"Weight the Waste" program brings food waste awareness

By Savannah Dillman

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"We have an important role on the campus and could be a strong partner in the sustainability efforts of the campus."

Another "Weight the Waste" program is scheduled for the spring 2016 semester at Harding, not being the exact date remains unspecified, it will be another week-long program.

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Supreme Court considers affirmative action case

By Hannah Montana
The Supreme Court is set to hear an affirmative action case this Wednesday, December 11. The case, Fisher v. University of Texas, involves a student named Nicholas Fisher who was denied admission to the University of Texas at Austin's flagship law school.

Fisher claims that the use of race in the admissions process violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The University of Texas, on the other hand, defends its use of race as a factor in its holistic admission process as a means of achieving diversity.

The University of Texas has defended its use of race as a factor in its holistic admission process as a means of achieving diversity. The university argues that race is just one of many factors considered in the admissions process and that it is not used as a "sole determinant." However, Fisher and his supporters argue that the use of race in admissions decisions is inherently discriminatory.

The case has garnered significant attention and has raised important questions about the role of race in higher education. It is expected to be one of the most closely watched cases of the term.

Supreme Court justices are expected to rule on Fisher v. University of Texas in June. The decision will likely have significant implications for affirmative action programs across the country.
Quitting around sound (also been there). I didn’t quite understand Biden’s decision to swing ballots in favor of座设备—large scale. as I enjoyed a pleasant trip down memory lane... and then he continued the cardinal role. Justin Bieber, Canadian heartthrob, was in the room. But I’m not a “belieber,” I can address the gravity of this situation. Upon my move to Iceland, our wonderful president stated with such wisdom, “You must never forget that we are fighting hard to grow on the life banks. As though he were the Beate guest, at the West Wing, or D.Kabula shadowing students out of the third floor because, he clearly wanted it, “it’s forbidden.”

While I’m just a “belieber,” I have to admit that the video for “Tell You Show You” was often strikingly beautiful, highlighting the majesty of Sigur Søuðal’s female voice and Jakobínsson’s Glacial Lagoon.I have watched as hundreds of years passed, as innocent snow melted on the last decades of the sunny century, untouched by the shapes of human civilizing. Had you been to Iceland, Biden, you would not have settled in that mode. You wouldn’t have dared.

It’s foolish that Bieber is, simply didn’t know what a gracious offense he was committing. He’s hardly a heartthrob, unarmed minutes more. Perhaps it is not for me in Iceland embarking, I am to judge. But you’re looking to break the world any time soon, haven’t you? Piece of advice: take time to understand the cultures surrounding you and enjoy the environments you encounter. And if you don’t, make sure you don’t catch a common cold.

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So when it comes to Christmas, some of my fondest memories of digging. Like the tree from “Hills,” I was challenged to dig until I discovered that I was on the mud. ... Just kidding, it was a kid, so it was fun to dig it. The problem is, I am no more into fake trees because I can’t find a way for my Digging the word tree that the tree was the tree that we had already dug around in snow. Why was an extra touch of joy, an extra touch of purity, an extra touch of the lion’s spring. Like I said, he is a tree-fan (not the radical kind). He is a good man who simply loves trees, which is why his environmental elements is the one tradition that has been passed down to me.

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Carson’s controversial Constitutional Consensus

The Republican presidential candidate, responded, “I think probably what you have to do is ask a very specific question about a specific passage of the Bible and a specific portion of the Constitution. I don’t think you can answer that question other than out of very specific contexts.”

To give a fair evaluation, it would require extreme explanation, therefore giving a fair number of statements to potentially be taken out of context. Carson was wise to defend against someone taking a specific portion of the Bible out of context and using it against him, but that essentially all he was. He was hoping to uncover meaningful about his perspective on the relationship between his morals, society’s ethics, the Constitution and public policy.

In response, I suppose such a complex question confused into an unspecified answer deserves an overballed answer. However, at the end of the day, what’s important is Carson’s answer, not your question answering this question? Let’s break it down. First, you can’t just start with the Bible. Next, add the Constitution, and authority.

I’m addressing the biblical text first because I think this portion of my argument is the finest. Some verses that come to mind are Psalms 13:1-2, Romans 13:1-3 and Acts 5:29. What is their composition. We are to subject to every human in- struction out of respect for the governing authority except by God’s appointment and we must obey God rather than men. This is how we might translate these pas- sages in the discussion. We are subject to the Constitution for the Lord’s sake. The Constitution has authority because God allows it to have authority. If obeying God disobeys the Constitution, then we must do anything. But the Constitution has authority over the Bible because the Constitution is followed by your professor but authority because the Constitution is the more authoritative in his bar rules in class. I would imagine that most of Carson’s vote base are not thrilled with the idea of violating the Constitution. His staunchly conservative constituents would be likely to strive with the Constitution (except for Thomas Jefferson — who would never support violating the Constitutions (except for that). On Dec. 20, 1980, Jefferson wrote in response to a question about the duties of states in extraordinary circumstances; “A strict observance of the written law is an irruption into the sacred rights of the good citizen, but it is not the highest. The subject of necessity, of self-preservation, as saving our country in danger, are of higher obligation.”

It’s a distant thought of a circumstance where morality demanded violation of the Constitution, then certainly we can address it.

Finally, we have to deal with the word authority. It’s defined as the power to give orders, make decisions and enforce obedience. Whether you believe that rights are God-given, natural (a product of nature — which God created or assigned) or through the Constitution, God holds all the authority and he clearly holds more power.

While I sympathize with the reason behind Garfield’s careful answer, I must disagree with The Bible — magnificently — has authority over the Constitution.

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You may be. You're mind, no matter how far away. The magic of Xbox Live has now opened a window for us to play under the same sky to make memories in the same game as their friends from miles away. Some who had only played "local multiplayer" games were skeptical, and as local multiplayer games disappeared, people began to regret their loss of contact just for the sake of taking enough time away from their own friends to participate in retro consoles and this day I still consider console gaming the purest form of gaming. "Xbox Live" has been a gateway to my continued gaming adventures back home. My dad and I used to always play "Halo: Reach" for the Xbox 360 together all the way until I graduated high school. As I transitioned into college, my Xbox 360 was the first console I owned. Although I am thousands of miles away, I have the ability to link up with dad and my brother all the way from Arkansas. Because of this, many feelings, thoughts, and memories come to make memories through concatenating events that are just like our family, where our memories are held all while getting更好, Boring, and we have no problems with this. We get to see from different parts of the world and this is something that I'm thankful for.

I have to believe that there was this love between the two because of the distance and my dad had hoped for. Not to help even see each other but to just have my dad talk to me every time I'm on the microphone and not to provide and substitute for cyber-budding, but instead to give the opportunity to bring friends and family closer to one another. Although I enjoyed playing away from my friends a lot, I was also grateful to be able to share the same season to make memories in the same way as our family. With the fact that holiday traditions are, they make all in. We are not missing the same place all at once in a hurry at this point. If at way too much food, lack want, and lack of communication can make memories that will cling in your mind, no matter how far you may be.

JACOB HALEY is the editor-in-chief for the Biso. He can be reached at jahaley19@harding.edu. Two weeks later, he was shooting a lead story with his dad for an assignment and had to go to the local theater at the back of the last machine. One game is currently a particular attraction of his. I was the "Pit of Neroes."

The Grinch who stole Christmas

I'm the Grinch who stole Christmas.

Every year, I just can't help but laugh about the Grinch who stole Christmas. It's always a delightful reminder of the holiday season and the importance of spreading cheer and joy to others, no matter how far away you may be. This year, I decided to focus on the Grinch's love for the holidays and his mischievous spirit. "The Grinch who stole Christmas" is a classic holiday story that captures the essence of the season and the joy of giving. It's a reminder that sometimes, doing something unexpected can bring happiness to those around us.

I hope you enjoy this story and that it brings a smile to your face. Happy holidays!
Curry Mania

Stephen Curry is a machine. A two-time MVP, he went from a very solid NBA player to international multi-star attraction. What he's doing is unprecedented, and now the question becomes is he the best basketball player in the world today?

This question is a little more reasonable than it was last season and here's why: while Curry had a great year in 2015, we could see if he could carry it over into 2016. But if we've caught a glimpse of a Curry who clearly is a guy playing amazingly well for a period of time, with no explanation, than dropping off and then returning to his superstar level again. Think "Loyalty" or Dirk in the 2011 NBA playoffs. So in 2016, Curry will go ahead and agree that it wasn't a fluke, and he and the Warriors are legit, correct, top-notch. We'll see as we write this and haven't lost since June.

There are a couple of ways to look at this which is why I'm splitting up. The first way is easy and about to play. The second way is the hard road. The second (and most enjoyable) way to play is ask who you would rather have both now and for the next 10 years?

WePIqgo option was a two time people let you get the answer you came here for. The number one pick was the best overall player in the NBA, but the number two pick and if you think he is, you probably didn't like seeing that the is land of misfit with, the hottest right now?

However, the second option is the hottest ticket in town right now. However, LeBron is still the best overall player in the game. It makes for good debate, he took this honor, but the way he's become successful at basketball should be the most entertaining to watch. Absolutely. No contest. He is the number one pick and you're not even close.

"SNL" has been led by junior guard Abby Boyd all season, but Hudy and the Lady Bisons defense were able to limit Boyd to just 13 points. Junior guard Ani Hardy, who scored 15 points in the win, said the team's defensive scheme was the key.

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SNL has been led by junior guard Abby Boyd all season, but Hudy and the Lady Bisons defense were able to limit Boyd to just 13 points, four off her season average.

"We know they had one girl who could go off at any time," Hudy said. "Those teams are always dangerous because if you key on that girl too much, you give up any baskets to other players."

As the Lady Bisons' most experienced player, Hudy has taken the role of leader this season after the team graduated four seniors a year ago. According to sophomore guard Talan Miller, Hudy has been a good job of picking up the slack.

"He's normally guarding that boss player and he just does a lot for the team," Miller said. "We're pretty young so it helps to have experience." Miller showed her skill in the Lady Bisons' 81-70 win over OKBU on Saturday, Dec. 5, by sinking a 3-pointer to break a fourth-quarter tie and finishing with 18 points. Sophomore forward Sydney Lopes led the team with 23 points in a game that proved much more competitive than the SNL victory.

According to Miller, a mid-game lead put the boards allowed OKBU to get back into the game after Harding jumped out to a 13-point lead in the first quarter.

"We started off really well and then kind of got in a funk," Miller said. "We let them get too many extra shots."

Men's basketball falls at the buzzer

By Dane Roper

Shutter Creek

The men's basketball team wrapped up a three-game home stretch on Monday, Dec. 7, with a thriller against Texas A&M-Commerce (Commerce). The Bison 89-87 on a last second 3-pointer that sealed the game for Commerce.

Junior guard Will Francis led the team against Commerce with a career-high 35 points. Francis shot 6-9 from the 3-point line in the first half, and felt he broke out of a difficult stretch during Monday's game.

"Anything done fall, and if you're like playing lot better than you might are, but it was good to finally get some down to fall for me," Francis said. "My teammates have encouraged me, and shooting is a matter of confidence. You just have to keep shooting even when you don't feel great and shots aren't falling.

While the hometown ended with a difficult loss, the Bison won two conference games against Southern Nazarene University and Oklahoma Baptist University in their first home games of the season. After playing five games on the road in November to start the season, the Bisons were ready to play at home.

"We definitely needed to play at home," senior forward John Halton said. "Five games on the road is tough, especially in our conference. It's definitely better to get home and get some wins under our belt."

The Bison are now 1-1 against conference opponents and continue to be in a good position as they move deeper into conference play, Morgan said. While conference wins are certainly important, the Bison faced an even greater challenge by playing three games over the course of four days in their first homestand of the year.

"Three games in five days is not really ideal because our legs are gone and sometimes we're tired," Halton said. "But Coach (Morgan) has done a good job of managing minutes, and its practice we've got what we need to get done so that we're ready for the games."

Playing three games in five days reflects the physical, mental and emotional demands of the conference tournament, according to Morgan. "Coach Morgan schedules games close to each other so we can kind of simulate a conference tournament or an NCAA tournament," Francis said.

"If you keep winning in the tournament, you're going to play three games in four days," Morgan said. "So hopefully when that time does come later in the year, we can say we've done this before and we're fine."

The Bison closed out the nemesis with a rematch against Commerce on Thursday, Dec. 10, in Commerce, Texas, but results were not available at press time. The team will look to build on the experience of this early-season game-loaded schedule as the conference tournament draws near.

Junior guard Will Francis drives through Southern Nazarene University defenders during the Bison's 88-87 win on Dec. 3, at the Rhodes-Reaves Field House. Harding had 15 points, three assists and two steals in the victory.

Lady Bisons stay unbeaten in GAC

Harding rolls over SNU, OKBU to improve conference record to 4-0

By Coleb Roin

Stephanie McCauley

The woman's basketball team improved to 4-0 in Great American Conference (GAC) play last weekend with two home wins over Southern Nazarene University (SNU) and Oklahoma Baptist University (OKBU).

Senior guard Sam Mosley scored 19 points in Wednesday's win over SNU, holding the Bison to just 12 points. Mosley was named GAC Player of the Week.

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However, the second option was for all Peninsula who we don't even close. Mostly the only brainstorming it is because about now. If you can already pick yes for your answer, or the next 10 years, who do you take? It's really a use of preference, because any way you cut it, you're going to pick either Curry or Anthony Davis (Kawhi Leonard is probably third, FYI). Coming from a guy who plays guard, I'd choose all else from three places I probably should and can see an NBA in a girlfriends league now, give me Curry all day this guy doesn't slow down ever.

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Amanda Floyd | The Beacon

Freshman Alyssa Harrell of Kio Jo Koi drives past junior Katrina Weil of Delta Nu during a women's large club A team game on Dec. 2. Chi Omega Pi leads the women's large club A team standings with 24 points heading into the spring semester, while Iota Chi leads the small club standings with 27 points.

**SPORTS**

Chi Omega Pi, TNT lead large club; Lambda Chi Theta, Iota Chi sit at small club

By David Salley

Sports Editor

At the end of the first semester, Chi Omega Pi and TNT lead the club sports standings for women's and men's large club A teams, respectively. Chi Omega Pi is off to its best start ever in years on the back of championships in flag football and basketball, which has helped carry them to 24 points and a four-point lead over Koi Jo Koi.

Kai and Zeta Phi, who are both tied for second place with 20 points, have been "so proud of our girls," Chi Omega Pi athletic director-supreme Dante Mason said. "Two club championships were so much more than we could've asked for. Our girls love sports and every time they play they give it all they have. They show such great sportsmanship at every game and they're flag football has left them with 28 points to start the year. They'reBerkeley State football team started with a 4-1-1 record, Jinho Fisher followed and Oregon took advantage of straight Florida State turnover to Beat the defending champs 19-20.

These two games marked the beginning of a new era. For the first time in the history of college football, a playoff system had been installed. And, 11 days later, the Buckeyes beat the Ducks to win the inaugural College Football Playoff (CFP), National Championship. Now we find ourselves with the start of the next season, and the CFP, which begins on Nov. 24. The four teams have a chance to do what Ohio State did last year (12-0), which was to win the Big Ten Conference Championship last week, Michigan State clinched a playoff spot as the second seed. The defensive-minded Spartans typically don't allow many style points but head coach Mark Dantonio always seems to find a way to get it done. Let's be honest, this team is fortunate to be here (about, Michigan positives). But if they have success running the ball to open up big-time quarterback winning two of the three sports so far, but we know next season is going to be tough, so we have to keep playing our best and try to keep up the success in the spring.

In small club A, men, Iota Chi leads Kappa Delta Delta in second place with 22 points, highlighted by second place finishes in both volleyball and basketball. The two clubs are at 28 points each and have been so successful because they actually spend time playing their sports.

Alabamas the 2-2 seed in this year's playoff after winning another SEC Championship. The Tide is physical and has more talent on the offensive and defense looks vast winning another SEC to claim the national title. Add to that the Alabama is the 2-seed at quarterback. Head coach Nick Saban and the confidence that comes with having won the last three of national championships, and you have a recipe for success. The only subtractive teams and number 1-seed in the SEC, the Tigers. The Tigers are virtually unstoppable offensively with Heisman candidate Derrick Henry at quarterback. Head coach Dabo Swinney seems to be a master of motivating his team and getting them ready to play in big games. The one question with this team is whether or not they win the battle in the trenches. If they play physical on the defensive side of the ball, a 19-10 season is very much a possibility. So on the last day of 2015, make an early New Year's resolution to watch more football, and join us on the sofa to watch four great teams battle it out while the ball drops in the background.

**LOCKET TALK**

Our Athletes' Views on Pop Culture

questions

If you could spend Christmas anywhere in the world, where would it be? Kelsey Taylor

Favorite Christmas movie?

Ohio visiting my family in Miami. North Pole.

North New York.

It's a Wonderful Life.

Miracle on 34th Street.

Love Yourself by Justin Bieber.

Song you will have on repeat while studying for finals? I don't believe in singing for finals.

Definitely "I'll Be Home For Christmas." That's a tradition in our family.

Kelsy Taylor

When all my family gives me presents. Christmas lights.

Watching Christmas Story on repeat.

Movies are one of the great things about Christmas. Emotions sometimes.

I don't believe in singing for finals.

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Ellie

Let's go with Bing. Let's go with Bing! Bob Rock.

You are watching the National Christmas Vacation. Christmas Vacation.

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by Justin Bieber.

Going to Silver Dollar City to see the Christmas lights.

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Harding alum Greg Nuckols and Lyonsville Ruble Nuckols were featured in Forbes online magazine for their development of SignStrength.com, which includes articles that educate readers about how to improve physical fitness.

By Savannah Oliphante
Features Editor

She is sitting in a white gown behind a desk which would open to an aisle leading to her gown. Her father was beside her. It is an ASL Sign Language (ASL), she communicated her last-minute thoughts.

"You cannot -- I am a married a hearing person," he signed. "I thought that you would marry someone that you --" She looked at her father, puzzled, "I'm not dead," she signed, "I'm hearing." "I know, but inside you are dead," her father signed.

Debbie Woodroof, who will teach American Sign Language in the spring, was raised in a household that spoke ASL. Though she and her siblings had the ability to hear, both parents signed.

"I'm more deaf inside than I am hearing," she said. "When I think, I think in sign language, I can't spell something if I spell it in my mind, I didn't realize it until I started teaching sign language really, it's my first language. It's what I'm in, when I dream, I don't dream of people, I dream of sign language, I didn't realize that it was it different than it is normal for me." Woodroof said she and her siblings could communicate with each other in ASL rather than verbally because it comes more naturally.

"My parents were really moved that we could hear and try to make sure we had exposure to that, but at the same time we didn't talk at the dinner table -- that wasn't our language, everyone didn't speak," Woodroof said. "We never spoke when our parents were present." Woodroof began interpreting while still in high school at Ohlone Community College in California and has been a certified ASL interpreter for 40 years. Woodroof began ASL 11 for 13 years at Harding before her husband moved to Italy. When Woodroof got married to Brandi with Arvind, India through College Church of Christ. The couple moved back to Shreveport about three months ago.

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"The originals are much more novel groundbreaking," Assistant professor of political science and public administration Lori Klein said. I got to know Carrie Fisher in "Star Wars" one more time.

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