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Students & the NSA

66 percent of Americans reported concerned about the NSA's surveillance practices. How do HU opinions stack up?

full length/3D visualizations, surveys and student opinion

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Leading health student opinion of the National Security Agency is negatively correlated with how the student followed news about the NSA, according to a recent survey conducted by the Boon.

This means the more informed a student is about the NSA's surveillance practices, the more likely that student is to have an unfavorable opinion of the NSA.

The plurality of students—33 percent of the 157 students—said they followed the news of the NSA very closely. Still, 44 percent said they were "somewhat concerned." The collection and use of personal information, and 30 percent said their opinion of the NSA was "moderately favorable.

In June 2013, the Guardian reported the scale of the NSA surveillance practices when it released a Venetian crane that revealed the NSA was collecting call data from millions of Verizon customers. Additionally, the NSA spied on the state, on Israeli and Iranian businessmen, on German and Italian political leaders, and on the New York Times.

"Our analysis shows that most of the surveillance practices that citizens found the most disturbing. Under the proposal, the NSA would end its systematic data collection and require permission from a judge to obtain specific records from phone companies.

"I think that the government should have authority, but they shouldn't have that much hidden control," Alexis Shear, senior business management major, said. "The government should be sitting behind glass doors, so we, the people, can see what they're doing and how they're watching.

Last Klein, assistant professor of political science, said she doesn't think people are fully informed of what is going on with the NSA.

"I don't think people have taken into account the very negative effects that it has," Klein said.

In addition to concerns about personal privacy, both Klein and sophomore marketing major Kelly Corwinova, and they were concerned about foreign policy implications of NSA surveillance practices.

"Domestically, we see all the others, and we want to be safe, but internationally, where we may have created the fact," Corvinova said. "Looking at the fact that we're spying on other countries who say we're allies with could lead to some major repercussions that we will in the future.

Klein has also mentioned the topic of the NSA in several of her classes, both lower- and upper-level political science courses. However, she said the students "don't feel informed enough to speak up and don't feel informed enough to get informed.

Instead, Klein said students are being informed and not at their own will. "The fact that the government has not released this information to the people, they are doing it more secretly and unremotely than usual," she said.

Senior business management major, Klein, however, said she doesn't think the government is being informed about the proposals that can be seen in the news. Overall, students who identified as liberal reported following the news of the NSA more closely than any other political group.

Still, Klein said she thinks the system is broken and students can still engage and affect change. Klein and Ervin both emphasized the importance of being informed and watching legislation in Congress. "Those are the kind of voices that still get heard, so that's why," Klein said.

Project bonds three majors for creative collaboration
by Holly Behme
web editor

Senior marketing student Alexis Hochstic was a part of the group that branded the restaurant called "Vera." Each group had a different focus and theme. "Our brand is unique because we focused on giving customers a dining experience that encourages their interests like art, music and food," Davis said. "Our brand is more reflection of its customers.

Deirdre said she enjoyed learning about the different roles each student had in the project.

Senior interior design major Gabrielle Rowden was a part of the group that branded the restaurant "Esse." Rowden said she learned a valuable lesson in the branding process.

"I learned the importance of communication when working within a team or group," Rowden said. "In this project, we were in it together. Even though we were all doing things specific to our field of study, we had to collaborate with the others to make sure we were still on brand."

"Esse" is based on Joan Mitchell's art. Rowden and her group chose a contemporary theme for their restaurant design.

Senior marketing major Sarah Bobo was a part of the group that branded the restaurant "Foxtrot," which was inspired by artist Charles Robertson.

The group drew inspiration from the color scheme of one of Robertson's dynamic abstract paintings.

Marketing majors were given the task of finding an appropriate location for the restaurant based on their target market and other research findings. Bobo said the location was downtown Chicago, specifically "Foxtrot," which differed from the other groups. Interior design students began the rendering process and chose details such as fabrics and flooring. The marketing students made sure they were on track with the restaurant's theme throughout the process.

"We wanted to bring out Eva Hesse's organic and earthy style in their brand," senior interior design major Erik Smith said. "It is pleasing they were able to create an inviting space that achieved the experience they were hoping to translate to the viewer. The project would definitely have failed if they were not getting the project down on paper and then getting to create a space that we could sit in and walk around in," Smith said. "I loved seeing the complete project start to finish."
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**Summer: A Season of Responsibility**

The end of the semester is here, for all intents and purposes. And yet, it seems as though the growth and transformation that has taken place over the last 10 weeks hasn’t really hit me yet. I guess it’s because when I think about summer, I think of long days, leisurely mornings, and cold drinks. But the reality is that summer is a time of responsibility.

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Meet the Right People

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Adventures Abroad

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international program guest

F or four months this summer I worked at Measurement Inc., an organization in North Carolina that grades the essays children write for standardized tests. I worked there to help put myself through graduate school. Instead of shuffling organic food to feed two sloping, underfed, and overwhelming and encouraging experience of my life.

I have had the opportunity to experience three unique cultures: mainland Chile, Patagonia and Ester Island. Chile is bustling, mostly urban culture where life changes quickly; however, Easter Island stands alone, more than 1,000 miles from any other inhabitants, with a population of 1,000...

The university setting is one of many of us will never experience. I think you can forget it we get there, with a huge group of likeminded people, studying and learning together. It’s the perfect environment for creativity and imagination.

I often thought back to the conversations that I had with the people who have shaped the way the people around me. So much of my creativity is about loving and listening and dreaming with the people you get to connect with, colleagues and fellow students.

The people we surround ourselves with serve as resources and support systems, but they also influence the ideas we have and the ways we learn and connect and present ourselves.

No matter how much time you have left here, find those people who are like you. Find the people who inspire you and challenge you and will talk with you for hours about your ideas. I certainly did, and it made all the difference in the world.

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The Funniest Thing

Michael Claxton

One thing made the job bearable: the laughter. The work was pretty grueling, now that I think back on it. During the first week of training, we were drilled on the criteria for evaluating essays. Over and over we assessed samples according to a strict rubric. We were...
Wrigley turns 100

"Root, root, root for the Cubs, if they don't win it's a shame." This is what you would hear during the seventh inning stretch if you ever go to a game at the historic Wrigley Field in Chicago. But past Wednesday, April 23, Wrigley Field turns 100 years old.

Why is this a big deal? Well, you try not to be a sports fan, but Wrigley is the oldest baseball park in the National League and the MLB's second oldest. And personally, I am obsessed with the Cubs.

Here is a brief history of Wrigley: It was originally called Cubs Park, but the name changed to Wrigley Field when William Wrigley Jr. became the team's owner. It only has a capacity of 40,500, which might sound like a big number, but it is one of the smallest in the MLB. The try-hard-old-school, vintage stadium has a unique sand pattern from the stadium's construction (in the center are all a part of what makes Wrigley Field such a special place).

Do you not have to be a Cubs fan to enjoy a game at Wrigley? The experience will be more than enough to demur you from the game because, chances are, they will win.

Game day traditions include the seventh-inning stretch, when a band is present and you get to "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" on Waveland Ave. You can catch left field home run balls, and fans who throw the baseball back on the field after an opposing team hits a home run.

Wrigley rooftops are the place to be if you want to have inside the park game experience. These are located around the outfields, pregame ceremonies. Owners of these buildings are now partnered with the Cub organization after the Cubs tried to file a lawsuit against them on copyrighting their signs. So, the "Cubs Fan Flag Partnership" are a great location if you want to take a large group out to see a game, but have more of a private experience.

I am not writing all of this to try and force you to see a game at Wrigley, I am simply stating that if you get the chance, do not pass it up. You might think the Cubs are ugly (rightful Blaise), but let me tell you, you do not want to miss out on one of the most iconic finds in the history of baseball.

Lady Bisons track prepares for A-State Red Wolves Open

by Tabor Hammond

The women's track team has broken a number of records this season, according to hardingSports.com. Senior Rachel Roberts, sophomore Taylor Tolly, and freshman Katelyn Leonard and Amber Webb have broken records in the 4x100 relay. The mile team finished the race in 25 minutes, 33.34 seconds.

"This season has been so much fun," senior Kelsey Cooper said. "There are so many new faces on the track team this year, and it has been such a joy getting to know everyone. Everyone has been performing really well this year. We have already had multiple people post personal and school records and personal and school records at every meet." Tolly will be running the 5k and the 1500 meter in this weekend's meet. Her last meet Taylor ran the 5k in a time of 18 minutes, 66.21 seconds, taking second place. She hopes to beat this this weekend. "I hope to get closer to a personal best," Tolly said. "We are all trying to lower our times with conference coming up in the next weeks, which is also the weekend before finals. Our team goal for the season would be to be able to perform at the best of our abilities at conference. We mainly want to enjoy our time running with each other and encouraging each other and remembering we are running for the glory of God and not ourselves, but remember how much of a blessing it is to be able to see what we are doing.

According to Taylor, workshops have been one of the hardest parts of the season. "Workshops hurt," Taylor said. "A lot of the time you just want to play. We are at the point now where we feel good but just have to continue to push ourselves and each other and have confidence in what our coach has taught us to be able to do. The team helps so much. Just running with the other girls is so much fun. Everyone is just enjoying the ride. Track is such a fun sport, and I love every second of competing and cheering on my teammates."

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Wooledge received GMC Player of the Week for his RBI (4-for-16) performance at the plate last week as the Bisons went 3-1. The Bisons have one last weekend of conference play against Arkansas Tech University before they reach the conference tournament. McGaha and (assistant coach) Andy Schankey have prepared the two最后两场双打的前两年，现在都还活着，个儿头都长到我心里去了。我们这些好学生，现在也得要开始做些事情了。" Davis Richardso...
by Julie Anne White

Last Saturday the Lady Bison softball team defeated Ouachita Baptist University in the 2014 GAC Championship tournament. The team won 6-5 in eight innings and 9-1 in six innings.

Head coach.advanced to a 30-3 record overall and is currently in sixth place in the GAC standings. They will play in the 2014 GAC Championship Tournament in Bentonville, Ark. on May 1-3.

Freshman infielder Courtney Chambers said she is very enthusiastic about the win and what it means for the team.

"Saturday was actually a really big accomplishment for our team," Chambers said. "We got our 30th win, and for a first-year program, that's awesome. We also secured the fourth seed for the conference tournament. We honestly just tried to relax and play the way we know how. We had to adjust the pitch count and come from behind the second half of the two of the four games. That's what I love about this team, because not get the stop. Someone always come in to get us the win."

Head coach Phil Berry said he is pleased with the growth this first-year team has shown and that it has been "the highlight of the season."

Because the team has matured throughout the season. Since the team is brand new, the players have faced plenty of obstacles. Along with training to do its best on the field, the team has worked to foster friendships and leadership positions.

"One of the biggest challenges is just building team chemistry, developing leadership within the team, having players find their role and their spot on team," Berry said. "When you have no returning players and no experienced leadership, you go through a lot.

Berry said the team has to frequently get the "feel" of everything that they do in the game.

"Every road trip, every time we go to a new place, it's something new that we've done before, both in the coaching staff's perspective and a player's perspective," Berry said.

This means that with each new set of circumstances, the team must respond quickly to their observations and figure out which tactics to use on the field.

Freshman fielder Mackenzie Jones said the team copes with this lack of experience by "staying focused on the goal that they know (they) can attain."

"A lot of us have never played college ball before, so overcoming inexperience will be a big deal for us," Jones said.

The players practice a team as approximately 20 hours per week and several more hours individually. Berry said the girls have learned to master time management.

"It's a huge commitment," Berry said. "Our players understand that they have to embrace that, and they do a good job managing their time and balancing all of those responsibilities."

Berry said that the team members, who began the year as total strangers, have bonded over their pursuit of excellence.

"We're getting all from all of these environments and all different backgrounds, and they're all really come together and bonded themselves to each other and supported each other," Berry said. "I don't think there's any question that their ability to do that and willingness to work together as a team has been really instrumental in our success this year."

Chambers said team members attended a cookout over the summer in order to begin forming friendships, and all of the freshmen on the team were intentionally housed in the same area to encourage bonding. The team also has a weekly Bible study. Chambers said the team is a "bonded family."

"There have definitely been times when we've had our disagreements, but at the end of the day, we all love each other and would do anything for one another," Chambers said. "I wouldn't want to be anywhere else with any other people. This team is truly blessed."

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Sonic Drink Combos from a Sonic pro

By Marianne Woodruff
student writer

The 3rd annual Beale Street Music Festival, a part of the Memphis in May International Festival, will take place May 2-4. There will be three main stages around $15 for a three-day pass. The festival is held at the 25-acre Tom Lee Park on the riverfront of the Mississippi River. The three-day event boasts musical genres of music including blues, and rock. More than 1.5 million people have attended the Beale Street Music Festival in the past decade. Junior Phoenix Harris has been a festival fan since the past and said, “you’ll never get this again.”

Is Proud to Announce the addition of Tanner Brown to our sales staff.

Tanner is from Denton, Texas and recently graduated from Harding. He will be a graduate assistant at Harding. He and his wife, Claire live in Searcy. Claire is a senior at the Teacher at Rosebud public schools. Tanner works anyone who is looking for a vehicle or knows anyone that is looking for a vehicle for a great new car or truck.

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