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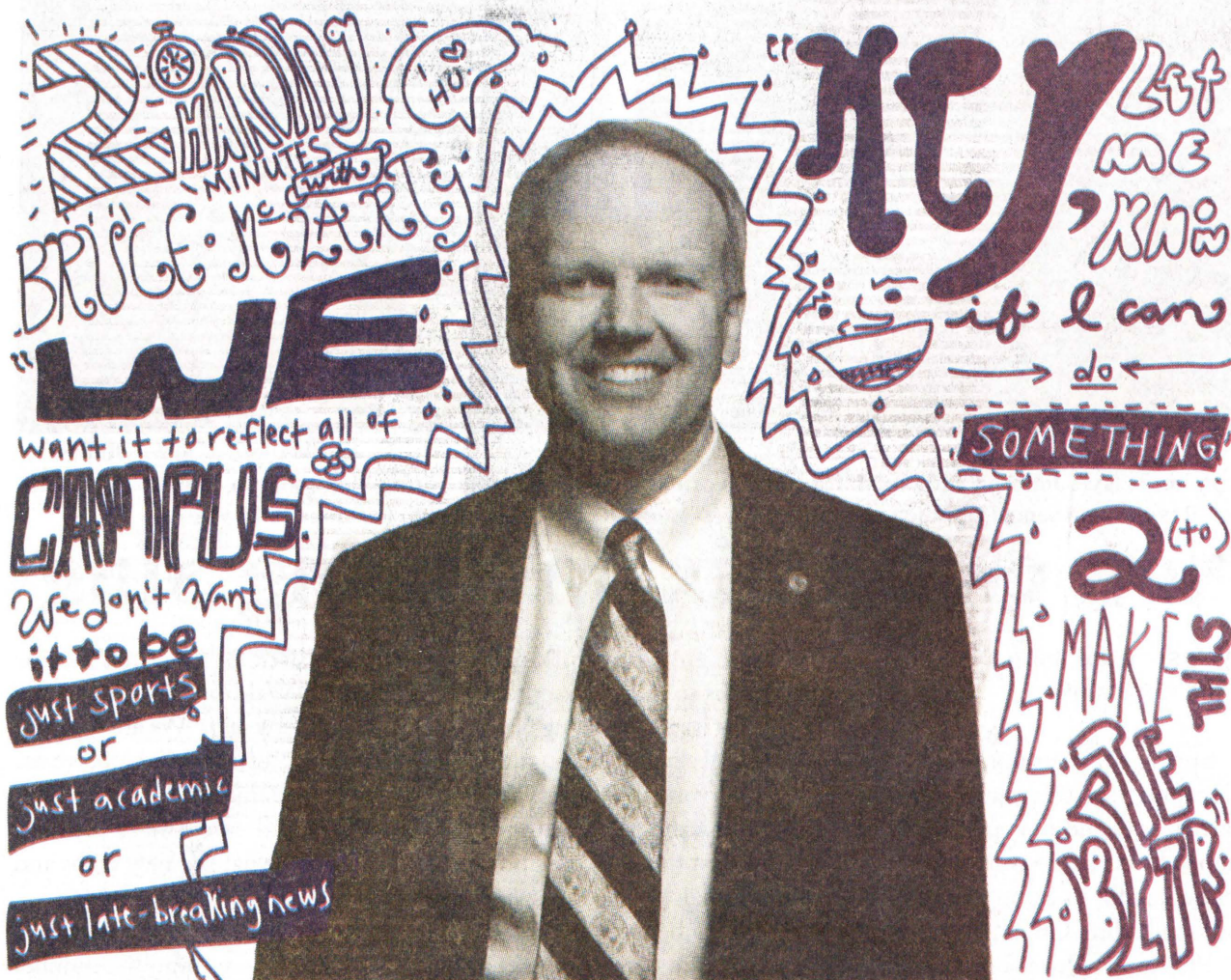


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Video series with McLarty to focus on campus news

by Shelby Daniel
student writer

On Jan. 14, Harding introduced the first video in their new online series titled "2 Harding Minutes with Bruce McLarty" in which President Bruce McLarty reports on recent campus news. According to McLarty, the series was created to keep alumni and potential Harding students updated on major achievements and events that have happened around campus.

"I had seen that the president of the University of Arkansas had done a clip, and I'm thinking his was maybe a five or six minute thing, but I just thought it was really well done, and I thought that there was real possibility there," McLarty said.

McLarty said after deciding the video series was something he was

interested in doing, he contacted David Crouch, director of public relations, to find out his thoughts on the idea.

"It's always nice that the president is on top of these technical ideas and wanting to participate and wanting to learn," Crouch said. "He wants to be able to get the Harding message out, and he knows that social media and YouTube and these kinds of things are the way to get it out."

In the first video, McLarty reports from the floor of the Rhodes Field House about the basketball team's recent success, enrollment numbers and the commencement ceremonies for both semesters. McLarty said the content in each video will be about different areas of campus each time.

"We want it to reflect all of campus," McLarty said. "We don't want it to be just sports or just academic

or just late-breaking news."

The entire process, from choosing topics to posting the completed video, is done with a team of five people. Crouch, McLarty, Multimedia Producer Tim Hamilton and Production Manager Mark Prior film and edit the videos with help from Hannah Owens, who directs news services for the public relations department.

"Everybody had a part in making it happen," Hamilton said. "Everybody felt very at ease with Dr. McLarty in making suggestions, just because he said first thing 'Hey, let me know if I can do something to make this better.' He was just very open to our ideas."

Alumni, potential students and friends of Harding can look forward to seeing the next video in early February. The videos are on Harding's YouTube and Vimeo channels.

Three arrested after Searcy J.C. Penney shooting

by Lyndsey Ruble Nuckols
editor-in-chief

Suspects in a recent shooting in the Searcy J.C. Penney parking lot were arrested after a police car chase last Saturday in Arkansas and Texas.

According to an Arkansas Online report, the car chase began when an Arkansas trooper tried to initiate a traffic stop. Arkansas State Police Lt. Brady Gore said the vehicle accelerated and crossed the Arkansas-Texas border, leading officers from both states on the chase. Johnny Patton, 27, and Amanda Hampton, 27, both of Arlington, Texas, and a third unnamed suspect were arrested when the car struck a curb and was forced to a stop.

Searcy Police Department spokesman Cpl. Steve Hernandez told Arkansas Online that the description of the three matched that of suspects in a Friday night shooting around 7 p.m. in the Searcy J.C. Penney parking lot. Searcy resident Shane Looney, 40, sustained a gunshot wound to the stomach.

It's scary for sure. That's why when we clock out, we all walk together to our cars, and our managers don't leave until everyone is in their car, driving away. I feel safe with the people I work with, but you can't help (but) feel uneasy.

-Jeslyn Willis,
senior and J.C. Penney employee

Senior Jeslyn Willis, who works at J.C. Penney and was working at the time of the incident, said she was at the back entrance and did not hear the gunshots. Willis said the police asked her a few questions about whether she had heard anything, and they later blocked off the parking lot. By the time Willis left work at 9:30 p.m., the lot was clear.

"It's scary for sure," Willis said. "This is the third violent crime in that strip in the past few months. That's why when we clock out, we all walk together to our cars, and our managers don't leave until everyone is in their car, driving away. I feel safe with the people I work with, but you can't help (but) feel uneasy."

Police said Looney was planning to meet someone in the parking lot to sell a ring he had listed on Craigslist. Looney went to White County Medical Center and was in stable condition by late Friday night.

According to a statement from the Searcy Police Department, Patton will be charged with aggravated robbery, and Hampton will be charged with accomplice to aggravated robbery. Patton and Hampton will both be charged with first-degree battery. The third unnamed individual will not be charged.

Looney's shooting was the second to occur in the shopping center parking lot in the last five weeks.

Lisa Carr remembered for positivity, kindness, strength

by Alexis Hosticka
news editor

After seven and a half years of battling cancer, Pi Theta Phi social club sponsor Lisa Carr died Sunday, surrounded by her family.

A memorial service will be held in her honor today at 4 p.m., in the Family Life Center at Downtown Church of Christ.

During Lisa Carr's time at Harding, she held a home Bible study with hundreds of different Harding students and made a lasting impact on many of them.

Junior Natalie Heyen began attending Lisa Carr's Bible study during her freshman year.

"She was so wonderful, gracious, kind and genuine," Heyen said. "She was so positive it's hard to describe her in just one word. She was so good at looking at the good side of things and helping others see that good side."

Heyen met her fiancé Jamie Carr, Lisa Carr's son, because of this Bible study. Heyen said that she asked Jamie Carr about how his mom was doing one day at school, which led to their friendship and later engagement.

PTP used their meeting time on Monday night to honor Lisa Carr and her legacy. PTP member senior Kallys Mitchell said the club spent time singing,

praying, sharing scripture and sharing stories about how Lisa Carr impacted them. By using Google Hangouts, many PTP alumnae took part in the meeting as well. Mitchell described it as "an emotional but beautiful night, knowing that she is no longer in pain."

"God used (Lisa Carr) as a tool not only in my life, but in the lives of so many others," Mitchell said. "I know my life would never be the same had I not met her, because she taught me a lot about the power of prayer, forgiveness and loving others and myself unconditionally."

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Softball prepares to make history with start of first season.

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Searcy aims to raise tax

by Alexis Hosticka
news editor

On Feb. 11, Searcy residents will go to the polls to vote on a 1 percent sales tax increase.

Current Searcy sales tax is 8.5 percent, but only 0.5 percent of that is a local sales tax. The raise would bring it up to a total 9.5 percent and then sunset after eight years, meaning it would return to a .05 percent local sales tax.

According to www.searcy.com, about 42 percent of the tax would go to streets and drainage, 29 percent to police and fire departments and 13 percent to parks and recreation, with the remainder spread among other areas.

According to Fox News, "the new tax would bring in roughly \$6 million a year for the next eight years."

The current 0.5 percent rate was set in 1994 and has not been adjusted since.

Junior Garrett Knight, a Kensett, Ark., resident, supports the sales tax increase because of the benefits he believes the city would see by implementing it.

"Who could say 'no' to better roads and support for this city's great police and fire departments?" Knight said. "From what I understand

about the situation, the city's 0.5 percent sales tax just isn't cutting it anymore. If Searcy residents truly care about the fate of their city, they will vote for this sales tax increase."

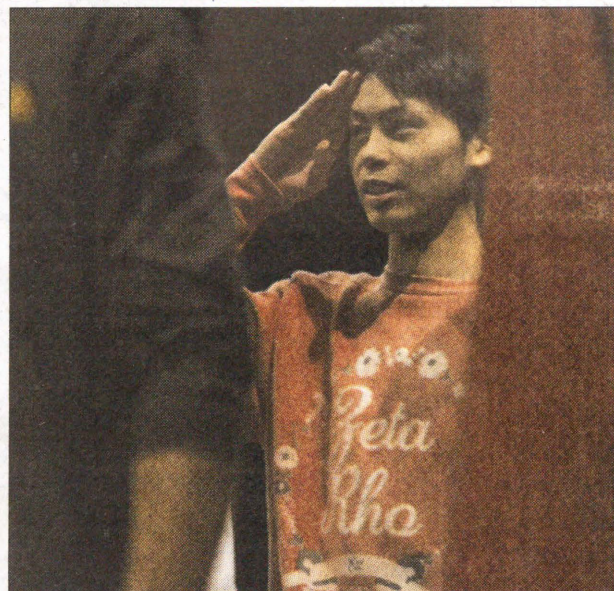
Knight said that although a 1 percent increase may seem small, it is still very important.

"This proposed tax increase is a great example of why people should pay attention to the 'small' votes and to what their local governments are doing," Knight said. "If you don't look at the details of what programs this proposal is supposed to benefit, you might be alarmed at the idea of our city's sales tax tripling."

Junior Mallory Sword agreed with Knight that only benefits could stem from the increase.

"From what I understand, that last tax increase was in 1994, so I think this is long overdue," Sword said. "I think it's also a great opportunity for Searcy to use the funds from the tax increase to improve the city and help Searcy be a more progressive city."

Early voting will begin Feb. 4, and details about locations are available at www.searcy.com.



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Sophomore Kyle Johnson and junior Tin Nguyen practice for the Knights Spring Sing show on Jan. 29. The American Revolution-themed production will be the first show the men's social club has done in 14 years.

New clubs mix up Spring Sing

by Joshua Johnson
editorial assistant

Spring Sing groups are beginning practices this year with new participants and new pairings. Phi Kappa Delta, a new women's club, is rehearsing for its Spring Sing debut with clubs Iota Chi and Shantih.

Phi Kappa Delta added its name to the list of Harding social clubs this past semester, and the club's Spring Sing director is freshman Claire Perry.

"We're super excited," Perry said. "We weren't sure at first if Spring Sing would even be an option for us this year, but we're proud to represent this club and be part of something big."

About 50 participants are in the Phi Kappa Delta, Iota Chi and Shantih group.

Sophomore Meredith Sanders is one of Iota Chi's Spring Sing directors, taking part in what is Iota Chi's first all-girl show in club history.

"We're enjoying working with these clubs so much," Sanders said. "We're not used to working with only girls, but we're having an amazing time. Everyone is easy to teach and willing to learn. We want to make this the best show we possibly can."

Rehearsals are in full swing for the eight club shows this year.

"From the directors' meetings so far, all of the clubs seem to have great ideas," Sanders said. "I think it's going to be a competitive year."

Cindee Stockstill, producer for Spring Sing 2014, says she is looking forward to the new features of this year's show.

One anticipated addition is the reappearance of Knights, who have not been involved in Spring Sing for 14 years. Their theme is the American Revolution.

"The goal is to bring new things to the stage for Spring Sing and stand out so far apart from everybody else, because I feel like that is

characteristic of Knights," junior Harrison Waldron, director of the Knights show said. "We are typically the outside-of-the-box club; we are trying to be unique."

Stockstill said she is looking forward to what the new clubs and groups have in store.

"The number of participating clubs has gone up, and the number of participants has obviously gone up as well, so our expectation levels are high," Stockstill said. "But our levels of excitement are high as well."

Other new pairings this year include men's club Omega Phi joining Delta Gamma Rho, Chi Omega Pi and Zeta Pi Zeta, and men's club Sigma Nu Epsilon joining Ko Jo Kai and Ju Go Ju.

Stockstill said exciting new technology is also in store for those who attend Spring Sing 2014.

"There will be some surprises this year in the technological aspects of the show," Stockstill said.

Coffee plus music



HENRY GONZALEZ | THE BISON

Joshua Powell and the Great Train Robbery performs for the first Midnight Oil porch series of the semester on Jan. 24. The free concert drew a crowd of Harding students to enjoy southern music.

CARR, continued from 1A

Mitchell's words about Lisa Carr are echoed by others, including 2011 graduate and PTP alumna Ashley Reeves.

"She was just a spiritual giant in my life, I guess you could say: a spiritual mentor to me," Reeves said.

Through her battle with cancer, Lisa Carr remained spiritually strong.

"She took it one day at a time, and she never really felt defeated," Heyen said. "She saw it as 'this is how I'm feeling today,' and that verse that says each day has troubles of its own, that's how she lived. She never let herself

worry about tomorrow and let that day worry for itself."

Lisa Carr and her husband Tom Carr attended Harding in the late 1970s, and soon after they met, he realized that she was more than just a pretty face.

"When I met her I thought she was cute and sweet — not bad reasons to like a girl — but the more I got to know her, I saw a spiritual depth that I had never seen in someone my age and I loved it," Tom Carr said. "She was a fantastic life partner to me and I realize it's a cliché, but she truly was my best friend."



BEYOND THE BUBBLE

D.C. — A petition asking the White House to deport Justin Bieber because of his "terrible influence" has received over 167,000 signatures, warranting a response from the White House. The White House responds to petitions that receive 100,000 signatures. A counter petition has received 3,000 signatures.

ATLANTA — A few inches of snow wreaked havoc on Georgia roads. According to CNN, schools, businesses and the government dismissed at the same time on Tuesday, causing traffic congestion leading to over 1,000 accidents and six deaths. Some commuters spent 10-15 hours on the roads on Tuesday night.

SOCHI, Russia — With the Olympics starting in about a week, SFGate news says that the games may attract the fewest U.S. spectators in 20 years. Thirty percent of tickets are still unsold, compared to the Vancouver Olympics where 97 percent of tickets were sold.

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LYCEUM: QUINK
A DUTCH VOCAL QUARTET PERFORMS MEDIEVAL TO MODERN MUSIC (\$3).

FEB. 14, 7 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION AUDITORIUM
LYCEUM: BALTIMORE CONSORT MUSICAL ENSEMBLE WILL PERFORM LOVE SONGS OF THE BRITISH ISLES, FRANCE, SPAIN, ITALY AND THE NEW WORLD.

MARCH 20, 7 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION AUDITORIUM
LYCEUM: NAVY SEA CHANTERS A CHORAL WING OF THE U.S. NAVY BAND WILL PERFORM A WIDE VARIETY OF REPERTOIRE.

FEB. 13, 7:30 P.M.
BENSON AUDITORIUM
AMERICAN STUDIES INSTITUTE: LT. COL. DAVE GROSSMAN AUTHOR OF PULITZER PRIZE-NOMINATED "ON KILLING" WILL SPEAK ON THE INCREASE IN VIOLENCE IN OUR NATION, INCLUDING SCHOOL SHOOTINGS.

MARCH 19, 7:30 P.M.
BENSON AUDITORIUM
AMERICAN STUDIES INSTITUTE: DR. BENJAMIN S. CARSON SR., RENOWNED PROFESSOR OF NEUROSURGERY, ONCOLOGY, PLASTIC SURGERY AND PEDIATRICS AT JOHN HOPKINS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

APRIL 4, 7 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION AUDITORIUM
LYCEUM: ARKANSAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE PART OF THE ARKANSAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WILL BE PERFORMING SELECTIONS FROM THE "FOUR SEASONS" OF VIVALDI AND PIAZZOLLA.

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Make A Difference With A Positive Attitude

marianna woodruff



guest writer

I walked into Office Depot to print off my family's Christmas cards. I had never been responsible for this task before, so I was nervous. It's an important task. Hundreds of family friends receive this card—friends that only know what you look like because of these cards.

Anyway, I walked up to the printing counter and began to tell the saleswoman what I needed. To put it lightly, she didn't take well to me not knowing what labels were correct for Office Depot printers. I guess I'd say she had a pretty bad attitude. I eventually got the cards and labels printed and left, but her attitude influenced me.

On my drive home, I had a nice long train of thought. It was all about the effect each individual person has on hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people on this Earth and

how a positive attitude is always a must.

I look at life as a big picture. That's probably because I love taking pictures and being in them. I hang them on my walls in my room and I put them in albums so I can look through my past whenever I please. The cool thing about pictures is that there's always more than one person in them. (Well, in my case. I don't print off pictures of me by myself.) Pictures are filled with people you love, places you cherish and memories you'll never forget. The people in these pictures are friends and family who I have had an influence on at one time or another. If I could guess, I wouldn't have many people in my pictures if I had a bad attitude.

Life is one big picture with lots of people in it. A picture filled with people that you look up to and people that look up to you. A good attitude reflects Christ and will leave a lasting impression on the people that you know for five minutes and the people you know for a lifetime.

A good attitude improves your confidence, self-esteem and quality of life. A bad attitude influences others as well. Sometimes a bad attitude can even leave a lasting impression. However, a bad attitude is worthless. So why spend your time influencing others for the worse when it can be for the better?

The saleswoman at Office Depot had no idea her bad attitude would influence me the way it did. Instead of making me have a bad day, it made me work harder to make sure every day is a great day, one worth living.

Having a good attitude creates a life full of love, laughter and happiness for you and everyone around you. So make today a great day. You'll be happy you did. And so will the customers at Office Depot.

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Footwear 101: The Cult of Chacos

holly bohnett



guest writer

People often question my philosophy behind wearing sweaters, pants, thick socks and chunky boots almost every day of the year. But the simple truth is I'm probably cold. And if I'm not, I anticipate being cold at some point in the day. So, this is my disclaimer: I realize the following viewpoint is specific to me (and fellow cold-natured humans), and I do not in any way plan to impose these beliefs on others or convince them to convert to my lifestyle. The fact is, my cold tendencies mean I do not appreciate Chacos.

I grew up in the Pacific Northwest and had never heard about said footwear until that fateful first day of my freshman Bible class. I turned to my two-day-old friend (he was not two days old; we had been friends for two days) and noticed he just picked up a box from the mail center. I innocently asked him what was inside,

expecting a care package from his mom or some books from Amazon, but instead I met his valiant response: a new pair of Chacos. I told him that I had never heard of his beloved shoes. His jaw dropped (accompanied by a chorus of "really?" from surrounding eavesdroppers) because of my ignorance about only the coolest and most practical shoes ever. Allegedly, these indestructible shoes are so practical because if it rains, the water slides right on through one's toes and back into the river of life. He then unveiled the mysterious shoes from the box, hoping to inspire me with their impressive physique. I was dumbfounded. I thought this was a practical joke the whole class had schemed against me, the ignorant outsider student.

At that moment, I had a flashback to my dad's chunky rubber sandals with Velcro straps called "Tevas." He wore them on various kayaking adventures during my childhood Seattle summers. And that's exactly where I felt these newly discovered "Chacos" belonged: on my dad's feet in a river between the years 1990

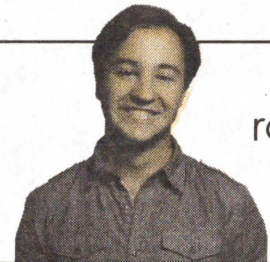
and 1998. He would sometimes wear socks underneath for special occasions.

This brings me to my next point of discussion: socks and Chacos, or what I like to call "Sockos." Though I understand this is a rare combination, I have seen it happen before, and it must be mentioned—and stopped.

Let's go back to the frozen state I live in every day. I don't remember the last time my toes have seen the light of day. I rarely wear open-toed shoes, and that includes sandals, flip-flops and, of course, Chacos. In addition to this strong distrust for open-toed shoes, I have an equally strong admiration for socks. So, add those two opposite factors together, inspired by my cold tendencies, and you get my justified reaction to Chacos, the Tevas of the South.

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cole mokry

"I was raised by a television"

The Polar Vortex Ruined My Life

I do not, nor have I ever, particularly liked winter. The only thing that gets me through the season is that it has to change eventually. If you see me staring into the distance as a lone tear escapes and freezes down my cheek, I'm just thinking about how much I miss summer.

Every winter I have the same irrational fear: that it will never end. Whenever it gets cold, and by cold I mean below 50 degrees, a thought creeps into my head that says, "What if this time it just decides not to get warm again?"

Scenes from the movie "The Day After Tomorrow," with Dennis Quaid and Jake Gyllenhaal, play in my head as I envision an ice age with no foreseeable end. One of my first thoughts is that my wardrobe is far from being adequately prepared for a catastrophe of these proportions.

"Which god is in charge of the weather and how big of an animal sacrifice does he or she require to end this madness?" I wonder. Before I can follow through with my plan, I am reminded that this is not ancient Egypt, so I'm back to square one.

Panic then ensues as I think about all the swimming pools I'll never float in again, all the barbecues I won't gorge myself at on the fourth of July, the screams of anguish I won't cry when my legs touch the scalding leather of my car seats and the lawns I can never mow to pay for my medicine (a daily dose of Sonic milkshakes).

Instead, I am forced to live out the rest of my days in snow-prison where everyone huddles around garbage can fires to keep warm while the temperature drops to record lows—potentially below freezing. Open-toed shoes become a thing of the past, and we all have perpetual hat hair. This is not an existence I am comfortable with in the slightest.

Growing up in a desert is what ruined the rest of the world for me. "What do you mean there are other seasons besides summer?" I remember asking angrily when my family moved to Tennessee when I was in high school.

Like I said, my fear is completely irrational. I acknowledge this. That doesn't stop me from believing it every time we have a cold snap. I will admit that my "the sky is falling" mentality is a minor overreaction to something as trivial as seasons changing.

It just breaks my heart when I wake up in the morning, look out my window and see frost on the car windshields. I can't tell you how many times I have missed chapel because of how discouraged I feel when that happens; there is really no other option but to get back in bed. Other mammals have the right idea with hibernation.

I do have to give winter some credit: it is fodder for a quality Instagram feed. There's something about cold air that makes it the perfect filter. Other than that, I fail to comprehend why the season even exists.

To my fellow fans of summer, fear not. Winter has to end at some point... Unless it doesn't. And to everyone who enjoys winter: stop.

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Take a Risk

Necessity is the mother of invention, Plato said. In other words, you aren't going to know what you're truly capable of until it's crunch time when you have no other choice and failure is imminent.

A lot of creativity and innovation is about being willing to take risks.

The whole concept of risk-taking is usually framed with negative connotations, but risk-taking isn't synonymous with recklessness and carelessness. Instead, it's a carefully thought-out and brave jump into the unknown. We so often know exactly what we want or where we want to be, but we are too afraid and risk-averse to wholeheartedly go for it.

Margie Warrell, author of several books about the links between business and psychology, detailed the ways we convince ourselves to stick to the status quo in an article published by Forbes in 2013. They included: overestimating the probability of something going wrong, exaggerating the consequences of what might happen if it does go wrong, underestimating our ability to handle consequences and denying the cost of inaction.

In terms of neuroscience, it is less taxing for the brain to follow pathways it is familiar with in order to maximize efficiency. This quick shortcut is great for making some decisions, but it can get in the way of creativity, which is all about making your brain think in ways it hasn't before.

However, if the brain encounters unfamiliar stimuli in dangerous or high-pressure situations, it is forced to produce new information and search for previously-unseen patterns in memories and stored information. Thus, new ideas and new ways to connect information are accessed.

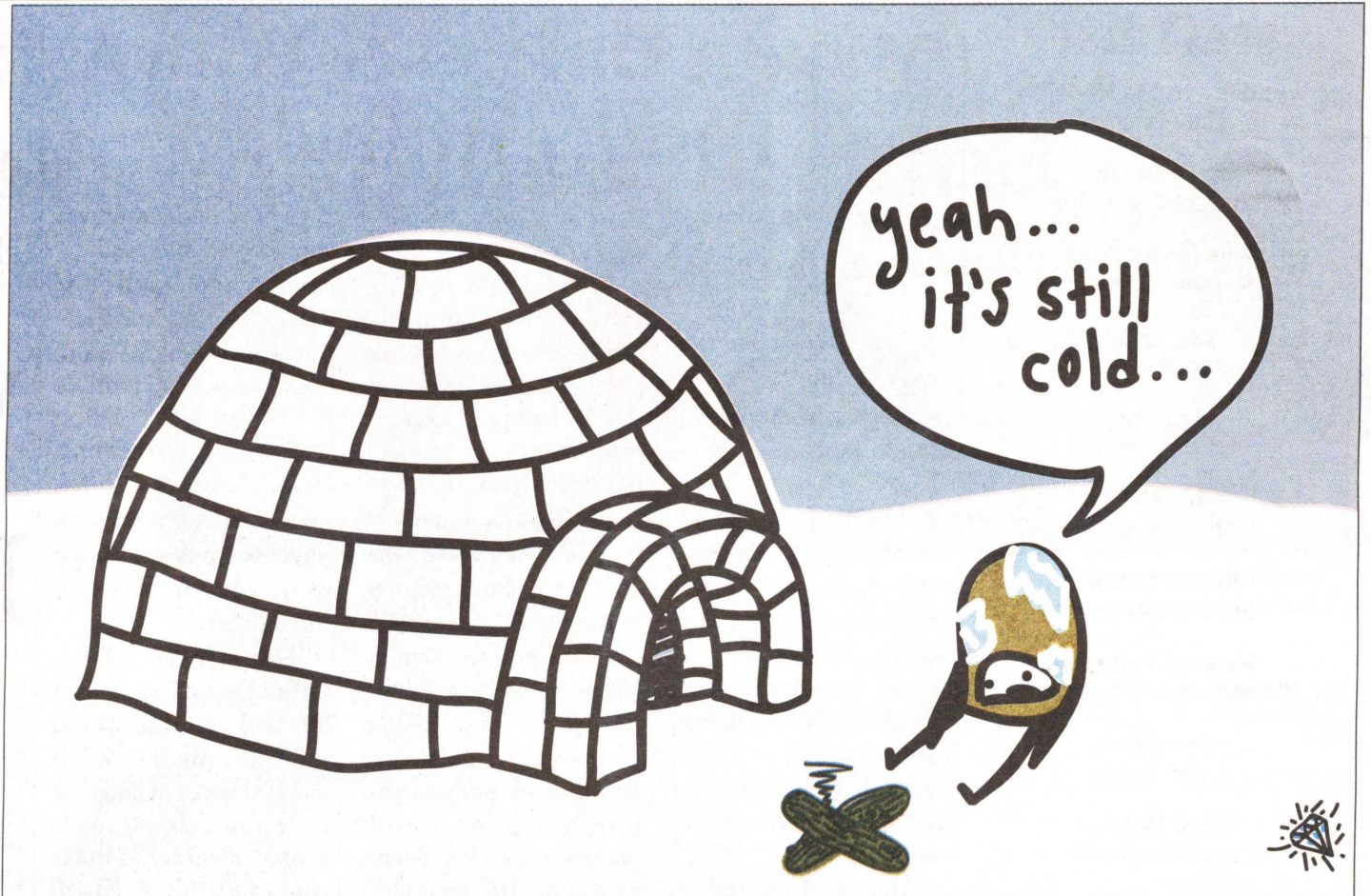
Of course, sometimes the ideas you produce will be bonkers. Don't worry. In this case, quantity of ideas is king. Accepting risk-taking and adopting a work style dedicated to creativity often means sacrificing your time and money for an idea that may not offer return on investment. Some ideas simply won't work, but every idea you produce and implement, whether it fails or flies, is teaching you more and more about what you're capable of and which ideas are worth pursuing.

Another Forbes article, published in 2012, said that time after time, study after study, "the most brilliantly creative people are also the ones with the most output."

It's not that highly creative people just have better ideas than everyone else. They simply churn out the most ideas and are more willing to take risks and bet on the fact that out of all the crazy ideas they produce, one or two of them will be something great.

So what does that mean for you? First of all, it means making a conscious decision that, no matter what, you'll try. Whether it's an idea for a creative project or an application for a dream job, I think we could all use a little more confidence in ourselves and our abilities. We've grown into adults during some of the worst economic times this country has seen, and we're more risk-averse because of it. But we're still young and excited about the world and all there is to do. We still have ideas and dreams and the time to pursue them. Now's the time to make a change and start failing, succeeding and wholeheartedly chasing what we want.

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Diary of a HUG Student

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international programs guest

Day of departure for HUG: I am staring out the window as the plane is descending. It looks like a foggy morning for Athens today, but I know we are still in the clouds. Then all of a sudden, I see trees, houses, grass and buildings. The day I have been waiting for has finally come. I have arrived in Greece. I can not wait to see the mountains and valleys that fill the land. As we walk off the plane, it still feels unreal that we are actually here. For now, I will wait until the feeling sinks in.

Arriving in Porto Rafti:

We have arrived at the Artemis. It is a small hotel that has been purchased for the Harding campus in Greece. It lies on a busy street in Porto Rafti with many small cars and motorcycles driving around quickly. There are many nice facilities here, including a gym, dining room, living room, lounge, front desk and a classroom. The town is a port to the Aegean Sea, hence the name Porto Rafti. Many shops and stores fill the streets, so walking is one of our main modes of transportation. Jet lag is not too bad, but it has definitely impacted each of us. For now, sleep calls my name, so I think I will go catch some shutteye.

Going into Athens:

Today we got to venture into Athens. We rode by bus around several major sites including the War Museum of Greece, Academy of Sciences and Arts,

National Library, Royal Parliament and the change of guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. But the best site, of course, was the Parthenon. We got to walk up and around it for about half the day. Though we were somewhat exhausted near the end, it was definitely worth it.

Overall, I have enjoyed everything Porto Rafti and the Artemis have to offer. I'm very excited for what the rest of the semester has yet to unfold for me. As of now, school work is starting to become my main focus, but the great thing is that everything here is already part of my education.

Next issue: sophomore Carrie Wingfield from HUF

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Just the Clax

App or Sap?

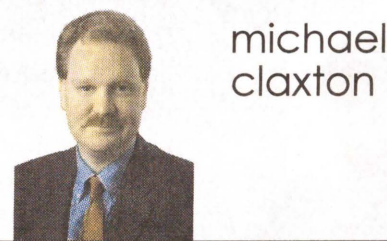
I realize that readers seldom look to this column for news about the latest smartphone apps. Sensible folks usually don't seek advice about such things from a man who keeps his \$20 Tracphone uncharged in a sock drawer most of the year. But, alas, these are troubling times.

One of the latest apps to come on the market is called "Couple." It provides a private space for you and your sweetheart to interact and exchange information only with each other. The app allows you to share calendars, instant messages, grocery lists, photos, gift suggestions (ahem!) and other personal data only with that special someone. Think of it as a table for two at Facebook. Only there's no waiter, kitchen, or spoons or forks.

On second thought, cancel that analogy. Instead, think of it as yet another way for humans to keep their social lives on electronic life support.

A tech junkie who was describing this new app on the news yesterday was practically gushing. He loved the fact that "Couple" sends anniversary reminders. He was delighted that the app's GPS makes it possible for lovers to pinpoint each other's exact location at any moment, down to the square inch. He went gaga over the sketch pad feature, where couples can play a game of tic-tac-toe or draw each other flowers.

And without the slightest hint of irony, he called it "a more intimate way to connect." Actually, it sounds to me like a way for a feckless man to remember his wife's birthday at the last possible minute and send scribbled roses. Either that, or it sounds like the perfect thing for those couples who wear matching sweaters and who register their cats to vote.



michael claxton

A web commercial for the app shows an adoring couple connected all day long, spending far more time staring longingly at their phones than being with each other. He wakes her up with a text. He interrupts her study time with a picture. He sends her a video as he walks to work. She sends him pictures of raw fish from the market. At dinnertime, as they're eating sushi together, he does something to make her mad. But later he sends an apology in the easiest, most consequence-free way possible — with a text, which she accepts because he drew a rose on it.

Perhaps the silliest feature of this app is that users can "thumb kiss" each other any time they want. Never thumb-kissed before? It's easy. First, stand at least two miles apart. Then, both of you close your eyes, press your thumbs on the screen at the same time and sigh contentedly. I'm sure it's a supremely satisfying emotional moment. At least it's sanitary. And it preserves the integrity of your lipstick.

The thumb, incidentally, was already on its way to a historic high water mark as a digit, and the "Couple" app just puts the polish on the nail. There was a time, of course, when the only people who lived by their thumbs were hitch-hikers. And Siskel & Ebert. Once upon a time, a "two thumbs down" from the legendary film-reviewing duo could sink a movie at the box office. But now, two thumbs

down is practically a smooch.

Don't you see what is happening here? How many more ways will we invent to compensate for not spending time with our alleged honey? Or how many romances will have to burn out from over-connectedness before we reintroduce personal space to the digital arena? How many people will one day be unable to interact with others during a network outage?

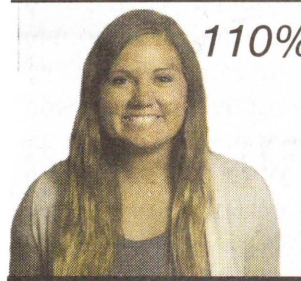
And how many high-maintenance or relationship-challenged people have just been given a technology that fuels their flaws rather than cures them? If your boyfriend is a bit thoughtless, he may get worse, now that the "Couple" app has become his own personal relationship butler. If your girlfriend is a tad clingy, she may get worse, now that she can schedule your life together down to the half-minute. The only redeeming news is that no one else will have to watch the digital melodrama play out on Facebook.

I realize that I have officially descended into a rant. And I get it — people can't always be together in person. But why is that so bad? Are you at all concerned about the way that phones seem to be dumbing down our intimate moments? Are you worried that technology is slowly squeezing out things like vulnerability and risk from our lives together? If so, there's an app for that. It's called kissing a person when you're standing on the same ever-loving spot of ground.

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Alex Ezell

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#SB48

media frenzy

Have you been paying attention lately when flipping through ESPN or social media? Sunday is the day every football fan lives for. Super Bowl XLVIII will take over the screens of millions of viewers across the world.

After media day on Tuesday, sports fans everywhere were either talking about Peyton Manning, Richard Sherman or Marshawn Lynch's record-breaking six minute and 47 second interview.

Why is media day important? Well, you can argue several sides, but here are a few moments that I found memorable or just down right hilarious.

As I mentioned already, Lynch talked to Deion Sanders for over six minutes, which is incredible for the media-shy player. Lynch was fined earlier this month after refusing to speak with any media throughout the season. Basically, the interview let critics know that he is there to do his job and play the game.

Manning was bombarded with questions ranging from postseason plans to what music he listens to before a game. It was no surprise that he handled the hour-long session with an immense amount of poise. Reporters repeatedly brought up the word "legacy," and he navigated around it. Manning said he is not going to talk about something that is still going on. He is not retired, yet (that is another story).

Sherman knows how to work it. If you had any negative thoughts about him heading into media day, they are probably gone now. Say what you will, but he was straight up endearing during his interview. He answered anything reporters threw his way. He handled racial comments with ease and made sure he was not seen as the "thug" people have made him out to be.

Last, but certainly not least, journalist Mo Rocca performed a one-handed cartwheel for gold medalist Gabby Douglas. If you have not seen this comical moment, go YouTube it right this second. Seriously, right now.

Why have I told you about these moments? Super Bowl XLVIII is sure to be one of the most memorable super bowls yet. Media day is an opportunity to remember that the players involved are human beings just like you and me; they just make a little bit more money.

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Softball ready for rookie season

Tabor Hammond
student writer

On Feb. 7, Harding University will make history. The athletic program will debut its first softball team since the program's termination in 1985. The team will be traveling to Durant, Okla., for its first game against Missouri Western State University.

According to head coach Phil Berry the team is ready to set the bar high by practicing six days a week. Two of those days, practices last up to four hours, and the remaining days the girls dedicate three hours to practice time. In the fall semester, Berry said the girls worked hard conditioning for the upcoming season.

Berry said he was honored when he was offered the opportunity to return to his alma mater and pave a new way for athletes. According to Berry, the most challenging part of starting from scratch with this new team is the inexperience of competing at the collegiate level.

"We work every day to try and make practice harder than games," Berry said. "We know that if we can put pressure on them in practice and have them step up to that (collegiate) level, then hopefully that will keep the games fun and



VIRGINIA "VIVI" VITALONE | THE BISON

Freshman Mackenzie Jones pitches during practice on Jan. 26. The Lady Bisons begin their season Feb. 7 in Durant, Okla., at the Southeastern Oklahoma State Tournament. The team will have its first home game on Feb. 21 against Southern Nazarene University.

enjoyable while enabling them to perform better on the field."

The team has a couple of upperclassman leaders: juniors Amber Rollins and Carolyn Clayton performed more competitively before joining the Lady Bisons team. Rollins, a Searcy native, is a transfer student from The University of the Ozarks where she

played softball and gained experience at the college level. Clayton, a transfer student from Weatherford College, was a two-time All-Conference player. She was also a member of the conference and regional championship team as a sophomore. While the majority of the team is freshman girls, Rollins and Clayton have presented

leadership skills by setting an example of how to find a balance between academics and athletics.

When asked if the team was nervous about competing for the first time Rollins said they are not nervous, but excited more than anything.

"We know we are going to be the under dogs and we really just want to come

out and show people what we are made of," Rollins said. "We are going to try and get as far as we can."

They hope to be as competitive as possible and do their best to make it to the conference tournament. The team will make its home debut on Feb. 21 against Southern Nazarene University.

Track and field prepares for 2014 spring season

Daniel Casella
student writer

The track and field teams' season began last Friday with a meet at Arkansas State University on Jan. 24.

Junior distance runner Dallis Bailey did not compete in the first meet, but said he looks forward to the rest of the spring season.

"I would have to say that it is not so much about going and trying to beat everyone else on the first meet," Bailey said. "We are a very young team, so this is the first collegiate meet for many of our runners. This meet is a good indicator of where we are at in our training and how to get better."

Sophomore sprinter Stephen Hedlund reflected on competing in the Texas Lone Star Conference last year and how that affects the track team's approach this season.

"It was definitely a realization that we needed to step up our game," Hedlund said. "It's one of the hardest track conferences in Division II. (Head) coach (Steve) Guymon has redesigned our workout to push us harder and drive us further."

Senior sprinter Landon

Belcher said he hopes what he accomplishes while competing provides opportunity to share his passion with other teams off the field.

"I hope to maintain a level of competitiveness along with the other members of my team," Belcher said. "And I hope in doing so that level will provide a rapport with the other teams so that we can talk with them and be able to share our faith. It's taken me four years to realize that track is a mission field in itself."

The track and field teams' overall goals for this semester, according to Guymon, are to place in the top half of the Lone Star Conference, qualify as many individuals from the team as possible to the national level, set more records and gain as many all-conference performances as it can.

Hedlund pointed his and the teams' goals back to what he believes are the purpose of track.

"We hope to be known as disciples of Christ who happen to be good runners and not good runners who happen to be disciples of Christ," Hedlund said. "Ultimately we pursue excellence in our events to honor him."

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

-Men's golf ranked fourth in GAC preseason poll.

-Women's golf selected fourth in GAC preseason poll.

-Men's track: Sophomore Corey Bassett named Lone Star Conference Men's Track Athlete of the Week after victory in the 55-meter dash at the Arkansas State Invitational.

-Men's track: Junior Ryan Cagle broke the shot put meet record at the Emory Crossplex Invitational.

-Men's track: Sophomore Jacob McDonald broke the 35-pound weight throw meet record at Emory Crossplex Invitational.

-Women's track: Junior Ewa Zaborowska won the indoor mile at Emory.

-Men's basketball fell to East Central University 74-69.

-Women's basketball ranked No. 8 in the USA Today Sports Coaches' poll.

-Women's basketball lost to East Central University 61-60 in overtime.

-Women's tennis selected second in GAC preseason poll.

-Men's tennis ranked fourth in GAC preseason poll.

-Softball opens season at the Southeastern Oklahoma State Invitational on Feb. 7.

-Baseball opens season at home on Feb. 1 against Missouri Western State University.



VIRGINIA "VIVI" VITALONE | THE BISON Sophomore guard Tarrale Watson, No. 12, makes a basket over sophomore guard Blake McNair, No. 23, during the Bisons 92-80 victory over Southern Arkansas University on Jan. 16.

Basketball continues to push forward

Reid Belew
student writer

Shane Schock
asst. sports editor

The Bisons and Lady Bisons basketball teams opened up a three game home stand starting Thursday night against Southern Nazarene University. Heading into last night's game, the men's team was sitting in fourth place in the Great American Conference with a conference record of 6-5 and an overall record of 9-8. The women's team has also found success on the court, as they have only lost one conference game so far this season. The Lady Bisons are 10-1 in GAC play, 18-1 overall, and ranked eighth in the country in Division II.

Senior guard Weston Jameson said this year has been a learning experience for both teams, and he is grateful for what he has learned this season.

"Things are never as good as it seems or as bad as it seems, but reality falls somewhere in the middle," Jameson said. "Chemistry is really critical to the success of a team."

According to senior forward Kristen Celsor, the team continues to grow stronger after every game.

"The most valuable lesson that I have learned this season is that you're not going to be handed anything," Celsor said. "We have to go out there and battle every single game, because everyone we play is a college basketball team and wants to win just as badly as we do."

Jameson said despite what lessons the team has

learned, the season is not over yet. The Bisons must continue to push forward and end the season on a high note.

"All of our goals are still in front of us," Jameson said. "We want to win conference and make a run in the NCAA tournament. A conference championship is on the line. That is all the motivation we need."

The women are also looking to make an appearance in the NCAA tournament. With the tournament just two months away, Celsor said their sights are set on working hard.

"We have to stay focused," Celsor said. "However, we are very aware that it takes more than just stepping onto the court to accomplish any goals."

According to Celsor, success on the court takes a back seat to the team's goal of glorifying God on and off the court.

"I want our team to be remembered for how we carry ourselves and represent Harding," Celsor said. "I would hope that we represent Christ and show good sportsmanship in everything we do, no matter the turnout. At the end of the day, I want our team to be remembered for glorifying God through our successes and our potential failures this season."

After last night's game against Southern Nazarene University, both teams will play at home Feb. 6 against the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rowdy Rangers. Then the Bisons and Lady Bisons will round up their three-game home stand against the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldogs on Feb. 8.

For the love of the game, not the weather

Shane Schock



guest space

The biggest game of the year is here, everyone: Super Bowl XLVIII. The Seattle Seahawks are set to take on the Denver Broncos this weekend outside in the frigid cold city of East Rutherford, N.J., at MetLife Stadium.

The biggest story the last two weeks has not been Richard Sherman's mouth, Peyton Manning's legacy or even Champ Bailey's first chance at a title 15 years into his career. The storyline hitting everyone's news feed this year has been the stadium where the game will be played.

Media sources like ESPN, SportsCenter, Fox

Sports and NFL Network have flooded the television and radio stations over the last two weeks about whether it is fair or not to play the Super Bowl in a city such as East Rutherford in February. They seem to act as though it will tarnish the game in some way.

This year's game is predicted to be played in weather as high as 46 degrees, but by kickoff the weather will be more in the mid 30s with a zero percent chance of precipitation.

Here lies the problem the public cannot stop talking about: cold weather. Fans and analysts have pounded the NFL for the site picked for this year's game and the effect the weather could have. People want the Super Bowl to be in 70-degree weather or in stadiums that have

a dome where weather cannot play a factor.

What many fans tend to forget are games like the 1967 championship, known as the "Ice Bowl", between the Dallas Cowboys and Green Bay Packers. Temperatures reached a chilling 48 degrees below with the wind chill. To this day, the game remains one of the most memorable championships in NFL history.

Football is meant to be played outside in any condition; it should not have to be played in perfect weather where the sun shines just right and the temperature sits at a perfect 75 degrees.

Super Bowl XLVIII could turn out to be a blizzard, but would that really be the worst thing? Fans and football analysts need to sit back and enjoy

the Super Bowl, because this could turn out to be one of the most memorable games the NFL has yet to offer.

Whether you like it or not, the Seahawks and Broncos could not care less what the weather brings; their main focus will be taking home the Vince Lombardi trophy and becoming the Super Bowl XLVIII World Champions.

Do not forget to turn on your TV Sunday night. You will not want to miss the best game of the year. Plus, you will get to see the commercials (and that is all most people want to see anyways, right?).

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Super Bowl XLVIII Forecast

This is the four-day East Rutherford, N.J. forecast for the Super Bowl weekend. The game is set for Sunday, Feb. 2. In case of inclement weather, the game could be postponed to any of the four dates below.

Fri. Jan. 31

39° 30°



Precipitation: 10%
Humidity: 52%
Wind: 9 mph

Sat. Feb. 1

43° 36°



Precipitation: 0%
Humidity: 64%
Wind: 8 mph

Sun. Feb. 2

46° 27°



Precipitation: 0%
Humidity: 63%
Wind: 13 mph

Mon. Feb. 3

34° 25°



Precipitation: 0%
Humidity: 49%
Wind: 10 mph

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Super Bowl Edition

Our Athletes' Views on Pop Culture

questions

Seattle Seahawks or Denver Broncos?

Do you think future Super Bowl's should be played indoors or outdoors?

If you watch the game, who will you watch it with and where?

What is your score prediction?

Who do you think the MVP will be?

Mark Claiborne
Men's Tennis



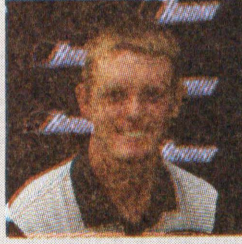
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Men's Basketball



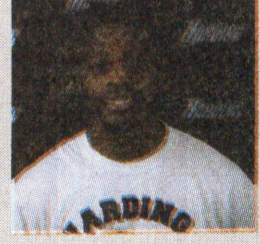
Corey Bassett
Football



Alex Williamson
Men's Golf



Donatella Luckett
Men's Track



Broncos.

Seahawks.

Seahawks.

Broncos.

I'm neutral. Can't go wrong with Manning, but the Seahawks are dynamic.

Indoors.

Indoors.

Outdoors.

Outdoors, if it is above 70 degrees.

Indoors, to avoid weather conditions.

With friends, but not sure where.

Somewhere with my team.

With my friends at Slope's house.

Somewhere with a big screen and the legendary Austin Woltman.

Daniel Riley and Michael Belins.

31-28, Broncos.

24-20, Seahawks.

28-24, Seahawks, baby!

21-17, Broncos.

38-35, Broncos.

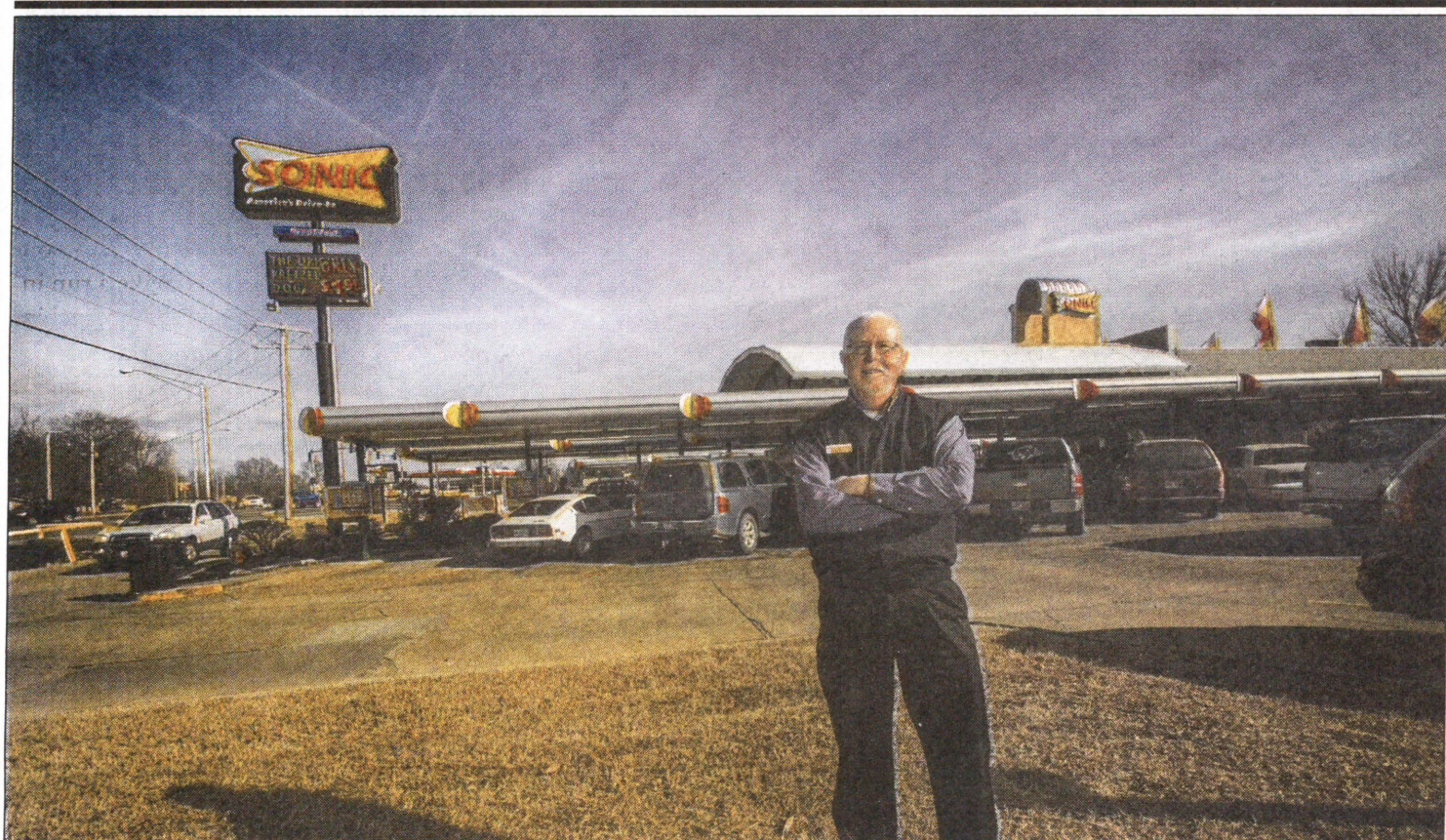
Peyton Manning.

Russell Wilson.

Marshawn "Beast Mode" Lynch.

Knowshon Moreno.

Peyton Manning.



GRANT SCHOL | THE BISON

Gene Morris is in charge of five White County-area Sonic Drive Ins, including this Sonic on West Beebe Capps Expressway in Searcy. Morris became a Sonic franchise partner in 2013 and said he enjoys serving both Harding students and members of the community.

Foreign students search for taste of home

by Kristi Soto
web editor

Attending college in a foreign country can mean adjusting to a lot of changes. For Harding international students, that foreign country is the United States, and each student has a unique story of acclimating to the culture — especially the food.

Alexa Escobar Pastor, a freshman from Honduras, said getting good food is as simple as buying flour from the grocery store.

“With the flour, I am able to make some tortillas,” Pastor said. “It reminds me of Honduras because we eat tortillas every day back home.”

Junior Ewa Zaborowska, however, said it is a challenge for her to find ingredients from Poland at a grocery store in town.

“I can’t find the specific cheese that goes in a Polish cheesecake recipe I like to make, so my mom ships me cake mix from home,” Zaborowska said. “She also ships me Polish candies for Christmas or my birthday because she knows I can’t find them here.”

One food staple Zaborowska said she misses from back home but cannot find locally is pierogi, a type of Polish dumpling.

“I have heard that there are good Polish restaurants in Chicago,” Zaborowska said. “I haven’t been yet, but I would like to go sometime and try.”

Junior Ray Zhang, a student from China, said he does not have to travel too far to find authentic Chinese food. Zhang said that his favorite Chinese restaurant in town is Asian Bistro.

“It is American Chinese food, but you can request food not found on the menu that is cooked more authentically,” Zhang said. “The owner and the cooks at Asian Bistro are Chinese, so they understand me when I make requests in Chinese.”

When Zhang is not dining out, he said he is usually cooking his own authentic Chinese food in Allen dorm.

“I am always craving fried rice,” Zhang said. “I prepare the rice in a large bowl, so I bring it up to third floor Allen and share it with the Knights guys.”

Zhang said he has had positive feedback from his friends and they have asked him to make meals for them.

“I love cooking for people,” Zhang said. “So if one of my friends in Allen has a birthday, I like to make a meal for them.”

Zhang said he was able to learn how to cook by observing his parents when they prepared home-cooked meals.

“My parents told me, ‘Ray, you have to learn how to cook for yourself because the food in the United States might not be the food that you like,’” Zhang said. “So when both of my parents would be at work, I would cook some noodles for myself.”

With a busier schedule this semester, Zhang said it is has been more difficult for him to find the time to cook so he is adjusting to American food.

“Sometimes I really miss Chinese food, but it takes time to make it,” Zhang said. “American food is a culture shock, but I will get through it.”

Students are the ‘lifeblood’ of Sonic

by Grant Schol
head photographer

Harding students have greatly benefited from the friendship they share with local Sonic Drive-Ins’ sponsoring partner Gene Morris. While overseeing five restaurants in the White County area, Morris still finds time to connect with students and provide a place for them to be together.

Morris has always been in the sales field, and after leaving Truman-Baker Dodge in Searcy in 2013, he became a Sonic franchise partner with a friend. Later that year, Morris took over five stores as a supervisor: three in Searcy, one in Bald Knob and one in McCrory.

Morris, who was raised in Cabot, said he has always been close to the Harding community.

“Harding has always been in my family,” Morris said. “It has always had a special place in my heart.”

Even though he never attended school at Harding, Morris has various family connections and ties to the university. His father and brother both attended Harding and his grandparents were major supporters.

Morris’ love for Harding at a young age has translated into his professional career. He has even employed several students who paid their way through school by working for him.

“We love when y’all come over,” Morris said. “You are our lifeblood. We know that you are not only an important part of our business but also an important part of Searcy.”

In the summer months, when the vast majority of students

are away from campus, their presence is missed by local businesses. Their absence, according to Morris, makes the school year even more important.

“It has become a very good relationship,” Morris said.

Last fall, Sonic began to sponsor various campus events by giving out bottled water and coupons.

“We try to make a difference in people’s lives everyday, and faith is a big part of our business,” Morris said. “I get to come to work everyday and not only touch the lives of the people inside my store but the customers as well. That’s what I love most about my job.”

Morris said Sonic strives to uphold strong moral values, and he wants people to know what they believe by sharing a smile and a good attitude.

“They are adamant that you know that they are glad you are there,” senior Lindsey Sloan said. “They have good attitudes, which is directly related to my good experience there.”

Not only does Morris want to offer the best service possible at his restaurant, but he also wants students to feel like it’s their space to be together.

“Sonic is just the place to go,” Sloan said. “It’s the place you go after functions; it’s the place you go after Spring Sing practice; it’s the place you go after basketball games; it’s the place you go to just be with people.”

Morris said he loves getting to know Harding students and being a positive presence in their time spent in Searcy.

“Service with a smile goes a long way,” Sloan said. “There’s a reason they are always busy.”

Claxton returns from magical sabbatical

by Matt Ryan
features editor

Dr. Michael Claxton, an associate professor of English, decided it was time to take a sabbatical from his normal duties last semester to finish researching for his upcoming book. The book, a biography of mid-20th-century performer and magician Dell O’Dell and her husband, Charles Carrer, is the product of more than seven years of research and writing.

Claxton said he became interested in magicians and sleight-of-hand performance when he was a young child, and although he was never good at performing it himself, he has long been fascinated by its history. He said he decided to write the biography of O’Dell and Carrer, who performed during the 1920s until the early 1960s, when a friend who worked in publishing showed him several old scrapbooks that once belonged to O’Dell.

Although he said he enjoyed his research, Claxton said it was a long process. It required too much of his time for him to continue teaching and writing the book at the same time, so he applied for a sabbatical.

“I did quite a bit of research and wrote drafts for a couple of chapters in the summer of 2012,” Claxton said. “But it is hard once the semester starts, because with preparing lectures and grading compositions, there is not as much time to do research. I think any faculty member will tell you trying to do research outside of teaching is a challenge.”

Claxton said he is grateful for the time he was able to take off to work on the book. While on his sabbatical, Claxton said he had the chance to work with a number of other faculty members who aided him in his research, including Dr. Noble Goss, an associate professor of foreign language. Goss helped Claxton translate more than 800 German postcards that were exchanged between Carrer and Carrer’s mother, who lived in Switzerland at the time. Goss said he found the project fascinating and was glad to spend time researching with someone from another department.

“Most of us who teach have narrow, limited fields of expertise,” Goss said. “Interdisciplinary contacts help fill in knowledge gaps. In this case I contributed my knowledge of German and learned a lot about circus and vaudeville entertainment in the pre-World War II period.”

Claxton said because O’Dell and Carrer never had children and have no living immediate family, researching the couple’s lives was like solving a difficult puzzle. Still, Claxton said he had fun digging beneath the surface as he researched about their lives.

“She was a character,” Claxton said. “She was a practical joker.

In her house, for example, if you sat down in a chair it might have rubber legs and you would fall on the floor. If you picked up the phone, you might get squirted in the face with water. She was kind of like your crazy uncle who has all these gags.”

Claxton finished the first draft of his book in December and returned to Harding this semester to resume teaching. Both Claxton and Dr. John Williams, chair of the English Department, said they think the sabbatical will have many positive outcomes as Claxton now returns to the classroom.

“I’m sure Dr. Claxton will be energized by his work, and consequently his students will benefit from that renewal,” Williams said. “The longterm results, I hope, other than a bestselling book for him, will be opportunity and incentive for Michael to publish work in other areas of Victorian or cultural studies. If this happens, he, the department and the world outside Harding will benefit from his considerable talent and expertise.”

Squash Publishing of Chicago plans to publish around 1,000 copies of the biography this November.



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New restaurants open in Searcy

by **Jared Dryden**
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This semester, there are several new dining options for students and Searcy residents. Among the new restaurants are three distinct locations that have varied options.

Greek House Mediterranean Grill, located close to campus at 1211 E. Beebe Capps, offers Greek-American cuisine at an affordable price. The menu includes multiple appetizer options, soups and salads, specialty Greek House platters, gyros and sandwiches. While the food is more westernized than traditional Greek food, some traditional options are available as well, including tzatziki and baklava. All the ingredients are brought in raw to the restaurant, and fresh dishes are prepared fresh every day. Greek House has a moderately-sized dining room and offers carry-out and catering services. They are open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Slader's Alaskan Dumpling Company, or SADCo., is located at 301 E. Center Ave. Owned and operated by recent Harding graduate Slader Marshall, SADCo., provides traditional Alaskan dumplings, pelmeni, stuffed



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with chicken, beef or potatoes. Slader's pricing is very student-friendly, with an order of dumplings and a drink costing \$7 for students. SADCo., is open from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

TOokies is a specialty dessert cafe located at 1229 W. Beebe Capps. They offer cookies, "cookiewiches" and cookie bars, sundae cups, jar cakes and

gourmet marshmallows, among other options. TOokies started as an online business, but now customers can walk in to order or have orders delivered. They offer a 15 percent student discount. TOokies is open 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Wednesday. They are closed on Sunday.

Read 'em before you see 'em.

Pick up these popular books before you see their upcoming big-screen counterparts

"THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY PART ONE"
RELEASE DATE: NOV. 22

In the final installment of the "Hunger Games" trilogy by Suzanne Collins, Katniss Everdeen must face brand new challenges from some of the same old enemies. This time, instead of suffering through another round of the Hunger Games, she must fight the Capitol for her people and her beliefs. "Mockingjay" will be released in two parts: the first half in November of this year and the second half in November of 2015. Both movies will retain the same stars as their predecessors. Jennifer Lawrence will play Katniss, Josh Hutcherson will play Peeta and Liam Hemsworth will play Gale. "Mockingjay" will, however, introduce several new characters to the equation, most notably Julianne Moore as Alma Coin.

"THE FAULT IN OUR STARS"
RELEASE DATE: JUNE 6

Hazel Lancaster suffers from stage IV thyroid cancer but has managed to survive a few extra years thanks to an experimental drug. However, she is well aware that her premature death is inevitable in spite of her attempts to prolong her time. Her parents persuade her to attend a support group for teens suffering from cancer, and as a result she meets Augustus Waters. The two eventually fall in love, despite their unfortunate and heartbreaking circumstances. This novel by John Green was just recently published in 2012. The film adaptation will star Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgort. A trailer for the movie was recently leaked on the web, and it can be found on YouTube.

"THE MONUMENTS MEN"
RELEASE DATE: FEB. 7

Near the end of World War II, a platoon consisting of curators and historians is tasked with rescuing monumental artwork before it is destroyed by the Nazis. The book by Robert M. Edsel is a nonfiction account of their journey, which chronicles 11 months between D-Day and V-E Day. The movie, which was written and directed by George Clooney, embellishes the factual information with a colorful storyline. Clooney stars as Lt. Frank Stokes alongside Matt Damon, Bill Murray and John Goodman as members of the task force. It is rated PG-13. The book provides fascinating historical background information that makes the film all the more significant and enjoyable.

"DIVERGENT"
RELEASE DATE: MARCH 21

This novel by Veronica Roth centers around a dystopian society divided into five different factions that identify themselves by specific character qualities: bravery, honesty, selflessness, intelligence and peacefulness. At the age of 16, students choose their preferred faction based on a placement test that identifies the strongest characteristic in their personality. After Tris Prior takes the personality test, she is informed that she is divergent; her personality is split between multiple categories, and she must choose one while keeping this information a secret. The story is primarily based on her adventures but also features a budding romance. The movie stars Shailene Woodley as Tris and Theo James as Tris' love interest Four. Trailers and more information about the movie can be found at divergentthemovie.com.

"THE GIVER"
RELEASE DATE: AUG. 15

In a society with a rigid social structure, a teenage boy named Jonas begins training for his occupation as a "Receiver of Memories." It will be his responsibility to hold all of the collective memories of life prior to dystopia, after "The Giver" is finished transferring them into his mind. Eventually, Jonas begins to view his seemingly perfect and complete society in a new light, after he has experienced life through the memories of the past. The book was written by Lois Lowry, and it won a Newberry Medal in 1994. The movie will star Australian actor Brenton Thwaites as Jonas and Jeff Bridges as The Giver. Taylor Swift will also appear in a supporting role as The Giver's deceased daughter Rosemary.

"THE MAZE RUNNER"
RELEASE DATE: SEPT. 19

"The Maze Runner" follows a boy named Thomas as he wakes up in the midst of a community of teenagers with none of his memories intact. He learns that they are surrounded by an enormous maze filled with deadly creatures, and the only way they can return to their forgotten lives is to solve the maze and escape. The book is yet another addition to the recently popular dystopian genre and was written by James Dashner. The movie will star Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario, Will Poulter and Thomas Brodie-Sangster.

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*ALL MOVIES EXCEPT "THE MONUMENTS MEN" ARE NOT YET RATED

YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO SUPER BOWL XLVIII

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With the biggest day in American sports quickly approaching, we rounded up the best information about game predictions, spots to catch the game and advertisements to look for.

PREDICTIONS

Recent public polls have the Broncos leading the way with 49 percent of the votes to win, while Seattle received 22 percent and the remaining 29 percent had no opinion.

I think if weather isn't an issue, the Broncos could score too many points for Seattle to keep up, making Seattle abandon the run, which is their strongest asset on the offensive side of the ball. The Broncos have the No. 1 scoring offense in the NFL and could wear the Seahawks' No. 1 scoring defense down by the fourth quarter. With Peyton and his team putting up astounding numbers this year, it's hard to argue they won't have similar success against the Seahawks, who have had trouble in the past defending teams that can spread them out. On a final note, Peyton is one of the smartest quarterbacks when it comes to reading defenses. He has had two weeks to prepare for the daunting Seahawks; I'm sure he likes his chances.

On the other hand, I believe if the weather becomes a factor, you could see Seattle dominate the game by being able to force tough passes in bad conditions. If weather slows Peyton's passing attack down, you will see the Seahawks control not only the Broncos offense, but also control the clock with their running game. Not having to play catch-up will allow Seattle RB Marshawn Lynch to pound Denver's defense down and keep Peyton off the field.

My prediction is Seattle's offense isn't good enough to stand toe-to-toe with Peyton and the Broncos; that being said, Broncos win 27-17.

WHERE TO WATCH

The game will be shown on FOX (Channel 16 for Harding Cable). The halftime show will feature Bruno Mars and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

If you're looking for a place to watch the game, Little Rock has several great places with plenty of TVs, including Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's and Applebee's. If you'd prefer to stay in Searcy, check out Chili's and Colton's.

Harding CAB and SA are also teaming up to host a screening of the event in the pit of the student center.

COMMERCIALS TO LOOK FOR

As always, brands such as Doritos, Old Spice and Pepsi will have their fair share of TV time.

After Dodge's "God Made a Farmer" commercial last year, fans expect big things again this year.

Here are a few specific advertisements to look for: Toyota's Super Bowl Highlander Muppet commercial, the Chevy Silverado commercial, the Volkswagen commercial, Swiffles Super Bowl commercial debut, KIA's Matrix-inspired commercial, Jaguar's first Super Bowl commercial and the Oikos commercial featuring previous stars of "Full House."

In 2013 the average 30-second commercial cost \$4 million.

UPCOMING EVENT

"Keeping them on our radar: Preventing suicide through community awareness"

HOSTED BY

Harding's Professional Counseling: Clinical and School and Marriage and Family Therapy departments, in conjunction with the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System and VA office of Rural Health.

PRESENTING

Dr. Angie Waliski, research health scientist.

DISCUSSING

Suicide among the general public, military personnel and veterans. Attendees will learn warning signs on suicide and strategies for strengthening suicide prevention efforts.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6, 6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.
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