is little more than a waste of time.

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Baby Shark

66 Why do people in church seem like cheerful, brainless tourists on a packaged tour of

the Absolute? Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we blithely invoke? ... We should all be wearing crash helmets." This quote from Annie Dillard

sauntered through my mind last Sunday evening as I stood, one among the singing hundreds at Downtown Church of Christ, and read the words proclaimed by the giant Powerpoint slides encircling the room.

"DO NOT FEAR."

It's a line from a modern hymn that has thankfully gained a lot of popularity in the Church of Christ. "When you pass through the water/I will be with you." I say "thankfully" because it's one of the few a capella songs that doesn't sound like it was written for a full praise band, only to have our brotherhood strip it for parts and try to pretend it doesn't sound empty. But that debate aside, I was bothered by the presentation that, no matter where I looked in that big room, I could not avert my eyes from ten giant screens, all demanding that I "DO NOT

I imagine the worship leaders set that line apart for the dramatic value, to really drive home the importance of NOT BEING AFRAID. If this tactic moved even one person, I'm afraid it'll spread next to those older, cherished hymns. Soon I will look up and read on giant scrolls, "THE DEAD SHALL RISE," or "MILLIONS WILL MEET THEIR DOOM."

That night's service ended with a song I had never heard before, but I knew exactly where it came from: church camp. Some songs encourage clapping, others bring peoples' hands into the air, but some songs are designed to amuse a small army of 7-year-old campers. They rely on goofiness, on juvenile aggression, on the release of serotonin that must come from yelling and gesticulating wildly. If you think I'm being unrealistic, put yourself in the shoes of a non-believer who walks into a worship service for the first time in many years. You are greeted by hundreds of adult men and women screaming "SATAN WAS DEFEATED" and pumping their arms like bloodsport fans. How would you react to the children of God? I would try to sneak away before anyone in there recognized

Lets get it straight, guys: Satan was defeated by Jesus when he overcame the tomb. You know, the tomb he went into because of mankind's sin, the tomb we put him in. Looking at it that way, it's almost sacrilegious to yell "SATAN WAS DEFEATED" as if we were the ones that overcame him. It makes more sense for me to be on my knees, trembling, my breath heavy with the realization that I have aided the Accuser by sinning. "Satan is defeated ... thank God."

The song is called "I Belong To Jesus," though if our Master is as powerful as the stories say, perhaps we should be more mindful of our own attitudes when we approach him in worship. Maybe the Gospel exhortation to "be like little children" doesn't translate directly into "act like an 8-yearold." Remember, through worship we are declaring our fealty to the Supreme Power of Existence. Don't overdramatize it, don't make it ridiculous. Let's try to take it

(Author's note: I had just completed the video game adaptation of "Dante's Inferno" before I left for Downtown that night. So with the first shouting of "SATAN WAS DEFEATED" I thought, "Yeah, that final boss was hard. Took like an hour to beat.")

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Letter to the Editor

A response to "Mail Call," a column by Blake Mathews published in the Feb. 26 issue of The Bison:

am Tracy Sheehy, aka the "mysterious caller." I have written this letter to you to set the record straight.

Your response to me in the article was both unprofessional and upsetting. I am not only older than you but also older than you in Christ, and at your age I would never have written the way you did about a spiritual conversation I had with another adult. Even if I had disagreed with them I would not have been rude, demeaning and

I also need to point out several instances in which you were incorrect about what was said in our conversation. I find it troubling you would even go ahead with writing an article about a subject you were so shaky on memory about, that you didn't even remember who you talked to. You said in your article that I accused you and the other reporters of compartmentalizing your lives. That is not what I said

What I said was that as Christians, we have put God in a box and we, meaning all Christians, have compartmentalized our lives. I definitely did not accuse you and your fellow reporters of that, as you stated. You completely proved my point in your column. You said, "If you want a sermon, go to a preacher, if you want a lecture, go to a teacher. If you just want the basic who-what-when-wherewhy so you can make your own decisions, then find a journalist with some objectivity."

That is a great example of compartmentalizing your life. God is in everything. I do not need to go to a preacher to get a sermon. I can step outside my home each morning and see and hear a sermon from God, the earth declaring his glory. I can listen to a Christian teacher and hear a sermon. I can read an article and hear a sermon. God is in everything and everything is God's.

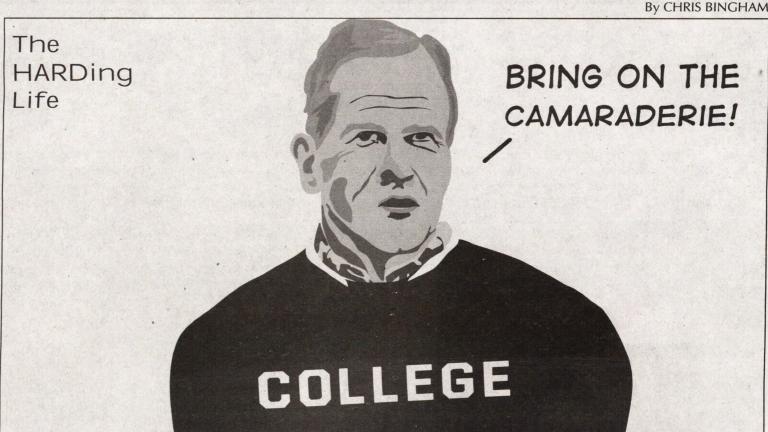
Another misquote from your response was that I wanted the Bison to refute what President Obama said in his speech using scripture. I didn't ask you to refute Obama's speech with scripture. I asked you why the Bison had not printed opposing views. For instance, where was the governor of Virginia's speech, which was the Republican party's response, or anything that was an opposing view to what President Obama spoke of during the State of the Union address?

I also definitely didn't ask for more "amens" in the columns in The Bison. Just so you know, this was a very sarcastic comment. This is one of the areas in your column where I will give you the benefit of the doubt and assume that you simply forgot our conversation (which further calls into question why you would write an article on a subject or conversation that you couldn't clearly recall).

The reason I called was to talk about the Bison presenting more of a Biblical worldview in the articles written rather than a secular worldview. A Biblical worldview doesn't mean that you put more "amens" into the articles. It means approaching life from God's perspective. It is not our opinions, it is what God views as truth! Everything goes back to God. A great place to start with developing a Biblical worldview besides the Bible is the Truth Project by Focus

on the Family. One basic, foundational truth that you definitely did not reflect in your response was "love for your neighbor." When you have the means, via your own article, to characterize a conversation you had with someone in any way you want to, and that person doesn't have the same opportunity to point out where you were incorrect, you're not showing much integrity. The next time you are dealing with anyone who has a differing opinion from yours, it might be wise to look to the life of Jesus to see how you are to respond to them.

Thank you, Tracy Sheehy Harding alumnus 1995



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Hardcover Paperback

sit here, contemplating life and everything that goes along with it, sipping a drink at Midnight Oil. And the striking thing about it all is, nothing is simple. The story of a story is a story. My grasp of this is feeble, yet I see enough to suspect.

Delving into the details of my existence denies every lie that is thrown at me. The insecure existentialist is knocked aside, and the nihilist is laid waste. The tiniest descriptor and the most insignificant adjective provides me with enough ammunition to destroy the U.S.S.R. and sweep up the remnants with my toothbrush.

I take a sip of my short drip, which is code for small black coffee. There is something wonderful engrained in coffee, and the only way to fully experience it is with a thick, black, unadulterated brew. It's pretty much spiritual. If I were an animist I'd probably appreciate these things even better.

After chapel, in this surging crowd of personalities, I look out over the students (the benefit of a couple more inches of height than the average man) and observe a sea of stratified faces. Through the tinted lenses of gunmetal Ray-Bans I can see the unsure emotions of confusion, happiness, gentleness, sadness, anger, strength, yet perhaps most of all immaturity. This is a university, after all. The rising sun shines on

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the young.

Perhaps it is because the youth of today are concentrated here like sardines in a tin, but in this sea of people and emotions I can feel the mistakes. I feel them committed all around me, in the acquaintance and in the friend. These are mistakes in the paperback romances and the broken realities and the vermilion faces of drama and spite. These are weaknesses. These are our immaturities.

Existence at a university is a lesson in basic social patterns. Forget textbook sociology (did it ever teach us anything?) and grasp what truly happens when immaturity meets immaturity in the student center. They meet, fall into an already autumnal love, break apart in dissent, and then begin the action loop over again. It was never meant to be, not even considered. There were two books on the shelf, and they chose the paperback over the hardcover.

It is the current societal fad to emphasize youth's charm and consider aging a curse to be avoided at all cost. I would propose that we reverse this. I would propose that we endeavor to lose the baby fat of immaturity and attempt to enter into

adulthood. At the risk of sounding like an uptight grandmother griping at her progeny, I look around and see immaturity robbing students of grades, of daylight, of experiences. I look around and see a single reason why students exist in a state of growth limbo: the fear of what lies

After class I return to Midnight Oil and offer up more of my cash for another thick black coffee. I also get a bagel, with butter (it makes everything better). Darkness falls outside, and the last dregs of coffee grounds have been drained from the bottom of my cup. I remember five or half a dozen things I must do, so I drive

Filling up at the gas station, I stand at the pump braving the chill wind. The little gold Kia next to me has two occupants. The man makes the woman fill up the car, and snaps at her. He's in his early twenties and is an unsavory type. I feel sorry for the girl. She doesn't deserve such a man.

Sometimes I wonder about how things turn out in the long run. The earth turns and spins and rotates, and it's tempting to consider Nietzche's eternal recurrence as a viable philosophical view. But it's not It's purile filth. There is a reason to grow up.

That couple at the gas station haunts me. Even adults possess

that immaturity. The sooner it is ridden from your veins, the better. Otherwise, it starts to eat away at

There is only so much coffee that a man can drink. Caffeine gets to him, eventually. With me, caffeine has the curious effect of inducing a sort of stupor. It's a sort of energy, but with it comes a deranged unawareness of reality. I feel dreamy. It's as if coffee puts me to sleep. This, paired with driving around, paired with the slow melancholy strains of Pink Floyd playing through my stereo, induces complete brain fog.

Through my caffeinated stupor I still wonder about maturity.

College is the only time in which most of us are able to let loose. Thus the horn-rimmed glasses, the Converses, the proliferation of facial hair and the earth bracelets. This is weird, but weird does not equal immature. Immaturity is defined by the poor results. Immaturity is defined by a return of no gain.

Don't do something with no end gain. Grow up. Pay bills. Drink black coffee. Pick the hardcover over the paperback, even if the words are harder to understand.

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Why I'm Not Voting For The A&P

am confused. For the past year, the people of Searcy have Lebeen told that the proposed Advertising and Promotions tax was designed to improve our parks system. I personally thought this was a bit silly, considering our parks are wonderful and have been for several years. I spent my youth on those fields and spent several years working out there as an umpire. We have hosted many competitive tournaments and been praised by visitors for the quality of our facilities. What needs do the parks have that are so dire that we must raise taxes? I would like to hear some from the proponents of the tax. Don't they know that we built the new soccer fields, expanded the baseball facility and remodeled Spring Park without raising taxes?

Now the proponents' message has changed. We have gone from "improving parks" to "promoting Searcy" — I suppose this is a more popular platform during an economic recession. And again, I would like to know why taxes must be raised to accomplish this goal of bringing new businesses into town? This flies in the face of economic history. You do not raise taxes to entice businesses — you cut taxes. I am all for promoting Searcy, but raising taxes to do it is illogical. Searcy can be (and is) promoted through organizations like the Chamber of Commerce. Also, in cities like Searcy that do not have A&P commissions, mayors spend

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their time recruiting new business. Perhaps the problem is not a lack of funds or commissions but a lack of leadership in city hall?

The people of Searcy deserve to know what an A&P commission really is. An A&P commission is an appointed, unelected board (with the exception of the two alderman members) that has complete control over the A&P Food Tax revenue. The mayor and council can promise the people of Searcy whatever they want to hear - new parks, tourism, etc. - but they cannot fulfill these promises because they have zero control over how the money will be spent.

Members of the A&P Commission cannot be removed by the city council or mayor, nor can their actions be repealed. There is absolutely no oversight of such a body. In Searcy, at least three of the already-appointed members of the A&P Commission do not even live in the city of Searcy. Do Searcy residents wish to give non-residents unchecked control over \$1 million tax dollars each year? If the A&P Tax is voted into law, that is what they will get.

In cities like Hot Springs and Ft. Smith, the A&P commissions have spent 50-70 percent of their

revenues on salaries and benefits for their staff, which can include family and friends of commission members or elected city officials. In Little Rock, the A&P commission has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on no-bid contracts with businesses owned by members of the A&P commission. Is this "promoting" their city or improving their parks? Or is it "promoting" businesses owned by A&P commissioners with taxpayer

I am also appalled at the pro-tax talking point that this tax "will be paid mostly by tourists." How outrageous. I eat out for lunch everyday in this city. A lot of other people do as well. Last time I checked, Searcy was not a "tourist hot-spot" where we can rely on tourists to pay our bills for us. This is a small town being built on the backs of the same people this tax will punish — you and me. One county-elected official even told me that these tourists (whoever they are) that travel through our city use our roads and infrastructure and therefore "we have a right to their money," he said. This shocked me. Governments do not have rights. The people have rights. And no one has rights to someone else's hardearned money.

So I ask the proponents of higher taxes: is this tax about improving parks? Why? What's wrong with them?

Is this tax about promoting Searcy? How will raising taxes

accomplish this goal? Why do we have to raise taxes to improve our city? Was Little Rock built by an A&P commission? Was New York City? Was Rome?

Personally, I will be voting against the A&P tax on April 13 because it is unnecessary and will be bad for business, especially in an economic recession. You do not raise taxes or increase government spending to stimulate business. If you don't believe me, ask President Obama how that is going (unemployment is above 10 percent).

Furthermore, I absolutely oppose giving \$1 million a year to unelected commissioners who are unaccountable to the voters. I have no personal concerns about the prematurely appointed commissioners, but three of them are not residents of Searcy and given the history of corruption that surrounds these commissions, I do not trust this type of unelected body and oppose it based on the belief that taxpayer money should only be spent by people who are accountable to the taxpayers.

For these reasons, I state my opposition to the A&P tax. I challenge the proponents of the tax to answer the questions posed here. The people of Searcy deserve no less.

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Joke of the Day

Q: Why was Goliath so surprised when David hit him with a stone? A: Because nothing like this had ever entered his mind before.

Special Feature

The Long Haul

by James Taylor student writer

College can be many different things to many different people. To Asher Roth, it's a party. To many it's a place for obtaining higher education. To some it's all about the experiences. To some it's a place to meet people, and to others it's simply a degree. No matter what it is to you, statistics show that your college journey will probably end somewhere between four and five years from the time you started. This article, however, is a special tribute to the outliers of Harding University (if you had trouble with statistics an outlier falls outside of the normal).

For whatever reason, some students will come in to college with enough

hours to be considered juniors, while other students will not have any. For the sake of humor as well as tribute, we will interview the tortoises of Harding's race to graduation. For the sake of learning tips and tricks on how to speed up the process, the hares will be interviewed as well.

The selection process pertaining to who is chosen for the interview is about as random as which day the trash men will come and was as complex as a coloring book. To choose the interviewees, we simply asked students who they knew around campus that had been here a while or who had arrived here recently and was already planning his or her graduation.

Taylor Morris



Twenty-three year-old finance major Taylor Morris first arrived at Harding in 2004 and hopes to graduate in July 2010. When asked what has taken him this long to graduate, he responded, "Well, I worked some one year ... And I changed my major ... And I was very distracted, at times, by my extracurricular activities. I guess really what I'm getting at is I didn't take school seriously my first five years." Directly after Morris' response, he was asked why he came to Harding. "I came here to play football, and I heard a magazine ranked Harding's girls in the top top in the nation" he magazine ranked Harding's girls in the top ten in the nation," he

Favorite thing about Harding: "Hosting Wednesday night devo for Seminoles."

Least Favorite: "Constantly having to make sure I'm not breaking some little rule."

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Shelvy Arberry is another example of a student who has seen much change at Harding. His journey here began in '02, and come May, he plans on leaving. Arberry has already obtained a degree in behavioral science and is currently working on his second degree in kinesiology. When asked what has taken him so long to leave Harding, Arberry replied, "I've probably had about six different jobs while going to school here, some full and others parttime. Also, between coming here in '02 and now, there was one year where I worked and took a break from school."

Favorite thing about Harding: "Definitely the people. The people here are amazing, and I've made a lot of close friends."

Least favorite: "Being in Searcy ... If this school wasn't in Searcy, I'd have no complaints?

Shelvy Arberry



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Staci Wilson



in school, she replied, "I'm not much of a studier." Favorite thing about Harding: "Definitely the people. I've met my best friends here."

Staci Wilson is 20 years old, is a general studies major and her focus is biology and the humanities. When Wilson came to Harding, she was 17 and already had 32 college credit hours. Wilson plans on graduating in May and has been accepted to PA school.

When asked about study habits that may have given her a boost

Least favorite thing: "We should have more chapel skips. I'm not an early person."

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Madison Redding

Madison Redding is planning on graduating at 21 years old. That's "only" one semester early, but take into account all that she's doing and you may be impressed. She is majoring in exercise science, pre-physical therapy and will also minor in math and medical missions. Redding came to Harding with 25 credit hours, and plans on going to HUF over summer to pick up 16 more. When Redding was asked how she gets ahead, or for any insight as to her studying techniques, she said, "Coffee. That's the main thing ... I have had to study more since I've been in college, but now I can't on a day without coffee." can't go a day without coffee."

Favorite thing about Harding: "Teachers that care about you and want you to succeed ... The ones who care about your problems and help you along the way, as well as with school work."

Least favorite thing: "The attendance policy here."



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Lady Bison golf leaning on youth for success

by JAMES BUCE student writer

The Harding University Lady Bisons golf team is well on their way through the 2010 season with a number of different golfers leading the team.

The team has been led by freshmen So-Yun Kim and Whitney Ohlhausen. Along with Tara Fuchs, Janelle Galloway, Ragan Muncy and Evelyn Poteet, the team is geared for a successful season.

"The two main things that have changed this year are Whitney Ohlhausen and So-Yun Kim," Coach Nick Boyd said. "They are both terrific young ladies and outstanding golfers as well."

Boyd is in his second season as

the Lady Bisons coach following 14 years of coaching the men's team. He has helped establish a feeling of family among the players and nurtured the growth of the women's program.

"I have loved playing for Hard-

ing,"Ohlhausen said. "Coach Boyd is so sweet and encouraging, and my team is really amazing. I love them."

The team played several tournaments during the fall semester and won the tournament hosted by Harding.

"Our best overall tournament, I think, was last semester at our home tournament when we won," Ohlhausen said. "But actually this weekend in Villa Rica, Georgia, at West Georgia's tournament — we

won it too."

Ohlhausen finished second overall in the West Georgia tournament. It was her third top-five finish in six tournaments of play this season. Kim also finished in the top-five for the tournament.

"We had a really good fall season, but I am really proud of the way our team met the challenge last week at the West Georgia tournament," Boyd said. "On Monday, it was really cold (about 38) and rainy and just miserable conditions. Our team hung in there and then put together a really good round on Tuesday to win the tournament."

This win followed a disappointing spring season opener at the Lion Invitational, hosted by Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Kim, along with Ohlhausen, has been a strong part of the team. She was recruited by Boyd following the high school state tournament

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Cline making impact in Bison rotation

by CHRIS O'DELL sports editor

The Bison baseball team has been working on steadily improving its rotation in the last few years. When head coach Patrick McGaha and his team can get a young walk-on to come in and have an immediate impact in the staff, things look promising for the future of Harding baseball.

Sophomore Kyle Cline, from Ormond Beach, Fla., has made instant contributions to the pitching staff for the Bisons. As a freshman last season, Cline started 12 games and posted an 8-4 record with a 4.69 ERA. Cline's eight wins led the team and were good for third best in a single season in school history.

However, Cline wasn't squeaking by with close victories after pitching the minimum number of innings to qualify for a win. In his first season playing collegiate baseball, Cline led the team with six complete games, 78.2 innings pitched, 57 strikeouts and a .262 opponent batting average. Cline said age has nothing to do with a player's success on the diamond.

"Natural talent and ability are a part of what makes a successful player," Cline said. "The largest aspects of it all are hard work, tenacity and motivation, which all breed success."

Despite a rough start to the 2010 season, Cline and his teammates are ready to put the past behind them and move forward with

the remaining part of the season.

"The season has had its ups and downs,"
Cline said. "The beginning of this year was a
little rough, but we are coming up to a steady
but increasing level of confidence just in time
for the bulk of conference play."

The team began the season with four consecutive losses to powerhouse Abilene Christian University. Through the team's first 12 games, the Bisons posted a record of 2-10. However, the team has won 12 of its past 15 games, including a doubleheader sweep over Williams Baptist and Ouachita Baptist in consecutive series.

After his first six starts, Cline has posted a 2-3 record with a 6.54 ERA — numbers down from last season's stellar year. But despite a rocky start for Cline and the Bisons, Harding

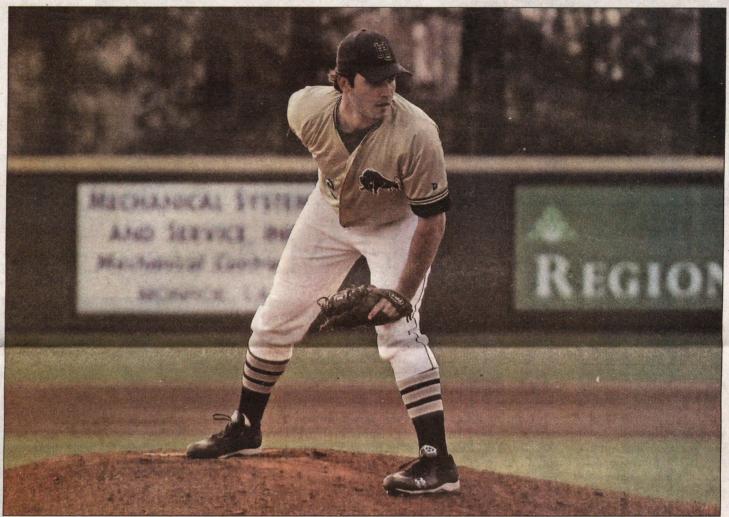


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Sophomore pitcher Kyle Cline looks to his catcher for the pitch selection at a recent home game at Jerry Moore Field. Cline has made instant contributions to the Bison pitching staff since joining the team last season.

is still in prime position for a conference run in the last half of the season.

"The season so far has tested our character at times and will continue to do so in the face of adversity," Cline said. "But I believe in this team and I believe in every one of those guys playing behind me."

Cline has still shown he is capable on multiple occasions this season. The 6-foot sophomore was recently named the Gulf South Conference Pitcher of the Week for the second time in his career.

"Knowing the different players in the GSC and knowing the caliber of the conference

itself said a lot when I was named player of the week," Cline said. "It is a great compliment, and I am honored to have been the recipient of it for a second time in two years."

Cline became the second Bison pitcher to be honored with the award this season after senior Troy Keith pitched the sixth no-hitter in school history earlier in the year.

"Troy is a great teammate, and I think more people give him credit than he does himself for that feat a few weeks ago," Cline said. "Despite the one comment that he made to me, there has been no teasing about me

getting a no-no as well. Although I will, at some point, get the seventh."

If Cline's history is any indication, then it might not surprise many spectators if he gets the seventh no-hitter in school history. With the immediate impact the right-hander has made in the Bison rotation, the team is now looking for postseason success. Cline said he is confident this group will find it

"I am predicting going into the tournament as a second seed in the west division," Cline said. "And from there it only depends on how far we want to go."

Rangers show patience in Washington controversy

The Leadoff



The MLB-administered test was a urinalysis that is part of a testing regimen for non-playing personnel. It was implemented in 2008 by recommendation of the Mitchell Report.

during the first half of the 2009

season and failed a random

Knowing he would most likely test positive, Washington chose to voluntarily inform MLB about his drug use and also warned team executives about the situation. He becomes the first known manager

in baseball history to test positive for cocaine or any recreational drug.

However, the tale of the high-profile downfall of sports personalities is quickly beginning to sound like a broken record. Not unlike the entire Tiger Woods soap opera fiasco or the Michael Vick dog fighting scene, Ron Washington is yet another story of a sports personality choosing a wrong life path.

Despite damages to reputations, endorsements, role models and future contracts, each of the above-mentioned men also have the chance to redeem their once-respected reputations, and it all starts with getting back to the games they love.

After serving nearly two years in prison, Michael Vick was released from jail and signed a contract with the Philadelphia Eagles to become the team's backup quarterback. He worked his way onto the

field in a variety of ways last

season and now has several

teams interested in trading for the services of the former Hokie. More importantly, Vick has kept his name out of any negative news headlines since his release from prison.

Like Vick did last season, Woods will soon make his comeback at the Masters and, in the process, will try to put the past year behind him. The sport's best golfer has been participating in workshops to help deal with his adulterous behavior and plans to rebuild his marriage with his wife Elin.

Although several major companies, such as Gatorade, have dropped Woods from any endorsements, the 14-time major champion will soon be back in full swing with the chance to make people forget all about his past transgressions.

With baseball season now upon us, Washington will soon try to put his positive drug test behind him and return to the game he has played and coached his entire life. Things will be made easier for him after the Rangers organiza-

tion backed their manager and decided to keep Washington in the dugout for the upcoming season.

season.

The team could have fired its manager and begun searching for a new skipper mid-season last year. However, team president Nolan Ryan and general manager Jon Daniels showed the kind of mercy that is rare in the business of sports these days.

days.

"I told [Jon Daniels] and
[Nolan Ryan] about my shameful behavior, and I offered them
my resignation," Washington
said. "Remarkably, these two
men, after a lot of thought and
prayer, allowed me to stay here
through last season."

through last season."

Even though nobody in the world of sports would have faulted the Texas Rangers for firing Washington, the Rangers chose not to conform to the idea that one mistake means automatic job loss. They stuck by their manager and have shown him the loyalty that they hope he will show the team in the coming years.

The decision comes as a sur-

prising but positive suggestion that people make mistakes but can also be forgiven for those mistakes.

"I am not here to make excuses," Washington said. "I've learned about myself personally, and I recognize that this episode was an attempt to dodge personal anxieties and personal issues that I needed to confront. I'm so sorry for what I did."

The Texas Rangers open the 2010 season at home against the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday, April 5. When the team hits the field for the first of 162 games in the new season, Washington will have the support of not only his bosses but also his players.

"We support him 100 percent," third-baseman Michael Young said.

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Bison football set for spring scrimmage

Bison Notes

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Bisons host spring football game

The Harding football team will conclude spring practice with its Spring Game on Friday, March 26 at 6 p.m. at First Security Stadium.

The NCAA allows each football-playing school to hold 15 practices during the spring

The format that the Harding coaches will use is that of a typical scrimmage. The offense will have the ball at the 30-yard line and go until it scores or is stopped by the defense. Coaches expect the scrimmage to last a little more than an

Harding has had 10 practices thus far, and Harding head coach Ronnie Huckeba feels very good about what he has seen from his

"Defensively, we feel very solid along our front line and at line-backer," said Huckeba. "We had several players that came in this spring and really solidified things

The Bisons have been battling injuries in the defensive second-

ary. "We had some young players that we really needed to evaluate during the spring, but we have not been able to do that because of the injuries," said Huckeba.

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"We've got some questions in the secondary, but we've got some kids that we recruited that will be here in the fall that we think can come in and really help us, especially at cornerback. We targeted defensive backs in our recruiting this year, and we really got some

Huckeba noted that a change in scheme has left the offense behind the defense during the first part of spring practice.

"We are working to change from a team that was primarily a passing team to one that has a lot more balance, especially with some of the option stuff we've

put in." said Huckeba. "You have to put the new system in, you've got to have patience, and work on it with your team.'

Lady Bison tennis wins again

The Harding women's tennis team continued its winning ways Tuesday with its ninth straight victory, a 9-0 win over Lambuth. It moved the Lady Bisons to 15-2 overall, 8-0 on the road and 7-0 against Division II South Region teams.

Harding won two of the three doubles matches without losing a game. Katherine Golik and Ellie Hammons teamed for the first time and won 8-5 at No. 1. Fabiola Wisnesky and

Gina Cielo also made their debut together and won 8-0 at No. 2. Janet Orgain and Libby Hedeman made their first appearance as a team and also won 8-0 at No. 3.

The Lady Bisons won all six singles matches in straight sets. Golik won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 to improve to 5-4 on the season. Ellie Hammons won her third straight match 7-6, 6-1 and moved to 8-2 at No. 2. Gina Cielo ran her team-leading winning streak to seven with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 3. Cielo is 10-1 in singles this season.

Wisnesky remained unbeaten at 5-0 with a 6-0, 6-1 win at No. 4. Hedeman improved to 3-0 with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 5, and Orgain stayed perfect at 5-0 with a 6-0, 6-0 victory at No. 6.

Athletes of the Week **Daniel Kirwa** & Philip Biwott Both ran NCAA provisional times at the Rhodes Open on Saturday · Kirwa won the 5000 meters while Biwott placed second CRAIG RAINBOLT | The Bison

GOLF: Team gives look at future

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last year. She graduated from Arkansas Baptist High School after she moved to the states from South

Kim has the team lowest score for a single round at a 71 and is second on the team overall in her tournament average at 80.6, just behind Ohlhausen's 79.6 average.

With the two freshmen on the team, several of the returning players have stepped up their game and improved throughout the season as well.

'Ragan Muncy, a junior, is playing much better this year," Boyd said.

The team finished seventh last year in the Gulf South Conference and is looking forward to finishing the season on a strong note following their win at the West Georgia tournament this past weekend.

The team is young and with the success this year can look forward to several years on top of the Gulf South

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Could March Madness get madder?

BRIAN MARCROM



The NCAA has created an exciting postseason tournament for the sport of basketball. Each season, 64 teams earn a spot in the tournament to play for the national championship.

The NBA and NHL reward 16 teams each season with a postseason berth. The NFL advances 12 teams to its bracket. Only eight teams qualify for Major League Baseball's postseason. The NCAA's 64 seems a bit generous. However, it works well year after year due to the large number of schools who participate in college

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Is Northern Iowa a better team than Kansas? Were the 2008 New York Giants a better team than the undefeated New England Patriots? They were on the day of the Super Bowl. There is no perfect way to crown a champion. However, tournaments are the best way to determine the best team.

I believe smaller schools that win their conference tournament have a right to play with the powerhouses in the current tournament setup. A blend of 64 teams from various conferences has

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worked for years without any complaints. Why change? As a fan I must admit that watching an extra round of basketball games would be exciting. However, I feel that it is better for the sport of basketball not to change the current format.

Sports are filled with tradition. It is important to keep traditions and rules so that we can compare stats from 2010 with the stats of 2020. The same applies for the tournament.

I find it intriguing that 25 percent of 12-seeded team. They developed a one-

in the tournament.

teams defeat their 5-seeded opponent in the first round. I enjoy witnessing big upsets, but expanding the tournament will create an opportunity for too many of them to occur. We all lové underdog stories. But be honest, sports fans. The reason first-round upsets occur is usually not because the smaller school is a better game plan and played with motivational energy. Though a small school

is unlikely of winning the championship, it still has earned a right to play in the tournament due to its success in the conference championship. For the sake of the sport, powerhouses such as Duke and Kentucky need to advance to later rounds to generate interest

Why lobby for the field to be expanded to 96 or 128 teams? It's all about the money. The NCAA earns 90 percent of its profit from the basketball tournament each year. An extra round of games will bring more money to the organization. CBS brings in plenty of dough from the tournament as well. Television networks are drooling at the opportunity of broadcasting another round of tournament action.

After this season the NCAA

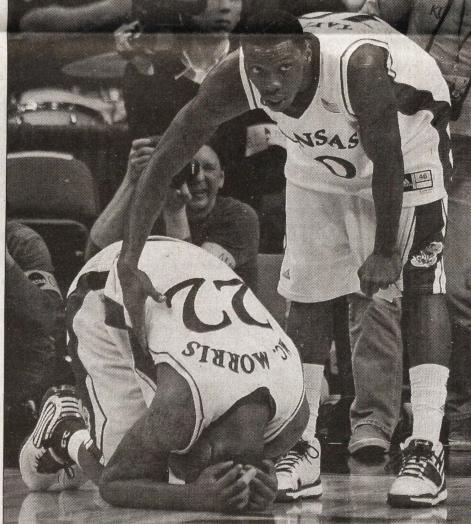


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Kansas guard Tyshawn Taylor, right, consoles Kansas forward Marcus Morris (22) after their 69-67 loss to Northern Iowa in an NCAA second-round college basketball game, Saturday, March 20, 2010, in Oklahoma City. Northern lowa upset top overall seed Kansas in the March Madness tournament.

will be allowed to negotiate with other networks for the rights to broadcast the tournament. ESPN has several stations within its network and can easily replace taped afternoon shows with live tournament games. The cable giant is broadcasting the college football championship in 2011 and would also love to steal March Madness and its advertisers from network television.

An expanded tournament is definitely a great financial

move for the NCAA and, April will ruin the tournament's television networks. Let's not forget about coaches though. Coaches have job securities to maintain. Seton Hall fired its basketball coach last week because his team failed to qualify for the tournament. More teams on the bracket will keep more athletic directors content.

The current format of the tournament is a tradition that should remain. Expanding the tournament further into

nickname. More importantly, greed should not be the reason for changing a system that is not broken. The tournament seeds enough teams to make the postseason exciting without losing the focus of a championship pursuit.

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Benson to receive 150 new seats to accommodate combined chapel

by STEVEN CHANDLER student writer

When students return in the fall they will notice a different atmosphere at 9 a.m. It was announced in January that the Benson will undergo some changes that will allow for one chapel in the fall semester.

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"I love the idea of going back to one chapel," Harding University president Dr. David Burks said. "It's better on the student body to be together. It's better for academic scheduling purposes because we are not utilizing two different hours for chapel. It's better for the speakers because they only speak once, and I just think it produces an overall better atmosphere for us."

In order to make one chapel possible in the fall, approximately 150 new seats are going to be added to the Benson. Most of them will be placed near the back on the first floor with some in the balcony. The university is making sure to be in compliance with the fire code when adding the new seats. Currently there are 3,547 seats in the Benson Auditorium. With the new additions seating capacity will be around 3,700.

"Dr. Burks wanted the maximum amount of seating," Danny DeRamus, director of the Physical Resources Department, said. "If we could have gotten 500 more we would have. This is the maximum amount we could get in there."

Fixing the two chapels issue has been a priority for a

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Dr. David Burks President of HU

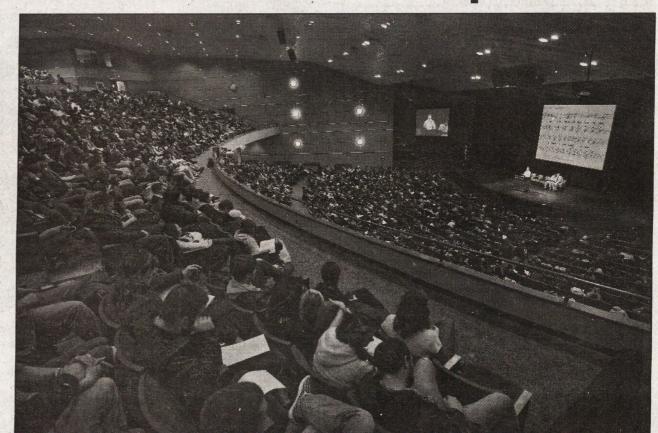
while, but coming up with a solution has been hard to do. According to DeRamus they have been looking into many options to fix this problem for a while. Burks said that this fall they really got serious about looking for a solution.

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"My decision and the decision of the cabinet this fall when we discussed it was if the difference between what we can do in one chapel verses two is only about 150 or 160 students, why don't we look at a way to see if we couldn't go back to one chapel by adding that many seats to the current auditorium," Burks said.

With the Benson almost at capacity the question has to be asked: how long will this solution work? Will 150 seats make that much of a difference? Burks said he thinks so.

"It will all depend upon what happens to undergraduate enrollment but my anticipation is that while total enrollment of the university will continue to go up I think the total undergraduate enrollment will remain about where it



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While chapel in the fall semesters has traditionally been divided due to rising admission rates, Harding Administration has decided to combine chapel next fall. The decision has led to a need for 150 additional seats in the Benson. All chairs will also be reupholstered.

is," Burks said. "As long as it does then we'll be able to have one chapel in the fall, but we will be full."

Adding new seats is not the only work that the Benson will go through. To make sure the new chairs match the current ones, they have planned to reupholster all the current chairs. According to DeRamus, the Benson is going to go more with the

Harding colors. The chairs are going to have more of a brownish-gold color to them. In addition, the carpet in the aisles is going to be a mixture of black and gold, similar to the carpet in the Heritage hallways. The cost for the seat prices are not set in stone, but it is expected to cost around \$65 dollars to reupholster a seat and \$214 to create a new seat.

According to Burks, recovering all the seats has needed to be done for at least five or seven years; now is just a good time to do it with the new additions. DeRamus says that he has a small window to get this work done, between July 10 and Aug. 8. Burks thought that the only event this project might affect will be the July commencement.

"I think the students will be surprised when they get back," Burks said. "I think it will look nice, clean and fresh and be a nice addition. We are also planning to do some work this summer on the sound system for the entire auditorium as well. So I think people will be surprised when they get back, and it should be ready in August."

Student serves family in need, gives up flight

by SAMANTHA HOLSCHBACH managing editor

Though junior electronic media production major Chris DellaPace had completed his spring break mission trip to Nicaragua Sunday, March 14, one final mission remained for him: to give up his plane seat

en route to Harding.

A family of three individuals desperately needed to board DellaPace's flight as it sat at the gate of Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Tx., ready to fly to Little Rock. All three had to attend a crucial appointment in Little Rock the next morning, and only two seats were vacant until DellaPace surrendered his position.

"I turned around and said, I'll do it," Della Pace said. "Right at that moment, everyone started clapping 'cause it was all, like, Harding students. They started clapping and giving me high fives — it was like I was a game show host or something, walking down the aisle, all this and that."

According to DellaPace, the relatively small jet was composed of mostly Harding students who were reluctant to give up their seats due to classes the next day — 4 p.m. was the earliest a plane en route for Little Rock would leave the following day

DellaPace's sizeable schedule initially prevented him from seriously considering giving up his seat until the third request over the intercom. At that time, a \$350 plane voucher was offered to a willing volunteer along with airport food vouch-

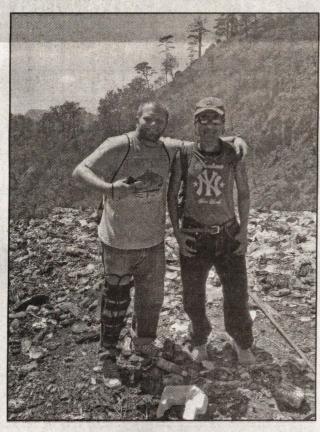


photo by BLAKE MATHEWS | the Bison Chris DellaPace with his new Nicaraguan friend.

ers and a free one-night stay in Houston's Crowne Plaza Hotel. The plane voucher was just the ticket DellaPace needed to attend his sister's wedding in Miami, Fla. this summer.

"Ultimately I needed to get home for my sister," DellaPace said. "I'm in the wedding. I just wanted to be home for her wedding and not have the burden on my parents for figuring out a way to get me home financially."

After meeting the family he assisted, DellaPace relaxed in his Crowne Plaza room, complete

with an LG big screen TV, large bed and sofa. However, DellaPace spent the evening far from luxury. With only \$2 in his pocket, he sought a snack machine in vain. Eventually, he resorted to eating the pizza crust left on his neighbor's room service tray.

"I can't believe it," DellaPace said. "I was all alone in Houston and eating someone else's pizza crust."

Nevertheless, DellaPace said he is happy to have helped a family in need and gained a much-needed plane ticket in the process.

HULA continues despite earthquake

by ALEXANDRA MCCLAIN student writer

Harding University Latin America (HULA) students have finally arrived in Chile after the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that devastated the region Feb. 27 delayed their trip.

The earthquake postponed students' departure from the U.S. for a week, causing their classes to be delayed.

"We started classes at home by ourselves that week and took Moodle quizzes," said sophomore Heidi Duncomb.

Aside from delaying classes, most of the damage did not affect the "HULAgans" according to program director Tom Hook.

The damage to the lodgings for HULA students was minimal.

"The quake itself was fairly severe here in Viña, but fortunately, for myself and for HULA, most of the damage occurred south of here," Hook said.

According to Duncomb, the HULA students have not seen very much of the damage caused by the earthquake.

"We were all surprised when we flew into Santiago," Duncomb said. "We were expecting to see crashed down buildings and people scattered everywhere, but that wasn't the case."

When they landed in Santiago, the group deplaned onto the tarmac and went through security and customs in tents because there was damage to the infrastructure of the airport

The HULA students have an interest in assisting in clean up efforts but most likely will not have the opportunity.

"Most of the kinds of damage that they could have been helpful in cleaning up was either already mostly resolved or was far enough from our location that it would be very difficult, both in time and logistics, for them to participate directly," Hook said.

"The big damage is hours away from us, and so I'm not sure if they decided we would be much help to drive that far away because we are gone on trips so often," Duncomb added. "I know that a lot of us really want to

get out there, but the Chilean government seems to be handling it really well."

The HULAgans are just now getting settled into their apartments in Viña Del Mar.

Since the flight was delayed, the students left the second day after arriving for a trip to the Chilean and Argentine Patagonia.

"When we got here we left the next day for a big trip and are just getting started with classes [Wednesday]," according to Duncomb.

The day they left was the day a 7.2 magnitude aftershock caused a tsunami to hit Viña Del Mar.

"The big earthquake that was a [7.2] two weeks ago sent Viña Del Mar into a tsunami alert, but when it hit we were already on the bus headed to the airport (for the group trip to the Patagonia) and didn't feel it," Duncomb said.

There have not been any other major scheduling changes for HULA this semester,

according to Hook.

"The other major trips to the Amazon and Machu Picchu, Easter Island and Atacama Desert are to areas not damaged by the quake," Hook said. "The only real changes are on the trip to Santiago, where some of the museums we would normally visit are closed due to damage sustained in the

earthquake and not yet repaired."

Duncomb said she feels very safe at her apartment and does not fear any lingering aftershocks.

"It's scary, but I feel really safe in our building, and they have said is the safest place to be in all of Chile when an earthquake hits," she said.

Hook is very excited for the new cultural experiences presented by the earthquake.

"The HULAgans will be here for less time, they will have fewer "free days" and will feel the need for more intensity in their classes," Hook said. "But, they will also see Chile in a different way as people here adapt to the impact of the quake on their economy and lifestyle, but those differences will be minor."

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Quest down White River leads to New Orleans

by KYLIE AKINS assistant news editor

The morning was quiet as the four men slipped the 18-foot boat into the White River on Monday morning. Their spring break officially began as the rising sun burned away the early morning mist. The boat was ready for the long voyage ahead. Eighty-sevenyear-old Chancellor Clifton Ganus took the wheel as his son, Dr. Cliff Ganus, Jim Woodroof and his son, Tim, settled into the cramped space of the ski boat in which they would spend the next four days.

With Harding's classrooms emptied, the father-son foursome spent March 8 to March 11 traveling 700 miles by boat from Georgetown, Ark., to New Orleans, Chancellor Ganus'

"Dad [Chancellor Ganus] drove the whole way," Dr. Ganus said. "700 doesn't sound like a lot until you consider you're going between 10 and 25 mph the entire way. And you're also looking out for logs which you don't see on highways here. It's a different sort of adventure and intensity. He's 87 years old. He's remarkable.

Chancellor Ganu's read every wave with the skill of a weathered seaman, having taken this trip twice before in 1978 and 2001. At each gas stop, the men were met by Harding alumni and old friends who offered them transport to the nearest gas station and back.

The men camped at night, the Ganuses sleeping on the boat and the Woodroofs in a tent on the shore. Jim recalled the second night camping on the Mississippi River when the men bonded around a bowl of clam chowder and stories.

We sat around the fire for about two hours in the dark with just the fire going with [Chancellor] Ganus telling us about the early days of Harding," Jim said. "That was my favorite experience."

Jim has known Chancellor Ganus since when they met at Harding in the



photo courtesy of CLIFF GANUS

Chancellor Clifton Ganus, Dr. Cliff Ganus and Jim Woodroof prepare for their last morning on the White River. The three men, along with Tim Woodroof, traveled 700 miles down the river to New Orleans over spring

1970s and jumped at the opportunity to experience this adventure with him.

'I knew I would kick myself for the rest of my life if I didn't spend that time with [Chancellor] Ganus," Jim said. "I love him to death."

Large barges and ocean-going vessels crowded the Mississippi as the boat drew closer to New Orleans, often forcing Chancellor Ganus to weave in and out of the bull waves the large boats created in their wake. When Chancellor Ganus asked his son Cliff what the most memorable experience of the trip was to him, he quickly answered, "Looking at Jim Woodroof's face when he looked back and saw that big boat there."

Arriving in New Orleans was the height of the trip, especially to Chancellor Ganus who was returning to his

childhood home. "One of the highlights would be when you get into the middle of New Orleans where you've grown up since you'were

years old, and you look down Canal

Street and look at St. Louis Cathedral

and Jackson Square where it all started and how it has spread out," Chancellor Ganus said. "It's just exciting to sit out in the middle of the river."

The crew arrived in New Orleans Thursday evening just as the sun had sunk below the horizon and were met by Harding football coach Clay Beason. The entire group, exhausted from four days on the river, celebrated their successful trip with platters heaped high with French fries, catfish, shrimp, oysters and lobsters at Deanie's, a seafood restaurant in the French Quarter.

Satisfied with their adventure, they returned to Searcy Friday morning, taking a much shorter route by car. Chancellor Ganus said he plans to take the trip again when he turns 90.

"It's just fun to me to be on the water," Chancellor Ganus said. "You don't think of anything else, you don't. You can't. You gotta think of the river. It's like Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer. You never get all the little boy out of you. Don't care how old vou are.'

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The Bison Crossword

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- 1 Soft drink
- 4 Attention getter
- 8 Rear 12 Saintly topper
- 13 Dollar bill
- 14 Circumvent 16 Contributes
- Highest degrees
- Answer Attempts
- 21 Reckless
- Actress Russo Envision
- Rel. image
- Increases 27
- 29 Trudge
- **Inventor Whitney** Distant
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- Refuge Garden tool 37
- Beer relative
- Trumpet Write down 40
- Heartthrob
- Singleton 43 Knife
- Dairy cow 45
- Damp
- Haul
- **Bogus**
- 50 Athletic facility
- 51 Father 52 Network inits.
- 55 Beloved
- Warbled 58
- 60 Gastropod
- Celestial path 64 Borrowed money
- 66 Killer whale
- 67 de Cacao
- 68 Nimbus
- 69 Appear
- 70 Toboggan

- 71 Before light or payment 72 Second sight

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- 1 San Diego athlete
- 2 Song of yore
- 3 Sit for a picture
- Arbor, MI
- Fast car 6 Hawke or Allen
- Disarray
- 8 Soap measure
- **Swears** 10 Make do
- 11 Pottery oven
- 12 Bonnets
- 15 Coloring material

- Copyright ©2010 PuzzleJunction.com 20 River mud
 - 22 Bruce Banner's AKA

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- 26 Demure
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- 32 Burn balm
- ingredient 33 Depend
- 34 Demonstrate
- 35 First-rate
- 36 Worry 37 Reiner of
- "Meathead" fame 40 Boxer's target
- 41 Intense anger
- 43 Eye infection

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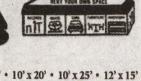
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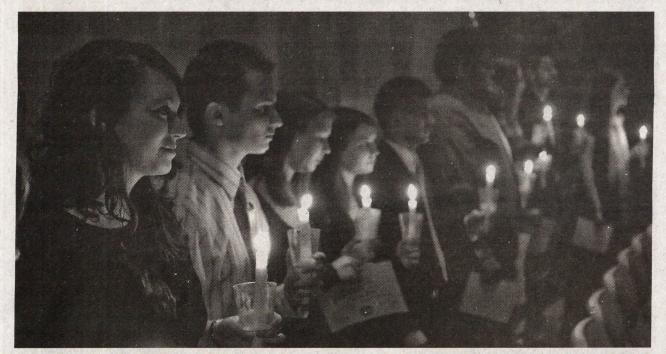


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Students hold candles as part of the Alpha Chi induction ceremony, held on Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Reynolds Recital Hall.

CAB announces cover contest

by TIFFANY JONES student writer

With his eyes closed and headphones on, senior James Taylor sat before a microphone in his private recording studio. A familiar tune, altered by Taylor's musical ingenuity, played as he sang new words to OneRepublic's hit song, "Apologize."

Though creating cover songs has been a hobby for Taylor for years, his choice to make a cover of "Apologize" was not just a random song selection.

Thursday, March 18, the Link, Harding's new multimedia news Web

site, in conjunction with the Campus Activities Board, announced a OneRepublic cover contest.

Per contest rules, contestants may could cover any OneRepublic song as long as the cover they recorded was sung live and not lip-synced. The incentive to enter is winning a chance to meet OneRepublic before their concert. This prize is special because, unlike many of the music artists who come to perform at Harding University, OneRepublic is not doing a meet and greet.

"I want to win this contest because I want to meet them, and they're signed with Interscope Records,"Taylor said. "If I win, maybe I'll show them some stuff I've done. It's a great opportunity, and I'm just going to do my best and have fun with it.

The contest was created to help showcase Harding musicians and encourage creativity on campus. The Link has been working towards featuring campus musicians and has created a new arts section complete with live sessions with student performers.

The concert, taking place this Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m., is being held in the Ganus Athletic Center. Corey McEntyre, Campus Activities Board director, is expecting nearly 1,800 people.

Dr. King's apprentice speaks to students about civil rights

by JOSEPH **DICKERSON** student writer

"Freedom is fragile. Justice is fragile. Liberty is fragile," Rev. Aaron Johnson reminded those who attended his speech on Monday, March 15

Johnson, a 77-year-old pastor and highly acclaimed civil rights activist, and Deb Cleveland, an author and newspaper columnist, spoke to students at Harding University, supporting civil rights and promoting their book "Man from Macedonia: My Life of Service, Struggle, Faith and Hope.'

Johnson was born in Willard, N.C. into a world of hate and racial tension. When he was five months old, his family experienced the brutal lynching of a local black man.

"Black people were lynched as examples, mostly young men," Johnson said.

Memories of that and other experiences growing up as a black male brought Johnson into a search for civil rights and racial equality.

He had the privilege of working under Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. before his death on April 4, 1968, and learned to take the nonviolent approach to civil rights

Johnson served as advisor to three North Carolina governors and President Ronald Reagan on race relations and as North Carolina's Secretary of Corrections, working with Chuck Colson on the Prison Fellowship program.

Johnson and Cleveland came together so that these stories of the struggle for racial equality would not

"The purpose of this book is to pass these stories on to the younger generations,"

Johnson said. Cleveland and Johnson are traveling to different for rehabilitating inmates, cities talking to everyone from city and state leaders to students.

'This is a mountaintop experience for me to be sitting here looking into the faces of the future," said Johnson when he spoke to Harding students.

Cleveland introduced Johnson by giving some background information on both Johnson and herself. She then read the story of the murder and lynching from their book before Johnson spoke.

Johnson talked about his work with Chuck Colson who wrote the forward to the book. Colson was implicated in the Watergate scandal as a member of President Richard Nixon's Chief Counsel and was sentenced to prison in 1974. He converted to Christianity while in prison and since then has had a hand in many programs such as the Prison Fellowship program he worked on with Johnson.

Johnson shared how Martin Luther King Jr. Day became an official holiday under President Ronald Reagan. He and Reagan met while Reagan was campaigning, and he asked Johnson to give the prayer at the Republican National Convention.

After Reagan was elected, Johnson worked with him to get Martin Luther King Jr. Day nationally recognized as a reminder to all Americans to celebrate their freedom.

"Racism can raise its head up anytime," Johnson said. "If we are not careful it could happen to us.'

He reminded students that they need to be building a world free of segregation. "We need to leave things

better than we found them," Johnson said.

Which Wich makes debut in Searcy

by STEVEN CHANDLER student writer

"I think we serve more than sandwiches: we serve a whole experience with the design concept, the ordering system and just the wiches themselves," Which Wich owner Don Rummel said.

On March 9, Which Wich opened its doors to Searcy. Which Wich is a sandwich shop with a unique ordering system and atmosphere that is anticipating to be a big hit in this college town.

"It's got a whole new environment that Searcy needs, a whole new at-mosphere,"Which Wich employee and Harding senior Ben Darby said.

According to Rummel, probably the most unique feature about Which Wich is the ordering system. Which Wich lets the customers make out their order so they know that it was placed correctly.

There are brown paper bags to choose from that represent a type of sandwich. After picking the bag that corresponds to the sandwich, also known as a "wich," a customer wants, they simply fill in the bubbles with the provided Sharpie pens to show what bread, cheese and toppings they want. The customer takes the bag with their name on it to the register, pays for the order, and then waits for the order to be called.

Once an order is ready, it is put in the bag that ordered it. Also, after the customer finishes their meal they can draw on the bag and hang it on a wall in the back where anyone can display brown

The name of it—it's Which Wich Superior Sandwiches, employee and Harding junior Caleb Rummel said. "The whole thing is trying to make every part of it better, trying to get the best ingredients and the best service."

While Which Wich is a relatively young franchise, it has gained some noticeable recognition. It was started in 2003 in Dallas with the Searcy store marking the franchise's

104th store. Which Wich was selected as one of the six winners for the 2007 Hot Concepts! winners by Nation's Restaurant News, an industry trade magazine.

"I think Which Wich is an awesome addition to Searcy,"junior Seth Bowden said. "The food and prices can't be beat and the staff is very helpful and friendly. I definitely appreciate the variety at Which Wich; there is a sandwich for everyone."

Which Wich carries a wide variety of wiches, over 50 that the customer can customize to taste. Wich bag categories range from turkey, ham & pork, beef, chicken, seafood, vegetarian, Italian, comforts, classics and Breakfast. There is also a wich called "The Wicked," the signature sandwich of Which Wich that comes with five meats and three cheeses. All sandwiches are \$5.25 except for The Wicked which is \$6.25.

"I would tell other people not to be afraid to step out of their comfort zone and try a wich you wouldn't normally pick," Bowden said. "I don't think you'll be disappointed."

In addition to their wiches, Which Wich provides chips, cookies, Coca-Cola brand soft drinks and hand-dipped

"The chicken pesto sandwich was delicious and is now my new favorite sandwich," junior Macye Dean said. "But of course, I can't forget the chocolate milkshake, which was fantastic too.'

Which Wich is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. They also plan to stay open late after both Friday and Saturday night performances of Spring Sing. It is located at 3511 East Race Ave., Suite 200 between GameStop and Shoe Department. If you want to know more about Which Wich before your visit, you can visit their website at www.which-

"Now that we have a Which Wich, we are a college town," a Harding student told Owner Don Rummel.

Students challenged to make 'an for that'

Computer science students and other Harding students interested in computer programming have a new incentive to produce exemplary work: a local iPhone app contest, in which the winning app designer will accrue \$500 for producing an app targeted to White County residents.

The selected app must attract attention to Searcy ReMax Realtors Phil and Judy Hoggard's team brand, the "Hoggard Team" by displaying the brand in a conspicuous location.

"It really gives them [students] a

motivation to try to come up with also operate without obvious bugs, a quote on quote real life application," said Gabriel Foust, a Harding computer science professor who presented the contest to his iPhone app writing class. "Sometimes in the classroom the applications that we write are just focused on practicing. a specific concept.

So they can really encounter all the issues that come up in writing a real application that people are actually going to use."

Any app submitted to the contest must not only display the Hoggard team brand and Web site link, but

include a README file detailing the app features and designer's contact information, and ensure that the app requires minimal maintenance. The app must be emailed to Wendy Neill (wendy@perfectfitweb.com) with the subject, "Hoggard iPhone contest" by April 30.

The winner will be announced before May 8. Additionally, the winner must agree to provide assistance with the app for one year or a maximum of five hours of work, after which the designer may be paid for additional app support.

Beyond the \$500 cash reward and real-life experience, the contest winner will be credited for designing the app on the online apps store — a great resume reference according to Foust.

Foust and Dr. Frank McCown are collaboratively teaching the iPhone apps class, the first time the computer science department has offered such a course, geared towards writing software for mobile

McCown taught the first portion of the class highlighting the Google Android platform; Foust is

leading the second part of the class, focused on producing software for

"We're excited about [this contest]," Foust said. "It's a neat thing that they want to do.

"It's a good opportunity for our students, so we're excited to provide that opportunity to them, and for them to get a real-life experience using stuff that they learn in class."

For more information about contest rules and guidelines, contact Wendy Neill or any computer science professor.





Jim Bill McInteer

by Sarah Kyle **News Editor Kimberley Kokernot** Features Editor

tettling his hands upon the podium, a man looks up with the sparkle of youth shining through the wisdom of his years and the crinkle of a smile in

His eloquence takes students on a journey of laughter, tears and spiritual learning as he shares the story of his beloved late wife and her battle with Alzheimer's.

Jim Bill McInteer wistfully told students that he dreamed of the day he would be reunited with his beautiful bride Betty, the love of his life. On March 8, 2010, McInteer passed from this earth into her arms, finally fulfilling his dream.

"What an incredible, joyous reunion for Jim Bill," board member Jerry Morgan said. "I don't think I have ever known anyone who lived their life in more anticipation for this day than Jim Bill. I am happy for him.'

Harding University President David Burks said that the love story between McInteer and his wife was one students should learn from and strive to follow, particularly when Betty's Alzheimer's progressed and left her unable to care for herself.

"He had a sparkle in his eyes when he talked about Betty," Burks said. "I think the love story between Jim Bill and Betty was something everybody could identify with. In that sense, he was a model for all of us in how he took care of her and loved her.

Burks added that McInteer extended his loving spirit and wisdom to help Burks cope and look to God when his wife, Laura, was diagnosed with cancer.

The way he prayed every day for my wife when she knew she had cancer I think made all the difference in the world in her recovery," Burks said. "So I couldn't even begin to put words to the impact he's had on my life.

McInteer's prayer life made him a spiritual leader to all that encountered him, especially members of the Harding Board of Trustees, Burks said. McInteer was appointed to the board at a very young age and would have received a pin signifying 60 years of service in April of this year.

During his time on the board, McInteer served as secretary for over 25 years.

"More than that, he simply was the spiritual leader of the board. So in a very real way, you can almost say he was a spiritual leader for the university," Burks said. "People respected his opinion, and when he spoke on an issue, that was pretty much the end of the conversation ... that

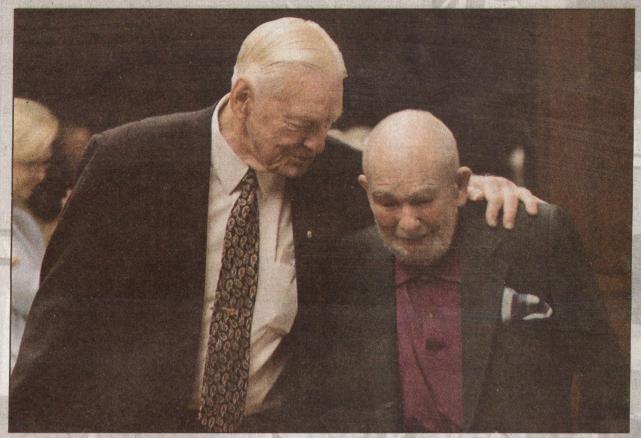


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Harding University Chancellor Clifton Ganus II talks with Jim Bill McInteer during a Board of Trustees banquet

simply answered whatever the question might be."

Senior oral communications major Joshua Monroe said that McInteer's spiritual influence was evident each time he shared his life experiences in chapel.

"Every single thing that Jim Bill ever said was from the bottom of his heart, absolutely genuine," Monroe said. "You could see that he absolutely loved Jesus."

Monroe added that McInteer set an example for students to follow in their daily lives.

"You look at all the things that he did, the way he lived his daily everything. The way he prayed, the way he talked to people. I think that the model he lived by was ... Jesus to the world," Monroe said. "I would say that his biggest contribution to the student body was just the model that he set up for people.'

Board member and Harding alum Danny Hawk said that he still remembers his first encounter with McInteer when Hawk was a student on a Bible major's retreat in 1975.

"I still remember how I was touched by the presentations that he made to us that weekend," Hawk said. "His insights as a Gospel preacher were so rich and his genuineness was so amazing. From that time until today I never neglected any opportunity I have had over the past 35 years to hear him speak, and I have always been blessed by what he had to say.

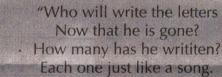
Beyond his spiritual expertise, board members Bill and Fran Chism shared that McInteer possessed a unique gift: the ability to relate to all generations.

'We have never met a man who could relate to both young and old as well as Jim Bill," the Chisms said. "What an example he was in so many ways."

While Burks noted that McInteer contributed financially to the university throughout his life, he added that his dedication and character left a profound impact on the student body.

"It would be impossible to really measure what his influence was to Harding," Burks said.

For our dear brother Jim Bill McInteer



Who will preach the funerals All across our land? How many hearts has he touched with kind words and a gentle hand?

Who will publish Christian magazines and books for all ages? How many articles has he written with the wisdom of the sages?

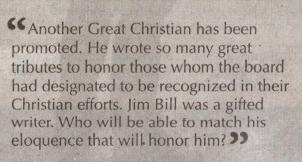
Who will remind us daily of the important things in life? How to rear the precious children and how to love a wife.

Well, no one can fill his shoes, but all of us should try to do a little better until we see him — with our Lord in the by and by."

-Betty Thornton Ulrey







-Mel Gardner Harding University Board Member

I will miss him and his wisdom greatly, but ... he has fought the good fight; he has finished the race and has certainly kept the faith. He is now enjoying the crown of righteousness that has been awarded to him. >>

-Danny Hawk Harding University Board Member

• Perhaps the sweetest spirit of any man I have known. I will remember his gentle and loving representation of what we should all strive to be. I am a better man for knowing him, and I thank the good Lord that He allowed our paths to cross.>>

- Jim Holsombake Harding University Board Member

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Jim Bill McInteer Bible and World Missions Center Thanks be to God who gives us the

victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.