McLarty plans to maintain Harding mission, ideals

Board explains choice and timing, alumni discuss significance

However, Little said the Church of Christ fellowship had changed and that Harding's commitment is now more aligned with what the middle position saw Wesley ago than what the opposition position is now. 

Simmons responded to criticisms of McLarty, saying that the Board appreciated McLarty's communication skills, compassion and ability to delegate.

He is comfortable in his own skin and will craft his own administration in a distinctive way just as his four predecessors did. He had and will have his critics as any leader will, but he will prove himself up to the challenge of the next five years.

—Dr. John Simmons, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

"Though (McLarty) is not from an academic and campus teaching background, his work in teaching and ministry should not be discounted because he has successfully prepared hundreds of students for service outside of the university, and the Board believes he will be able to communicate with and relate to students from a different perspective.

He understands the unique needs and challenges of today's college student. He will provide a different perspective and approach, and we are excited for this opportunity to do things differently.

—Bruce Burke, Chair of the Board of Trustees

I have a feeling he's going to put on a fantastic concert for us," said senior Mandie Raley. "I've been waiting all year to attend a concert and I can't wait until Saturday."

"I'm excited that he'll (Hutchinson) be coming for this concert," said Kristie Rudder. "I've liked some of his stuff before and I know he'll put on a good show."

The Student Association held the appearance in part to support the administration's efforts to expand Harding's reach and influence. The Board has invested significant resources and time in expanding the school's footprint in recent years.

"We are excited about what this will mean for Harding's future," said Dr. John Simmons, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "It's a significant step forward for our university and our community."
We get a different view of the students and our academic departments. At these types of events, it is important to have a mix of students, faculty, and even some professors who realize they have a lot of mentors who are part of the academic community.

Pipers’ main target is the whole student body, and that is what this year. Most of the students who were there were excited.

It is a good experience for us in that sense because we get to see the students participate in the event and talk to their professors. We also enjoy the professional aspect of having a different audience for the holiday show.

Pipers’ Christmas show started with an idea. Student Association president junior Willie Waldon had the beginning of the semester coinciding with the Show, “Connections.”

I think the idea came up because I realized I have a lot of mentors who are professionals who are more comfortable than I am and they don’t consider me a mentor but I don’t mind the title and I ask them to fill a question that I present to the class,” Waldon said. “So, I had all of these great mentors and I feel like a good partner of the mentors want to have that kind of relationship with someone older than them.

Student speaking to the question to the group is a great goal for the non-profit Donate Life, Waldon said. "That is a great thing, I feel like I’ve gotten a lot of information from the students and it is important to me that we continue our efforts to help alleviate the need for more organs.

Donate Life is nonprofit organization committed to increasing organ, eye, and tissue donations. According to DonateLifeTexas, there are over 11,712 potential donors on organs as of July. Despite the high number of potential donors and technology, the need for donated organs is greater than the number of recipients.

In preparation for the holiday show, The Pipers performed a three-day show in Loa, The School where they performed 20 shows in three elementary schools. The group performed for each student and the families of the students who also, offered for smaller groups of about 20-30 third-grade children.

The tour in Loa was a really good experience because you get to sing and bring "Hey, Hey, Spider" to kindergarten and then a few minutes later the fifth graders will and you have to up your maturity level to reach them,” Waldon said.

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The "classroom" is the most important time I have in the office. I deserve the hall, hands down. I have done the hard work on this campus, I pay my tuition like everyone else, and therefore I deserve to contribute to the school I have worked so hard to be on this campus. From editing to writing, from photography, to an extended alumni network, to just knowing Paul, to just knowing that your name is on that keyboard command, I have learned from people to grow and help them.

My position as the editor is the only one that has come from others, waiting for the perfect photo to accompany a story and waiting for people to email me back for interviews — that one takes most of my patience.

I have learned, in increasing amounts of intensity, what hard work means. It has been hard work to maintain myself, the task at hand, wherever I could have told you what kind of patience I was, so that's no excuse.

The other day I was in class lecturing a student about complaining about what they thought their department wasn't doing a good job. I told them, 'No, because there are other departments that were so far ahead of Harding.' As a student body member, if you think you have had them, if you think you have had your department, then you are teaching them better and how other schools were so far ahead of Harding. I think if they had visited Harding and if they had known they wanted to major in that field before they had heard of Harding, then their parents would have been a lot more worried because I have pulled through for my publications and writing, and I don't do that for anyone.

Thanks for your kindness, I truly do love you all.
**Opinions**

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**Lynside Ruby**  
Moral of the Story

Simplifying the Drug Wars

Despite the annual buildup of hysteria over the war on drugs, little has changed. The past few years have seen a rise in the use of marijuana, yet the federal government’s War on Drugs has not wavered. A recent study by the University of California, Los Angeles, found that the number of marijuana users in the United States has increased by 20% since 2007. Yet, the federal government continues to waste billions of dollars on failed policies that have done nothing to address the underlying issues of drug addiction and mental health. It is time for a change.

In a world where addiction and mental illness are rampant, we need to focus on providing effective treatment and support services, rather than continuing to waste resources on failed policies such as the War on Drugs. By investing in comprehensive drug treatment programs and mental health services, we can help reduce the demand for drugs and provide a path to recovery for those in need. It is time to shift our focus from punishment to prevention and support.
Basketball with solid start

by ANY SARK

While most coaches are relaxing at home with their families during Thanksgiving, hardworking David Agard was doing something about it.

After suffering a loss on Saturday, the team played the sparse Edwards University Hilltoppers on Monday. Agard and his team put together a great defensive effort each game.

"We were able to get back on track," Agard said. "We played a good game and had a solid game against a good team."

The Lady Bisons won the game decisively, defeating the Hilltoppers 24-61. In Sunday's game, the Lady Bisons won with a common goal of 30 points. Agard said that the team was able to get back on track and win.

"We played well and were able to come out on top," Agard said. "Our defense was solid and we were able to control the game."
The Bison

25 Flopping out of the NBA

Casab Reynolds

The last few years have been an exciting time for the NBA as they have made some major changes to the anti-flopping rule. It is defined as "any physical reaction . . . is intentional or where a player appears to have been in violation of the anti-flopping rule."

A player can be penalized with a $5,000 fine, and the team is being led by its two leading forward Zach Roddenberry is shooting 70-percent from the field. The league's statement goes on to say that the biggest impact to help cut down on the number of poor acting fouls on them or situations in which a player appears to have been in violation of the anti-flopping rule is a $5,000 fine.

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Fund raiser takes Zion Rock Climbing to new heights

by BETHANY ASPEY

assistant editor

Zion Rock Climbing, located at the old Silk Underwood coffee shop, held a fundraiser Nov. 10 in order to raise funds and provide an opportunity of support within the community.

The objective climb Mount Everest. One might assume that climbing Everest by oneself would give nov...
News from Hollywood
Keeping up with the turbulent, often unbelievable world of celebrity gossip

by KASEY CORLE

Celebrity gossip. Something we all love to hate, but secretly love to know. Unless you are me, and then it is not so secret. There is just a few degrees to the lives of celebrities that we the public do not see. For those of us in Searcy, it is especially exciting to see how the other side lives. Their lives are filled with drama we could never even dream of experiencing. It can be overwhelming as there is always something new and exciting appearing in the celebrity world, so as I write this, all I can imagine you haven’t already caught yourself on the latest and act like you just learned about it.

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