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Exploring active-shooter policies and procedures on campus

BISON STAFF

In light of the shooting in Portland, Oklahoma, on February 14, the Bison explored the procedures and policies, and the training of Hardin students, faculty, and staff in active-shooter situations.

"We were running through blood" was the Friday before finals week in the December of 2013. Junior Lauren Burcham, then a high school junior, was sitting in her Spanish class at Arapahoe High School in Centennial, Colorado. The student who normally sent her to her class had been suspended after an outbreak in class a few days prior.

Several minutes into class, gunshots rang through the school.

"He had entered the school and had a hit on his arm of people that he was planning to kill," Burcham said. "You could hear it all. You knew it was coming to that moment I remember hearing the first shot and by the second shot I was in the corner hiding, huddling." The shooter killed one of Burcham's friends before entering the hallway. Burcham said her friend asked what the shooter was doing, as he shot her in the head.

"It was the hallway, they brought the body to the police, that was really bad. "

Burcham's class remained on lockdown for approximately 45 minutes, while other classrooms were held for twice as long. She said a SWAT team banged on the classroom door with guns and commanded everyone to raise their hands above their heads. "(The SWAT team)...looked for anyone I knew...I didn't have my phone or computer or anything. It was just me, running." Burcham said she knew what it was like to run, and she knew what it's like to be stuck, and I always want to be prepared...I have encountered even within the last year all going to huddles and I know sometimes it's nerve-wracking sometimes.

Burcham said her business professor, Dr. Randy McLeod, addressed her class with prepared solutions for acting upon an active shooter situation after a recent faculty meeting, in which Director of Public Safety Craig Russell discussed active shooter preparedness. McLeod said he would be keeping one of the two doors locked while students were in the room.

Per a survey conducted by The Bison on March 16, 73 percent of the 179 respondents said they did not know what to do in an active-shooter situation; 78 percent said they have not been aware of any procedures or training while at Harding.

Senator Dulette Ellis, Student Association (SA) president, said he was contacted by students with safety concerns following the Portland shooting. He has been working with Public Safety to plan a brief presentation about active shooter preparedness on Monday, March 26 in chapel. According to Russell, Harding has a holistic approach including two armed officers and various avenues for safety: Jana Rucker, vice president of communications and marketing, and Assistant Public Safety officer are also intentional in helping prevent danger to students. "By virtue of being a Christian school, the Christian environment, we are always on the lookout for people who need help." Rucker said that she is always in touch with that because we care about students and we love students, or we have good resources to that in case some people are struggling, that we can provide help.

The Department of Public Safety has conducted active-shooter safety training for faculty, staff and students. The training includes a six-minute video titled, "Run, Hide, Fight," featuring an Active Shooter event.

Public Safety advocates the "run, hide, fight" approach as the campus response to an active shooter, which is explained through a video by the mandatory safety meeting students must attend during their first semester at Harding. In an active shooter situation, a student who is able should first try to run, hide, then, if necessary, to fight. "I believe on the run, hide, fight approach is that it is does not rely on a perfect scenario to keep you safe," Russell said. "Rather it relies on people making the right decision or taking action."

The Department of Public Safety routinely trains for active-shooter related situations on campus. Officers, frequently trained in the Benson Auditorium, partially because of its size as the location of chapel, are led by Russell. At least two armed officers are stationed in the auditorium, and some on campus buildings where the doors are locked.

According to Rucker, the university has distributed the "run, hide, fight" training to faculty and staff, which they are encouraged to complete. Russell said further active shooter response preparation has included individualized training sessions for departments on campus, active shooter response preparation has included individualized training sessions for departments on campus, active shooter training courses for faculty and students must be found at Harding. "If the message of Christ is, in part, 'Hurt me, not them', how could I do any less?...My obligation at that point would be to step in front."
Student Association art contest promotes recycling

**BOWMAN JOHNSON** 
student writer

The Student Association (SA) is hosting an art competition to promote recycling and increase environmental awareness. The first stage of the competition ends on March 26.

**ZACH BISSEL**
student writer

Student Association host all-club jousting competition

Knights, a men's social club, will host an inter-club joust tomorrow. Each participating club selected one member of their club to compete in the tournament.

**SHELI BRIDGES**
student writer

Campus Players unveils showcase ‘Let’s Be Honest’

Campus Players, a theater organization, will hold a showcase titled ‘Let’s Be Honest’ tonight to provide the opportunity for students to be heard, to risk being taken lightly and fears in a public forum. The showcase will serve as a farewell event for the end of the fall season. The participating Campus Players will host in the full season.

**EMILY GRIFFIN**
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A couple months ago, a sin speaking to a colleague that claimed that Christians, who are the U.S. were being persecuted more than ever. Our traditions and traditions are being challenged and dismissed, according to the colleague. His claims sparked my interest. Often, I leave chapel with a slight remorse in conversation. They are the sort that I just assumed 30 minutes prior, but my mind would not be about to sleep that night. I'm still thinking about his claims a month or two later, so I'm not sure if his notice that we're being persecuted more than ever.

Two weeks ago, I completed a seminar in Pennsylvania entitled AR-15 in our church service, one that doubled as an advertisement for the Second Amendment. I clutched AR-15s in the aisle of the church. When I walked up to a man who was the long-time preacher. "We're being persecuted more than ever; instead, we're radicalizing ourselves, as the need for us so badly."

"We have to take us seriously because of how we've hurt in our own communities. I'm inspired by the idea that the most influential people are not the ones with the most money or the most power. It's people who love more people more often."

I've had this quote scribbled on nearly all of my journals and written in the back of my planner for years. It reminded me of a book that I'm reading right now. I might make an impact on someone's day, but I'll have to wait to see who that someone is. I've fixed this quote about how many people in history have secretly remembered accurately, or at all. It's not the legends of the celebrities and historical figures that aren't actually remembered that matter. For example, wasn't as happy as people thought she was, and isn't as popular as the face of a revolution. wasn't as happy as people thought he was, and isn't as popular as the face of a revolution. wasn't as happy as people thought he was, and isn't as popular as the face of a revolution. wasn't as happy as people thought he was, and isn't as popular as the face of a revolution. wasn't as happy as people thought he was, and isn't as popular as the face of a revolution.

The point is that we don't actually know these people as well as we think we do. It's important to remember that even the most glorious moments can have their downsides. This quote also makes me think of how many people in history have secretly remembered accurately, or at all. It's not the legends of the celebrities and historical figures that aren't actually remembered that matter. For example, wasn't as happy as people thought she was, and isn't as popular as the face of a revolution. wasn't as happy as people thought he was, and isn't as popular as the face of a revolution. wasn't as happy as people thought he was, and isn't as popular as the face of a revolution. wasn't as happy as people thought he was, and isn't as popular as the face of a revolution. wasn't as happy as people thought he was, and isn't as popular as the face of a revolution.

The church that cried persecution

CITING THE AMEN

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Complain about nothing
Deserted

Lately, I've found myself wistfully thinking about my time volunteering under the big top, which was a week I will remember forever. It was my first time in Kayenta, a small desert town on the outskirts of the Navajo Nation, and I was overcome with emotion. The people are warm and welcoming, and I had the opportunity to learn so much about their culture.

Kayenta, specifically, is a small desert town surrounded by towering sand dunes. Native American reservations are everywhere, and the Navajo Nation is the largest reservation in the United States. The people are facing issues ranging from poverty to substance abuse, and problems are widespread, but the people we worked with were bright and hopeful.

Our last night on the reservation, Ms. Martin out the window, whispering to her husband, "She was so thankful for our presence, that grief can be so heartwarming when you're surrounded by so much love."

Ms. Martin is a driven teacher who didn't let obstacles stand in her way. She helped us find ways to make the most of our time on the reservation, and I think she was truly grateful for our presence. The people we worked with were bright and hopeful, and I couldn't help but wonder if we could have helped them more.

So, this film has a clear and focused message, which is why I think it's so appealing. It's a social issue that we should be more aware of, and it's one of the best films I've seen in a long time. I believe if we help to support more films like this, we can change the world for the better. She managed to make a great and positive impact on the world.

What's your style?

When I was younger, I was always dressed in the same style: jeans and a t-shirt. Now, I find myself exploring different looks and styles. My style is simple: I am loyal, loving and kind to the people I love most. I face the challenges of life with confidence and faith, and I try my best to be humble in every situation.

Central America, God calls us to cloth people with kindness, healing, generosity, and patience and to fulfill their needs. McDormand's career has been marked by an ability to think through her characters' personal stories and to connect with the audience. She is known for her honesty and her love for people.

I believe and am unwavering in that faith. I am beautiful in my own way, living a life that is true to who I am.

What's Your Opinion?

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When you break it down to the core of the issue, they have the same goals and purposes. They want to gain knowledge, they want to be great in any sport. The chemistry on the field is remarkable as well.

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Look at the world today, at the number of social issues that are prevalent to the public. Everywhere you look, people are sharing their opinions. We have the right to voice our and to be heard.

Let us make reports as important as men's. There are many more women athletes that are influential, in inspirational and even social issues that cannot be matched, Jessica McPherson, Lisa Freeman and Jessica Finch are just a few women that come to mind when I think of softball players. The list of women in the sports world is endless.

It is important to empower one another. Women are just as important as men in sports, whether we are on the court or field.

We are the future, and we must be the future to create a better world for everyone. We must shine our lights and not let us walk down to us because of our gender.

A true son of God. Let us be able to see the gift of athleticism in others. Let us be able to see the gift of athleticism in others, even if they are different from our own. Let us go out and support.

Tennis looking to build off hot streaks

DEANNA MYLES head sports-editor

The men's and women's tennis teams defeated the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith (UAFS) on Monday, Feb. 26. Despite the close score, Harding still persevered and came out on top with a 6-3 win.

Harding has won the last five matches against UAFS on both the men's and women's teams. "The women's matches are always competitive," head coach David Redding said. "First Smith has a very good program there, and generally, when we play them, it can go either way."

Even though the results above do not indicate a close match, the points themselves are always hard fought and it is still a battle for every point, according to senior Carlos Crisostomo.

Crisostomo said he was glad the team won, but the wins did not come as easily as they had hoped for.

Crisostomo felt as opposite he demanded last year. In addition to this, Crisostomo said he was proud of his teammates who won their tough straight matches.

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"It can be frustrating at times, when you know you can do a little bit better, but there are just some days you are not feeling it, or your body isn't responding to what you want to do, Alves said. "I tried to be more competitive than what I am right now. I would get stressed and it would ruin my day, but we learn as the years go on."

Crisostomo and Alves both agree that this season they play great and some days they don't, but it comes with the turf.

Harding's men's and women's tennis teams are both ranked No. 7 in the regional rankings. Since the UAFS matches, both teams played three different matches in March 9-4 and in total won all six matches.

The men's team also played a non-conference match against St. Edward's University that came down to the final match, where explosives Louis Tovado ended up clinching the win for the Bison.

In addition to this, the women defeated Ouachita Baptist University 9-0 Wednesday, March 14, in their first non-conference home match of the season. The women will competes against Ouachita again on April 9 in Arkadelphia, the results counting towards their conference record.

Both teams say they are excited and looking forward to kicking off this week. Both teams will play against Northeast Missouri State University, Saturday, March 17 at noon in Searcy.

Bringign athletes to our campus

Athletes see positive difference at Harding over state schools

JACOB BROYLE student writer

Each year Harding recruits a number of student athletes for more than 20 athletic programs. These athletes come from all over the country, many from all over the world. Each Harding coach may have a different style, but head coach of women's soccer Greg Harris the school speak for itself.

"I'm not a big whole and athletic person, so when the athletes visit here, we are laid back," Harris said. "Whatever happens is what they are going to get experience. I try to have them go through a regular day at Harding, and I'm very honest about who we are.

Harris said if anyone is looking for a school, university, program and community that will care for them as a person, Harding would be a great fit.

Harris said it is his job to get the recruits to the school to visit, then to let his players and the admissions office do the rest.

"The best recruiters are the athletes themselves," Harris said. "The student athletes convince the prospective coming here. They spend the day with them. Any success we have is because of them, not just on the field but in the recruiting process."

This season was echoed by freshmen women's basketball forward Kelle Lamps. "I like the atmosphere of Harding and all of the girls that went on the tour," Lamps said. "Everyone was so sweet and welcoming. I was looking at other schools, but Harding was where I was going to be. Harding is so different than so many schools. It offers opportunities, and you're a part of a community. I've made some great friends at Harding."

For senior wide receiver Reggie Knox, Harding was not the first school be attended. Knox belonged from one state school to another, until his recruiter mentioned Harding to him. He decided to look here, and he was accepted by what he heard.

"I looked up the school, the campus and everything online," Knox said. "I was aware that had this kind of opportunity, to come to a school like Harding that had such high standards. It was hard to believe that it was just a Division II school."

Division II schools must follow official NCAA enrollment guidelines, but rarely receive as much interest from top recruits. Harding coaches and athletes decide to come here because they know what a special place it is, according to Harris.

"We put over every recruiting class that we must to bring people here who will first and foremost look to grow from a spiritual standpoint, then grow academically, and then play athletically," Harris said.
The Harding baseball and softball teams played a series against Southwestern Oklahoma State University Feb. 25-26. The Lady Bisons took home a series win.

"It was nice to be able to get started in conference play with a four-game winning streak over Southwestern," head softball coach Phil Berry said. "We held the other team at bay until we busted out with a big offensive inning late in the game to blow that one open."

Senior infielder Madi Trump said winning the series was "big because it builds momentum over spring break and finish the rest of the season strong."

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**How to ‘Make. Do?’**

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### Features

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Throughout the year the Campus Activities Board (CAB) puts on a variety of events ranging from concerts to movies to open mic nights. On Thursday, March 22, CAB will be hosting a new event: a pop-up thrift shop.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the CAB, with clothing display racks ready for you.

Donation bins for clothes for the pop-up shop have been placed in every dorm lobby on campus, and clothes may also be dropped off in the CAB office.

“So far, we’ve just been going through and sorting them out,” Nixon said. “I think we will have a lot of stuff for people to buy.”

### Students host pop-up thrift shop for local nonprofit

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During my internship, I learned to appreciate more things to what my clothes are costing. Like, when I’m making clothes, I can see the products I’m using are sustainable and environmentally friendly,” Nossaman said.

### From Baltimore to Seattle: 4,000 miles for cancer

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San Juan Islands
North Cascades National Park
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March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, a cultural and religious celebration of the life of Ireland's patron saint — St. Patrick. Traditionally, the holiday features parades, music and a splash of green. Jennifer Dorame Cohen and Jan Seitz share their different perspectives on this holiday.

Cohen grew up in Atlanta, Georgia. During his childhood, St. Patrick's Day was a celebration involving Irish culture.

"I remember when we were kids there was something about leprechauns that would come into the classroom." Cohen said. "The classroom would be a mess, there was green stuff scattered everywhere and they would come in to take that leprechaun to the bathroom."

For Seitz, who grew up in Ann Arbor, Georgia, St. Patrick's Day was a way to carry on family traditions. Her grandfather would make a Dublin coddle for dinner, and she would listen to stories about St. Patrick told by his grandfather, who was from Ireland. Their traditions have remained devoted from that tradition.

"We would never go out on St. Patrick's Day, we'd stay in and do nothing or do anything fancy or be with the family, there was never a day off for St. Patrick's Day."

Seitz said he likes to keep up some of these traditions, such as not eating meat during this time, making the Dublin coddle and saying his prayers.

Cohen was originally established as a religious festival, according to Encyclopedia Britannica. Modern celebrations began in the 18th century in Irish immigrant areas, including those with contributions to the United States. These people began to celebrate St. Patrick's Day as a way to remember during times of persecution in Ireland. In cities with large populations of Irish immigrants, somewhat arranged parades were held. After 1860, different associate professor of Bible and church history, said that by reading the story of St. Patrick it is as if he was a human being who wanted to be used by God.

According to the book "The Converts of Saint Patrick," at age 16, he was taken to Ireland at a time when the young boy was described as a "scholar." It would not be until 1947 that he would return to Ireland as a young adult. Cohen said, "I think he was just a humble servant."

Sterling McMichael, a student writer

The World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Party is back for its 15th year. The festival is hosted by the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee at the SNSU's Joy Fonseca Fine Arts Building. The event is known as the "Napoleon Dynamite," will be the theme of this year's parade.

The parade will be at 7:30 p.m. The official length of the parade will be only 15 feet, a measuring tape will take place before the parade.

This year's theme includes the Dallas Cowboys and the Smurfs. The parade will be up to 70 feet. The first float will be a 15-foot, measuring tape will take place before the parade.

"I don't really go that St. Patrick's Day, but this one sounds like something to see," said Dave Borden. "We need to see Joey Fatone." McMichael said.

The Free First Annual World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade will be said in 2004 and made St. Patrick's Day history. The parade was attended with an Atlantia of Irish descent, setting in to a pub on the World's Shortest Street in Enoree, S.C. In Hot Springs, according to the event website.

Since then, the crowd has grown to more than 30,000 spectators each year. Many have tried to take the title of "Shortest Parade" away from the town. However, according to the event website, parade officials say that they will do whatever it takes to keep the title in Hot Springs, even if they have to march in the snow.

Junior Jordan Green plans to attend this year's parade. Green said it was something to do outside of Hot Springs and that it is always nice to see the people come out and receive attention.

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Burks and her grandfather are also members of the White County Beekeepers Association, the association has explained that as a beekeeper, their job is to help bee and to protect them, not to do their job for them. Help to remove any bees are getting the nutrients they need, the queen needs to be healthy and the hive needs to be healthy.

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Caitlin Dorton - student writer

The city of Searcy will be hosting a free beekeeping course, taught by aptitude Jon Zawislak on March 19 and 26. There has been a more interest in beekeeping among Harding students. Many students have become immersed in the hobby of beekeeping and some have even learned to practice it themselves.

Most animals and humans rely on the pollination of flowers, according to the website. The pollination system works by transferring pollen from a male sex cell of a flowering plant to the female sex cell of another plant, which can then develop into a fruit or seed.

"Many animals, including bees, rely on the pollination system to reproduce," said Zawislak. "Bees are one of the most important pollinators, and they play a crucial role in maintaining the health of ecosystems."

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"I think beekeeping should be something that more people know about. It is a rich resource and a beneficial practice," Page said. "Not only does beekeeping support the bee populations, but beekeeping is also a practical way to be sustainable." Page said she views bees as a crucial part of the ecosystem because of their role in the pollinating of crops.

"I see God's beauty through bees in that such a small insect can create something so intricate," Page said. "The production of the honey is amazing, but the beauty of the honey is kept naturally and created. It is evident that God has his hand in both of it."

For more information on the free beekeeping course, contact the White County Extension office at (501) 286-5394.