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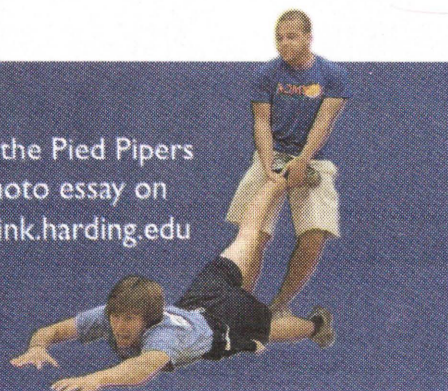
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ASI honors 9/11 anniversary

Remembering our generation's greatest tragedy

by JANET ORGAIN
student writer

On Sept. 11, 2001, teachers all over the country told their students, "You will remember this day, this moment, for the rest of your lives." Today, the Harding University American Studies Institute Distinguished Students asks the question, "What are we doing to remember that day?"

On Saturday, Sept. 11, ASI is participating in the Young America's Foundation's "9/11: Never Forget" project.

Thursday, Sept. 9, ASI students placed 2,977 memorial flags outlining the perimeter of the front lawn to represent the 2,977 lives lost in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93.

"Everyone remembers where they were when they heard about 9/11," Gabriella Marcellini, ASI executive

"The Cold War started when I was your age, and it affected my entire life. I think 9/11 is going to be like that for your generation."

-Bob Reely

ASI associate executive director

vice president, said. "I'm glad students are still remembering those who lost loved ones, even nine years later."

Senior ASI member Ben Anderson said he remembers coming home from seventh grade and turning on the television to hear the news.

"I just remember being awestruck at what I saw," Anderson said. "It's just something incomprehensible, like nothing you could ever imagine."

Anderson said that it is essential for students to

remember events from the past in order to learn and grow for the future.

"I know college students tend to become secluded from what is really going on throughout our nation," Anderson said. "We live our own lives and continue with our own things, so having some physical reminder for the day would be a good thing, just to help everyone remember how it made them feel and how it shaped their lives."

Harding is not the only university to remember, ASI

President Steven Chandler said. More than 186 other colleges and universities across the country participate in the "Never Forget" project.

"I'm glad we here at Harding are participating as many other universities have done in order to remember all those who lost their lives on Sept. 11," Chandler said. "We cannot afford to forget what an impact that day had on our country's history, and the impact it will continue to have."

According to Bob Reely, associate executive director of ASI, 9/11 is the demarcation of America's war on terror that is still going on today.

"For your generation, 9/11 is like Dec. 7, 1941, to my generation," Reely said. "The Cold War started when I was your age, and it affected my entire life. I think 9/11 is going to be like that for your generation."

Our world's safety

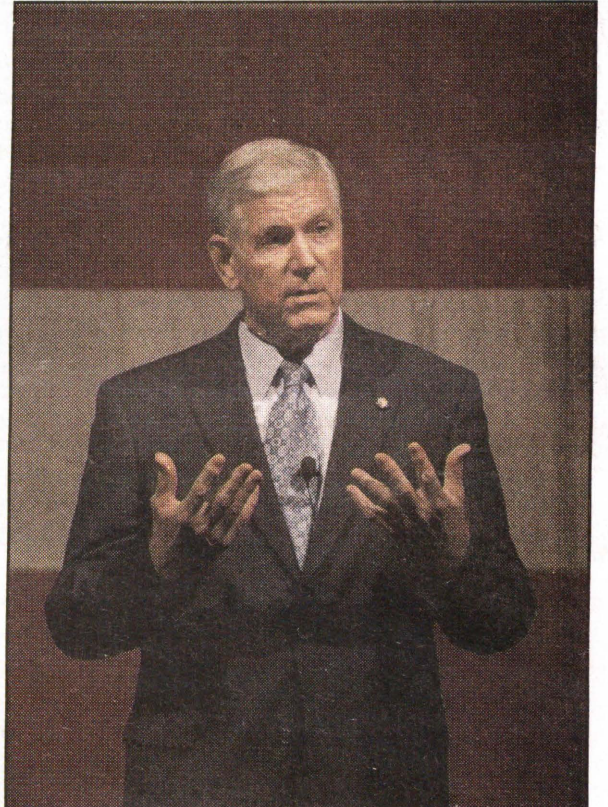


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Gen. Richard Myers speaks Tuesday to an attentive Benson Auditorium audience at the inaugural speech of the American Studies Institute Distinguished Speaker Series. In his speech, Myers responded to an attendee's fear of a future American Muslim government overthrow by saying: "We are not the terrorists. We are a different country. I wouldn't give in to those fears."

Social club scene debuts for 2010

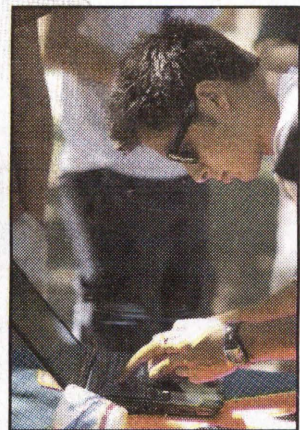


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ABOVE: TNT president Mark Baur talks up TNT.

BOTTOM LEFT: Tessa Knight shares her love for Ju Go Ju.

BOTTOM RIGHT: A prospective BOX member signs in.



Student recalls Katrina aftermath

Fifth anniversary still emotional for New Orleans native

by GARY GRIFFIN
student writer

Hurricane Katrina, a category three hurricane, hit the Gulf Coast the morning of Aug. 29, 2005. About 1,800 people lost their lives during this natural disaster that occurred more than five years ago. As the fifth year anniversary came and went, the world remembered that day and the people who lost their lives.

New Orleans, La., received the most damage during Katrina. Nearly every levee system in New Orleans was breached, which in turn flooded 80 percent of the city. New Orleans was in ruins and those unaffected by Katrina could only sit and watch the storm tear through New Orleans, damaging everything in its path.

The United States Coast Guard, the Red Cross and other organizations came to assist New Orleans and other cities that were affected by this catastrophe. Many people left their homes and all their possessions before Katrina hit, but those unable to do so lost their homes, family members and possibly their own lives.

Harding student Stephen Goodale, who was born and raised in New Orleans, was a high school senior when Katrina hit.

"When I returned two months after the disaster, the city was under martial law," Goodale said. "The image of the markings on all the houses showing how many people were dead or alive inside was an image that I will never forget."

"The curfew there was at 8 p.m. and if you were caught out past that time you were arrested on site."

Goodale, along with his family and other members of the DeGaulle Church of Christ, assisted in relief efforts

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-Stephen Goodale
Harding student

by delivering appliances to people in need. The military had to provide them with security due to the string of robberies after Katrina hit.

There are multiple stories told of churches, people and organizations offering their assistance to the residents of New Orleans; some like Grace Church in New York City made a 10-year commitment to help rebuild New Orleans, as reported by CNN.com.

Katrina affected many lives, both directly and indirectly. The day Katrina hit will always be a day for those affected to take a minute to remember all the people who lost their lives and the stories of heroism that took place during and after Hurricane Katrina.

Members, prospective inductees embark on club journey

by JENNA SAMPSON
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and AERIAL WHITING
asst. copy editor

Many Harding students are preparing for club week now that the school year is underway.

Prospective pledges are attending open houses and mixers to acquaint themselves with social clubs and to determine which one they would like to join.

Students weigh a number of criteria when deciding which group to pledge.

Sophomore Amber Kuhn, a member of Shantih, said she considered a couple of things when she pledged

last year.

"I wanted a club where I would be surrounded by a group of girls who would encourage me spiritually and keep me accountable while having a good friendship," Kuhn said.

Students also look for clubs that emphasize service projects around the community or that are heavily involved in club sports.

Although some students join clubs as freshmen, senior Joelle Lowe has decided to pledge Regina this year.

"I'm glad I know the majority of the girls, but it's going to be a little weird during [club] week when I have to wear ridiculous things in my upper-level classes," Lowe said.

After students pick a club, they must go through club week, a process that usually includes making an inductee

book, dressing in unusual clothing and performing loud chants.

Senior OEGE member Cassie Swenson said she thinks the difficulty of club week brings people together.

"The social club process challenges students while creating a friendly atmosphere for meeting new people," Swenson said. "It allows people who are in different social circles to come together and form friendships that last through college."

While the potential pledges make their decisions about which club to join, older members, who have already been through club week, look forward to the events for different reasons.

Sophomore Alex DeTorres pledged Alpha Tau Epsilon last fall and said he is excited to experience club

"I'm pumped about seeing the new members work together to get through (club) week."

-Alex

DeTorres
Alpha Tau
Epsilon

week as a current member.

"I'm pumped about seeing the new members work together to get through the week," DeTorres said. "But the fact that I'm not dealing with the stress of being a 'pledge' will make it a lot more fun."

KATRINA FACTS AND FIGURES

>Date:
Aug. 29, 2005

>Classification:
Category Three

>Lives lost:
Approximately 1,800

Midterm elections approach

Students encouraged to participate in the political process

by **RUSS GRAY**
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and **SARAH KYLE**
editor in chief

Midterm elections will occur Nov. 2, 2010, nationwide to elect members to Congress.

The midterm elections are held during the second year of a presidential term to elect members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate into repeating terms or to elect new officials.

Harding Associate Professor of Political Science Steven Breezeel said that it is important that students remember to take an active

role in determining our nation's future leaders.

"The policies made in Washington, in our state legislatures and in our country and city governments are made by people that we chose," Breezeel said. "This makes it extremely important that we participate in the process of selecting our elected officials and holding them accountable for their actions."

While the legislative decisions made in Washington may not immediately affect students, Breezeel said it is the elected officials who will have a direct impact on some of the most basic parts of life.

"The people we elect to serve on city councils,

in county governments, in state legislatures and in Congress will be making decisions about the roads we drive on, the operation of our school systems, the taxes we pay, the type of police and fire protection we will have and many other things," Breezeel said.

But with many Harding students from other states, how can they participate? Breezeel said many states have simplified the process for absentee voting, as long as students remember to do so in advance.

"While this process may be an inconvenience, it doesn't compare to the inconveniences that can be caused by a government that is not held accountable by

its citizens," Breezeel said.

Each state has different requirements on how to apply and register for an absentee ballot. For more details on what your home state requires for you to vote in the midterm elections, visit <http://thepoliticizer.com/midterms-guide/> for details and links to each state's website to find instructions on how to register.

Those who do not want to use an absentee ballot also have the option to register and vote in Arkansas.

To register as a voter in Arkansas, students can use their campus mailbox number and campus address as their residence when registering.

Getting to know you

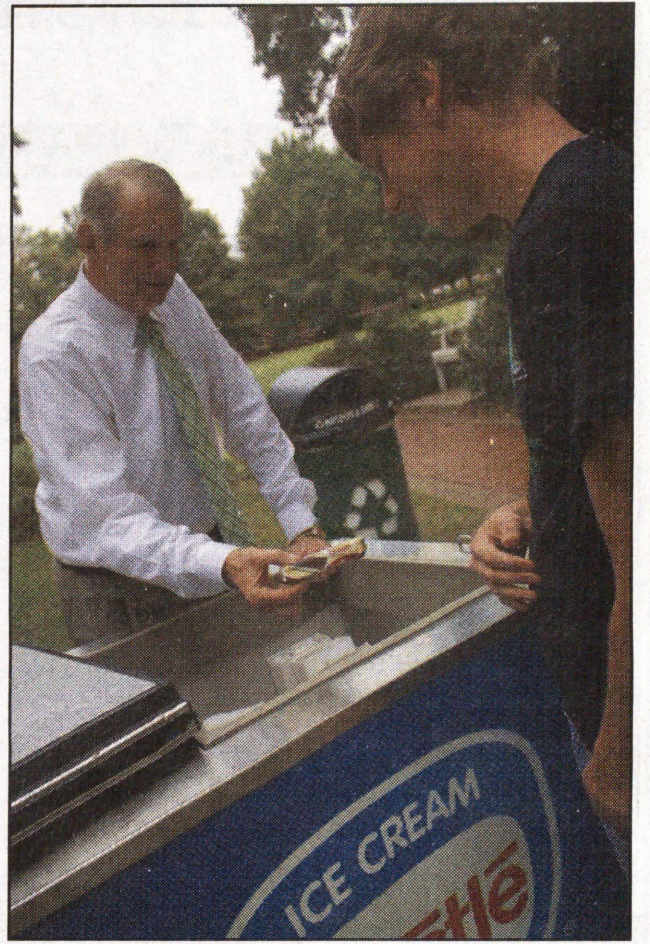


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University President David Burks and SA President Steven Ramsey [not pictured] hand out ice cream to passers-by on Tuesday afternoon in an effort to connect with the student body.

Midnight Oil hosts fundraiser and send-off for mission teams

by **KYLIE AKINS**
news editor

The crowd at Midnight Oil Sept. 4 stood at the crossroads of two teams. The first is stepping down from a leadership role to transition into a helper after six years of serving a community in Mozambique. The other is preparing for a 10-year covenant of teaching and developing a village in Tanzania. Each will leave for Africa with different levels of experience, but both go with the idea of developing the family groups that make up the communities in Lichinga, Mozambique, and Mtwara, Tanzania.

Midnight Oil hosted the fundraiser for one of Kibo's many partners, Malo Ga Kujilana, a nonprofit community resource center for the Mozambican village of Nomba, near the provincial capital city of Niassa, Lichinga. MGK provides the community of 4,000 with agricultural and health resources and education to empower the native people, called the Yao, and create a sense of community among war-torn people. Representing the American families and the numerous Mozambican locals who manage MGK were Harding alumnus Rusty Caldwell and northern Mozambican native Lucky Rashid.

"Our vision was always to try to empower people and utilize the resources they have available to them, whether it be agricultural, social, physical or spiritual resources," Caldwell



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Senior DeeAnn Waugh speaks with Mozambique native Lucky Rashid at MGK's fundraiser last Saturday.

said. "Our neighbors began calling our home 'Malo Ga Kujilana,' which means 'the place of reconciliation,' because people were seeing the brokenness that was existing around them and Lucky's and our hearts were trying to fix the brokenness in some way."

In 2009, MGK began a microloan program that provided locals with the ability to borrow capital in a sparse economy to be paid back with minimum interest. The microloans, often no more than \$100, go toward the community members' homes, education and small businesses. On his first trip to the U.S., Rashid is traveling with Caldwell to announce the group's decision to give control of the program over to the Mozambicans.

"Lucky is going around saying thanks for the help, it's been great, but now it's theirs [the Mozambicans]," Caldwell said. "It's a celebration."

Currently, the team is

visiting the U.S. with the goal of raising \$10,000, of which they have raised \$2,000 so far, to give to the microloan program before they cut U.S. financial ties.

"It is important because it is going to help people improve and change their lives," Rashid said. Rashid will continue as the MGK's community development leader and general manager for the community resource center as the missionaries fall into an advisory role. Rashid said he hopes, as a dedicated Christian, to serve the Folk Muslim community's social, fiscal and spiritual needs, and he said he especially desires to empower the youth with education and support.

"It is my prayer that as students of Harding, I wish that we could be in their prayers and if possible, have their support as youth," Rashid said. "I would love that."

The event at Midnight Oil served as a dual event as

it also marked the three-week countdown to the Makonde Team's departure to Mtwara, Tanzania. The team includes Kibo board member and Harding Dean of the College of Bible and Religion Dr. Monte Cox's daughter, Sarah, and son-in-law, Andrew Fraser; Ross and Heather Kellis; Travis and Lauren Trull; and Caleb and Kristina Meeks.

On Sept. 25, the team will embark on a pioneer, long-term mission trip to what Ross calls an "unreached" region in southern Tanzania. The group, which includes two nurses, will dedicate at least 10 years to studying the Makonde culture, developing the local agriculture and health, and relating the Gospel to the family groups of the community.

"Broadly speaking, our purpose is to see the kingdom of God spread among the Makonde," Ross said. "We want to use our resources to engage the community and become a blessing to people, become necessary so that we can find God-seekers."

Downtown Church of Christ will host a send-off for the team on Sunday, Sept. 12, in the Benson Auditorium at 9 a.m., and all are welcome to attend.

FOR MORE INFO

• www.makonde-team.com

• www.kibogroup.org

• www.kujilana.org

Shores Chapel to continue serving as Prayer Room

by **AMANDA HOURT**
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editor in chief

The Shores Chapel prayer room, which began last year, will continue to serve students in coming school years, said Jane Messina, co-director of the Spiritual Life Committee.

Messina said the prayer room was placed in Shores Chapel to bring back the original purpose of the area: to be a quiet place for students to interact with God.

After much prayer and consideration, the new prayer room opened Feb. 1 of this year, Messina said, adding that the decision was an answer to a long-awaited need.

"There were people who had been praying for a prayer room for a very long time," Messina said.

With poster paper lining many of the room's walls, students are encouraged to leave prayer requests for other students to pray about or bring their own journals to write out prayers and enjoy a quiet, secluded place to pray, said David Collins, vice president and dean of students.

The purpose of the decora-

"It's a place for students to seek refuge."

-David Collins
assistant dean of students

tion is to create an interactive prayer environment, where people can remain completely focused on God, Messina said.

However students wish to pray, Collins said the room is intended to be a safe-haven from the stresses of life.

"It's a place for students to seek refuge from the busy schedule and the hectic day-to-day life on campus, and to find that quiet place for prayer," Collins said.

Collins said he has used the prayer chapel, especially toward the end of last semester, and that he has noticed other faculty and students talking about it.

Looking forward, Messina said she hopes Harding will have a prayer chapel in the future that is in its own building, preferably on the front lawn. Messina said she thinks that sometime within the next two or three years Harding will get the funds for it, and a separate structure could be built.

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At the Bison, it is our goal to serve the Harding University student body with integrity, truth and open ears. However, we believe that meeting that goal is a two-way street between our staff and the public it serves.

We pledge to keep our eyes and ears open to what our community has to say and hope that, in return, that community will be an interactive audience, sharing its stories with us. We also pledge to do the basics: report accurate and relevant information, check our facts, and share them in a professional, integrable manner.

If you have any story ideas, questions, comments or concerns for the Bison staff, please e-mail Sarah Kyle, the editor in chief, at skyle@harding.edu.

letter to the editor

While I appreciate the ideas presented by the writer of last week's column, "The Little Old Church Lady," I also feel somewhat confined by her suggestions. Perhaps, in centuries past, women were uneducated (only because society wanted it that way) and therefore less qualified than men for certain roles, but that is no longer the case.

We came to Harding to receive an education, right? An equal education. Men and women take the same classes and learn the same things. I believe I am just as capable as a man of having an intellectual conversation. I even believe that women are capable of teaching men things—using, among other things, actual words! So, naturally, women should use their talents to find a way to serve, but I am not limited as a human being, equal to my male counterparts, to hosting baby showers, telling children stories, and feeding people. If that were the case, my education would be pointless.

"I expect to share the same opportunities as a man with whom I share similar talents. I do not want to be made to serve separately simply because of an extra X chromosome."

Each and every individual should use every bit of talent they have to serve others. There may be "natural differences" between men and women (though it's difficult to tell with society's programming of gender roles beginning at a young age), but that should not disqualify all women from certain tasks. Some women are stronger and/or more intelligent than some men and vice versa. Some

women are great leaders and teachers, just as some men are good encouragers or cooks. We cannot limit people in their service.

For example, what is the difference between passing a casserole dish and passing a tray of crackers and grape juice? At what age, exactly, does it become "inappropriate" for a woman to be teaching a boy/man and is it that magical age that somehow makes him so intelligent that he is unable to learn anything more from the same woman who taught him growing up?

I expect to share the same opportunities as a man with whom I share similar talents. I do not want to be made to serve separately simply because of an extra X chromosome. We do know, after all, that "separate" is inherently unequal. Right?

- sarah everett | senior

OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS

This is the first installment of our Opposing Viewpoints segment. The two pieces submitted represent two sides of a tangled issue. Our next topic will be about dress code in the church. Should one dress up in respect for the assembly, or is it another instrument of social class distinction? Send your opposing viewpoints to skyle@harding.edu by Sept. 20.

Meet Me at the Mosque

Recent events at ground zero in New York City reveal how fresh the wounds of 9/11 are in the American psyche. The furor over the proposed building of an Islamic mosque and community center reminds us that fear of the Muslim Other still runs deep. How should Christians respond to such fear? What should be done on the ninth anniversary of the attacks?

[He] came into this world to establish a kingdom which is antagonistic to all human authority, to all governments of the earth. Its mission is to break down and destroy them all." One can imagine those words being spoken about Muhammad by a fundamentalist Muslim, perhaps even by one of the jihadists of 9/11. However, this statement comes from the mouth of our university's namesake, James A. Harding, and speaks of Jesus, not Muhammad. This serves not as a clever parlor trick of words, but rather as a sharp reminder that at our best, disciples of Jesus share in common with Muslims a critical gaze askance at the American government, as well as all governments of the earth.

Undoubtedly, on this ninth anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks, there should and will be a swath of memorial tributes. Crises reveal those who have heroic virtues, and those who have displayed such virtue should be honored. Most likely there will be prayers for the nation. To be sure, we who claim to follow Jesus grieve at the loss of life and rightly should pray for peace.

However, the anniversary of the attacks must be tempered by a global awareness. Each life lost in the towers was unique, but the loss of life at the hands of violence is not unique to America. Even now people are dying in Sudan over disputes about the oil to which we are addicted. Even now, U.S.-supported paramilitary regimes in Latin America are killing villagers. Even now, drone missile attacks murder women and children by the numbers in Afghanistan. The United States is not alone in being victim to terror and too often itself perpetrates acts of evil. We too have a history of violence.

As a good friend of mine notes, the cross is not a flagpole. Not a flagpole, that is, but rather a wooden stake in the heart of undead nationalistic religion. As James Harding understood, disciples of Jesus do not belong to a nation; our citizenship lies elsewhere. The Kingdom of God needs no



david pritchett

Guest Space

military budget. The Great Economy does not depend on oil to burn away the chaff in the hearts of men and women. The radical disciple knows that he or she lives and dies, like Jesus, for the sake of the world, not some arbitrary constitution.

As Christians, we must interpret the World Trade Center attacks not as an affront to America, but instead, like all violence, as an insult to the image of God present in the victims. In response, we as disciples must confront such violence with symbol and power in the manner of Jesus. Thus, rather than pray for the safety of our nation or protest the building of a mosque, I would offer the following ways to commemorate the 9/11 attacks.

1. Pray for peace.
2. Pray for world peace.
3. Pray for world peace. In a mosque. Certainly such an act may serve as a symbol of your commitment to peace and enemy love.
4. Pray for the soldiers.
5. Pray for the soldiers of every country, fighting wars they did not start and killing people they do not know. We must be clear; if the church is truly universal, then it is logical that the church does not have troops. Therefore we cannot pray for our troops but must pray for all the troops, and the well-being we hope for them will be realized when they all return home.
6. If you have a courageous heart and a desire for justice, consider joining Christian Peacemaker Teams. Join them in getting in the way of violence for the sake of peace.
7. Own up to your own violence, and reconcile yourself to someone with whom you have had conflict.

I don't know what you will be doing on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. I'll be at the closest mosque, praying. You can meet me there.

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Say No to the Mosque



jake rush

Guest Space

For the past couple of months, one very hot topic in the news has been the plan to build an Islamic mosque and community center near the location where the Twin Towers, also known as the World Trade Center were destroyed by Islamic extremists on Sept. 11, 2001. Most in the left wing are for this proposed Islamic house of worship, calling it an expression of peace with Middle Eastern countries; on the other hand, most in the right wing are against building it in that location out of respect for those who perished on that dreadful day.

As I tend to do with most political issues, I am sticking with the right on this one. In my opinion, there are just a couple of reasons why a mosque should not be built at the proposed location.

The first reason the mosque should not be built at the proposed location (400 feet from ground zero) is out of respect for the nearly 3,000 American lives stolen by Islamic extremists on 9/11.

I am aware that not all Muslims believe the same things. As a matter of fact, Islam and Christianity share many things in common, one being that there are different interpretations of their holy text. Some Muslims take what is known as Jihad, or "struggle" in the Quran, to mean that part of their faith is to bring all non-Muslims, or "infidels," into the Islamic faith, otherwise they should be destroyed. Muslims of this belief tend to be the ones we know as "extremists." Many other Muslims do not believe the Quran is literal in the sense that if a person refuses to come to the Islamic faith, then

he or she should be harmed.

Unfortunately, unlike Christianity where we have places of worship for the Church of Christ, Baptists, Methodists, etc., the majority of Muslims, extreme or not, don't have separate mosques for those who are "extremists" or peaceful. Out of respect for the families of those who were lost on 9/11 and because of the beliefs of the "extremist" factions of Islam, I don't believe that this mosque should be built so close to ground zero.

Another reason the mosque should not be built so close to ground zero, and probably the most important to me, is that I believe doing so will only encourage more extremist attacks. By building a mosque so close to where so many were killed because of extremist faith, we are sending a message to them that their mission is being accomplished. It shows that we are willing to accept or submit to their methods of spreading their faith, which is by murdering innocent people.

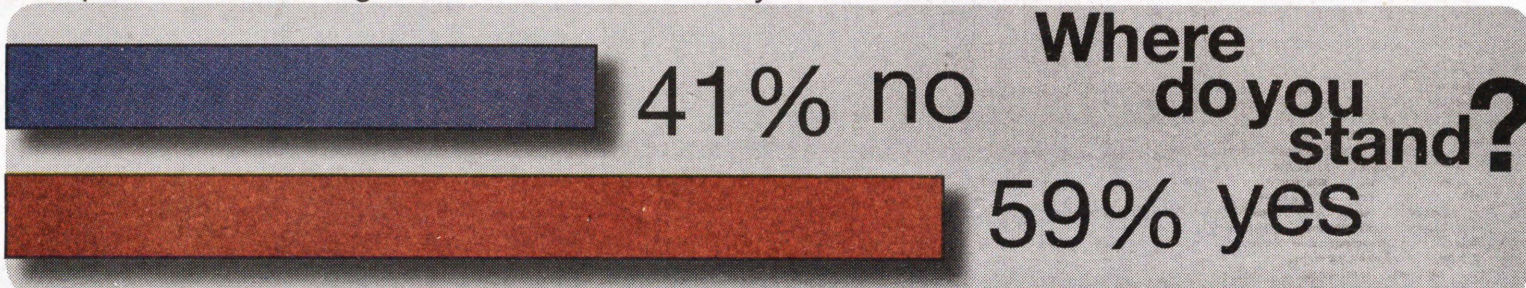
If we are to resist these terror attacks and win this war on terror, we must not show that we are willing to give in. In fact, there are already two mosques located near ground zero, one 12 blocks away, and another four blocks away. I see building another one as a sign of our willingness to, in some effect, surrender to these extremists.

In all honesty, I would prefer there not be any place of worship built so close to ground zero no matter what religion it is. I believe ground zero should be nothing more than a memorial site for those lost on 9/11. There were Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and many others who died there, and the memorial should serve as a monument to all of their lives and religious beliefs.

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Do you support the proposal to build an Islamic community center and mosque near the site of ground zero in New York City?

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Sidewalk Chalk

Beverly: "Chelsea, come on in! I'm glad you could make it to dinner."

Chelsea: "Hey, thanks for inviting me. Wow, this room looks different. Did you change something?"

Beverly: "As a matter of fact, we just had the carpets cleaned. Made a big difference. So how are your parents?"

Chels: "Oh, they're just fine. They actually just got back from..."

Bev: "Um, I'm sorry, dear, but, what is that on your shoes?"

Chels: "Oh, the hot pink residue all over my sneaks? It's nothing. Abby just really wanted me to vote for her. So, yeah, my parents just..."

Bev: "I'm going to have to ask you to leave."

Chels: "Huh? But what about dinner? I thought..."

Bev: "No soup for you."

Chalk. Calcium sulfate. Ahh, the memories.

I think of teachers who once used it instead of dry erase markers and squeaky-clean whiteboards, its dust my mortal enemy.

I think of gymnasts, like little Kerri Strug powdering her hands before vaulting her way onto the gold medal podium and into the hearts of America, and on one leg, no less.

Never did I ever think of chalk as a tool of propaganda.

Not once.

On this campus, however, sidewalk chalk seems to be a trend of massive proportions. We've been here three weeks, people. I wasn't quite ready to have the ground beneath my feet tell me what to do just yet.

I remember the first time I saw it. I thought it was so clever. It was creative, effective and would save you a little cash money on printing fliers.

Then, as most clever ideas do, it caught on. It caught on like a raging pastel fire, spreading to every brick on this campus. Every dad-blasted brick.

I've seen ads for the poetry club and promos for CAB productions. I've seen Pi Day artwork and political pleas. Every year I'm able to track the Ju Go Ju pledges across campus by the flowers they draw every so many steps.

I must say, however, the best sidewalk message awaited me outside my dorm sophomore year. I was running behind, naturally. I shoved through the doors, and, in my rush, almost ignored the words stretched out before me: [insert girl's name] MARRY ME.

I kid you not. A boy had chosen to profess his love and ask the biggest question he would ever ask through the medium of lavender-tinted calcium sulfate.

Now, whether it was legitimate or a prank, I know not, but knowing Harding, I wouldn't put it past some of the guys here. (No offense, fellas.)

But I digress. I know you think you're being brilliant when your proclamations are bubble-lettered and slightly highlighter-colored. Sorry, freshmen representative hopeful. It's been done.

But all is not lost. Come on, Harding kids. We can come up with something new. We're creative, right? I already have a few suggestions and I just know you want to hear them:

•Shirts on squirrels. How could that not work? Now we need the Steve Irwin of rodents. And some tiny shirts.

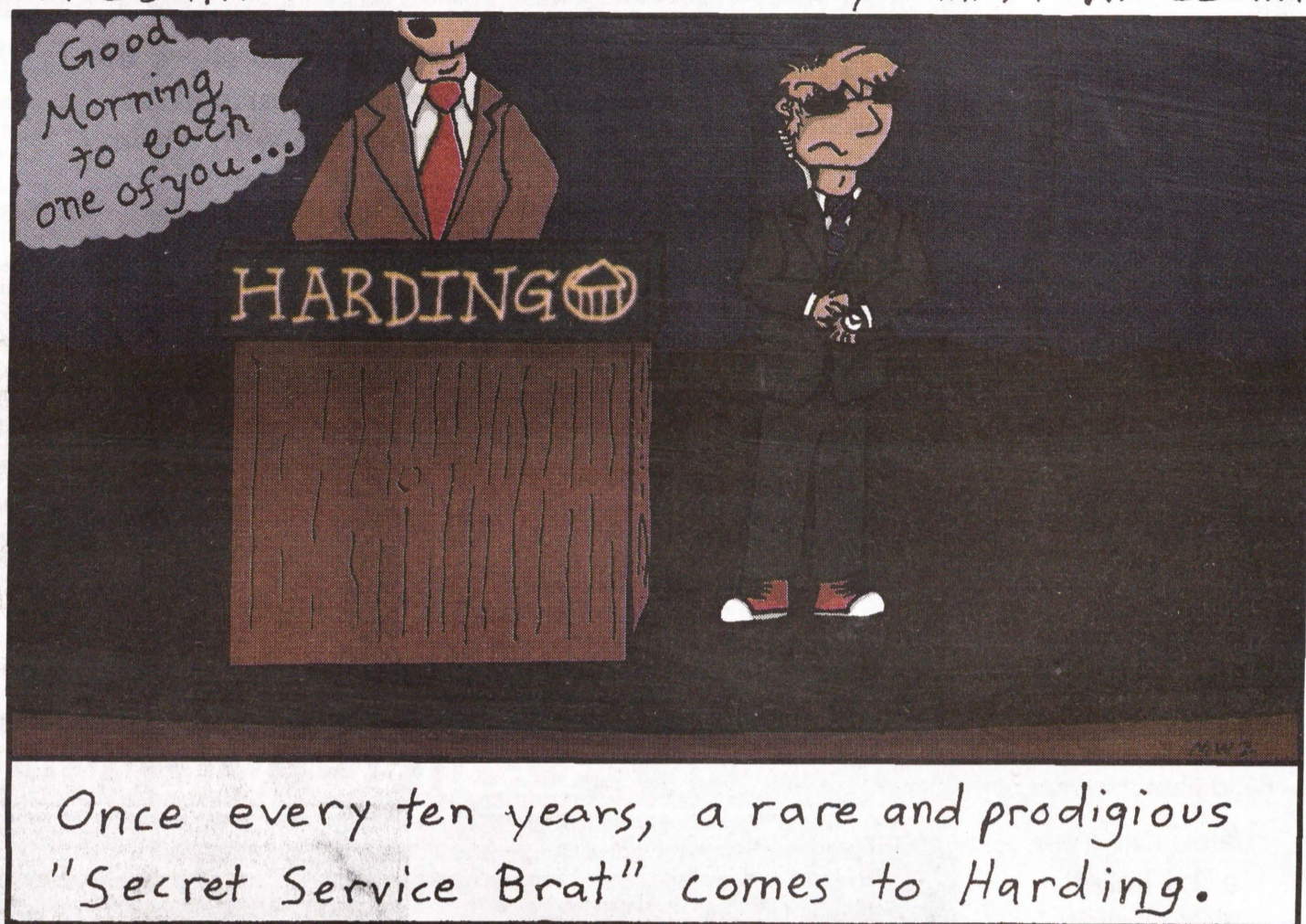
•Talking swings. I believe with all my heart that there is someone out there who can tune a swing to sound like words whenever it squeaks. Imagine sitting with your new boo on said swing and hearing, just barely, "Vote for Abby. Vote for Abby." It would certainly spark some thrilling political debates.

•Shave messages into people's heads. This is genius. Not only would it bring about a renaissance period of hair styling, but I would definitely look twice at the back of some kid's head if it said "ICC meeting @ 4." Plus, I would love more than anything to see the guy left in the wake of a Cutie Pie.

But, until that day comes, let's go easy on the sidewalks. Think about Bev. That is, unless someone wants to recreate American Gothic in front of the Benson. That'd be pretty cool.

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Freshmen



by MANDY WARZECHA

The March of Glenn Beck

I like Glenn Beck.

There. I said it. I can only imagine the lesser-little-heart looks I will get while walking around campus for making that confession, but it's true. At home, the "Glenn Beck Program" is one of my family's main sources of news — right up there with "Hannity's America" and "The O'Reilly Factor."

Having said that, I don't agree with everything Beck does, and one of his actions with which I take issue is his holding a rally in Washington on Aug. 28.

Let me be clear: I don't have a problem with the rally itself. Called "Restoring Honor," it somewhat resembled a revival from the Second Great Awakening and was supposed to be apolitical in nature. Instead of promoting a political agenda, Beck and other speakers at the rally pushed for a recommitment to Christian and American values.

I think that's wonderful; I certainly agree with several of the sentiments they expressed (though I find it strange that Beck has emerged as a religious leader).

In addition to discussing the moral state of our nation, the rally

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focused on honoring the armed forces. At the rally, more than \$5 million were raised for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides scholarships to children of special operations personnel who have died in training or combat, which is exceptionally commendable.

However, what I do have a problem with is the timing of the event. For those who have not heard, Beck held the rally at the Lincoln Memorial on the 47th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

By scheduling his rally on Aug. 28, Beck — whether intentionally or not — compared his efforts with those of one of the greatest leaders of the Civil Rights movement, even though the purpose of the rally was not the same as that of the original March on Washington.

Both King and Beck stated the intentions of their respective gatherings.

King, at the beginning of his "I Have a Dream" speech, said the March on Washington was "the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation."

Beck, by contrast, said "Restoring Honor" had "everything to do with God, turning our faith back to the values and principles that made us [America] great."

While Beck may consider freedom one of those values or principles, he was not specifically championing freedom of a marginalized group at the rally. And since the purposes of the two events were different, it seems to me that the dates should have differed, too.

In fairness to Beck, he said he did not know the historical significance of Aug. 28 until after "Restoring Honor" was scheduled. It was the media that were quick to point out the coincidence.

On top of that, one of King's own kin didn't seem to mind that the rally fell when it did. Alveda King, the niece of Martin Luther King Jr., spoke at the event and even said in her speech, "I have a

dream, too."

Given that King's niece felt she could speak at a rally in Washington on that historical date, perhaps the timing of "Restoring Honor" might be more appropriate than it seems after all.

Even so, I personally feel that Beck should exercise more discretion when selecting dates for future events.

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"You never see an episode of House Hunters where the drama revolves around whether LeRoy and Myrtle will choose the second-floor apartment overlooking the junkyard, or the brick duplex with a brand-new clothes line or the double-wide within walking distance of the Waffle House."

Then I bought a house. After seven years of luxurious Searcy condo living, I decided in January to take the plunge and move to River Oaks, where aging Harding faculty are put out to pasture. The process of pricing, touring, negotiating, closing, remodeling, decorating and landscaping a house has done two things for me. One, it has provided material for my next 12 columns. And two, it has made me eat white-feathered crow as I sat glued to HGTV all summer, wishing I had called them to film me as I dove blindly into my first mortgage.

Now suddenly it matters to me whether Monique — a complete stranger who is relocating

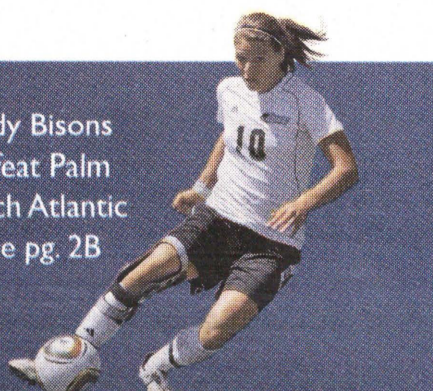
to the Milwaukee suburbs — decides to go with the move-in-ready bungalow, the updated ranch with curb appeal, or the stately Victorian on two-acres. I'm cheering for Monique and find myself genuinely hurt when she settles for that tiny, green linoleum kitchen just because there is a pet door for her Chihuahua Andre.

Incidentally, HGTV is indeed a channel for the wealthy. You never see an episode of House Hunters where the drama revolves around whether LeRoy and Myrtle will choose the second-floor apartment overlooking the junkyard, or the brick duplex with a brand-new clothes line or the double-wide within walking distance of the Waffle House. Though I'd bet if they chose the duplex, it would have granite countertops.

The one thing I have learned from HGTV is that I am in the wrong profession. Selling custom stone countertops is clearly the only stable source of income in this economy. That's the first thing any house-hunter asks about. Some yuppie couple could be looking at a tax-free mansion in Santa Monica with 4,500 square feet of hardwood floors, a surround-sound theater, seven walk-in closets, an indoor Jacuzzi and a full-time English gardener. But if there are — heaven forbid — Formica countertops — the wife will crinkle her nose, yank her simpering husband away from the four-car garage and pronounce that she wouldn't be caught dead in this outdated scullery.

So my get-rich-quick scheme is to quietly buy up slabs of granite and store them in my new garage. Then, between grading papers, lecturing on semicolons, and clipping Lowe's coupons, I can start my side business. Of course, I have no idea how to cut, shape, polish or install granite countertops, but after watching the first season of "All-American Handyman," I should be ready to go. Can't afford new countertops? No worries. I'll be happy to spread feathers on your kitchen floor for free.

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NFL 2010 Predictions

With the New Orleans Saints finally winning the Super Bowl last year, shouts of "Who dat?!" erupted around the nation, or at least the South. The question on everyone's mind as the season begins is "Can the Saints repeat?" These are my predictions for each division of the NFL this season.

AFC North: Baltimore Ravens. The Ravens made some key changes to their offense during the offseason, most notably in the form of Pro Bowl wide receiver Anquan Boldin. On the ground, young running back Ray Rice will keep defenses guessing whether quarterback Joe Flacco will be taking an air or ground attack to the end zone.

AFC South: Indianapolis Colts. After a dismal performance in Super Bowl XLIV, Peyton Manning and company are coming into this season with another run at a ring on their minds. With the likes of Reggie Wayne and Joseph Addai on the offensive attack, expect the Colts to take the South. Again.

AFC West: San Diego Chargers. An eternal fixture at the top of the division, expect The Chargers to catch some close competition from Denver, if Denver can get healthy, that is. But the Chargers will come out on top again in all likelihood.

AFC East: New York Jets. After the Favre experiment, the Jets went through a major revamping to bring them to dominance, but they're back with a vengeance and sights set on a playoff berth. With quarterback Mark Sanchez entering his sophomore season and adding Antonio Holmes and LaDainian Tomlinson, holes in the passing game will be less noticeable and this unlikely team will be even better this season.

NFC North: Minnesota Vikings. This will probably be the toughest conference in the NFL this season with the Vikings, Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers battling for the top spot. I think the Vikings will come out on top, especially if this truly IS Brett Favre's last season.

NFC South: New Orleans Saints. The Saints have a major burden to bear: proving that their Super Bowl win was anything but a fluke. Even with the Vikings and Dallas Cowboys drastically improving their teams over the offseason, the Saints are still the team to beat in the NFC.

NFC West: San Francisco 49ers. With Arizona losing Kurt Warner to retirement and Anquan Boldin to a trade, they'll be taking a backseat in the West this season, leaving the division wide open for the 49ers to take control with quarterback Alex Smith at the helm.

NFC East: Dallas Cowboys. I firmly believe there is no other team in the league so thirsty for a Super Bowl title. With offensive weapons Dez Bryant, Miles Austin, Roy Williams and tight end Jason Witten, the Cowboys offense will be all but unstoppable this season.

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Bisons take first home shutout since 1998

by GARY GRIFFIN
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The Harding University football team played its first home game on Saturday, Sept. 4 against Southern Arkansas, walking away with a 20-0 victory. The Bisons started the game off with a touchdown early in the first quarter by junior running back Kale Gelles.

Gelles had 19 carries for over 100 rushing yards. Sophomore Chaz Rogers also carried for triple digits and a touchdown. The Bisons' third TD came in the air when senior quarterback Josh Powell connected with senior wide receiver Kurt Adams on a 40-yard pass.

While the offense totaled 292 yards, the defense held the Muleriders to only 164 total yards, the fewest yards allowed by Bison defense since 2002.

"Our defense played every minute with passion. They had their backs against the wall and dealt with sudden changes and they responded every single time," said head coach Ronnie Huckleba in a postgame interview with hardingsports.com. "Every time the offense and

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**-Eddie Russ
GSC
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defense stepped out onto that field they worked hard and showed a true passion for the game."

Senior defensive back Eddie Russ Jr. showed that he came to play by breaking up two passes, recovering a fumble and intercepting a pass, which he returned for 18 yards.

"I just wanted to have fun and let loose and that is what we did," Russ said.

Russ was named GSC Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts.

The Bisons' next game is at West Georgia on Sept. 16.

UPCOMING GAMES

9.16 at West Georgia	10.23 at Henderson State
9.25 at Ouachita Baptist	10.30 vs. UA Montecello
10.2 vs. Lambuth	11.6 vs. Arkansas Tech
10.9 vs. West Alabama	(homecoming)
10.16 vs. Delta State	11.13 vs. North Alabama



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Quarterback Josh Powell breaks a tackle in Saturday's 20-0 victory.

Tennis coach longest tenured at Harding

by GINA CIELO
student writer

Tennis Coach David Elliott holds the record for being the longest tenured coach in Harding's history, coaching men's tennis for 38 years and the women's program since it began 19 years ago.

Elliott began coaching at Harding when he was 26 years old, but before his coaching career began, his own tennis career had to come to an end.

Picking up a racquet for the first time in seventh grade, Elliott said he knew he had a strong desire to play tennis. When he came to Harding in 1965, Elliott joined the tennis team, earning many awards during his four years. He graduated with a kinesiology degree and went directly to Harding Academy to begin a tennis program.

After four years at the Academy, Elliott accepted a



photo courtesy of HU Sports Information
David Elliott has coached at Harding for 38 years.

position as head tennis coach at Harding. Receiving many offers along the way, Elliott said Harding is where he is meant to be and has "never looked back" from the moment he accepted the job.

Since accepting the position, he has coached more than 600 players and helped them win more than

1,100 matches. He has won 10 conference championships and has outlasted four Harding athletic directors.

With coaching many different kinds of players, Elliott said he has noticed a huge change in their attitudes as the years have progressed.

"Kids now are much more coachable and much easier to deal with than any other period of my coaching," Elliott said.

Elliott said that his greatest point of emphasis on players is that they treat each other, as well as their opponents with respect.

Karina Swindle, former Harding tennis player and current assistant coach, said she has learned many lessons from Elliott and is thankful for the numerous opportunities he gave her as a foreign student from Brazil.

"He taught me that it doesn't matter what mood you are in, when you get out

on the tennis court, you do your best," Swindle said.

Swindle is not the only one thankful for Elliott. Harding tennis player Henrique Ruiz said he is grateful for the years of experience Elliott has had before becoming a coach.

"It is very obvious that Coach talks from experience and he coaches from heart," Ruiz said.

While Elliott has made a strong impact on his players, he said his players have also impacted his life, adding that through the years he has learned a tremendous number of life lessons from coaching.

Elliott said he feels blessed to be a part of Harding University and is thankful for the administration's support throughout his whole coaching career.

"I have been lucky to be healthy and lucky that they put up with me for this long," Elliott said. "I wouldn't trade it for the world."

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Elliott said he is still young at heart and will continue to coach for as long as he can, but he knows this chapter will eventually come to an end.

Intramurals begin fall season with softball

by ARIANNA HURST
staff generalist

Softball launched Harding's fall season of intramural sports Monday, Sept. 6.

For those who may be unfamiliar with intramurals, here is a quick overview: Jim Gowen is the director of the men's intramural sports and Tom Ritchie leads the women. Gowen is starting his 14th year as director while Ritchie is beginning his first.

The divisions within intramural sports include team, singles, doubles, sports skill and club. Intramural athletes can marshal points toward awards. This point system is intended for athletes who

are anxious to participate. Students who total the most points at the end of the year are qualified to earn a letter jacket or blanket. Students who letter are not necessarily the most gifted athletes, but those who are actively involved within the program. Any student affiliated with Harding is welcome to participate. Undergraduate students must be enrolled in six hours and graduate students must take three.

Outstanding points can qualify a student for the intramural athlete of the year award. Last year's winner was Harding graduate Daniel White.

"The intramural athlete of the year has to compete in all sports: all team sports, all the races, half of the sports skills and all of the singles and doubles competitions,"

Gowen said.

Other awards are the sports skill award and a spirit award that was awarded to Clay Williams last year.

Ritchie said the intramural program allows athletes to stay involved in sports.

"There are so many athletes coming into Harding that played in high school at a varsity level and they need an outlet for that to continue," Ritchie said. "I think we've covered most of the major sports."

The sports offered include: softball, tennis, flag football, and volleyball in the fall and basketball, swimming, soccer, racquetball and a second round of softball in the spring. Individual activities include tennis, cross-country, table

tennis, swimming, racquetball and a pursuit race.

"A pursuit race is where we line all the participants up around the football field and we start them running and when you get passed you have to drop out and it's the last man standing," Ritchie said.

Ritchie and Gowen said they hope to expand the intramural program to include skill training.

"We want to build the program," Ritchie said. "We're hoping to have some clinics prior to sports to show some of the basic skills."

Intramural signups will be posted in the student center near the bookstore. Announcements will also be made in chapel and game schedules will be posted on the intramural bulletins.



photo by ALEX SHELTON | The Bison
Lady Bison forward Paola Eusse kicks the ball away from a defender. Eusse played 80 minutes and scored a goal in Harding's 3-1 victory over Palm Beach Atlantic.

Lady Bisons take season opener

by SARAH KYLE
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The Harding women's soccer team began the 2010 season at home last Saturday, kicking off the year with a 3-1 win over regional opponent Palm Beach Atlantic.

Saturday's game marked the first time since 2007 that the team opened a season with a win.

Key players were sophomore midfielder Lauren Hawes, who shot both the first goal of the game and her first career goal at Harding, freshman forward Adriana Lucar and junior forward Paola Eusse, who made her fourth career goal at Harding.

Eusse returned to the Lady Bisons this year after a knee injury last season, but said she was pleased to find herself strong and healthy for her junior season.

As for her team, Eusse said she feels confident that the Lady

Bisons will continue to play hard and have a successful last season in the Gulf South Conference.

"I believe our team chemistry is wonderful right now, and I think it showed on Saturday," Eusse said. "We dominated the ball most of the game and kept the high pressure on the other team. We were focused and we wanted to win."

In a postgame interview with HardingSports.com, Coach Greg Harris said the team's cohesiveness and on-field grit will continue to aid them throughout the season.

"That's a Harding thing," Harris said. "That's what we do: We go out and we play hard. These girls here bought into the tradition and they fought hard."

The women lost 0-4 at Arkansas Pine Bluff on Tuesday.

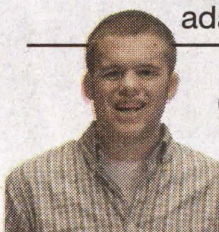
The Lady Bisons will play the Florida Institute of Technology today at 5:30 p.m.

The men's team also faced Palm Beach Atlantic last Saturday, opening the season with a 0-2 loss when PBA scored two goals in the final 10 minutes of the game.

The Bisons will travel to Williams Baptist Sept. 14.

Putting the Father above Football: Glen Coffee

Glen Coffee, fresh off an impressive rookie season as a running back for the San Francisco 49ers, retired from football last month at the young age of 23. While many athletes retire (or put off retiring, cough, Brett Favre, cough) after a long career or as a result of a serious injury, Coffee had far different reasons: He no longer felt that football was God's will for his life, which is unheard of for an athlete to come out and say. While many athletes do an excellent job of balancing their faith and their athletic careers, Tim Tebow, for example, Coffee did not feel compelled to do the same,



adam brown

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choosing instead to leave the game of football to pursue God's will for his life, saying:

"It was a struggle for a long time. Actually, when I look back I feel I never should have entered the draft in the first place. Football was no longer my dream. I found Christ

in college. It changed my views on everything. But I still was a football player because it was expected of me, it was something I did all my life. I was basically wasting [the 49ers'] time."

Coffee plans to return to the University of Alabama to complete his undergraduate degree in consumer affairs, which he is a mere six hours from finishing. After that, he plans to pursue a master's degree. While many in Coffee's position would dread returning to a place where people know "the old you," Coffee now has the opportunity to use his fame at Alabama for God. During

his third and final year at Alabama, he rushed for 1,383 yards and 10 touchdowns and was named First Team All-SEC. Football in the state of Alabama is almost like a religion, and Coffee is a big name among the Crimson Tide faithful.

Coffee is the latest in a long line of Christians in sports who have pursued interests outside of their sport that glorify the kingdom of God. While time will tell what Coffee decides to do with his new life, there are others who have preceded him with similar tales. Hall of Famer Reggie White, the "Minister of Defense," studied Hebrew after he retired so that he

could understand the Scriptures in their original form. Super Bowl-winning coach Tony Dungy gave God all the credit after winning the big one in 2007, showing that success could be achieved "the Lord's way." Dungy retired from coaching in Jan. 2009 and has written two inspirational books, and he has served as a mentor to numerous athletes. People like Glen Coffee, Tony Dungy and Reggie White should serve as an inspiration to us all, to keep God's will as the center of our lives and to give Him all the glory for our successes.

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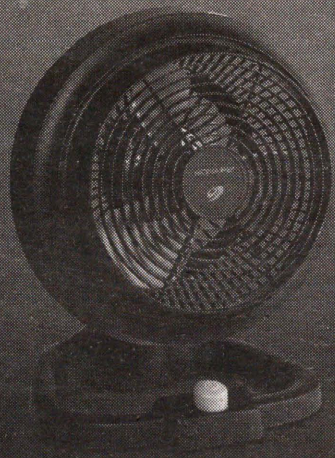
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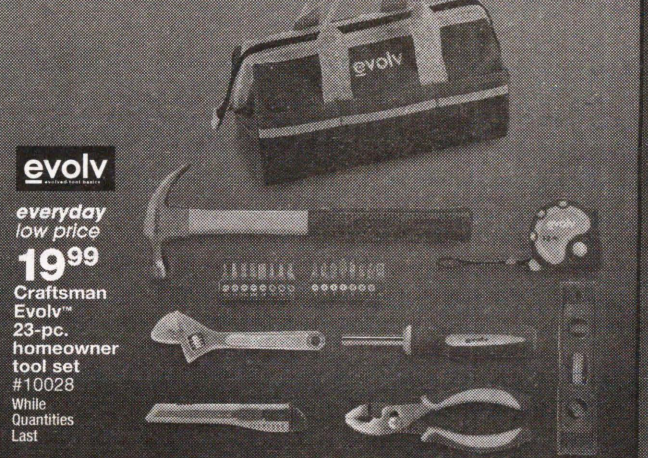
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Dr. Dog spins retro sounds into modern music

by **LAUREN BUCHER**
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Odd-ball, eclectic, edgy—Dr. Dog mixes elements of '60s pop with '90s rock. The music is a throwback to the roots of pop music, paying tribute to The Beatles and The Beach Boys.

The indie-rock band will play at Harding Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Administration Auditorium with The Medders performing the opening act.

"Their style is kind of like a modern alternative folk band. Dr. Dog sounds like a 1975 Bob Dylan and The Band mixed with a '90s group like Third Eye Blind," senior Rob Drake said.

The five-member band is formed by Toby Leaman (bass), Scott McMicken (guitar), Frank McElroy (guitar), Zach Miller (keyboard) and Eric Slick (drums).

The group will play songs from "Shame, Shame" and "Fate," the latest two albums of six total releases.

Since Dr. Dog swims outside the mainstream music current, many students may be unfa-

miliar with the group's work, Corey McEntyre, director of Campus Life, said. Nevertheless, he said the band is established in its genre, having a devoted following among indie circles.

"They played at every big music festival in America this summer," McEntyre said. "They are on the up and up."

McEntyre said he arranged for the Philly-based musicians to come after receiving multiple student requests for the group.

"I listen to Dr. Dog and am excited about seeing them live," junior Dustin Smith said. "I think it's cool that Harding made an effort to get a more underground and independent band."

The group played at Bonnaroo in both 2007 and in 2010 and later played in the South By Southwest Festival, among numerous other shows and tours. In 2004, My Morning Jacket invited the group to tour with them while they were still making a name for themselves. Since then, the rising musicians have toured with M. Ward and The Raconteurs.

"Dr. Dog has two lead singers, and they both bring a slightly different feel, a different



Dr. Dog is on tour promoting its newest album, "Shame, Shame." The five-member band has played at multiple major music festivals this year, including Bonnaroo in Manchester, Tenn.

style to their songs," Drake said. "I love their music. I've been listening to Dr. Dog since their 'Fate' album." McEntyre said The Med-

ders will return to Harding to open for Dr. Dog. Since some of the musical stylings of both bands overlap, McEntyre said fans of Dr. Dog will

likely enjoy The Medders and vice versa. "Cheyenne is one of the best musicians I've ever heard," McEntyre said. "He

is a fan of Dr. Dog, and the music will go well together." Tickets are \$10 and are available for purchase at www.hardingCABtickets.com.

Rue 21 fills retail gap

KELSEY BANGS
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Within two months of opening, Rue 21 Assistant Manager Derek Tucker said the store is off to a great start in Searcy.

The store, which opened on July 2, offers clothes for young adults.

The franchise's website said the name Rue 21 comes from the French word "Rue" which means "street," while "21" represents the age everyone wants to be.

Tucker said the majority of the store's customers are young women, fitting into the namesake.

Tucker is a 2009 Harding University graduate with a degree in fashion merchandising. While Searcy's branch is the first Rue 21 he has worked at, he said he plans on staying with the company in the future.

So why Searcy?

According to Tucker, Rue 21 is refocusing from its mall-oriented atmosphere, targeting smaller cities with a larger population of people, or "bigger smaller cities" like Searcy, where the absence of a mall leaves a retail gap.

Tucker said another benefit of the store's

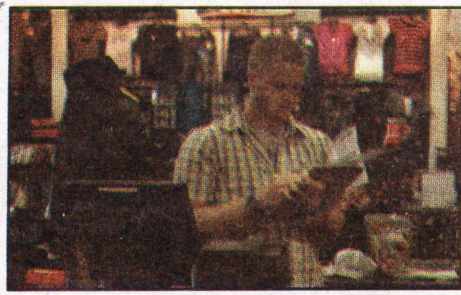


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Rue 21 Assistant Manager Derek Tucker takes inventory.

arrival is that it receives a new shipment of clothing every day, keeping its fashions fresh.

"The store is constantly changing. I usually tell people that if they are wanting to buy something a little over their price range, just come back in about a week and it will most likely be on our clearance wall," Tucker said.

Caitlin Morgan, a customer of Rue 21, said she shops there because the prices are affordable.

"If I need a new outfit and I don't have time to go to the mall I usually just run by Rue 21 because I can find something for cheap that's cute," Morgan said.

Fine-tuned pianist to play Acclaimed musician to perform Schumann

SISAN MCNEIL
student writer

Taiwanese-born pianist Sin-Hsing Tsai will be performing a free concert in the Reynolds Center Recital Hall at Harding Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

The musician's talent has earned her multiple awards. In 1986, Tsai was given the Performance Award from Jeunesses Musicales Competition in Argentina. In 1990, the Conservatorio Nacional de Musica, which is also in Argentina, gave her a Gold Medal award. In 1997, she received yet another performance award from the 21 International Young Artists Peninsula Music Festival in the United States.

Tsai has also collaborated with musicians on both sides of the Atlantic and is credited with several world premieres of contemporary composition. She has performed on broadcasts in Buenos Aires and Chattanooga, where she presently lives and works as a professor of music at the University of Tennessee. She has had source music recordings for film and theater productions in Los Angeles. Tsai is also actively involved in the community, presenting several outreach concerts and workshops.

Tsai will perform the works of Robert Schumann, celebrating the memory of his life and work.

Warren Casey, a professor for the department of music, said Harding students are lucky to have the opportunity

"She is no ordinary artist. Miss Tsai is an outstanding artist and a very entertaining performer."

-Warren Casey
professor and chair
of the department of
music

to hear Tsai.

"She is no ordinary artist," Casey said. "Miss Tsai is an outstanding artist and a very entertaining performer. Anyone who loves and appreciates the piano would enjoy watching her perform."

After her concert, Tsai will be available to answer any questions students might have about her work or the piano in general.

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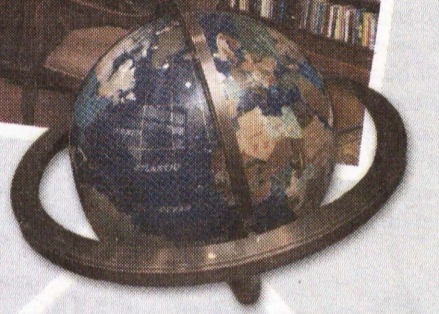
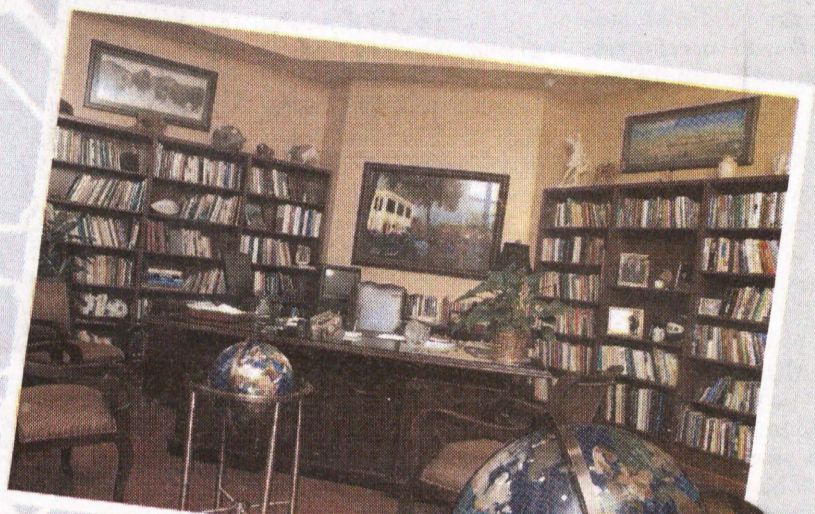
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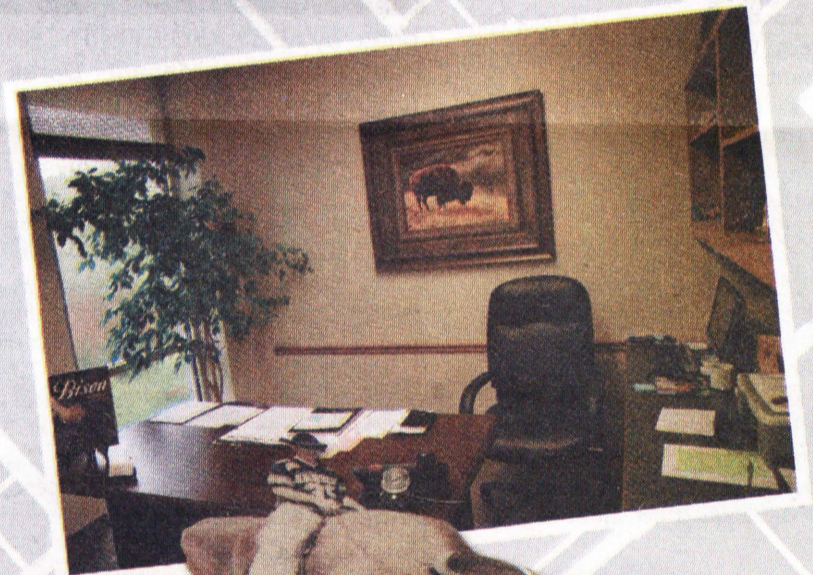
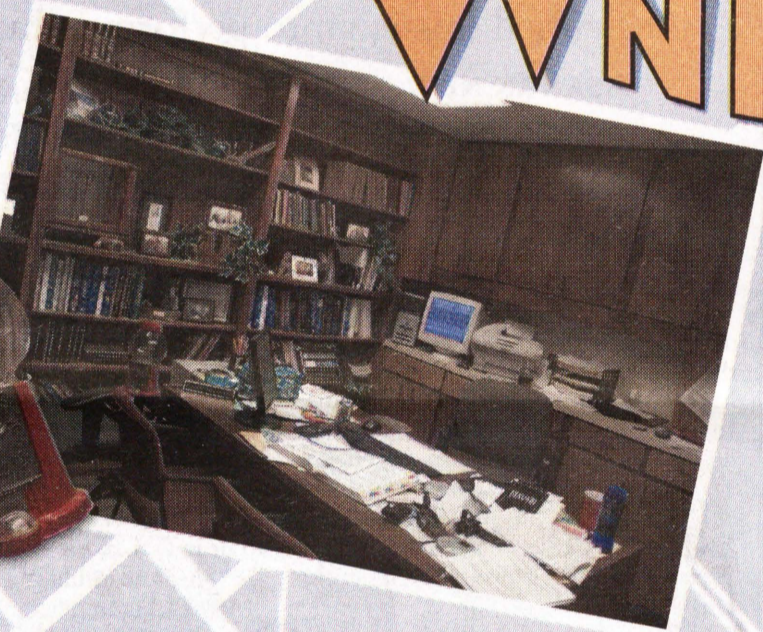
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





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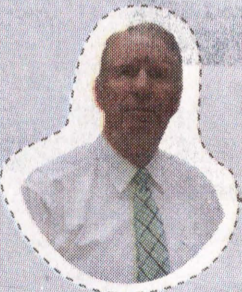
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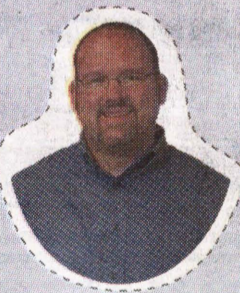
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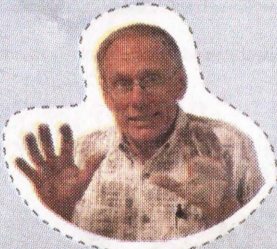
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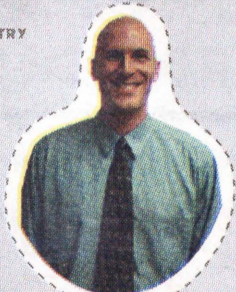
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