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More improvements, construction planned

by Henry Gonzalez

As enrollment increases, the Harding administration has made important decisions in order to have appropriate facilities to accommodate students and staff. During this past summer construction projects have taken place and some buildings have been remodeled. As students returned from summer break, many construction and campus improvement projects were still taking place. These projects were planned to be ready before students arrived. However, many of them are not wrapping up 

"It was quite a push the last three weeks to get it done because I think we had 20 or 15 inches of rain in the middle of July to the first remodeling done over the middle of July to the first three weeks of August. And we summer. The remodeling of an anatomy facility to house the nursing and communication sciences and disorders programs was completed during the first week of classes. The new apartments at Legacy Park are almost complete. A few minor details are still being worked out in the apartments, but the efforts are now focusing on landscaping and sidewalks. "I'll love it when it's all finished," said Rachel South, Legacy's resident life coordinator. Most people are trying to be really patient, and you know the students who have been here know that it will be very nice when it's done."

On the men's side, Allen dorm had some remodeling; doors over the summer. The remodeling included bathrooms and a new floor in the lobby with more work being planned for over Christmas break. There has also been extensive progress on the new-women's softball field which is located next to the baseball field. The team will begin playing games on the new field next month.

One project that is taking place off-campus is the remodeling of an anatomy laboratory at the Physical Therapy building. According to DeRamus this is one of his team's priorities. It is expected to be finished by Sept. 1.

While these construction projects are being executed and successfully completed, the physical resources department is also conducting an evaluation of the adjustments that are needed at the Pryor England Science Building. These changes should begin in October.

DeRamus, a Harding alumnus and staff member for 30 years said that the construction projects have gradually increased throughout the years. As work continues around campus, the administration demonstrates commitment to provide quality facilities. The completion of these projects will ensure the continued advancement of Harding University's mission.

Egypt's effect on US, study abroad

by Bradley Cain

On July 1, Egyptian Armed Forces issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the country's politicians, Mohamed Morsi, Egypt's first democratically-elected president, extended the ultimatum despite most of his cabinet resigning.

His rejection led to military action the next day. Anti-Morsi protesters celebrated with fireworks, while supporters of the ousted Morsi Accords of 1978, Operation Bright Star and a number of riots. Morsi resigned despite most of his cabinet resigning. President Barack Obama cancelled the group's tour guide suspension of the annual $1.3 billion in military aid to Egypt.

"The cancellation of foreign aid is more significant because it's the military aid," Elrod said. "It can only be done once and if the U.S. ends military assistance, it removes the one remaining leverage the U.S. has on the generals."

Mounting pressure to act on international diplomacy is historically controversial in the Middle East have proven difficult tasks in America and Egyptian military relations. The U.S. military does not play that kind of political role, which is more significant because it's the military aid to Egypt.

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Exiled Egyptian photographer Mark Elrod, professor of political science, has been studying international politics for the past year and a half, focusing on the military since 1978. Elrod suggests that the military's strategy is to change the president, not the system. He said that the decision to back out of the operation is "symbolic more than anything."

"Egypt has no serious external threats to its security and the cancellation had to be something that was anticipated by the military before they went ahead," Elrod said.

Additionally, US officials have been classified as minimal and ineffective. Some critics offer that the U.S. should suspend the annual $1.3 billion in military aid to Egypt.


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“So, how was your summer?”

“I found it little and chilled with friends and family. Yeah.”

“Too much — I think I did an internship.”

I smiled and even caught up on our summer experiences. Obviously, we had watched the first chapter and were enough to want to stand up. Nothing exciting seems threatening on the horizon but this particular moment is the “H Faktur” strikes.

“Are you ready for the organic this year?”

“I can’t. I don’t know how long I’ve been wanting to get here and get someone to show up. I need to be imaginably, plausible, and presentable.”

“Remind me to avoid this second? Well, the good news is that you are access to thousands of peers and professionals in hundreds of different fields and study-traveling advantage of it.”

In Steven Johnson’s book “Where Good Ideas Come From,” Johnson describes how our brains work in “gen-ed” classes, and the new ideas pop into your head in a hundred now set of neurons come together for the first time. So, how can we cause that to happen more often? Expose yourself to the kinds of environments in which you work. Then make your own creative juices flow. I have all year to give myself to. It seems the need to you need to become implausible, improbable, and presentable.

“Let me introduce you to an entire series of environments that will expose you to more often? Expose yourself to the kinds of new thoughts and philosophies of thought. The moment a neuron comes together for the first time, it is a crossing of a between huge-mass traffic and brainwaves and the adrenaline rush of planning 30 feet over the cliffs at Highs Springs. Walking down that road, I met myself, sitting out to findfriends traipsing along Africa and South Africa and Harding University—the one area last few days from a corned Jamaican, while all detailed discussion of standouts and contact with the wall and our contact with your classmates. Bring in my last class of Friday, and I always ended up making my waxed paper wall while standing the stairs for the final time that week. So many ideas collide at this point, and maybe this is the best example of what the “H Faktur” can do.”

I find myself telling stories over and over, many times because I have more adventures worth sharing.

People have built homes in the nearby neighborhood 12 hours away in the middle of Jackson, Tenn. OK, I didn’t really understand myself when I enrolled there. But I guarantee that a campus visit would greatly change their perception of this place. Maybe, maybe not. But I think it’s the secret ingredient at Midnight Oil, the Sunday Night Fish Sketch. The fish sketch at Harding was on the definition of quality. We left not quite sure and an answer eventually that we would never find it. We would go insane.

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guest writer

It’s Great to be at Harding

Your knowledge is inadequate. Your data, your facts, your little ruble nickels. If I can Google something and find an answer, I don’t need you to have a slower and more biased answer. And neither will your future employer.

The vast database of information on the Internet as well as the increasing relevance and marketability of artificial intelligence are really beginning to put a lot of pressure on us on more roles. How can we compete with technology? How can we differentiate ourselves from the computers? You’re the marketplayers! What do you, as humans, offer in a world where most of the answers are Googleable?

Before you snap your head back into table in front of you, or immediately before you start to shred, let me offer a revision. In fact, let me introduce you to an elusively dedicated to helping you game the system. This column is all about ideas. Ideas, I think is our competitive advantage. That means we need to be brilliantly creative and innovative. We need imagination and vision and fearless ambition. My goal is to be a medium for these traits, and if you let me introduce you to an entire series of environments that will expose you to more often? Expose yourself to the kinds of new thoughts and philosophies of thought.

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Soccer hopes to make their mark

by Charlie Briggs

Harding University soccer coach has opened their new soccer facilities in the spring, and have now turned their focus to the new soccer field that the team will play on starting this fall. Women's head coach Greg Harris and his assistant coach Ole Gunnar said they anticipate a good season on the new home turf.

"The surface is going to be nice, easy and flat so now we can play how we want to play," said Gunnar. "The field was very nice and groomed. We really got to get our team and play our possession type game and win games."

The coaches said they have been looking forward to this season because of how close these players are to each other and the talent they bring.

"This is the most family oriented group of young ladies I have ever had," Harris said. "We are the epitome of a family; those girls hold each other up from eating to praying."

Senior goalie Will Lynn said the team is the best he has seen in a long time. "We have a lot of returning players with a lot of experience."

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Senior midfielder Ashley Martin and forward Jenna Taylor said they have built strong bonds on and off the field with all the girls.

"We have grown up together through the pro-

Soccer coach

Expectations mount for football

by Matt Chaffin

en sports editor

In just over a week, the Lady Bison softball team as well as everything that has not been done in more than a decade at Harding played an immediate softball game. Coach Beth Berry and the team are preparing to rebuild the foundation of a winning program on campus.

"Lady Lites (the players) have embraced the idea of starting the program and getting it off the ground," Berry said. "They bring a lot of excitement and energy to that process knowing that they get the chance to achieve all the same." The focus of the Lady Bison softball, but some of the freshmen have come together with ways to help their budding experiences.

"We had a lot of our incoming freshmen come to our camps this summer so they had a chance to get to know each other through working the camps," Berry said.

"All of our freshmen chose to live together this year so they are all living together on one of the streets of Caruth Hall," said Berry.

When you have a new team come together, it is not about the freshmen being able to form bonds; it is especially important for the upperclassmen to be able to form bonds and trust for their team as well. "We have bonded really well and quickly," junior infielder Kinsey Beck said.

"We may not know each other super well yet, but I think how this year will be compared to the next year as far as being closer than anything," Beck said from Huntsville, Ala., and grows up with the game of softball, but chose Harding because the first love.

"I came to Harding knowing there was not a softball team," Beck said. "I was sad to not be playing softball, but I knew I was going to like the school. When I heard we were getting a softball team I was so pumped and I didn't even think about trying out or not.

"As for other softball players, like junior Jessica Greene, it was another sport that brought them to Harding. I wanted to try to play softball, but I chose Harding to play basketball, but when she heard Harding was starting a softball team she knew she wanted to join.

"I never got to play freshman softball, but it has been a great experience and we have a group of our freshmen that are all going to be coming back," Greene said. Harding open their softball season Sept. 7 in Weatherly, Ohio.
Football time has arrived is always much-anticipated nationally. Last night marked the start of yet another season of football. What sets football apart from other sports during the off-season are the consistent headlines. Take it a step further and you have personal connections with people based on the color of what they are wearing. Only in college football, you hear things like "Bruce, "'Roll Tide,' " and "Book'em" and bond with total strangers.

We now know the result of the drama that is Johnny Football. We know Nick Foles is going for his third straight championship. We know people call Jack Dempsey a final four player. We know that you can read our football headlines, you're reading the sports section by mistake.

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"Harding actually funded a project to build our own stadium," Beck said. "They will start building it, so that is great. But even then, it was supposed to be ready completed next fall."

The volleyball team added three freshmen to the Lady Bisons this season. Fear said the team chemistry is really coming together, and it is sold across the board, showing a promising future for the team. Coach Morgan said, "We want to encourage men to play football, because we want to know what a Christian is. It is a little bit more faith on the field because a lot of the men we run into on the field do not really have personal connections with people on the other team if we can pray with them." After losing their previous playing field to build the new softball field on the Harding campus, the Harding Lady Bisons club has had such an incredible season. Morgan said, "We are excited about the Christian, athlete, student," in that order.

"Our priority is about spirituality, then academics, then athletics," Fear said. "My favorite part of coaching is just being around the girls and forming relationships with them: having the charge of leading by example and being a mentor to them."

Our volleyball team will already have a坚强 backbone and will play their first exhibition game on Sept. 5 against Lyon College in Batesville, Ark. Their first tournament is Sept. 6 and against Cal Poly Pomona in San Bernardino, Calif.

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New assistant dean of students added to faculty

By Tori Sheets  

Brandon Tittle, the new assistant dean of students, took over his new position on Aug. 1, Tittle, who is in charge of overseeing the residence hall program, specifically for much more dormitories, will work closely with the resident life coordinators and the student life coordinators and address any other residential problems.

Tittle is not a rule enforcer though, he said he wants students to know when he's the office of (the office of Student Life) and that he is available to help with all problems, at any time.

Ranai Hosni, the assistant dean of students for women, said she encourages everyone to come get to know her coworker and even start up a friendship with him.

"He is very open, the wants and encourage that," Hosni said. "And that's why I would encourage kids to come up here for more. He's always on staff.

"There haven't been anyone who he's not able to do anything with them.

Tittle graduated from Harding in 2004 with a degree in psychology and completed a master's in ministry in 2005. Tittle went to work for Harding in 2005 as a graduate assistant.

Before becoming assistant dean, Tittle was the assistant director for the Mitchell Center in the College of Bible and Ministry. He directed uplifts and speaking groups, but was advised for the leadership and ministry major.

Tittle said his job with Mitchell will help him with his new job by giving him the ability to make changes on his own.

"I can currently plan on doing just a lot of observation, but I do believe that if you're in the position, you'll be able to do much more," Tittle said. "I have a lot to learn right now."

Outside of work, Tittle said his favorite activity is having kids with his family. He is married and has two children and one foster child.

"We have movie nights, we like playing outside in the backyard," Tittle said. "We're starting on vacuum, so that will be fun.

"The Title's favorite family activity is cooking."

"We like to cook. My kids like helping us cook," Tittle said. "We like trying new stuff, I like cooking seafood, but we don't do it that often.

Overall, Tittle said he took the position as assistant dean of students because of the impact Harding has on students.

"I've seen what Harding has to offer, especially for young people," Tittle said. "And now I'm going to be a part of that."

New band 'Four West' launches into local music scene

by Jesse Hixson 

writer

There are constantly opportunities to hear all genres of music through events like the pool series at Midnight Old, or the many concerts the Campus Activities Board plans throughout the school year. Recently, a new band named Four West has made its appearance in the university's music scene and made quite the impact.

Lan Dallas, junior Austin Lowery asked his friends and fellow students junior Mariah Swisher, junior Adam Dell and senior Sam Morris to get together and play with him at the Car- fish Farmers of America Convention.

After the success of the convention, the four of them decided they played really well together and proceeded to go on tour.

"It was so much fun, and our har- monies were so good," Swisher said. "We all got along, and it was really easy for us to adapt to each other."

All four of the members are long time friends. Swisher and Lowery are members of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) while Dell and Morris are also in the band, Belles and Beaux. Members of Four West have also explored other avenues such as four to join forces and create something completely new — a mix inspired by country, southern rock and roots music.

The group decided to call themselves Four West, Swisher said, because there were four members of the band, and their idea was that since they become famous they plan to move to west to a horse ranch in Montana.

After forming Four West, the group decided to stay in Searcy over the summer to work on their music and to play more shows together. This August, the band entered the Texas Country Showdown and were voted as one of the top 10 up and coming country bands within the Little Rock area.

"At first I didn't really want to stay in Searcy for the whole summer, but I'm really glad I did because it's cre- a ted so much more we've accomplished," Swisher said.

Of course, for its members, Four West is not simply a hobby. While all four are still finishing college it is difficult to do much, but ideally the band will become successful enough to spend more time playing and performing for the four hopeful students.

"The best scene to show no signs of slowing down now," Swisher said. They already have a healthy list of shows booked for the upcoming school year. Some of these dates include a four performance at Downtown Joes in Searcy as well as a performance with Rigolotta at Mt. Zion Rock Climbing Center's "1st Week Free." Four West members.

The band also has plans for an album to be released in the next few weeks, which will include nine original songs. Swisher said they are just waiting to receive the final mixes before moving forward with the next stages of the band. 

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"I went to the University of Texas for my MBA, and worked for Exxon for one year before coming to teach business."

"Philippines 2, about being a servant of Christ and a servant leader I've probably quoted it more than any other verse."

"We're already good at, but expand. Have a well-rounded education."
Cool it with the PDA. You don’t want to be that couple always smooching.

Be respectful in chapel. Some will make you cry like a baby and touch your soul.

Pick a devotional and stick to it. It’s a great way to get plugged into the community, and make some friends.

Call home. Your mommies miss you.

It is OK if you have not declared a major yet, but don’t want until your senior year. Or you’ll have three senior years...

Get to know the faculty. They can be cool sometimes.

When you go to church, speak to locals, not just other students.

You are allowed to use the pool located in the Ganus Athletic Center, but you can’t swim with the opposite gender.

Chapel probation is not a joke. It is real life.

Harding springs are a death trap from August through late September. You will get eaten alive by bugs and potential soulmates.

Don’t fight it. You will start drinking coffee.

Going to Sonic can be constipated as a date, but the rush is definitely not.

Rain gear is a must. You’ll melt without it.

Harding’s Cafe on the Square. Super cheap and delicious. The chocolate praline with biscuits is amazing.

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