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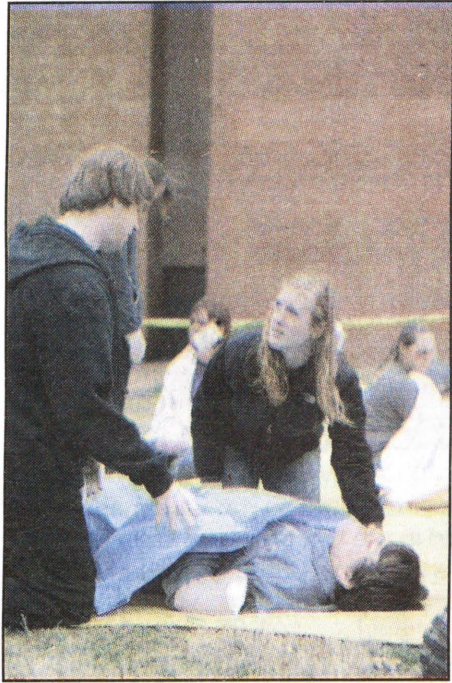
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PREPARING FOR THE WORST

Theater, nursing, journalism students participate in disaster drill



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TOP LEFT: Nursing students Meg Watson and Brad Houtchens tend to theater major Marcus Bellamy.

TOP RIGHT: Searcy firefighters escort an "injured" student from the Brackett Library after the mock earthquake hit at about 3 p.m. Wednesday.

BOTTOM: Public Safety worker Mitchell Cherry keeps the perimeter as communication students and passers-by await information in the press pen outside the Brackett Library. Participants received a call at 3 p.m. Wednesday notifying them that a mock earthquake had affected the Brackett Library. Nursing students, Public Safety and Searcy safety officials tended to "injured" theater majors, while communication students practiced public relations and journalism skills.

Missions group seeks to aid Japan

by KATIE SWANN
student writer

The Asian Mission Fellowship held a meeting Wednesday, March 23, to discuss a relief plan for Japan after a 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit the country March 11. The meeting was joined via Skype by Japan missionary Jonathan Straker, who suggested various areas in which Japan is in desperate need of help and what the Harding community can do to assist.

As of last week, the National Police Agency reported the death toll at

10,035; 17,443 people are reported missing and 320,000 evacuees are staying in 2,100 shelters. The Kyodo News Agency reported 15,000 people rescued from the rubble as of Monday, March 14.

Japanese citizens face a laborious and costly recovery. The relief cost is estimated by Bloomberg.com to be almost four times as expensive as the cleanup for Katrina: approximately \$309 billion. The recovery process is estimated to last anywhere between three and 10 years.

"I highly encourage making donations to the churches in Japan," AMF

member Neale Bryan said.

Bryan said the Church of Christ membership throughout all of Japan is about 1,000. Bryan said he thinks the tragedy provides an opportunity to encourage these brothers and sisters in Japan by being a shining light for Christ and a contact and help in rebuilding their communities. These churches are also projected to be ready to accept mission and relief teams starting mid-April to mid-May.

"This summer would provide an excellent opportunity for teams to go and assist in the relief effort," Bryan said.

SEE JAPAN PG. 2A

Media gurus discuss change

by LAUREN
BUCHER
features editor

Twitter, YouTube, Facebook — social media have changed the nature of communication. Now, this virtual communication is instantaneous, easily accessible and perpetual.

Activity in the virtual world can translate directly into activity in the material world; rather than simply creating another world, online activity flows into movement outside the virtual world. The Brave New Media Conference on Saturday, March 26, explored a way to harness the virtual activity of social media and channel it into positive social change.

"Social media changes the way we communicate, the way we relate to the world, but it is also important because we need to think of social media in a larger context to see how we can effect positive change," Casey Neese, social network marketing manager at Heifer International, said. "New tools and media platforms enable students, no matter where they are, to connect with people anywhere else."

Neese's speech, "Unlikely Humanitarians," explained the changing nature of media, how anyone can become a content creator and how social media can be used for a philanthropic goal.

"We all are content creators — news, videos, photographs. Everyone is talking to each other at the same time," Neese said. "Now, all of a sudden we have access to a lot of tools to do a lot of good."

Neese explained the way virtual events can bring people together to support a common cause. Anyone with access to the Internet can find others with shared interests and humanitarian goals, making humanitarian activity accessible to ordinary people.

"People can use Twitter to organize offline events, personal events, gathering in their city locally," Neese said.

The tool of online activity is just that, a tool, Neese said, adding that online political activity is not responsible for social

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-Casey Neese
Heifer
International

change in itself.

"New media gets a lot of credit for toppling regimes, but people and ideas have always been the real driving force of social change," Neese said. "[However], the tool of social media can facilitate those changes."

Because social media are still relatively new, junior Amy Littleton and senior Alan Elrod, who planned the conference, said they thought it was important to engage students in a critical conversation about the topic.

"Getting online doesn't mean turning off," Elrod said. "It doesn't mean going on autopilot. It requires that we come ready to think critically and meet issues with vision and grace."

Approximately 100 people attended the conference, and 75 were Harding students, Littleton said.

"I'll be working for a nonprofit this summer, and the Brave New Media Conference covered materials that I'm interested in," senior Jonghwa (Jon) Lee said. "Social media helps to reach out to younger generations and inform them of our responsibility to help others."

The conference was sponsored by Humanity, the College of Communication and the Harding chapter of the Roosevelt Institute.

"I think the discussion at the conference was especially significant because of the fact that our world is forever changed because of social media and the Internet, and we must learn how to use it to benefit our life experience," Littleton said.

To learn more about Heifer, visit heifer.org

To view Neese's social media skills in action, follow him on Twitter @cbneese.

65 Roses Tour raises awareness, funds through cycling

by CALEB RUMMEL
photographer

More than 100 riders gathered last Saturday morning for the 65 Roses Tour, a bicycle ride supporting cystic fibrosis awareness. The riders started in Spring Park and split to four different routes of 65, 50, 35 and 10 miles.

The 65 Roses Tour is an annual Searcy event in its second year. The ride is a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which seeks to find a cure for its namesake disease.

Originally scheduled to start at 7:30 Saturday morning, the ride was delayed by bad weather, but it did not deter the riders from showing up, especially when they knew it was for a good cause.

"I've been going, honestly, all winter, so when it was zero degrees and icy I was definitely out in that, and now it's raining and cold, so I'm glad I'm kind of used to it," said 2009 Harding graduate Kevin Gormany. "It's a challenge. It's 50 degrees, it's rain-

ing, it's gray, we're going up Joy Mountain, and we're on bicycles. That sounds like an adventure to me. That's what I like."

While the draw of a big ride brought many riders to Searcy from as far away as Fayetteville, Ark., the charity brought in its own fair share of riders. One such rider, freshman Soffia Metzler of Pleasanton, Calif., was moved by the story of Aven, a 4-year-old girl from Searcy who has cystic fibrosis and was the face of the tour.

"[Hearing Aven's story] just really struck a passion in me to ride for her," Metzler said.

While many of the riders were experienced cyclists and had completed rides as long as 65 miles or more, inexperience did not keep people away. Nearly one quarter of the participants rode the 65-mile route, but most kept to the shorter distances. This, however, did not stop freshman Kelly Batte of Atlanta, Ga., from attempting the longest available ride.

"I haven't ridden since, like, fifth grade, but I ride the bike in the gym occasionally," Batte said. "[Metzler] told me about the whole story and everything, and I saw

advertisements everywhere, so I thought I would just take the challenge."

Each person had a reason to attend, be it cycling or the charity. Some, however, were more personal than others. Searcy native Bruce Berkheimer and his son John have completed several bike rides, with two of Berkheimer's being 100 miles, and they were out in Searcy for the 35-mile ride.

"I've been biking and had a lot of friends in Searcy for years. I'm a cyclist enthusiast," Berkheimer said. "We have another cause because [John's] aunt died of cystic fibrosis when she was about 22. We like cycling anyway, but this is another reason to come out."

The name "65 Roses" comes from a story of a young boy who was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. He overheard his mother on the phone, trying to raise money for medical research. The young boy commented to his mother that she was "working for 65 roses." Since then, children with cystic fibrosis have called their disease by that name, and the rose has become a symbol for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

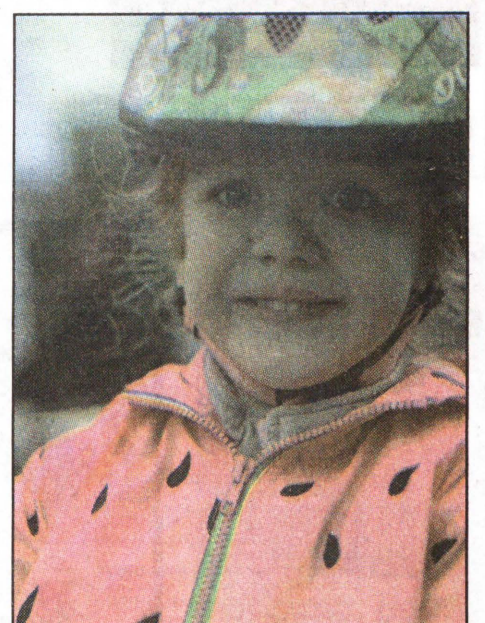


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Aven, a local 4-year-old with cystic fibrosis, cracks a smile. Aven's story inspired some cyclists to ride in Saturday's 65 Roses Tour.

TV channels to be added to campus

IT switches to Campus Televideo, channels to be updated in May

by J.M. ADKISON
sports editor

At the beginning of May, Harding's campus will receive a new cable lineup and will switch cable providers from White County Cable to Campus Televideo, according to Harding's vice president of information systems and technology, Keith Cronk.

"Cable television has been provided through White County Cable ever since we have had cable television here," Cronk said. "[Harding] was on a five-year renewable contract, the five years was up, and this time around we did not want to automatically renew it and White County Cable did not want to renew it either. It worked well from both sides."

Seeking alternate cable providers, Harding sent out Requests for Proposal to several different cable providers and found Campus Televideo, which is "the nation's leading provider of satellite-delivered cable television and other telecommunication services to colleges and universities," according to Campus Televideo's website.

"The process of installing the 'head end' equipment and equipment in the buildings should take approximately four to six weeks once Campus Televideo begins their on-campus work," said Matthew Nunnally, Harding's communications infrastructure manager. "We have been preparing for this install for the last six months and longer to make it go as smoothly as possible once they arrive."

According to Cronk, the new single head end equipment will be a huge benefit to the IS&T department. A head end is what receives cable television signals from the local cable provider, transmitting into the televisions in a building.

"Currently, cable is delivered through 18 or 19 head ends," Cronk said. "So any change that needs to be made to the channel lineup has to be made 18 or 19 times. With the single head end we can do that once. From that

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point of view, it is a lot easier management."

Another new benefit the new cable provision will offer Harding is greater control over the cable lineup.

"We control the quality of the signal being distributed," Nunnally said. "We will be able to add new buildings and additions to the CATV (Cable Television) system much easier and faster. We have much more control over the content and channels we can provide. We are able to add Internet Protocol Television channels fairly easily when we want or need to."

The transition should be smooth and go unnoticed by students until the channel lineup changes.

"The White County [Cable] will stay in place until we convert to [Campus Televideo]; the signal will be turned on and delivered to buildings a week before," Cronk said. "Then when White County Cable goes dark, it is really a matter of taking their cable out and putting another in."

Harding's cable channels will stay the same for the most part, with a few more "empty" channels added for Harding students to utilize, along with several more extended channels. The new channels will include Fox Movie Network, Cooking Channel, History International, Lifetime Movie Network, NASA, National Geographic, Science Channel, Travel Channel and Mandarin Direct III, among others.

Hearts After HIZ concert, crafts aid Zambian orphans

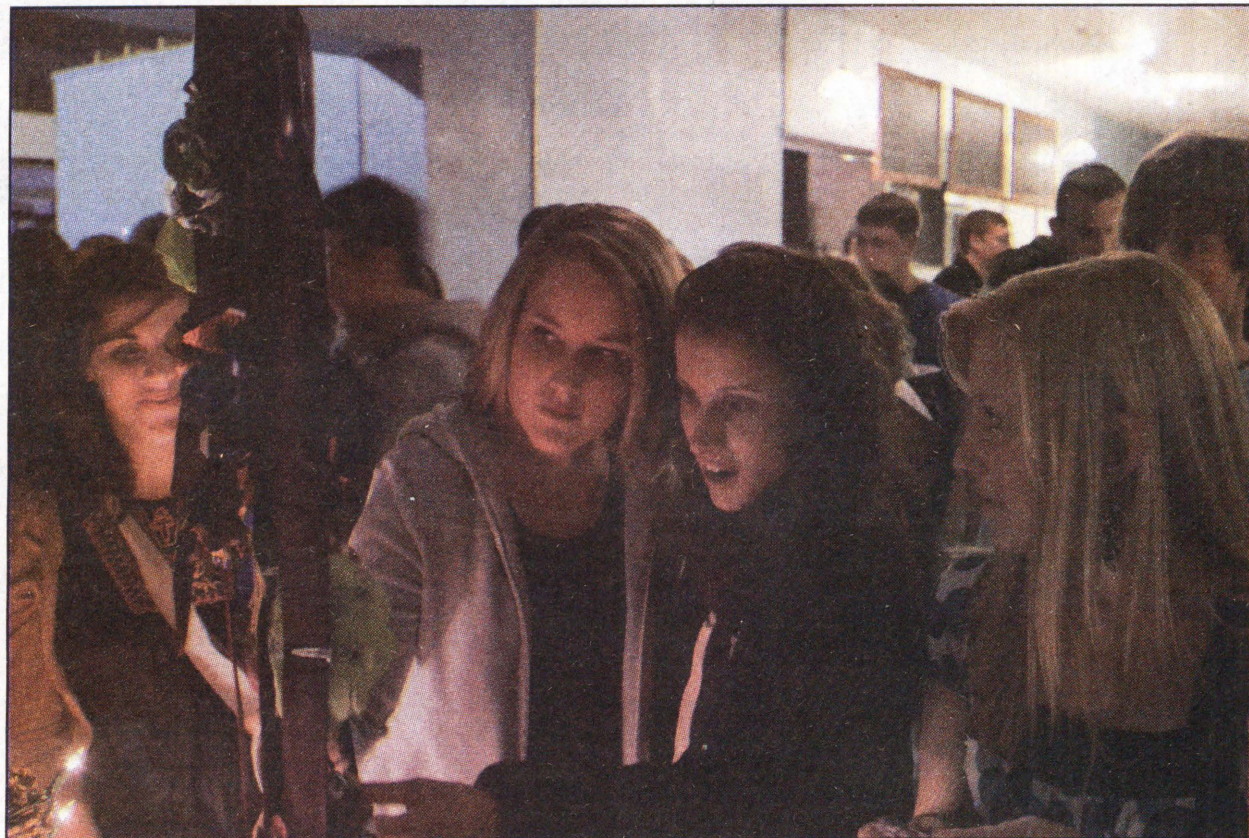


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Sophomores Courtney Biehl (left center) and Aubrey Brown (right center) browse the handmade clips, wallets and crafts at the Hearts After HIZ benefit concert held in the Underground Cafe Friday, March 25. The proceeds went to the Zambian orphanage Harding's overseas program works with.

Steve Forbes to lecture, sign books at Harding

by AERIAL WHITING
asst. copy editor

Steve Forbes, editor-in-chief of Forbes magazine, chairman and CEO of Forbes Media, and former Republican presidential candidate, will speak Thursday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium, concluding this year's American Studies Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Following Forbes' speech, he will be signing copies of his book "How Capitalism Will Save Us."

Dr. Bob Reely, associate executive director of the American Studies Institute, said Forbes is a friend to Harding; this will be Forbes' third visit to the school. He spoke once in 1994 and again in 2008.

Reely said Forbes was invited as part of this school year's ASI series for two reasons: first, because the current economy continues to be the No. 1 concern for

many people and the 2012 election will have economic implications for the future, and second, because when Forbes has visited in the past, he has had a knack for explaining financial concepts simply.

"There couldn't be anyone better than Steve Forbes to come in and talk about the economy," Reely said.

Junior business major Daniel Burnett said he looks forward to listening to such a prominent business figure at Harding.

"This is absolutely ... the ASI speaker that I would love to hear; it's really exciting," Burnett said. "He's kind of like the celebrity, the superstar of business in a lot of ways."

Forbes' speech will be beneficial not just to business majors but to all Harding students, Reely said.

In light of the national debt, which has climbed to \$14.1 trillion, Reely said he wants students to think about what the economy means for them.

"As a 20-year-old, generally the reac-

tion I've gotten is 'I don't want to think about the national debt,'" Reely said. "They've got a date Friday night, they've got to study for tests, and somehow the national debt is going to work itself out, and then they wonder why they can't get a job. ... I think [ASI should] try to get the students to stop long enough to think a little bit about it with the best we can bring in."

A businessman and philanthropist, Forbes is a "great role model" to have speak at the university, Reely said.

Senior Janet Orgain, vice president of ASI, said she is very excited about Forbes coming to Harding.

"He's such a prominent economist on Wall Street, so it's going to be really exciting to hear what he has to say about his success," Orgain said. "It's going to be another great speech, another great opportunity for Harding students to come out and learn from people who have been out in the real world."

JAPAN: AMF asks fellow students to join Japan relief effort

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Though immediate assistance to Japan is limited to that of their own military and the Japanese Red Cross, teams are forming and preparing even now to depart for Japan in the summer. The Global Samaritan program will soon be assisting in team organization. The AMF and Center for World Missions are contact resources for team formation at Harding.

Besides forming mission teams, Straker has defined other crucial ways in which the students at Harding could assist in the relief project: fundraising and raising awareness about the continuing needs Japan will face in the months and years after this disaster.

In this spirit, the Harding Student Association accepted donations in the Student Center after chapel Monday, March 28, and Tuesday, March 29, raising \$1,800.63 to send to the Park Avenue Church in Memphis, who will

then transfer the funds to the Mito Church of Christ in Japan.

"I am not surprised that we have stepped up in such a powerful way," SA president Steven Ramsey said. "People have been praying we would give, and we have always been generous as students."

AMF is continuing the brainstorming and fundraising process, Bryan said, and is open to any and all suggestions from the student body.

More information can be found at www.workingandprayingforjapan.org.

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So, as you may have noticed, the Bison has taken its rebranding campaign even further to include a new name and mascot: the Buffalo. We feel that this name is far better (not to mention grammatically correct when plural) and more dynamic.

This change will be permanent, and effective immediately campuswide. We are working on informing campus officials so all Harding paraphernalia can be changed.

April Fools! C'mon, did you really think we had THAT much power?

In the spirit of the holiday, the Bison staff has left a few pranks for you in this week's paper. For instance, you may find Clax a little more casual than usual for his 75th Bison column. Jess Ardrey grew some alarming facial hair and a more formal attire. And, dare we say, Iron Man is now on Bison staff.

While we have enjoyed these little jokes to add some levity to this week's Bison, please rest assured that our content is correct. We ask that you laugh with us, learn with us and have a truly wonderful April Fools' Day.

With love,

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Life After Harding

It is August 1993. I wake up to get ready for this thing called kindergarten. I have no idea what to expect for my very first day of school. Flash forward 18 years, it is March 2011, and I am a little more than a month away from graduating from college. Yes, I crammed four years of school into five. Despite all the 18 years of school, I still look into the future and have no idea what to expect.

It seems that all my life I have just gone to bed knowing tomorrow is class or I need just one more day to study for this test. Now I will be going to bed thinking, "Did I remember to pay my house bill?" As with so many other May graduates, I'm sure, the question is, "What am I going to do with my life?"

Being able to know that I will have no more classes anymore is a great feeling. Don't get me wrong, but the uncertainty of what to come is what really scares me.

ryan orr



Guest Space

Going into my final year here at Harding, I thought it would be like any of my previous years. I was way off. Trying to balance looking for a job, finding a place to live and fighting the ever-so-strong senioritis have been great tasks.

One thing that has helped me is my senior seminar class for graduating communication majors. This class has helped me realize what kind of preparation that is needed to be successful in the real world. Anything from

budgets to finding the right place to move is a huge task to get done, but this class has really helped.

Apart from advice, what I have found that works best for me, though, is the power of prayer. Just being able to give all my worries and stresses up to God helps more than I ever would have thought.

I am not writing this to scare any of you; I simply think there are many people out there who think they are alone in this. But knowing that God is always there and that your friends are there going through the same thing helps.

So to all the graduating seniors out there: Good luck after May, and always remember you're not alone.

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OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS

This is the next installment of our Opposing Viewpoints segment. The two pieces submitted represent two sides of a tangled issue. Our next topic will be about Harding's Student Association. Do you think it's a good model for leadership within the student body, or do you find the SA obsolete? Send your opposing viewpoints to skyle@harding.edu by April 18.

It's Not Our Fight

Muammar al-Gaddafi has led Libya for nearly 42 years. This is far too long for even the most benign ruler to hold such great power. It is time that rulers like Gaddafi be held accountable for the oppression of their people, but that accountability must come from within each nation. A democracy forced by outsiders is not a sustainable one. The United States should not involve itself in the rebellion of the Libyan people. We do not have the money for such battles, and we have no business being there while the world is and will continue to be full of rebellion and oppression.

When the leaders cross the line, intervention may be necessary, but this should begin within the region and progress from there. We jumped immediately from apathy to dropping bombs on a sovereign state.

Gaddafi has been cruel, especially in recent weeks, but there are other protests being violently suppressed in places like Bahrain and Yemen. Dissidents in Iran are so sufficiently stifled that protests cannot even get off the ground. Why are we not intervening there? Gaddafi's oppressive rule is nothing compared to the atrocities in Sudan that have been largely ignored by the United States. There is no justification for intervening in the Libyan rebellion while ignoring the genocide carried out by Omar al-Bashir on the people of Darfur. The Arab League and the African Union should be encouraged to handle situations in their own regions. This is how



sarah everett

Guest Space

nations and regions grow and mature. With the U.S. and other Western states constantly stepping in to play parent, the developing world will continue to lag behind in both politics and economics. These nations must be allowed to develop on their own. Growth is painful. We endured one bloody war to become the United States of America and one more to stay that way.

I believe the world should work together to prevent such crises and to solve them when they do arise. However, fighting incidents of violence with even more violence is not helpful. As long as we are going to maintain some sense of nationalism and state sovereignty, we must respect that of other nations and at least try to allow them to work out their conflicts independently. When the leaders cross the line, intervention may be necessary, but this should begin within the region and progress from there. We jumped immediately from apathy to dropping bombs on a sovereign state.

This fight is predominantly a concern for the Arab world. Therefore we should lend verbal and diplomatic support to them as they work through their conflicts, using protocol set up by the international community for such events. The U.S. cannot afford to play policeman forever, especially if we are going to arbitrarily pick and choose which fights we will take.

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But If We Don't



jessica klein

Guest Space

Visiting a small town outside of Munich, Germany, I saw a beautiful Bavarian townhouse for sale. It was slathered in fresh white paint, with rows of windows draped in cheery curtains closed against the sun. This is a house that will never be sold. These are rooms in which no one will stay, because in the backyard, as the primary-colored swing set watched toddlers turn into teenagers, mothers and fathers watched hundreds of men and women turn into skeletons.

When I got off the S-Bahn from Munich to Dachau, I was surprised to see a bakery. Houses. McDonald's. In my mind, Dachau was a concentration camp, not a city. It was a barren wasteland. Dachau was where the first loads of dissenters were ushered behind barbed walls and the infamous "Arbeit macht frei" sign. Surely no one lived for 12 years, from 1933 to 1945, with horror as their neighbor. No one's backyard could be a concentration camp.

But I was wrong. Families had lived in these homes and watched empty eyes staring back at them as they looked out their kitchen windows, washing dishes. Of course these homes must have belonged to SS or SA families, or even Nazi sympathizers, mustn't they? No, they had their own housing, shaped to form dual swastikas in aerial photographs. No, the occupants of these houses were just normal German mothers. Normal German mothers who hung laundry on the line while gunshots rebounded against the wall that made the people on the other side "not their business."

When the camps were liberated, the world asked how it could have happened. How they managed to hide it. Americans wept that if only we had known, we would have

saved them.

But we did know. Moody Bible Institute Monthly carried an advertorial entitled "I Must Help the Jews!" in May 1933, barely a month after the first prisoners were marched into Dachau.

Libya's leader, the insolently self-titled "King of Kings" Muammar al-Gaddafi, is holding his people as a shield. He has shown himself repeatedly to be a delusional megalomaniac with declarations to his people like, "HIV

I would rather history mark me a narcissist than ask how I could have looked out my kitchen window into a backyard filled with helpless eyes and pulled my curtains closed.

is a peaceful virus," and his recent threat to obliterate Switzerland if his nuclear program ever becomes capable of the attack.

Gaddafi's February speech was rambling and feebly incoherent, and he is an unflinching, unapologetic racist with a history of supporting violent terrorist organizations. More than 1,000 Libyans have died in their pleadings for freedom against an army and a leader who would rather see them dead.

America may be wrong to step in between the Libyan people and their government. History may prove that we were conceited to offer our aid. But I would rather history mark me a narcissist than ask how I could have looked out my kitchen window into a backyard filled with helpless eyes and pulled my curtains closed.

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8 A.M. Classes

Here you go again. At 8:04 you crawl into American Studies 200, still pulling your eyelids open with tweezers. Your breath made it to class 40 seconds earlier and has already started taking notes. The styro cup barely gripped in your pinky finger has one-third latte, one-third Red Bull and one-third English mustard. It still hasn't kicked in.

Neither your hoodie nor your bang overhang can hide that swollen face, that I-woke-up-at-8:01-talk-to-me-at-your-own-risk puffiness that spreads from cheek left to cheek right. The weight of your book bag is the only thing keeping you vertical. That weight is mostly your World Lit book. And a pack of Rango Silly Bandz. For your niece.

Nothing you are wearing has seen a coat hanger since sophomore year. Even your Tom's shoes look tired and worn out. Oh, wait. Never mind. Duh.

You make a deal with gravity that if it helps you into a chair, you won't ever bungee jump again. You only hope you are facing forward when you get there.

He's already talking about "Madame Bovary." He says, "We're on page 1075." That was meant for you. You know your book landed somewhere, and you stop to wonder if it's legal for books to have more than a thousand pages. Surely that's a violation of the Geneva Something. Small children can be hurt by heavy books. Obama was supposed to fix that.

Not. Ready. For this. Too. Early. You've started using lots of periods for emphasis. Or was it so you wouldn't have to worry about semicolons? Either way it makes your tweets awesome.

"Madame Bovary is a dreamer," he says. "An unfulfilled Romantic. Her fantasy is dancing all night at elegant balls with sophisticated people who are witty. Yet her husband is content with simple things. He loves playing dominoes and thinks that is the height of freedom. Playing dominoes gives him a rush. Reach for the stars, Charles."

The people on both sides of you chuckle. "That must have been a joke," you think. You know it's too late for a courtesy laugh, but you give one anyway so no one will know 60 percent of your body is still in REM sleep. "Who makes jokes this early?" you wonder. Maybe his latte is two-thirds mustard.

It's been like this all semester. Too much. Stuff. To remember. Candide got kicked out of a castle after he made a deal with Mephistopheles to walk in beauty like the night of cloudless climes and daffodils. You assume they decided all this was literature before the Second Amendment gave 18-year-olds the right to vote on it.

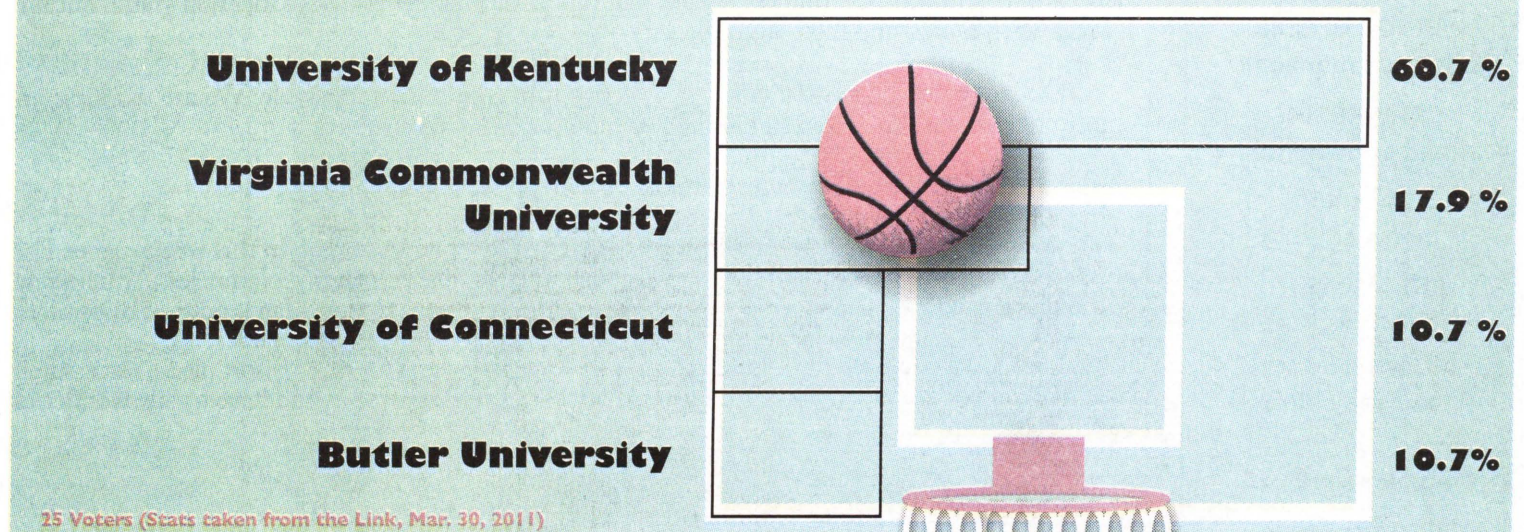
What can people possibly learn this early? You're pretty sure Ulysses finished cultivating his garden and said, "To strive, to seek, to find, or not to be. That is the question." Or was it Dante who rode the Trojan horse into Birnam Wood during the winter of our discontent? You think all that happened after Hedda Gabler shot herself with a golden apple while she was waiting for Godot. Things Fall Apart. Like your quiz average. And your Toms.

IHOP now has chicken and waffles. How wrong is that? You try to say, "How wrong is that?" at least as often per day as you say, "Love it."

Fifteen class days until summer break. That doesn't make it better. As Tolstoy said, "When that April is the cruelest month." You say, "What fools these mortals be."

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WHICH OF THE FINAL FOUR DO YOU THINK WILL WIN MARCH MADNESS?



This tournament has easily been one of the most exciting I have ever watched. My first choice was Auburn, but my real pick is Kentucky.

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This Little Light of Mine



kevin lillis

Guest
Space

34,000 suicides occurred in the U.S. This is the equivalent of 94 suicides per day; one suicide every 15 minutes or 11.26 suicides per 100,000 population." Concerning adolescents alone, "Suicide: Facts at a Glance" says "in 2009, 13.8 percent of U.S. high school students reported that they had seriously considered attempting suicide during the 12 months preceding the survey; 6.3 percent of students reported that they had actually attempted suicide one or more times during the same period."

Coincidentally, I also couldn't help but think about the recent outcry from Harding's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students when they confessed to having had concentrated thoughts of suicide in the moments when hope seemed to have completely abandoned them. Speaking to that, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website says "scientists measured physical violence by peers" and found

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"that youth threatened or injured by a peer were 2.4 times more likely to report suicidal thoughts, and 3.3 times more likely to report suicidal behavior than non-victimized peers."

This is why UCA's Out of the Darkness Campus Walk was such a needed event. When asking Scott Byrd, the current president of the UCA Student Nurses' Association, about the event, he told me that "as of right now we have raised \$17,358, and we are expecting another thousand in the coming weeks. We had approximately 470 people at the walk. It was the largest campus walk yet and one of the biggest walks to date. We broke several national records." He also revealed to me that among many of the contributors, the Arkansas Nursing Students' Association gave \$250 toward the cause. As a soon-to-be RN, I have observed

countless patients who have lost their will to live. My experience has taught me that where there is hope, there is health. And when hope is gone, life will assuredly follow suit.

So, help restore hope. On Saturday, April 2, at 9 a.m. in Spring Park, the Dr. Robert E. Elliott Foundation is hosting a "Stride to Prevent Suicide" 5K and 1 Mile Run/Fun Walk. As stated on the event website, the "money raised from this event funds our free programs throughout the year, including monthly S.O.S. (Survivors of Suicide) Meetings, Understanding Depression seminars, free depression screenings, free literature and publications, a mental health provider resource list, a foundation resource phone line, scholarships and many other services." Sign up to participate at <http://stridetopreventsuicide.eventbrite.com/>. If you're willing to volunteer for the event, talk to Brad Houtchens, Harding Nursing Students' Association's service project director, for more details. Be part of the movement that is helping people everywhere shift Out of the Darkness and into life!

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Something About My Childhood



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Staff
Space

My brother, who is seven years older than I, was currently in a tae kwon do class. That meant we had several show-and-tell sessions, mostly where he'd show me that he could put me in a headlock with his feet and I'd assure him I intended to tell Mom.

But somehow she always managed to make it fun. I got to climb the apple tree in the side yard to get the apples she couldn't reach. I even turned washing the dishes into an epic battle scene of pirates in the Seven Seas, fighting for the greatest treasure in all the land: the bits of carrot in the drain.

But there is one thing that is never fun: snapping green beans. Bowls and pans and multiple gallon buckets full of the accursed legumes. Believe me, I tried to pretend they were Koopa Troopas or Stormtroopers or something. But when there are a bajillion of them, you can only imagine snapping off Goro's arms so many times before you lose your grasp on reality.

Nonetheless, there are things I got away with at her house that Mom just simply would not let fly. For example, my brother and I once decided to make mud pies in Grandma's backyard, mad-scientist-style. Grandma pulled us out of the ditch in just enough time to wash and dry our disgusting clothes before Mom got back.

Interestingly enough, one load of laundry is the perfect amount of time to eat some cookies and take a nap weighted with the pride of scheming.

Grandma's house was also the place for roughhousing. My brother, who is seven years older than I, was currently in a tae kwon do class. That meant we had several show and tell sessions, mostly where he'd show me that he could put me in a headlock with his feet and I'd assure him I intended to tell Mom.

As far as capers go, I forked a yard or two in my day. I even flamingo-ed a yard once. Those homemade beauties looked magnificent in the glow of my low-beams in the dark of the night.

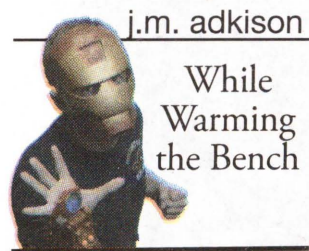
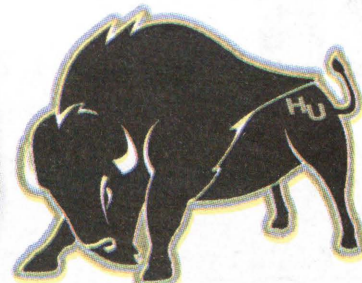
One of my favorite pranks was on my best friend, because those are clearly the most fulfilling. This particular friend was terrified/awfully disgusted by fish.

In view of that fact, the scheme proceeded thus: catch a fish Thursday, let it sit in a box for a day, put said fish in her locker at approximately 3:30 Friday afternoon.

Monday morning, she refused to open her locker. She also had to replace some textbooks.

So this April Fools' Day, have fun. Tell a stupid joke. Prank your roommate. Just make sure it doesn't cause another blackout. Because then my wrath will be upon you.

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While Warming the Bench

Jinx, You Owe Me a Victory

On Thursday, March 24, the top-seeded Duke Blue Devils fell from the heights of a great season when the Arizona Wildcats struck with a fury in the March Madness Sweet 16 game.

This was a game everyone expected Duke to win. Nearly all the brackets had the Blue Devils at least making it to the Elite Eight, and most had the team moving on to the Final Four. And yet, they were completely upset by the Arizona Wildcats, 93-77. But if you are going to call something March Madness, you have to leave room for something crazy to happen.

At the beginning of the game, everything was looking good for Duke. By halftime they were up by six points. Energized and ready for more, the team headed to the locker rooms for some halftime strategizing.

And then their head coach, Mike Krzyzewski, did something he had never done before: He broke one of his sacred game time traditions by speaking with the press at halftime.

"A coach's responsibility, from the time we talk to our players in the locker room before the game, until we talk to them in the locker room after the game, is sacred for us and our team," Krzyzewski once said about the tradition. "My responsibility is to my kids, to my team. You don't owe anything to anyone else. That's why I never do halftime interviews."

Well, for some reason he decided to give an interview on his way to the locker rooms, during one of the biggest games of the season.

Once the Blue Devils and the Wildcats reentered the court, everything changed. Arizona got on a juggernaut scoring roll and quickly overcame Duke by scoring 55 points.

Obviously, Krzyzewski's halftime interview did not perturb some cosmic sports deity to cause it to turn its back on the Blue Devils, but it is another one of those instances where for a minute we might really believe in sports superstitions.

Nearly any athlete you talk to will tell you about a strange pregame song he listens to or a certain morning routine she goes through. It may be deliberate or a subconscious habit.

While superstitions are interesting and make for good stories, they really do nothing to help you win. Black Eyed Peas songs, silky gym shorts and stretching your calves for seven sets of seven seconds have no influence on cosmic intervention. Instead, focus on keeping your mind, body and spirit in shape and working as a team, because that is one major reason why Arizona won.

And it's out of there



photo by CALEB RUMMEL | The Bison

Sending the softball soaring through the air in an intramural game, senior Drew Ater gets ready to run the bases in his game Wednesday night, March 23, playing for his team, the Angels, against the PA team.

Sports team up to go green

Pro teams begin to conserve to preserve

by JESS ARDREY
opinions editor

Environmental consciousness has grown exponentially in the past few years. But when one thinks of contributors to this movement, sports may not usually come to mind.

This changed last week when the major professional sports organizations in the U.S. came together to form the Green Sports Alliance. The GSA includes teams from Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League, the National Football League, Major League Soccer, the National Basketball Association and the Women's National Basketball Association.

The Environmental Protection Agency also paired with the teams on the project, much to the excitement of EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson.

"EPA commends the founding members of the Green Sports Alliance for recognizing the importance of protecting the environment and stepping up their green game," Jackson said. "We thank them for their commitment to protecting our health and the environment. We hope that their efforts and the work toward environmental innovation will inspire their

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-Allen Hershkowitz
Natural Resources and Defense Council Scientist

many fans and fellow teams to make choices that protect our people and our planet."

This is the first time all of the leagues have come together to decrease their environmental footprint.

The creator behind the GSA is Paul G. Allen, Microsoft co-founder, owner of the Portland Trail Blazers and Seattle Seahawks and co-owner of the Seattle Sounders.

The alliance focuses mainly on large stadiums, aiming to reduce their environmental impact in multiple ways. In the past few years, a few teams have already taken steps to achieve this goal.

The Minnesota Twins constructed a recycling system for rainwater in their new stadium Target Field, complete with filtered tap water. The Philadelphia Eagles' Lincoln Financial Field will soon be equipped with 25,000 solar panels and 80 small-wind turbines, and it is supposed to run entirely on self-generated

electricity by fall of this year. Apart from reducing their own effects, the GSA hopes to spread the message.

"Sports matter," Natural Resources Defense Council senior scientist Allen Hershkowitz said. "Outside of the family, the most influential role models in our society are athletes and entertainers. The most widely watched TV shows worldwide are sports shows."

According to HU Sports Information Director Scott Goode, even Harding has gotten into the GSA spirit.

"The Green Sports Alliance is an admirable effort by the professional teams in the Pacific Northwest," Goode said. "In Harding athletics, we have worked with the facilities people at First Security Stadium, Rhodes Field House and Jerry Moore Field for the last few years on a similar initiative, especially encouraging our fans to recycle the products they purchase at our games."

Kinesiology dept. to teach students to go the distance

by HEIDI TABOR
student writer

Next year, the kinesiology department is going to up the ante and increase the intensity with a brave new course dedicated to helping students train for running half-marathons. This course will fulfill a one-hour, core curriculum activity requirement and will be taught by aerobics instructor and certified personal trainer, Sarah McGaha.

This sort of class, however, is not for the faint of heart.

According to Stephen Burks, coach and chair of the department of kinesiology, students who wish to enroll in the half-marathon training class must be able to run two miles in 20 minutes within the first week they begin training with the class. Students are expected to receive permission from a doctor before they can participate.

Students must also have a basic level of running and cardio fitness and be willing to at least attempt a half-marathon, whether they choose to walk or to run.

"We do reserve the right to drop a student from the class if attendance and/or progress becomes a problem," Burks said. "There needs to be a high level of dedication for a class like this"

In addition to overall physical fitness and willingness to participate, class members will go through introductory academic material covering training procedures and programs, which, along with attendance will serve as part of their grade. However, the final grade will be based not on a set time achievement but on an attempt to complete the half-marathon, Burks said.

Since the class meets only on Mondays and Wednesdays, students are required to participate in outside training leading up to the half-marathon. It is scheduled to meet during the 11 o'clock hour to allow training to run over into lunch hour if necessary.

At the end of the semester, students will collectively run in the St. Jude Memphis

As far as the changes go, the kinesiology department is striving to keep our recreation opportunities as current as possible.

-Stephen Burks
chair of the department of kinesiology

Half-Marathon on Dec. 3, 2011. Class fees will pay for registration for the race.

In addition to the half-marathon class, the kinesiology department has also added both a golf class and a disc golf class. The \$85 golf class fee will pay for rounds at a local golf course, but personal clubs are required. The class meets for the first eight weeks during the fall semester and the last eight weeks during the spring semester.

The course will meet twice weekly and starts out with classroom instruction on the sport. From there, students will move on to practicing at Harding's outdoor driving range and indoor golf facility, and will eventually play two or three rounds at River Oaks or another comparable course.

Harding has recently constructed a nine-hole disc golf course located at the end of Bison Lane. A kinesiology class featuring the popular game is currently in the works, but for now the course is open to anyone interested in playing.

"We would like to add nine more holes, but we need lots of players out there to justify nine more holes," Burks said.

The kinesiology department is constantly trying to make sure the classes they offer are up-to-date and relevant.

"As far as the changes go, the kinesiology department is striving to keep our recreation opportunities as current as possible," Burks said.

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

Saturday April 2	Sunday April 3	Monday April 4	Tuesday April 5	Wednesday April 6	Thursday April 7	Friday April 8
12:00 p.m. Baseball vs. University of Arkansas Monticello (Home)	1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. University of Arkansas Monticello (Home)	2:00 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Stillman College (Home)	1:00 p.m. Men's and Women's Tennis vs. Delta State University	No events	2:00 p.m. Men's and Women's Tennis vs. Arkansas Fort Smith (Home)	2:00 p.m. Men's and Women's Tennis vs. Ouachita Baptist University
Women's Golf at Drury University Lady Panther Spring Shootout	Women's Golf at Drury University Lady Panther Spring Shootout	3:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Henderson State University (Home)	1:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Lyon College			
Men and Women Track meet at University of Central Arkansas Invitational						

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Mastering the fine art of repeating

Adam Brown



Guest Space

On Thursday night, March 27, my beloved Duke Blue Devils fell to the Arizona Wildcats by a score of 93-77 in the West regional semifinal (Sweet 16) in Anaheim, Calif.

While I had expected to write about the likelihood of a repeat national championship for my Blue Devils, I've thought over the last 12 hours or so about how hard that is to do in sports today, unless your name is Phil Jackson and you have guys like Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant on your team.

In the history of the NCAA Tournament, seven teams have won consecutive national

championships, but only two of them (Duke and Florida) have done it since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1986.

Florida, remarkably, accomplished the feat with the exact same starting lineup. Six times, the reigning champion failed to qualify for the tournament the following year, most recently in 2008 when Florida (winners in 2006 and 2007) went to the Not Invited Tournament (really the National Invitational Tournament, but who cares?).

No column about repeating as champions in sports would be complete without mentioning the legendary John Wooden, who led the UCLA Bruins to seven straight titles from 1967 to 1973. He also won three other championships in his career at the helm of UCLA, all 10 within a span of 12 years.

Why is it so hard to repeat in sports? Players leave, retire or get injured; team dynamics change; the list goes on

Such is sports in America. Abounding in good fortune to some and torturing so many others.

and on. Reigning champions have targets on their backs that no other team has. As I mentioned earlier, Phil Jackson is the master of repeat. All 11 of his NBA championships have been in groups; not one has stood unaccompanied with another. He twice won three straight championships with the Bulls (1991-93, 96-98) and has won five championships with the Lakers (2000-02, 09-10).

Oh, and of course basketball legend Bill Russell. While he and Jackson have won an equal number of championships at 11,

Russell and the Boston Celtics won eight straight championships from 1959 to 1966, the longest championship streak in professional basketball.

And then, there are losing streaks. I used to joke with my friend Taylor about his Clemson Tigers basketball team not winning an NCAA Tournament game since 1996. However, they won a game this year, so I can't make those jokes anymore. Yeah, I know it is sad too. And look at the Chicago Cubs, they haven't won the World Series in 102 years. The Arizona Cardinals haven't won a championship since Harry Truman was in office (1947 for all you non-history majors). The cities of San Diego and Cleveland haven't won a championship in 47 and 46 years, respectively.

Such is sports in America. Abounding in good fortune to some and torturing so many others.

Stayin' on your man

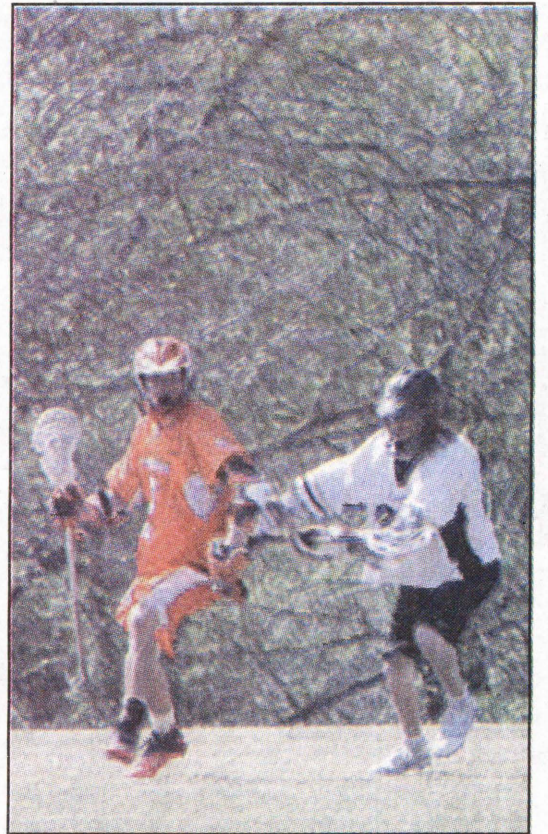


photo by GREG ISHMAEL

Freshman Ian Thompson plays hard against Sam Houston State, March 26.

Way Back When: 1996, junior bears Olympic torch

by J.M. ADKISON
sports editor

It was 15 years ago when Harding junior Cindy Cheatham was selected from 600 runners to take part in the 1996 Summer Olympics as a torch bearer. In this story, staff writer Heather Henson reports on how Cheatham received the honor and what it meant to her. Because of spacial limitations, some sections were cut from the original story.

by HEATHER HENSON
bison staff writer

"I just busted out laughing, it was funny!" Cindy Cheatham, a junior nursing major from Montgomery, Ala., said. During a routine

phone call home, Cheatham learned that her mother was in the process of writing an essay that would allow her to be considered as a torchbearer for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. Her mother had seen the advertisement in a local newspaper and decided to have Cheatham's name put into the running. A few weeks into February, Cheatham was surprised to learn that she had, in fact, been chosen to participate in this summer's Olympic Torch Relay.

On a Saturday morning in February, Cheatham's parents found an information packet on their front porch explaining that she had been selected as one of 43 Montgomery area torchbearers from a pool of more than 600 applicants. That afternoon, her parents faxed information to the Olympic Committee say-

ing that Cheatham would definitely run in the relay. The announcement was to be kept confidential until an official press conference could be held in Alabama. Her parents called to tell her the surprising news, and Cheatham immediately shared her excitement with a few close friends.

On February 15, a special ceremony was held in the Montgomery Civic Center, and the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games introduced the 43 "community heroes." Although Cheatham was not able to attend the ceremony, she received her T-shirt, more information and news clippings in the mail over the next few weeks.

"It was just such a shock. It didn't really hit me until I saw the stuff my parents taped off the T.V. and clipped from the newspaper, and I heard what

the people at church were saying to them," Cheatham said, after making a trip home for the weekend recently. She said that, everywhere she went, people congratulated her and wished her luck. That's when it began to sink in that this was quite an honor.

The search for the Olympic torchbearers was handled nationwide by ACOG and helped locally by the Montgomery Area United Way. Across the country, 147 judging panels selected the 5,500 torchbearers. Local leaders from the Montgomery community met in January to judge the applications they had received. The panel based their decisions on citizens who had shown outstanding volunteer service and worked in the community as role models and leaders.

"I read the essay my mom wrote. It was mostly just a

list of things I'd done in high school," Cheatham said. In high school, she was nominated for the Jimmy Hitchcock Award, an honor which recognizes athletes participating in Christian and community service. Cheatham feels that receiving this honor in high school was part of the reason her community chose her to represent them by carrying the Olympic torch.

"It's so awesome, but when people ask how I got it, it's hard to explain," Cheatham said.

Last spring, while Cheatham was at HUF, a group went to the Olympic museum in Switzerland. There, they saw all the torches from past Olympics. She said it was interesting to see the designs on each of the torches from previous years, as they seemed to represent the city that sponsored the Olympics that year.

Throughout the semester, as the group traveled in Europe, she was able to visit the sites of some past Olympics, including Barcelona and Munich.

Because of this experience, it will be especially interesting for Cheatham to have a torch of her own this summer. "After we run in the relay, we are allowed to buy our torches. Only torchbearers can have them; they won't be sold anywhere else," Cheatham said.

The torch relay will begin April 27 in Los Angeles and will conclude 84 days later in Atlanta, on July 19, during the Opening Ceremony of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. The relay will stretch across 15,000 miles and cover 42 states, and Cindy Cheatham will play a part in this summer's Olympic Torch Relay.

"It's a great honor, and I'm excited about it," Cheatham said.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

by J.M. ADKISON
sports editor

- **March 26**—The Bisons baseball team split a doubleheader with Ouachita Baptist Tigers in Arkadelphia, Ark. The Bisons won the opener 7-6, but lost to the Tigers in game two with 9-8. They had 14 hits in the game and stranded a season-high 13 runners. The Bisons were ranked 30th nationally by Collegiate Baseball News.
- **March 27**—The women's track team opened its outdoor season at the Rhodes College Invitational with five event victories and set two school records in the field events. Sophomore Portia Bell defeated 22 other runners in the 200 meters with a time of 25.16 seconds. In the 4x100 meter relay, Bell, sophomore Ryan Ledington and juniors Cathy E. Ebeja and Callie McAlister won with 49.36 seconds. Freshman Kristen Celsor won the high jump with a height of 4 feet, 11.25 inches, and sophomore Tiffany Chambers won the pole vault with 11 feet, 1.75 inches, breaking her own school and personal record. Ebeja won the long jump with 17 feet, 4 inches. Rhiannon Roper broke the school's hammer throw record of 85-2 mark, set in 2005, with 96 feet, 5 inches.
- **March 29**—At the North Alabama Spring Classic, the Harding golf team played at the Shoals Fighting Joe Course, placing 10th out of 18 with a three-round total score of 924. The top finishers were Blake Chase and Bruce McMullen, who each had a score of 226 and tied for 24th place.
- **March 30**—The Harding women's golf team placed second in the Mulerider Invitational at the Northridge Country Club, shooting a total of 647, just five strokes behind Arkansas Tech., who won the tournament. The top finisher was senior Ragan Muncy, who scored 18-over 160, tying for third. They will host the Natural State Golf Classic at the Red Apple Country Club on April 11-12.

CHAMPION'S CORNER: Kristen Celsor

by CARLY KESTER
copy editor

With long practices daily, year-round training and a whole lot of games to play in a single season, one would think college athletes could only handle one sport for their four years of higher education. But not freshman Kristen Celsor.

Now that the basketball season is over, Celsor is switching from the squeaky-clean courts of the Rhodes to the asphalt and turf of First Security Stadium for the beginning of the outdoor track season.

Playing basketball and running track in high school, Celsor has been a dedicated athlete for most of her life. So it is no surprise that she is already showing talent in college sports as well, winning this year's Gulf South Conference title for freshman of the year for women's basketball. In basketball, she plays guard, and in the field events for the track team, she does the high jump.

Celsor said she has been playing sports ever since she could walk. Her parents and siblings' active involvement in sports influenced her to be involved in sports as well, and her dad's helping her outside of practice encouraged her to do better.

"For peewee [my dad] was always one of my coaches, and he always had me doing work outside of [practices], so he was a really big influence on me," Celsor said.

Women's basketball coach Tim Kirby said one of the things that stood out the most to him when Celsor was recruited was her overall athleticism.

"She can run and jump; she's an extremely intelligent girl that, in the recruiting process, we thought had a lot of upsides, just with what her possibilities were," Kirby said. "We just felt like she had a lot of potential to get even better, and that's something we're always looking for."

Kirby said that playing against tough opponents early in her basketball career has been a good learning experience for Celsor.

"She played against some first-team all-Americans, and she did a great job against them," Kirby said. "I don't think she had a clue what she was getting ready to go up against, and she turned on the 'go' and did a really good job of handling that kind of player."

In regards to basketball, Celsor plans to work on her long-distance shooting, ball handling and confidence on the court.

As for her future career plans, Celsor's goals lie outside the realm of sports.

"I'm hoping to do speech pathology when I get older because it kind of fits me; I had a lisp when I



photo by ASHEL PARSONS | Petit Jean

A freshman guard for the Lady Bisons, Kristen Celsor has recently finished her first season of college basketball and has begun her first season of college track. A speech pathology major, Celsor is gearing up for the next three years of playing hard for the Bisons.

was little," Celsor said.

Celsor also said she loves being on the basketball team because of how well the players get along.

"We have the best chemistry, and it's my favorite team by far that I've ever been on," Celsor said. "We've just gotten along so well and love being around each other."

Kirby also said that not only does she perform admirably on the court, but she also excels in the classroom as well, and that she does not have to worry about her grades or attendance.

"I think that if we could recruit two or three like her every year and have a whole team full of Kristen-mentality-type kids, we're always going to be successful," Kirby said.

Non-Comms bring synthpop style to Thaw

by TIFFANY P.
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Armed with a flimsy umbrella, I ran inside Nashville's Fido, a coffeehouse named for the dog who discovered coffee, in search of shelter from the rain, warmth and the Non-Commissioned Officers' Eric Lehning.

The Non-Commissioned Officers, or the Non-Comms for short are one of the bands playing at First Thaw Festival.

Unfamiliar with the band, I listened for the first time to their new release, "Money Looking For Thieves," which left me wanting to know more about this motley assortment of Nashville musicians. Identified by his gray hat and crooked glasses, I found Lehning quickly, and we sat down for our interview on a dreary Tennessee Saturday.

The Non-Comms came together in a very unconventional way; in fact, their first album was a soundtrack to indie zombie movie "Make-Out with Violence." Eric and his brother Jordan, along with some other "hired guns," began playing shows to raise money for the movie and out of that zombie soundtrack grew the Non-Comms, making their latest CD more of a debut than a sophomore album.

"We just set a date to

Forget zombies; this album could soundtrack any of your favorite John Hughes movies.

play a release show before we recorded anything. We decided March 11 was when we were going to release something, so we had to write some stuff," Lehning said. "The last record was this gigantic album — we just wanted to get some new material out of the gate."

Since their last album, Jordan has moved behind the scenes, and the Non-Comms brought on two Harding favorites, Carson and Cheyenne Medders, on guitar. But this album isn't the laid-back folk that the Medders are known for. "Money Looking For Thieves" is fun '80s synth pop. The most upbeat song and stand-out of the album is "Rich Stuff." Forget zombies; this album could soundtrack any of your favorite John Hughes movies. Lehning's commanding vocals mixed with the driving drumbeat and wrapped in a thick blanket of synthesizer make for one compelling album. The Non-Commissioned Officers play at First Thaw at 5 p.m., on April 2. Come ready to move your feet.



photo courtesy of the Non-Commissioned Officers
The Non-Commissioned Officers, a synthpop band, are to play at First Thaw Festival.

Q&A

The Buffalo: Why the name Non-Commissioned Officers?

Eric Lehning: The whole idea of the band is that we would just draw from this pool of musicians, and they were kind of hired guns. They're just a bunch of non-committal pros that came together to put on a show. The name stuck.

TB: What was it like playing Bonnaroo?

EL: We were the second band playing the whole festival, so no one really had any choice but to hear us. So that was exciting, a thousand people listening to us.

Playing at Bonnaroo, there are so many other acts, you really want to see a lot of stuff, but at the same time it's kind of sensory overload when you play at festivals.

TB: How would you describe your sound?

EL: In this documentary called "30 Century Man," Brian Eno is talking about this song Scott Walker made called "Night Flights," it's a late '70s early '80s record I believe, and they've listened to a couple of tracks, and they say that it's a shame that we basically haven't gotten past that, this style of music, this kind of pop synth thing, where you're trying to be experimental while being accessible to a pop music sensibility. And that's

what we're trying to do, but I don't know really if trying to be accessible is always a good thing or not. This is definitely a pop record. This is pop music. There's lots of synthesizer, and we try to have some dynamic drum sound in there.

Lou Reed is a real influence on my writing. I haven't had anyone compare my words to Walt Whitman, so it's pretty much meat-and-potatoes-babbling-brook-of-baloney that I write. I just try to make stuff up until it feels right.

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Dear Cross-Campus Sprinters,

Please don't worry. You WILL make it to class on time. Even if you are sweaty from running.

Yours truly,
Takin' Life Easy

Want to submit your own "Yours Truly"? Use the format above to submit your own complaint, commentary or joke about something that happens in your life! Send submissions to skyle@harding.edu.

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CONTEST: Win a free Sudoku book by being the first person to bring the completed puzzle to the Bison office TODAY (Friday)

DEAR DARK ROOM

Dear Dark Room,

On April Fools', it is hard not to reflect on the restraining order my ex-roommate took out last year. She was wrong to view my AWESOME prank as malice. Though I do feel a little responsible for her goat phobia. I would like to fix this harmless mishap. What shenanigans would convey "I am sorry the goat ate your MacBook?"

Sincerely,
Apologetic April Fool

Dear April,

First off, how cute is your name? Love it! Secondly, it's great you know that what you did is wrong. Admittance is the first step to forgiving yourself, and if you want forgiveness you have to forgive yourself.

Honestly, don't go with any sort of shenanigans. They got you into this situation, but they won't get you out.

Since contact between the two of you has been so distant, start out by writing her a letter explaining your remorse. Approaching her slowly will ease her back into the idea of letting her be a part of your life. If she is receptive to that, invite her to talk in a public place. You want her to feel comfortable. Maybe, over time, your relationship will mend and you can be sisters again.

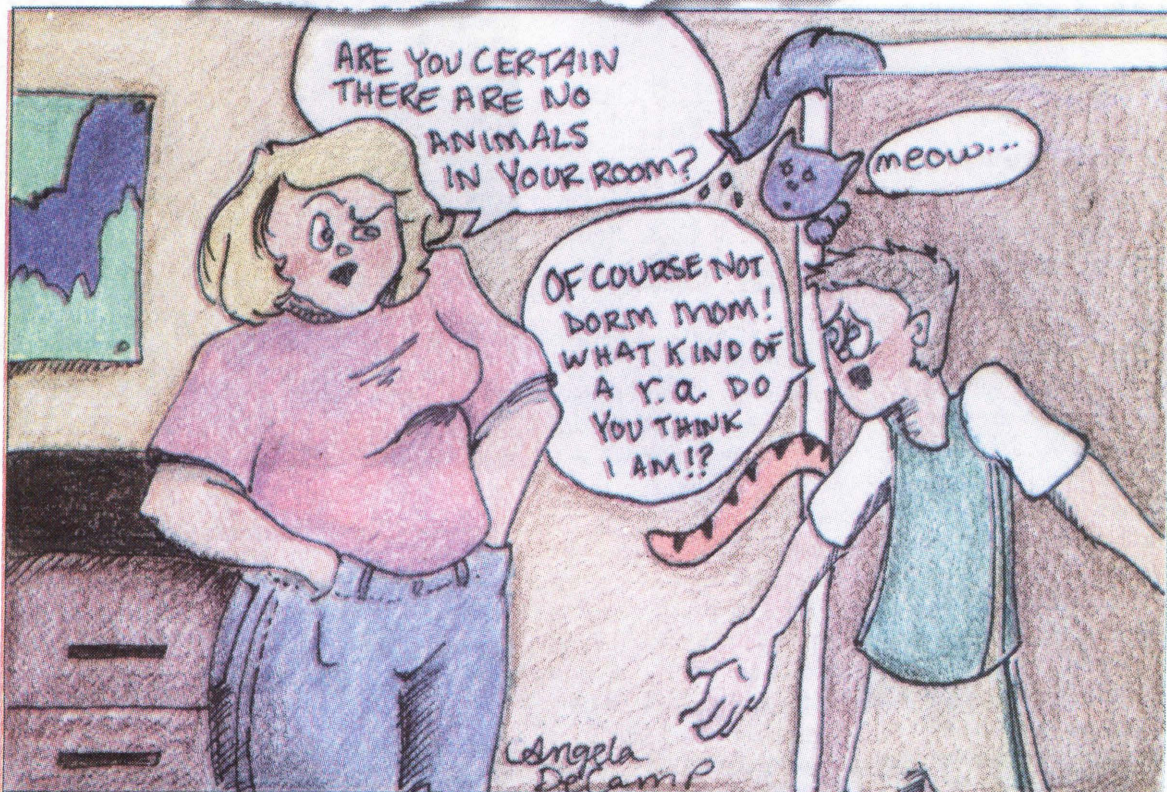
APRIL FOOLS'!!! You fell for it, didn't you? Oh, don't worry, I would never abandon you like that. In all seriousness, just leave a plush goat in her bed. She'll get the joke.

Sincerely,

Dark Room

Submit your own question to "Dear DarkRoom" at skyle@harding.edu. Warning: Most responses will be humorous and sarcastic. For real advice, seek your local counselor or best friend. All responses are from the Buffalo photography staff and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editors.

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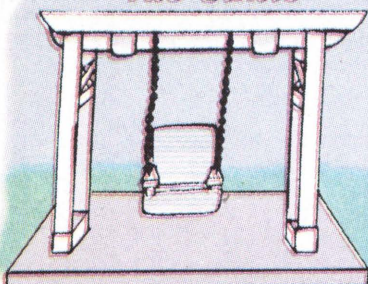


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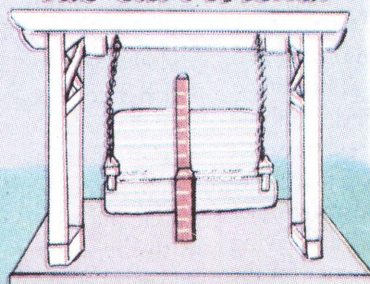
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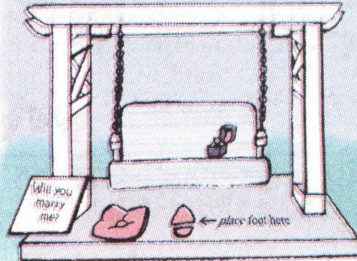
The 'Just Friends'



The 'Leave Room for Jesus'



The 'Proposal'



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To ask a question, tweet it with the hashtag #firstthawfest and we just might ask Green River Ordinance, Langhorne Slim and the Auctt Brothers your question.

Don't forget to follow @TheLink and @FirstThawFest for more updates on #firstthawfest!

HU WORD SEARCH

In the spirit of April Fools' Day, how many of these prankster words can you find?

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Q X G A K C I R T Q A S K V A
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