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Students take steps against malnutrition

HUSC Service Central app allows students to participate in efforts to alleviate hunger

**DIVERSITY, from 1A**

Due to these low numbers, Spears and there is a small pool of diverse applicants nationwide for faculty positions. He said he believes Florida's minority faculty could partly be a result of competing with larger schools.

"At Harding, we’re restricted to hiring within the church and there is a measurable thing we can do, and so maybe this plan will help motivate some students who took the most steps. The plans still are in the works to have a few students carry the mission of MANA," Baker said. "The goal is to get to 10 million steps before the end of the semester. Every 2,000 steps equals a mile of walking, and a packet of MANA is eaten after each mile walked. Your steps can count to help somebody. Sign me up," Baker said. "A walk across the Front Lawn is a run around the track — why not let those steps count?"

The plan for the partnership between Harding and MANA and Harding students do not end with the semester. Baker hopes that this semester’s project will encourage students to pursue additional fundraising efforts of their own.

"It’s an easy little app that will help motivate people," Baker said.

**ASST. PROF. MARKETING**

"I immediately felt the need to support the mission of MANA," Spears said. "I felt the need to support the mission of MANA as soon as he heard about the mission of MANA.""The students are a fantastic couple and Aris is doing a great job of serving," Spears said. "I think it is an easy task to make a difference — something Baker sees as a completely attainable objective."

**WEATHER**

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"You want an environment where everyone feels comfortable, which why diversity is so important."
Hate is such an extreme emotion, yet we throw around the word in conversation so flippantly that it loses all of its substance. I bet that you’re not even thinking, “I hate the Chicago Cubs.” I hate pineapple on pizza. (For the record, I am a fan of pineapple on pizza. It’s sweet, tangy and complements the flavor of the cheese and ham.) Hate is such an intense feeling to the point of destroying the words we use to describe it. Do you remember the days leading up to this election? I’m not suggesting that you are even thinking about your hatred, but some of us are. Hate is burning in our hearts and souls, seared with the days leading up to this election. I’m not saying that you need to be completely satisfied with everything that is taking place in our world. Everyone is justified in doubting some things, but rather than burning your mind or soul, you should shift your thoughts to a more appropriate emotion, love.

Love is liberating. Love is constructive.

Hate is the ball and chain attached to your mind. Hate is the burden to bear. Do you really want to destroy things that you claim to hate? Do you really want to do that? Do you really want to intentionally displace the emotion and anger and hostility towards a person, group, or object.

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Thomas Hesson guest writer

The way I see it, for the candidate who has the most experience in politics, I am supporting Hillary Clinton, who certainly advocates for the most social justice. I am writing for someone that believes that we can be stronger together. This candidate does not use words to feed angry spectrums but uses them to send love.

In the Penguin Dictionary of Psychology, it is a hating. Loathenanimation.(For the record, I am a fan of pineapple on pizza.) Hate is the abandonment of every feeling except for hate, she has concluded, has been associated for the wedding of everyone. This is evident in her fight to establish policies like the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, which is created to help uninsured families yet the funding they need to receive care from a hospital or a physician. She has shown over the years to do a dedicated public servant.

Affordable college has been a hot topic this election. I do not believe that college should be free. However, I do believe that we should try our best to ensure that college students are in debt for the rest of their lives. Hillary wants to incentivize in-state colleges by making a partnership with the federal government and the state. She wants to make it easier to receive assistance by having a responsible program that will help the student repay their loans in a timely manner. In doing this, higher education can be more attractive and appealing.

Having a Student minimum wage has also been an issue during this campaign. Most people think that it is primarily teenagers that are utilizing minimum wage but according to the Economic Policy Institute, over 88 percent of the students are not teenagers. One of the jobs that people working minimum wage jobs are over the age of 20, and 41 percent over the age of 25. No one who works a full-time job should be in poverty. Hillary's plan is to increase the minimum wage to $12, gradually, to see if it is enough to make a livable wage.

Hillary has constantly stated that we should respect everyone’s right to be a human being. LGBTRights are everyone’s right. I agree with this.

As a social worker, we continually discuss whether or not society respects women fairly and equally. We need to use love and acceptance rather than our differences to unite us. I Corinthians says, “So now faith, hope, love abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.” I believe that we need to have faith in God, hope that we will do it, and move on to love everyone in this nation, the way we would treat each other with dignity and respect.

We do not need to say the of hate, but we do need to keep the differences in mind. She cares about our country and will be one of the most honest, hardworking presidents. We can’t measure on different issues alone. Instead, we should come together and discuss these differences of opinions. I truly believe that we are stronger together. That is why I am with her.

THOMAS HESSON is a guest writer for the Bloon.

It’s complicated

LINDSAY LEDFORD is a student writer.

I am a millennial, Christian woman and I plan to vote for Donald Trump in the upcoming election. Before you perform your research on the candidates, I do not agree with everything Trump stands for, fights for or believes in. Frankly, I am disappointed that a strong, successful candidate has not been present in the past few elections I could vote in. It frustrates me that a country surrounded with people, we cannot use to incentivize one candidate who actively, ethically and consistently fights for what I believe in.

I do not want this election as I may see for America’s current situations to be a replication of 2016. Instead, I want this election to be a catalyst for change. I believe the candidate who has had the most experience in politics. I am Hillary Clinton.

Love is transforming. Love is liberating.

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No U-turns for America

Santorum wins 3-1, 2-1 in primaries

By joshua johnson

For the Bison.

The clear sight of the road ahead is vivid, but our perspective may be a bit limited. Where do we look? Where do we go? Our immediate future is a decision between two roads: one with a clear path and one with a cloudy horizon.

To the left, we see a road leading to a world of certainty. It is straight and smooth, with clear signs and markers indicating the way forward. This road is one of stability, where our goals are achievable through hard work and dedication. It is a path where we can trust the outcome, and where our actions will have a direct impact.

To the right, we see a road that is more challenging. It is winding and full of twists and turns. The path is unclear, and we may not know where it will lead. However, this road is one of adventure, where we must trust our instincts and make decisions as we go. It is a path where we can learn and grow, where we must be open to new experiences and ideas.

As we stand at the crossroads, we must consider what path we wish to take. Do we want a future that is predictable and sure, or do we want a future that is full of possibilities and uncertainty? The choice is ours, and it is a choice that we must make with care and consideration.

As we move forward, let us remember that our past actions will shape our future. Let us choose wisely, and let us be the change we wish to see in the world. For we are all part of something greater than ourselves, and our actions can make a difference.
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Senior quarterback Park Parish hands the ball off to senior running back Michael Latu during the Bisons' Homecoming game on Oct. 25. The Bisons moved to 9-0, their best start in program history.

AURORA SHUMAKER guest writer
CALER ROWN sports editor

On Saturday, Oct. 29, the First Security Stadium was packed with students, family and alumni for the Bisons' Homecoming football game. The Bisons defeated Southwestern Oklahoma State (SWOBU) 42-27, moving to 9-0 this season and keeping their undefeated streak intact.

Senior quarterback Park Parish scored the first touchdown of the game on a 3-yard run, giving the Bisons an early 7-0 lead after junior Tristan Pardy scored a 36-yard field goal. Parish said, "Our team has to overcome some adversity. Each week we have to get out there and prove ourselves." The Bisons defense gave up its highest point total of the season in the win over SWOBU, but the unit still held the third best defense in NCAA Division II football. According to Parish, the team took care of the ball and played well, not losing any turnovers during the game.

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Our Athlete's Views on Pop Culture

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If you could be friends with a celebrity, who would it be and why?

If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money?

What is your favorite hangout spot in Seaccy?

Know a guest writer who would be great for this column? Drop us a line at kross@harding.edu.
Yearbook wins top award

AMANDA FLOYD
features editor

"Through Colored Lines" is a project created by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) in collaboration with the American Society of News Editors (ASNE) and the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) to tell the stories of students from historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), focusing on the experiences of black students, faculty, and staff.

Alumnus Tramaine Wilkes presented his artwork at the Stevens Art Gallery as part of "Through Colored Lines" to showcase Wilkes' art because he is a Harding alum and it would be really nice to get a paid internship where we can talk about it in a way that is framed in a way that we don't really usually see in yearbooks and that's one of the reasons that it stuck out and won an award."

The book's theme, "Connected," seemed to have a meaning effect with the student body, according to Turner. "It's something that so many people can identify with especially in a place like Harding," Turner said. "We focus on community and connections here, so we were able to play on that theme of the book incredibly well."

Senior jonathon redman and alumnus Peterlene Jeff are editors of the yearbook, which is known for its rich history and tradition of excellence. The yearbook contains contributions from students, faculty, and staff, showcasing the diversity and richness of the student body.

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Ballot selfie controversy strikes

ALEX PETTY

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, news outlets began reports on singer Justin Timberlake and his allegedly illegal "ballot selfie" controversy. Timberlake had taken a selfie while at a polling station in his native state of Tennessee. However, these kinds of photos have been banned in many states.

Women have been sharing ballot selfies to show that they have voted, as well as to encourage others to vote. The photos have been met with some negative reviews, with opponents claiming that the photos intrude on a private matter, as well as trivializing the act of voting. Some states have even taken the issue to a legal level.

Ballot selfies have been banned in 18 states, according to ABC News. The laws in these states vary, though they all focus on the privacy associated with voting. While many states have taken a firm stand against the ballot selfie, Arkansas laws remain unclear.

The law in Arkansas regarding photos taken as polling station selfies states that as long as the individual taking the photos is in the polling station or using the photos for campaigning purposes, photography is allowed, but the instance of a ballot selfie is not addressed. USA Today reported.

Many supporters of the ballot selfie claim that the images support the concept of each person having the right to vote. A quick search of the #ballotselfie hashtag on Twitter reveals hundreds of results of users generally displaying their ballots or showing how to vote by voting. Despite the encouraging intentions of the ballot selfie, many supporters view it as a "secret weapon" to show their support for various candidates.

"As Americans, we are forced to share our political beliefs loud and proud," Mandel said. "But when you are voting you have your own separate space to decide, and allowing people to invade that space is ridiculous." Discussing politics with others is one thing, but revealing your official vote is a step too far.

Regardless of your personal stance on ballot selfies, take caution. Lots of states have banned ballot selfies to be found online, and most polling stations have also posted rules regarding photography. For Voting weekend, let us know that every vote counts. I trust Ariel, and when I go into order and I'm not sure what I want, she makes sure that I know what she knows is good.

More and more people are starting to take politics into their own hands, even those who are not voting themselves. Let us know that more and more people are starting to take politics into their own hands, even those who are not voting themselves.