



Nick Michael



It is hard to find that place to fit in; especially a place where people desire the same goals and dreams for life. Look closer, and dig through the crowds, the clubs and the clutter to find organization. People coming together for a common purpose — to find order and share something that they are passionate about.

Kayla Studivan and Cassie Swenson

organization

RECYCLE

ASID Raises Money Selling Purses Made From Recycled Material

Lookout Coach and Prada — a new kind of purse has made its debut. Two times this school year, members of the American Society of Interior Design (ASID) sold purses at the Searcy Town Square Festival. However, these were not just ordinary purses; they were made from recycled material.

The recycled purses were sold on two weekends during the Fall 2008 semester. The first was in September, and the second followed during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 24-25. The purses were sold at prices ranging from \$5 to \$30, depending on the fabric used and size of the bag.

"The purses are made of fabrics that have been discontinued or discarded by interior design firms and companies that use interior designers," senior Stacy Geraci said. "These fabrics would have otherwise been thrown away. Some of these are made of recycled material or go through a process that is environmentally friendly, like the adhesives that back certain fabrics. [The purse] may have low or no [volatile organic compounds] that are detrimental to our health and environment."

In addition to this project, Geraci and Amy Cox, director of interior design and the club's sponsor, agreed that ASID provided a great way to raise awareness about interior design and promote environmentally friendly practices.

"ASID provides its members with the opportunity to expand their networking within the industry and communicate to the public and government the importance of the profession of interior design," Cox said.

Being a sponsor, Cox was grateful to ASID for helping the student members with internships, allowing them to expand their knowledge of the field and giving the students an opportunity to get involved with projects such as Searcy Public Library, Habitat for Humanity and Searcy Children's Home.

Cox also felt that ASID was a good organization because it allowed the members to show what interior

design students truly did in their profession.

"An interior design student must understand and be able to coordinate many non-aesthetic aspects of a project including building codes, the Americans with Disabilities Act, lighting principles, fire safety, construction practices, building systems and sustainable building design," Cox said. "With the media and programs on [networks] such as HGTV, there is a common misconception of what an interior designer does, and ASID is trying to get the message out that we are more than simply good color pickers."

However, ASID was not only a project-oriented group; it provided social benefits as well. Geraci said that when she came to Harding, she joined to get to know other people.

"I joined Harding's ASID organization when I was a freshman because I thought it would be a chance to meet new people as well as get to know the upperclassmen," she said. "At the beginning of every fall and spring, ASID has a mixer specifically for new students and members."

ASID allowed students to get to know each other, similar to a social club. They took trips, worked on projects and attended events and lectures.

"Once a month, Harding ASID students take a trip up to Little Rock for an ASID meeting with professionals to learn about up-and-coming materials, processes and enhancements in the interior design industry," Geraci said. "Other events we attend include The Gathering and Career Day in Little Rock along with ASID chapters from other schools. These events include speakers, vendors, tours and design competitions."

Through the different opportunities it provided its members, ASID was a great addition to Harding and projects already supported on campus. The members felt lucky to have the chance to learn so much about their profession while still in college.

Rebecca Harrell



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERIOR DESIGN



Row 1: R. McMahan, A. Green, S. Geraci, K. Coss. **Row 2:** C. Young, R. Brown, C. Burris, B. Morris, M. Tanksley. **Row 3:** H. Bloomster, A. Moore, W. Wash. **Row 4:** K. Dingus, K. Anderson, J. Jesus, T. Massa. **Row 5:** S. McCormick, A. Cox (Sponsor), J. Russell.

RED BRICK STUDIOS



Row 1: S. Schoen, T. Winslow, K. Williams, A. Parks, J. Pancoast, B. Cannon. **Row 2:** D. Adams (Sponsor), K. Masters, A. Long, C. Kraus, I. Voigts. **Row 3:** E. Johnson, J. Buterbaugh, J. Yaeger.



Senior MaryCaitlin Tanksley spends an afternoon working on a purse made by the American Society of Interior Design Sept. 25 to raise money for their organization. The purses brought in \$635 during Homecoming weekend as people purchased different styles from zipper clutches to tote bags.
Noah Darnell

Graduate student Rebecca Latson plays a story writing game at the Red Brick Studios' Halloween party. The event was held at the Searcy Art Gallery on Oct. 23.
Noah Darnell

Senior Kendra Masters and junior Elizabeth Johnson laugh while at the Red Brick Studios' Halloween party Oct. 23. The club played games, had snacks, showed off their costumes and carved pumpkins.
Noah Darnell





Sophomore Al Johnson avoids a tackle in the Freed-Hardeman University rugby game in Memphis on Dec. 6. The rugby team met weekly for practice and competed with other schools as well as teams in surrounding communities.
Courtesy of Jessica Phillips

Senior Leslie Weeks cheers for the Bisons at a home basketball game on Dec. 11. The squad practiced at least four hours per week and traveled to football and basketball games on the weekends. *Jeff Montgomery*

RUGBY



Row 1: A. Johnson, S. Likens, K. Cummings, E. Gonzales, M. Sams, M. Hill, B. Brackett. **Row 2:** N. Kouvaris, J. Lane, A. Swan, J. Brunton, A. Avance, C. Callari, J. Boedecker, K. Petrich.

LACROSSE



Row 1: C. Hamilton, B. Cormier, J. Dunlop, B. Ishmael. **Row 2:** Z. Holden, S. Foster, A. Johnson, B. Ishmael.

P R E V E N T I O N

Athletic Trainers Work Behind The Scenes

Along with Harding's athletic training curriculum recently being certified to enable students to take the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification test, the Athletic Trainers Organization was revamped.

"The program here has recently been accredited, and our program is growing like never before," senior Jeremy Carver said. "When I got here as a freshman, there were eight student trainers in all. Now there are over 40 enrolled in our program."

While the only fundraiser the club did this year was to work the concession stand at intramural games, Carver said that their main concentration was to get the organization started and reach out to other students that might be interested in athletic training.

Obtaining national certification allowed graduates to practice as trainers. Just like any other medical field, a practitioner must be licensed by the state. Once certified, trainers could work on their own in high schools, colleges, athletic clinics or with professional sports teams. The Athletic Trainers Organization provided a convenient way for students to study for the exam.

"There are around six of us that are planning on taking our certification exam, called the BOC, in April," Carver said. "Most of us are all in the process of studying on our own, and [we] meet on Mondays to study together."

With the national accreditation came several changes to the curriculum. Freshmen were no

longer able to work directly with an athletic team. Instead, they concentrated on their studies and prepared for the full-time work that was to come.

At the sophomore level, students were required to work in the training room 20 to 30 hours per week, which let them practice alongside athletes and a professional trainer.

"This helps us develop great relationships with the team because we work so closely with them," graduate assistant James Meadows said. "It's a great feeling to see the team go out and succeed."

Upper level students acted as the primary trainers for the sports team while keeping the coaches nearby for advice.

"We have three years of field experience before we graduate because we are [at practice] everyday," Meadows said.

As more and more students chose athletic training as their major, they hoped to increase their involvement in the Athletic Trainers Organization and said that they were excited about the benefits the club provided.

"This group has helped me see that I need to do my part in our local organization to not only help increase knowledge of the profession in our area but also at the state and national level so that athletic training will further be viewed as an allied health field," senior Megan Lankford said.

Kayla Studivan and Rachel Klemmer



Sophomore Lacy Rush practices bandaging an ankle in the athletic training room on Feb. 3. "Being a part of the Athletic Trainers program gives me an opportunity to work one on one with trainers and athletes," she said.
Nick Michael

REVELATION PAINTBALL



Row 1: H. Wamack, A. Kinslow, J. Dickerson, B. Wloszczynski. **Row 2:** L. Guthridge, J. Schol, D. Blair, P. Sherrod.

CHEERLEADERS



Row 1: S. Howell, D. Duffield, B. Harden, M. McGehee, K. Kotcar. **Row 2:** H. Light, N. Oakes, L. Weeks. **Row 3:** S. Miller, J. Carroll, A. Dugan, J. Burleson.



Senior Megan Lankford examines soccer player junior Minnie Guzman before practice on Feb. 3. The athletic trainers met in the athletic training room in the Ganus Athletic Center to help players prepare for practices and games. *Nick Michael*

Sophomore Tyler Samuel runs into the in-zone to knock the disk away from the opposing team at the Itch Fest on Vanderbilt's intramural fields Oct. 12. The team won against Purdue University on the second day of the tournament. *Courtesy of Rachal Blake*

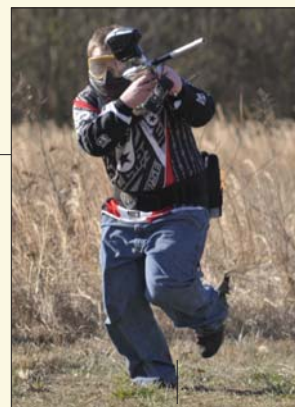
Senior Nathan Smeal flicks the disk to a teammate at club sectionals at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa on Sept. 21. Apocalypse won the game against their opponents the "Freaks Uv Nature." *Courtesy of Kellum Tate*



ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION



Row 1: L. Tankersley, A. Dorsey, L. McAnitty, A. Tucker, M. Lankford, K. Stark. **Row 2:** K. Fester, S. Hancock, L. Rush, D. Lemick, A. Jones, R. Min, B. Bridges. **Row 3:** J. Meadows, A. Leath, N. Wildman, J. Rogers, B. Arnold, L. Ferguson, R. Lambeth (Sponsor). **Row 4:** J. Henly, B. Moody, J. Carver, S. Cook, L. Wheeler, M. Castle, C. Bailey, M. Riley.



Freshman Hunter Warmack hides behind an inflatable bunker to shoot his paintball gun on the Splat Action Paintball field in Judsonia, Ark., on Jan. 24. The Harding Revelation Paintball team practiced at least two weekends per month. *Noah Darnell*

Freshman Ashton Kinslow shoots an opponent at Splat Action Paintball on Jan. 24. The team practiced by playing five-on-five until everyone was eliminated by being shot with a paintball. *Noah Darnell*

APOCALYPSE ULTIMATE FRISBEE



Row 1: W. Woodruff, W. Jordan (Sponsor), B. Bridges, P. Jordan, J. Lindsay, N. Smeal, Z. Daggett, D. Cressy. **Row 2:** T. Goins, S. Harlin, D. White, L. Ganus (Sponsor), C. Goodman. **Row 3:** A. Dill, T. Hill, T. Conn, T. Samuel, K. Burr, R. Rummage, C. Briski, Z. Cone. **Row 4:** J. Bullock, T. Haas, J. McDaniel, J. Gwinn.

WOMEN'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE



Row 1: K. Smith, C. Curl, R. Blake, E. Shepard, L. Whittington, K. Davis. **Row 2:** K. Tate, M. Alexander, C. Apgar, K. Saegert. **Row 3:** A. Hug (Sponsor), C. Nutt, E. Johnson, H. Bloomster, S. Cooper (Sponsor).



Sophomores Allison Wertenberger and Lisa Dove and graduate student Jennifer Riley study Colossians 11 during the OutReach America weekly Bible study at Marvin and Judith Crowson's house Nov. 12. "It's a place you can bring whatever is going on in your life and find people who will listen, care and pray for you," Wertenberger said. *Kayla Studivan*

Dr. Dale Manor, professor of archaeology and Bible, shows the Archaeology Club artifacts that he has collected in Israel during a meeting on Oct. 22 in the McInteer Bible Building. The chalice was bought in Israel and dated back to the time of King David. *Nick Michael*



ALPHA CHI MALACHI



Row 1: L. Mitchell, K. Ledford, A. Keith, J. Jones, M. Watson. **Row 2:** E. Sudeath, P. Eichers, A. Thrasher, R. Hicks, E. Lantz, M. Arnold. **Row 3:** W. Lawson, B. Vanzant, A. Favazza, D. Pye, S. Steiner, A. Mosby. **Row 4:** B. Ash, P. Hammitt, Q. Baker, B. Matty, J. Stein, K. Neller (Sponsor). **Row 5:** D. Schilling, A. Porter, D. Denman, M. Benthin.

OUTREACH AMERICA



Row 1: A. Ledesma, J. Riley, A. Riley, J. Dickerson, A. Wertenberger, D. Phillips. **Row 2:** L. Dove, C. Brown, J. Elander, R. Hoehn, S. Riley, J. Crowson, Popcorn, M. Crowson. **Row 3:** T. Thomas, C. McCollum, D. Smith, R. Halbe, A. Hernandez, R. Craig, K. Elander, L. Elander, J. Gwinn, C. Smith, D. Cressy, A. Porter, P. Smith.



OUTREACH

Bible Study Prepares Students To Share Faith By Moving To New Cities

For some time, missionary-in-residence Marvin Crowson had a passion for teaching the Gospel. This was evident by the enjoyment he received from hosting a Wednesday night Bible study in the fall of 2008, one of many studies he regularly led at his home, located just minutes from the Harding campus. However, one could quickly tell the focus of his Bible study was not only related to the power of the Gospel, but also how each individual could effectively spread the Word. Crowson said that after 13 years of full-time pulpit ministry, he resigned to take on a different approach.

"It has always been a dream of mine to plant churches in largely populated areas," Crowson said.

This dream materialized when he brought his program called OutReach America to Harding in 2001. Program staff and involved students worked in an office located on the first floor of the McInteer Bible Building. OutReach America was designed to get students to gather a team of friends eager to move to large cities and plant churches.

"It's really simple," Crowson said. "We inspire and encourage students to recruit their friends and move to big gateway cities where there are people from all around the world; I just help them organize team development."

No matter what one's field of interest or major was, all were welcome to join OutReach America and find a way to serve after graduation.

"The thing that originally got me interested [in OutReach America] and keeps me coming back is that we focus on learning how to be missionaries no matter where we go or what our professions are," senior Jordan Gwinn said. "I think the idea of a business major like me being a vocational missionary is pretty cool."

Crowson took students with him on a spring break campaign both in 2008 and 2009 to visit church plants that had been started on the east coast. He also planned to take a group to Jamaica in the summer of 2009 to assist churches he helped plant in the beginning of his ministry.

While past students reported success of their efforts, there were also current students eager to graduate and plant churches of their own. Sophomore Liz Elander said she had been involved in OutReach America for several years and was excited about her future efforts.

"In five or six years I plan on going to Fairbanks, Alaska," Elander said. "I have some friends going with me, but we are still working on interest for planting a church or possibly campus ministry."

Gwinn did not plan on going as far as Alaska, but he said he was also excited about spreading the Gospel after his time at Harding.

"Right now I'm still trying to discover what it is I want to do," Gwinn said. "I'm very interested in the Denver area and eventually want to work with youth, but I also have a passion for inner city homeless outreach."

Crowson said that a distinguishing feature of OutReach America was a friendship/relationship evangelism approach.

"Some people stop at just the friendship part and don't lead people to Christ," he said. "We want to go that next step."

While bringing people to Christ was the ultimate goal, Crowson keyed in on the importance of maintaining friendships with people no matter what.

"It's always the person's choice," he said. "If they don't become Christians, that doesn't stop the relationship."

OutReach America's work in the past eight years at Harding has resulted in many groups of students being able to share the Gospel in cities all around the nation. Crowson reported that, as of 2008, there were teams of former Harding students working in Seattle, Brunswick, Boston, San Francisco, upstate New York and several other cities.

While the program successfully launched several teams, Crowson warned against the danger of teams of friends waiting too long after finishing school before making the move to their choice city in fear of losing the desire to go.

"My urging is to graduate and go," he said.

Zach Welch

ARCHAEOLOGY CLUB



Row 1: B. Davidson, A. Henderson, S. Steiner, E. Lantz. Row 2: D. Manor (Sponsor), R. Howard. Row 3: A. Gresham, R. Schneider, P. McGraw, B. Johnson, R. Halbe.

ETIQUETTE

Students Learn Proper Dining

For the past 16 years, Lori Sloan, assistant professor of marketing, hosted an etiquette dinner for her women's Christian business ethics class. The class spent the semester discussing a Christian woman's role in the business world. Covering everything from how to protect oneself from sexual harassment to what to wear to a business dinner, the class was preparation for the next step into the workplace.

"I think it is important to have every opportunity to expose students to new and different experiences and to help them learn how to maneuver in specific business settings," Sloan said.

The business department took notice of Sloan's success and asked her to host a dinner open to all students in addition to the one she did for her women's class.

The event took place on Nov. 3 at Ann's Bridal and Etcetera, where the students enjoyed a five-course meal. Students were served dinner in an effort to teach them the proper way to eat some of the more complicated foods, such as beef brisket, bacon-wrapped asparagus and rolls with butter. Before and after dinner provided an opportunity to mingle and network as one would do in a real business setting.

"The dinner gave me an idea of what to expect in the business world," senior Nicole McNalty said. "We learn about the place settings and the little things, like what to do with your napkin and how to deal with certain situations."

Some thought that even people outside the business major could benefit from these practical pointers surrounding the dining table.

"Even students who are not majoring in business should learn the proper dining skills," senior Natalie Metz said. "It is helpful to know the expectations in business settings."

Throughout the meal, Sloan guided the class by telling them how to politely ask for something across the table, how to avoid awkward or unpleasant situations, such as a hair in the food, and proper social etiquette rules, such as including everyone in the conversation.

"I try to open the student's eyes to new experiences that will equip them for the business world and broaden their circle of influences," Sloan said.

She gave everyone booklets filled with proper dos and don'ts so that students would have something to look back on when they went to dinners and prepared for interviews.

"I really appreciate that Mrs. Sloan is open and honest about what she teaches and how she uses her own experiences," senior Mylah Watkins said. "Her lessons in manners and etiquette reiterated what my grandmother taught me."

While learning proper dinner etiquette as part of a class seemed out of the ordinary, Sloan felt the experience was very practical.

"Students remember this more than something they will learn in a classroom," Sloan said. "The more polished we are, the more opportunities we have to shine the light of Christ."

Kayla Studivan



ACCOUNTING SOCIETY



Row 1: T. Boss, B. Woods, R. Klemmer, M. Brown, K. Saegert, L. Jackson. **Row 2:** M. Inloes, J. Binkley, A. Olree, C. Graham, L. Wilkinson, S. Luo. **Row 3:** R. Young, R. Patrick, J. Stroud, M. Reese, C. Engel. **Row 4:** P. Groves, P. Bell, B. Priestley, A. Grieb, D. Gourley, T. Skelley. **Row 5:** B. Churchman (Sponsor), J. Zern, S. Ramsey, P. Brown (Sponsor).

AMERICAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION



Row 1: R. Brown (Sponsor), J. Turbeville, M. McCormick, A. Henry, C. Burleson, L. Fellers, L. Walker, J. Pigg, L. Velasquez. **Row 2:** D. Alvarado, J. Adkisson, R. Ragland, A. Carroll, B. Smith, E. Greer, C. Miller.



Professor of marketing Lori Sloan and senior Megan Brown sit together at the etiquette dinner hosted by Sloan Nov. 3. Everyone in attendance was assigned a specific table as Sloan taught a valuable point about why one should not switch seats at formal dinners. *Noah Darnell*

Senior Allison Weaver double checks her etiquette book to make sure she is using the proper utensils. Weaver attended the etiquette dinner at Ann's Bridal on Nov. 3, for Sloan's Christian business ethics for women class. *Noah Darnell*

BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Row 1: J. Cote, A. Manuel, W. Skelton, C. Hidalgo. **Row 2:** J. Stewart (Sponsor), A. Yeager, S. White, R. Cronk (Sponsor). **Row 3:** L. Liverpool, C. Ngu, C. Dollens, J. Stone (Sponsor).

DELTA MU DELTA



Row 1: Y. She, J. Chen, J. Breuer, Y. Jin, L. Wilkinson. **Row 2:** L. Velasquez, C. Hidalgo, A. Cunningham, L. Ramirez, L. Ferrell, B. Pagoda. **Row 3:** R. Weus (Sponsor), D. Alvarado, X. Ling, C. Burlison, M. Kruse, J. Adkisson, T. Box.

B E N E F I T S

AMA Hosts Long Drive To Raise Money For Sunshine School



This fall, members of the American Marketing Association decided to experience different types of marketing in order to raise money for a good cause. In the spring of 2008, the members came up with the idea of a Long Drive Competition to go along with the theme of marketing for nonprofit promotions. By donating the money to the Sunshine School in Searcy, the members had the opportunity to give back to a charity.

"We did the competition last spring, and we gave the money to the Sunshine School," senior Chris Miller said. "They were building a new facility at the time, so we just decided to go ahead and do the same thing this year."

The event was held at the Log Cabin Driving Range on Oct. 14. The members of AMA were not looking for the best golfers, they just wanted to see how far participants could hit that little white ball. The rules were simple. Golfers were separated into two groups based on gender. Then, each paid \$10 for five balls. These five balls represented the number of chances they would have to hit the balls as far as they could. The longest drive out of both men's and women's categories received prizes.

"The prizes were gift certificates to Golf Headquarters in Little Rock," senior and vice president of AMA Lauren Fellers said. "First prize was for \$100."

Senior Austin Orsburn and graduate student Holly Skelton claimed first prize in the men's and women's

categories, receiving a trophy in addition to the gift certificates.

"I won when they did the event last year, so I decided to do it again and won," Skelton said. "It was a fun way to help out with a good cause."

The event proved to be a big success for the AMA, and they were able to donate \$250 to the Sunshine School.

"We had about 27 people come out for the event, not including the AMA members," Fellers said. "TV16 even came out to do a spot for channel 16 news."

It also proved to be a big success for those who participated in the contest.

"I think the contestants enjoyed it," senior Matt McCormick said. "They got to come out and show off their long driving skills."

Skelton also noted that more people attended the event than in the spring.

"There was not as much participation among girls as guys, but this year there were more girls than last year," she said. "Hopefully in future years more girls will come out."

Not only did the contestants donate to charity, but they also got to relax and take a few swings of the club on a beautiful October day.

"People really like this event," Fellers said. "It is so low key and easy to be a part of without being a pro golfer."

Cody Waits

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SOCIETY



Row 1: L. Gutierrez, M. De La Torre, F. Morales, B. Pagoada, C. Cordona, L. Ramirez, G. Velazquez. **Row 2:** Y. Jia, L. Marchena, D. Hernandez, F. Miron, C. Cuadra, G. Niu. **Row 3:** L. Velasquez, D. Alvarado, F. Ramos, K. Minerick, A. Coello. **Row 4:** D. Saborio, A. Gutierrez, J. Hernandez, M. Mora, L. Pavola. **Row 5:** J. Hernandez, D. Avelar, J. Elvir.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE



Row 1: M. Hammons, E. Estrada, C. Dunnagan, B. Inloes, B. Featherstone.



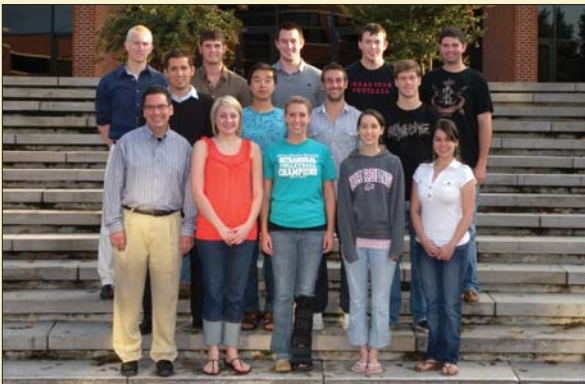
Freshman Dustin Ritcher hits a bucket of balls at the American Marketing Association's Long Drive Competition Oct. 28. Ritcher, a member of the golf team, paid \$10 for five balls to take a chance at winning the longest shot. *Nick Michael*

The CEO of Wal-Mart in Central America, Alexander Gianareas, has breakfast with senior Luis Rodriguez, the International Business Society and the Walton Scholars on Oct. 29. Gianareas joined the students for meals, interviewed students for summer internships and offered practical business advice. *Noah Darnell*

AMA member senior Alli Henry throws golf balls in the air as she helps out at the Log Cabin Long Drive on Oct. 14. The Long Drive was a charity event to raise money for the Sunshine School in Searcy. *Nick Michael*



SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT



Row 1: A Frazier (Sponsor), A. Rae, K. Meiners, M. Combs, B. Pagoda. **Row 2:** L. Rodriguez, J. Yin, T. Grant, J. Murray. **Row 3:** J. Shleton, C. Ingram, M. Walker, C. Coubrough, B. Meyer.

Junior Sara Shaban covers the presidential election for TV16 on Nov. 4 at College Church of Christ. Students and faculty members gathered at watch parties around Searcy to wait for the results. *Nick Michael*



HARDING STUDENT ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION



Row 1: S. Varner, J. Copeland, L. Faust. Row 2: M. Tate, D. Ater, J. Thomas.

BISON STAFF



Row 1: K. Kokernot, C. Guglielmon, J. Watson, S. Holschbach, B. Higgins. Row 2: B. Mathews, J. Abelson, L. Faust, E. Hollingsworth, J. Beauchamp (Sponsor).

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS



Row 1: K. Fittz, G. Pruitt, S. Holshbach. Row 2: A. Reely, J. Watson, S. Kyle, B. Mathews. Row 3: D. Hoggatt (Sponsor), B. Higgins, J. Beauchamp (Sponsor), N. Darnell.



R E S O U R C E S

Students Start Chapter Of SPJ At Harding

In sync with the department of communication becoming the College of Communication in 2008, several organizations popped up for communication majors to join. One such club was the Society of Professional Journalists, a nationally recognized journalism organization.

Many students were excited to take part in starting a chapter of the SPJ at Harding. Senior Jeremy Watson, founding member and president of the Harding chapter, said that it was a great resource for those interested in journalism to get involved with their field.

"There are not really many opportunities for journalism majors or just people interested in journalism to do stuff together, except through things like the Bison [newspaper] or the Petit Jean [yearbook]," Watson said. "I was glad we were going to get that opportunity outside of publications."

The SPJ was dedicated to encouraging the free practice of journalism and exhibiting a code of ethics among journalists everywhere. The organization, founded in 1909, promoted the free flow of information among the profession. With over 10,000 members nationwide, the goal of the SPJ was to educate current journalists, as well as students preparing to go out in the field after college. The educational benefits included discussions about the freedom of press, diversity in the field and the future of journalism as the media world constantly changed.

"Starting the Society of Professional Journalists provides students at Harding an opportunity to be involved in one of the most respected organizations throughout journalism," Dr. Jim Miller, journalism professor and SPJ advisor, said.

As a national organization, the SPJ held a national convention every year in which classes and seminars were provided to further educate journalists. Prominent speakers from the profession gave speeches on different topics. These conventions also allowed students and professionals to make connections with different journalists. The SPJ also offered contests that both students and professionals could enter for cash prizes, scholarships and overall recognition.

"By becoming a member, you get regular magazines and emails

sent to you, which include valuable information [such as] job openings, internship possibilities and general information about our profession," junior Chris O'Dell said. "It also helps set up connections for after graduation and is a good addition to a résumé."

In order to start a chapter of the SPJ at Harding, 10 students had to be members of the national organization. This meant that they had to pay \$36 dues every year. Then, they had to have an official advisor.

"Our SPJ chapter was made possible by great leadership from Dr. Jim Miller and Jeremy Beauchamp [director of student publications]," O'Dell said. "They helped organize the meetings and told us all about the benefits [the SPJ] provided students."

As a part of the organization, members elected officers, who were very important to the chapter as they had to make vital decisions. Serving as president of the chapter, Watson helped work on applying for a grant.

"[The grant would] give us \$500 to put together a workshop, during which we want to bring students from local high schools who are interested in journalism to Harding for a series of classes, along with a keynote speaker," Watson said. "It will be open to students at Harding as well, and some classes will be taught by students."

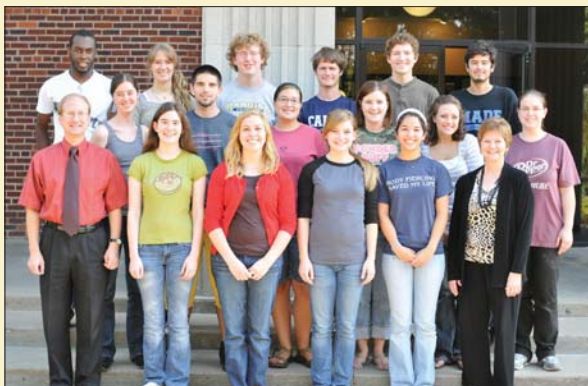
In addition to organizing seminars and finding speakers to come, the officers also had to make decisions concerning money for the group by holding fundraisers. This money would go to fund trips that were planned for members.

One such trip took the members to the Texas coast. Not only did the group help out with Hurricane Ike relief, but they also got to experience reporting, which helped set the students up for possible experiences they might have further down the road when out of school. They provided a voice and told stories during a time of need. With experiences in the field, the SPJ set itself apart by putting the members in hands-on situations.

"There should be no question if all journalism majors should join the SPJ," Miller said. "It should be how quickly they can join."

Cody Waits and Emily Hauptli

DACTYLOLOGY CLUB



Row 1: F. Bell (Sponsor), M. Taber, H. Maudsley, K. Koctar, R. Gomez, L. Thompson (Sponsor). **Row 2:** A. Cunningham, B. Dickerson, M. Jacob, J. Cornelius, B. Krogull, K. Moore. **Row 3:** J. Harris, E. Krulish, J. Marlin, M. Starks, J. Pilgrim, R. Schneider.

KVHU RADIO



Row 1: S. Goodale, K. Dejbakhsh, M. Mauney, J. Lafavers. **Row 2:** S. Adams, L. Schlabbach, C. Burke, R. Gardner. **Row 3:** J. Porter, B. Marcrom, R. Carriger, D. Hoggatt (Sponsor), A. Brewer.

NONVERBALS

Students Practice Different Forms Of Communication

Though most students in the Ganus Building were there to learn and practice a foreign language, a certain group of students gathered every Monday evening to learn a different kind of language — one that required no talking. The Dactylogy Club was an organization on campus that taught sign language, a form of communication vital to millions of people worldwide. This club provided anyone interested the opportunity to learn sign language, or if they already knew it, to teach it to others.

"It is just like any other foreign language," sophomore Malissa Taber said. "There is a group of people who use sign language to communicate, and if you want to be able to talk to those people, you have to learn their language."

Those involved in the club brought a variety of experience. Fluent signers and those with little or no experience alike came in order to learn and improve their abilities.

"Members bring a wide range of skill," junior Manon Jacob said. "Some have never signed before and others have had internships as interpreters. We divide into two groups and practice our sign language. Sometimes we tell stories or learn hymns, but we always practice."

In addition to classroom exercises, members of the club also had the opportunity to attend a church where they got to experience sign language in a real-life setting.

"We went to a Deaf church in Little Rock to worship and talk to people who completely rely on sign language," Jacob said. "We got a chance to talk to many of them and find out about their lives. It was an incredible experience."

For Jacob, learning sign language was something she had been interested in but never got into until joining the Dactylogy Club.

"This is my first year in the Dactylogy Club, but I have always wanted to learn sign language," she said. "At [College church of Christ], I always sit where I can see the interpreter, and [I] hope that I will eventually be able to help out a congregation someday or just be able to communicate and assist people."

Another club member, sophomore Jessie Cannon, started learning sign language when she was three years old and was still practicing and studying to become fluent.

"By learning sign language we are able to communicate with another culture, therefore developing more relationships and reaching out to more people," Cannon said. "The only difference between Deaf people and hearing people is that they cannot hear. Otherwise, they are just like us, and I think it is important that people realize this fact."

While some learned sign language for career purposes, Jacob had other reasons for wanting to learn.

"I do not plan on getting a job with sign language [but] maybe just [help] out my church back home," she said. "Mostly I want to be able to meet and get to know people, and this is just one less boundary."

Jacob also noted the importance she saw in being able to connect with people through sign language.

"I think that it is incredibly important to be able to reach out to many who are often forgotten about," she said. "There are very few people who know sign language, and the Deaf are often left out of friendly conversation and worship. I would really like to be able to communicate with them and just make them aware that someone cares and is interested in their life."

Rebecca Harrell



STUDENT SPEECH AND HEARING ASSOCIATION



Row 1: M. Coy, M. Hayes, J. Cogle, A. Dowler. **Row 2:** T. Lake, S. Ward, S. Hackney, L. Lawson. **Row 3:** L. Medford, A. Roberts, R. Pugh. **Row 4:** B. McLain (Sponsor), S. Thornton, B. Yarbrough, S. Copenhart. **Row 5:** N. Martz, K. Dings, C. Field, D. Moran. **Row 6:** M. Norris, C. McMenamy, C. McNiece.

PETIT JEAN



Row 1: K. Fittz, J. Panoast, R. Klemmer, C. Swenson. **Row 2:** K. Studivan, N. Sullenger, C. Quinn, B. Parker. **Row 3:** K. Ramirez, N. Ramirez, S. Cummings, H. Beall, E. Hauptli. **Row 4:** J. Beauchamp (Sponsor), H. Ware, N. Michael, N. Darnell.



Senior anchors Marissa Shepard and Melodie Mauney and freshman camera crew member Giang Hoang prepare to begin Live at 5, Harding's afternoon TV show, on Oct. 14. Students were either involved in a class or on a scholarship to produce a live newscast every week night. *Noah Darnell*

NATIONAL BROADCAST SOCIETY



Row 1: A. McCall, D. Mitchell, R. Gardner, S. Bjelland. **Row 2:** D. Johnstone, J. Porter, S. Goodale. **Row 3:** B. Ritchie (Sponsor), J. Morgan.

RADIO TELEVISION NEWS DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



Row 1: M. Shepard, C. Burke, M. Mauney, K. Dejbakhsh. **Row 2:** S. Goodale, R. Carriger, D. Hoggatt (Sponsor), A. Brewer.

TV 16



Row 1: S. Bjelland, K. Dejbakhsh, M. Shepard, M. Mauney, L. Scott. **Row 2:** J. Porter, S. Goodale, C. Burke, S. Shaban, R. Gardner, M. Prior (Sponsor). **Row 3:** B. Ritchie (Sponsor), B. Macrom, R. Carriger, D. Hoggatt (Sponsor), A. Brewer.

B A L A N C E

Students Juggle School With Marriage, Parenthood And Pied Pipers

Students involved with Pied Pipers, a group that traveled and performed for children, all had at least one thing in common. They all had a passion for reaching out to the children they performed for. But two members of the group, married couple Brian and Sadie Bullard, held a unique position. Not only did the couple share their lives and talents with the children of other people, they were parents themselves.

Sadie and Brian, senior English and kinesiology majors, first met at Camp Wyldewood in Searcy.

"Brian and I camped together at Camp Wyldewood when we were little, but we didn't really know each other well," Sadie said. "When I was a senior in high school, I volunteered at camp the session he camped, and we got reacquainted. We ran into each other that winter at another youth rally and have talked every day since."

Six days after Sadie's 19th birthday, the couple was married.

"We were married on July 29, 2006," Sadie said. "We had a medieval [themed] wedding at Camp Wyldewood."

Before and after getting married, Sadie and Brian both said they enjoyed being in Pied Pipers.

"Pied Pipers is a great way to see and experience the love of God," Brian said. "Children have an amazing ability to show unconditional love, and that is something we should take of; it's tons of fun."

Being a Piper also fit in with Sadie's interest in performing and reaching out to kids.

"I've always been interested in theater, and this is a great way to inspire young children to be creative," Sadie said. "Also many of the children we see do not get the attention they need at home, so we have a chance to give them positive attention and the opportunity to use their imaginations."

In the midst of balancing life as students, a married

couple and active members of Pipers, the Bullards happily embraced a new addition to their family on Feb. 13, when their daughter, June Violet Bullard, was born. From then on, "Junie" became the number one priority in the Bullards' lives.

"No matter how much stuff we have due or how many minutes we have until we are going to be late for class, Junie will always come before school, work and Pipers," Brian said. "Although we have to make sacrifices for her and for each other, it is all worth it. Junie brightens up our lives and is a great gift from God."

Sadie agreed that things changed once Junie came into the picture, but they both enjoyed the new dimension to their lives that being parents brought.

"We have to plan things ahead of time now, but we still have fun," Sadie said. "If we want to go out, we have to find a sitter or take Junie with us, but Junie is such a well-mannered baby that we don't mind [taking] her with us. She likes to go to the movies, and we like to show her off."

Even after having Junie, the couple continued to be active and participate in Pied Pipers. Unlike other members of the group, they just had to make sure that their little girl was taken care of before going to meetings.

"We only have Piper practice two nights a week, and friends and family baby-sit for us on those nights," Brian said. "Also, we go on tours that can be up to a week long, and when we go on a tour, Junie stays with her grandparents."

Despite the new challenges, the Bullards continued to make the best of each day.

"Even though things are pretty hectic with being married, having a kid, going to school, working and being in Pied Pipers," Brian said, "life is good and we are making it just fine."

Rebecca Harrell



CAMPUS PLAYERS



Row 1: K. Dolinger, A. Gates, C. Myer. Row 2: K. Rogers, J. LaFavers, J. Rousseau, M. Ellis (Sponsor).

PIED PIPERS



Row 1: D. Frye (Sponsor), J. Pittard, A. Williams, S. Bullard, M. West. Row 2: B. Bullard, K. Fisher, D. Tucker, S. Bowden, K. Hollingsworth, A. Frye.



The Pied Pipers form their final pose at a school in Memphis, Tenn., where they performed for a group of children on their fall tour Nov. 4-9. The Pipers ended every show with the song "Boom Boom, Ain't it Great to be a Piper." *Courtesy of Dottie Frye*

Juniors Brett Ellis and James Buce perform in the Benson Auditorium for Student Impact on Aug. 24. Ellis had been part of the performing ministry group for four years, and Buce for two years. *Noah Darnell*

THEATRON



Row 1: B. Miller, R. Geddie, B. Ellis. **Row 2:** J. Brown, J. Buce, R. Muir, J. Bentley.

ALPHA PSI OMEGA



Row 1: S. Crowder, S. Clyde, A. Gates, R. Filbeck, A. Cancienne. **Row 2:** K. Dolinger, J. Aders, S. Vanzant, G. McMurray, C. Myer. **Row 3:** K. Rogers, J. LaFavers, M. McBride, J. Rousseau, M. Ellis (Sponsor).



Seniors Greg Lyons and Chris Cochran eat breakfast at the Honors House on Dec. 13. The Honors Council made "Buck for Breakfast" once a month for students who brought a dollar to eat. *Courtesy of Jacque Breuer*

Senior Michelle Link plays with a baby while the Student Council for Exceptional Children baby-sits in the Downtown Church Family Life Center on Oct. 10. The group offered free baby-sitting once a month to families with disabled children, giving parents a chance to relax and students time to learn more about children. *Courtesy of Ellie Poe*

KAPPA DELTA PI



Row 1: A. Lytle, D. Lee (Sponsor), C. Canterbury, A. Quattlebaum, H. Thomas, M. Worden, A. La-Roche, B. Watson (Sponsor). **Row 2:** L. Brumfield, K. Parker, M. Henderson, A. Bynum, K. Parker, D. Matthews. **Row 3:** J. Renzelman, K. Cole, A. Riley, T. Bragg, M. Eddy. **Row 4:** T. Denison, K. Scott, M. Cole, L. Smith, E. Miller. **Row 5:** H. Newberry, C. Nowlin, M. Leonard, D. Dority. **Row 6:** S. Cressy, H. Johnson, E. Poe, A. Copeland. **Row 7:** E. Smith, R. Geddie, S. Gillespie. **Row 8:** C. Austelle, M. Venable, K. Dobson, A. Hahn. **Row 9:** K. Carnegie, J. Adams, B. Winborne, S. Simkins. **Row 10:** C. Bedwell, S. Party, K. Vick, A. Sparks. **Row 11:** J. Bangs, A. Bridges.

HONORS COUNCIL



Row 1: J. Bakke, D. McDaniel, K. Kokernot, J. Watson, M. Crouch, C. Smith. **Row 2:** R. Gelpi, K. Larkin, L. Kays, J. Breuer, A. Aardema. **Row 3:** G. Marcellini, N. Scanlon, A. Horman-Cruz, A. Burnett, D. Newburn, S. Vanderburg, L. Crowder, S. McBride.

C H O I C E

Students Propose Speakers For Honors College

The L.C. Sears Collegiate Seminar Series, sponsored by Harding's Honors College and named after Harding's first academic dean, began its third year of seminars in the fall of 2008.

The series, which began in 2005, hosted a variety of speakers from many different backgrounds addressing a number of topics and issues. Past speakers included nationally prominent Jewish leader Rabi Eliot Gertel, art historian Dr. David Rosand and nationally prominent Muslim Dr. Nabil Bayakly. The series most recently hosted 2002 Harding graduate Holly Root, who in her short yet very successful career as a publishing agent represented authors whose books made the New York Times best-seller list.

According to the Dean of the Honors College Dr. Jeff Hopper, honors students helped select anywhere from three to six speakers a year based on relevant topics they thought would be beneficial to the student body.

"The student director proposes a speaker, and unless there is a problem with that selection, we run with it," Hopper said. "Because we have had several different student directors, I try to help maintain continuity by suggesting balance."

Hopper said his favorite speaker so far was Root because she encouraged students by showing them how much success could be achieved in such a short time after graduation.

Junior Sky Vanderburg was involved in the Honors Collegiate Seminar for the past two years and also served as Student Director from January 2008 to May 2009. Vanderburg explained that the

series either featured a speaker or a set of ideas. Vanderburg said he took suggestions from his fellow students and then tried to select a speaker and a topic that would spark the most dialogue.

"The most rewarding part of this role by far is its effect on the students in an individual sense," Vanderburg said. "As a Christian university, Harding is educating and training students to engage their world, not just a culture of the familiar. We cannot seclude ourselves in academic or spiritual towers and expect to remain relevant or effective in the face of real challenges."

Vanderburg went on to say he felt the opening of hearts and minds was the goal and purpose of the L.C. Sears seminars.

In her first year of involvement, sophomore Kelsey Sherrod, assistant student director, helped come up with ideas for possible topics and speakers.

"I aid the director and arrange the series in cases where the director is unable to organize the entire event," Sherrod said. "[We look for] speakers who are relatable with expertise, experience or scholarly credentials. We also look for individuals who have a story to tell or who have an inclination towards a timely, relevant issue."

The Honors College continued to sponsor speakers throughout the spring semester. In its short time of existence, the L.C. Sears Collegiate Seminar Series exposed students, faculty and the local community to the opportunity to inform and challenge themselves by listening to a diverse range of speakers with many different backgrounds.

Zach Welch



Junior Alyssa Copeland looks at the new inductee list of Kappa Delta Pi on Dec. 2 in the Thornton Education Center. Students were inducted into the honor society for education every semester based on their high grades.
Nick Michael

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN



Row 1: S. Parker, L. Young, K. Carlon, L. Wagar, L. Nicholas, S. Stewart, E. Poe, C. Collins. Row 2: L. Smith, E. Hauptli, J. Birus, S. Anthony, O. Hawkins, C. Field, M. Link, K. Bills.

Graduate student Yao Yao teaches sophomore Allyson Roller to paint traditional Chinese characters using calligraphy at the Chinese New Year Celebration on Jan. 24 at College Church. Harding students and members of the community joined in the celebration which had Chinese activities including a dumpling-making contest and dinner. *Kayla Studivan*

Graduate student Tiana Li performs a Kung Fu routine at the Chinese New Year Celebration on Jan. 24. Li had competed internationally, and she gave Ti Chi and Kung Fu lessons at the celebration. *Kayla Studivan*



FRENCH CLUB



Row 1: J. Marlin, K. Tate, C. Nutt, J. Smith, J. Grimm, S. Fisher, E. Faber. **Row 2:** L. Lane, P. Davidson, N. Dullning, K. McKune, B. Bogos, D. Shackelford. **Row 3:** A. DeCamp, A. Borchers, A. Rich, S. McCready, B. McKune. **Row 4:** B. Waller, S. Hug, J. Love, A. Lee, J. Levy, R. McCready. **Row 5:** E. Hauptli, A. Keith, H. Wenang, L. Leonard. **Row 6:** D. Samples, A. Roznos, V. Ndatinya, I. David. **Row 7:** E. Shipp, D. John, J. Smith. **Row 8:** S. Eastland, S. Rog, M. Stassin.

CHINESE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS



Row 1: Y. Zhang, L. Li, L. Zhou, Z. Xu, X. Li, J. Li, X. Luo, J. Chen, Q. Lu, Y. Guo, R. Zhang. **Row 2:** X. Yin, J. Li, N. Wang, Y. Liu, J. Liu, C. Yan, Y. Jia, T. Jin, J. He. **Row 3:** C. Xu, F. Bu, J. Chen, J. Yang, Y. Mo. **Row 3:** M. Hadwin (Sponsor), X. Du, M. Lin, X. Nie, G. Huang, J. Zhang, F. Quin, F. Chen, Z. Jian, B. Teng, R. Li, K. Luo. **Row 4:** Z. Yuan, Z. Hu, Y. Yan, B. Zhu, X. Ou, Z. Yang. **Row 5:** B. Liu, X. Ling, S. Wang, S. Peng, H. Peng.

SPANISH CLUB



Row 1: G. Pauley, M. Olds, D. Mecker, D. Alexander, B. Hemphill, B. Sterry. **Row 2:** A. Clay, C. Wilson, S. Brown, C. Burleson, H. Dozier, H. Hoyt, M. Brooks, K. Aldrich, B. James, N. Mynatt, R. Redding, R. Young. **Row 3:** C. Howard, G. Marcellini, I. Azarcaya, R. Sandoval, S. Gill, C. Godson, M. Sallee, R. Dean, B. Melchers, C. Wilhelm, E. Flaherty, R. Fuller, V. Porter. **Row 4:** C. Pruitt, B. Spencer, A. Bower, R. Hayes, A. Stevens, A. Dempsey, B. Payne, S. Stratton, C. Conner, A. Ambrose, N. Schultheis, K. Kridlo, A. Conley (Sponsor).



CELEBRATION

Chinese Student Performs At Festival

While in many ways Harding became home for students during the time they attended, for many international students like graduate student Tiana Li, it was still important to be able to remember and celebrate the culture of their home countries. One organization that strove to do this was the Harding Chinese Students and Scholars Association (HCSSA).

"We want to let all the Chinese people get together," Li said. "Sometimes we get homesick, so if we can be together, that helps."

As president of the association, Li had the responsibility of organizing events that HCSSA put on and also collecting and raising money from members and outside supporters. The biggest event for the HCSSA was the Moon Festival, which was put on each fall and open to anyone. Included in the course of the evening was a meal of traditional Chinese food and performances by some of the students.

"I asked [Chinese students] if they had any talents and if they would like to perform in the festival," Li said. "Most people are happy to do it."

Li was one of the performers at the festival and executed a Kung Fu routine for those present. Her talent in martial arts began long before coming to Harding.

"In 1994, my father [made] me do [Kung Fu] because my health wasn't very good, and it helped me," Li said. "After about two weeks I started to like it. My teacher was very funny and made it interesting."

After her start in martial arts at the age of eight, Li attended what she called "sport school" from age 11 to 17 which consisted of a routine of exercising in the morning, taking four classes during the day and training for martial arts in the afternoon and evening. Li competed in many competitions in China and even won several gold medals.

Though she still practiced Kung Fu after coming to Harding, it was not as central in her life as it was before.

"I think knowledge is more important for me," Li said. "When you go to get a job, no one will care how many medals you won in your childhood and teenage years. It won't help them do their business."

Working toward her Master's in Business Administration at Harding, Li hoped to get a job in the states to gain experience before going back to China. Li said she enjoyed her time at Harding and meeting new friends.

"Many people think [Harding] is very conservative, but I like it," Li said.

Through her involvement in HCSSA, Li was able to share the Chinese culture with others on campus.

"I think it's a really good idea because we can show Chinese culture to America and let them know more about us," Li said about having events like the Moon festival through HCSSA. "If you know more about each other, maybe you'll want to build relationships and be friends."

Emily Hauptli

ITALIAN CLUB



Row 1: S. Fisher, M. Scharff, J. Love (Sponsor), B. Stovall. Row 2: J. Joseph, K. Arbuckle, M. Horton, G. Jones, C. Mannen. Row 3: N. Burrows, C. McKeever, K. Cavender, R. West. Row 4: J. Hill, C. Dufrenne, D. Shackelford.

AFRICAN MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP



Row 1: E. Hartley, A. Reeves, M. Love, J. Granberg, M. Yates, L. Shaffer, M. Dean. Row 2: J. Strichly, J. Strichly, T. Jones, K. Mueller, P. Mainprize, H. Watkins, K. Maynard, C. Davidson. Row 3: S. Hug, D. Kiser, B. Custer, A. Owens, S. Kerr, L. Steger, D. Bentley, L. Nossaman. Row 4: S. Barnett, N. Martz, S. Borgelt, D. Molina, C. Elder, K. Parker, E. Crooks, J. Bakke, T. Box. Row 5: B. Parker, L. Brumfield, N. Freeman, J. Amend, J. Przeczewski, K. Coffey, J. Nason, K. Davis, J. Sims. Row 6: R. Gabriel, Z. Seagle, M. Watson, J. Mendenhall, H. Dell, K. Tobey, A. Mullins, D. Reese, J. Reese. Row 7: T. Stickel, K. Holton, M. Berryman.



Senior William Medders plays the dobro, also known as a resonator guitar, at the Literary Festival on Sept. 11. Medders read a creative nonfiction essay, and then provided musical entertainment. *Nick Michael*

Seniors Kurt Cavender and Joanna Benskin perform Shakespear's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Literary Festival on Sept. 11. Cavendar played Pyramus, and Benskin played the wall that Pyramus was peeking through. *Nick Michael*



SCRIBBLERS



Row 1: K. Cavender, W. Medders, W. Visalli. **Row 2:** M. Bellamy, A. Partridge, S. Lutz, E. Daw, J. Benskin, M. Daughety. **Row 3:** T. Engel (Sponsor), C. Mullen, D. Cameron, K. Cozzens, E. Bundy, R. Rupel, K. Sullivan.

INVOLVEMENT

Claxton Participates In English Clubs

Dr. Michael Claxton, assistant professor of English, arrived on Harding's campus in the fall of 2003, straight out of his doctoral program at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and eager to teach.

"The only thing I knew about Harding was that it was a long way from Georgia," Claxton said.

Not long after his arrival, Harding alumni Tim Nance, a 2005 graduate, and Andrea Zahler, a 2004 graduate, approached Claxton with the prospect of chartering a poetry club on campus. These three poetry buffs created Souvenirs.

Souvenirs was a more rowdy group than some thought. The weekly meetings in the Honors House were crammed with students quothing the raven and making wisecracks about Beowulf.

"I've been deputized by Dr. [Jeff] Hopper to keep the chaos at a low roar," Claxton said.

Claxton was surprised that a "non-required poetry event" had met for so long.

"The fact that we're still alive five or six years later really impresses me," Claxton said. "We've had this succession of really enthusiastic poetry fans. It's kept this club going."

While not for everyone, the audience that attended the meetings every Thursday night was diverse.

"It's not limited to English majors," Claxton said. "We have art majors. We have nursing majors. We have people from [the] foreign language [department] – from all different types of disciplines."

Claxton said Souvenirs often escaped the Honors House for a day trip to an area used bookstore.

They also threw Christmas parties in the winter and hosted cookouts in the spring.

Claxton also spearheaded the English honor society Sigma Tau Delta. Club meetings were rare, but the group traveled once a year to The Rep Theater in Little Rock. Last winter they organized a used textbook drive through Better World Books to benefit Invisible Children Inc., a non-profit organization that assisted children and others coping with the civil war in northern Uganda.

"I think it's important for students to be involved in societies and groups that connect them with other professionals in their field of study," junior Jordan Bailey said. "I think [Dr. Claxton] does a really good job of being an overseer and keeping things organized."

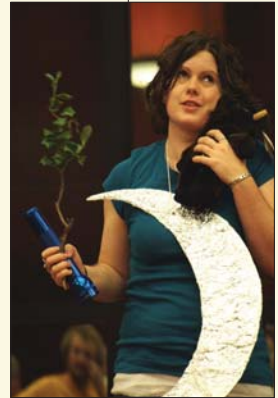
As the sponsor, Claxton was responsible for reciting an annual top-ten list at the English department's fall literary festival. Recent lists included the ten worst topics for senior symposia and the ten worst English major pick-up lines.

While Claxton was passionate about the English department, he admitted that the Harding basketball teams threatened his allegiance to his more literary leanings. He often attended the girl's game, raced over to the Honors House for Souvenirs and then returned to the Rhodes for the second half of the boy's game.

"It's a good time," Claxton said. "The Rhodes Field House is a lot of fun."

Between poetry, book drives and basketball games, Claxton found his niche.

Nick Michael



Senior Jessica Briggs plays the moon in the Souvenirs performance at the Literary Festival on Sept. 11, in Cone Chapel. The group performed the Pyramus and Thisbe play from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. *Nick Michael*

SIGMA TAU DELTA



Row 1: J. Bailey, M. Smith, C. Mannen, E. Williams. Row 2: J. Maris, H. Pruitt, J. Benskin. Row 3: C. Damron, E. Daw. Row 4: K. Jackson, C. Neil, M. Claxton (Sponsor), C. McKeever.

SOUVENIRS



Row 1: A. Stilwell, R. Rupel, J. Roosevelt, K. Cross. Row 2: S. McSwain, K. Curtis, E. Daw, J. Benskin, J. Roper. Row 3: K. Cameron, V. Wagner, K. Cavender, L. Jones, N. Boone, L. Jones.

DEDICATION



Sophomore Nick Smelser practices with the Thundering Herd outside the Reynolds Center Aug. 21. The marching band met before school started in August to prepare for the home season Sept. 6 - Oct. 25. *Noah Darnell*

Dr. Mike Chance, director of bands, orchestra and instrumental studies, conducts the Pit Orchestra at the Homecoming musical "Oklahoma!" on Oct. 5. The Orchestra had 21 string players from Harding and the community, making it larger than it had been in past years. *Noah Darnell*



THUNDERING HERD



Row 1: J. Perkins, A. Withrow, M. Dalafave, H. Payne, T. Moan. **Row 2:** N. Smelser, C. Grown, S. Yarnell, D. Frank. **Row 3:** B. Payne, B. Spencer, S. Eason, L. Helms. **Row 4:** T. Gammon, L. Kirkham, A. Calcote, K. McKune, A. Reynolds. **Row 5:** T. Lasley, R. Bartlett, J. Marlin, P. Carroll, J. Feild, K. Gordon, R. Hammond, G. Snider. **Row 6:** N. Dean, Ben Stafford. **Row 7:** K. Wiehe, C. Hancock, P. Ruhl, T. Replogle, L. Backlund, V. Spruiell, C. McGill, M. Maja, E. Bradley, A. Wyatt, A. Warzeka. **Row 8:** K. Perkins, J. Dean, N. Mitchell, W. Hammes, A. Mowrer, M. Thomas, A. Gresham, M. Bunta. **Row 9:** J. Tubb, H. Iizumi.

WIND ENSEMBLE



Row 1: H. Iizumi, J. Tubb, J. Leath, M. Dalafave, L. Helms, B. Spencer, A. Calcoate, V. Chittam, K. McKune. **Row 2:** K. Gordon, N. Dean, G. Snider, B. Stafford, A. Reynolds. **Row 3:** C. Hancock, T. Repogle, P. Ruhl, K. Wiehe. **Row 4:** M. Major, E. Bradley, C. McGill, A. Wyatt, A. Warzeka. **Row 5:** N. Mitchell, J. Dean, M. Banta, K. Perkins. **Row 6:** A. Withrow, W. Hammes, A. Gresham, A. Mowrer. **Row 7:** T. Lasley, J. Marlin, C. Grown, S. Yarnell, J. Fields.

Senior's Hard Work And Motivation Prepare For Future Career



Whether it was performing in an orchestra, marching in a band or playing in a quartet, senior instrumental music education major Whitney Hammes took advantage of many opportunities to prepare for her future in music.

Hammes was home schooled but did not let that keep her from taking cello lessons starting in fifth grade. She took lessons from Dr. Patricia Cox, professor of music, and by seventh grade, Hammes was playing in the Harding University/Community Orchestra.

She continued looking for opportunities to play and improve her musical skills. In the tenth grade, she felt the need to learn how to play a wind instrument and chose the trombone. She then started playing with the Harding Academy band.

"I wanted to learn a wind [instrument], but I had to practice a lot to catch up," Hammes said. "It was hard to go from the sound of the cello to the horrible sound of learning the trombone."

During her senior year of high school, Hammes joined the Harding Thundering Herd Marching Band and played the trombone.

After having good experiences working with students and professors in the music department at Harding, it made sense for Hammes to stay in Searcy and attend Harding as a student.

"Whitney is very aggressive in what she wants to accomplish," Dr. Mike Chance, director of the band and orchestra, said. "She is willing to put in the time and effort to get what she wants. She is very focused."

After graduating, Hammes planned to attend graduate school where she could focus on the cello, and eventually teach band or orchestra to junior high or high school students.

"I feel very qualified to teach either one because I play both a wind and string instrument," Hammes said. "Since a typical orchestra has both winds and strings, I have the advantage of understanding and showing students how to play both. If I had chosen only one instrument, then I wouldn't have that qualification."

Hammes felt like learning two instruments was helpful in giving her more confidence.

"How you play the two is not the same, but the attitude transfers," she said.

Hammes spent the fall 2008 semester playing in the pit orchestra for the Homecoming musical "Oklahoma!" as well as being a member of the band. She was also a member of the Harding University String Quartet, the President of the Harding chapter of the National Association for Music Education and held a spot in the Pine Bluff Symphony Orchestra. Hammes said that this particular orchestra was made up of professional musicians and was one of five in the state of Arkansas.

"Whitney is very dedicated, hardworking and self-motivated," Bethany Yarbrough, senior instrumental music education minor, said. "She is always willing to help and down-to-earth."

In February of 2008, Hammes had the opportunity to play in the Arkansas Collegiate Band, which was composed of the top musicians from every university in the state. The students chosen for this honor spent only a few days learning music before they performed it for high school students.

"Hammes is persistent about learning to be a good cellist and musician," Chance said. "When there were few other string majors, she was able to be self-motivated and not rely on other students."

Kayla Studivan

STRING QUARTET



Row 1: W. Hammes, P. Cox, J. Wimberly, S. Strange.

R E S C U E

Jazz Band Raises Money For Humane Society



The program featured well-known guest performers, representatives from the Humane Society of Searcy's Barkin' Barn thrift store and legendary songs such as "It Had to Be You" and "Embraceable You."

The Harding University Jazz Band performed a benefit concert for the Humane Society of Searcy on November 14. The Searcy High School Performing Arts Center was full that night as many locals came out for an evening of great music to benefit a worthy cause.

The Jazz Band worked on the musical selections for about two months before the concert, but preparations for the concert started in January of 2008. This was the second benefit concert the Jazz Band performed for the Humane Society, the first being in 2006.

"It was rewarding [to] partner with community volunteers who give their time and effort again," Jazz Band Director and Music Department Chair Warren Casey said. "It reminded every member of the band that when they came to Searcy, they became part of this community. We had an opportunity to contribute here in this place, just like many other volunteers who live and work in Searcy."

The student performers in the Jazz Band were honored to get to play for such a wonderful cause.

"Harding and its departments have always desired to serve the Searcy community in any way that it can," junior Tyler Morse said. "Holding a concert to benefit the Humane Society is just one more way that Harding can serve and it is always nice [for] the Jazz Band [to have] a chance to play."

The concert was titled "Where Our Boys Are" and was performed in a 1940s live radio-show format. The Jazz Band performed big-band swing style music from

the 1930s and '40s. Chicago trumpeter John Hadraba was featured as the "Armed Forces Broadcaster" to add to the 1942 radio-show experience.

The show featured three guest performers: Doug Scharf, a professional trumpet player from Chicago, Bob Duda, a singer from the Chicago area, and Shirley Chauvin, a jazz vocalist known throughout Texas and Arkansas. The guest performers not only enhanced the performance but also showed the students in the Jazz Band how they could continue to use their talents outside of college.

"The students got to work with the professional musicians that performed with us," Casey said. "That experience alone would be good, but seeing that the pros are willing to help out in a benefit performance made for an even better experience."

The concert was a huge success, raising not only awareness, but also financial support. The Humane Society surely benefited from the outreach of the Harding University Jazz Band.

"The whole concert was a lot of fun to play," senior Angela Withrow said. "To get to play and interact with the guest performers was a great experience."

The most important lesson the Jazz Band gained from this experience was that performing was not always about showcasing their talents. Giving back to the community was one of the best ways they could use their musical forte.

"[The concert] was a way the Jazz Band at Harding [could] give back to our community in our own unique way," Casey said. "We decided to use our talents in a different way, perhaps in a way few other groups can."

Bethany Loftis

JAZZ BAND



Row 1: J. Easter, N. Dean, J. Tesh. Row 2: G. Snider, M. Parks. Row 3: M. Finch, D. Newburn, L. Kirkham. Row 4: C. Smith, A. Gresham, A. Winthorpe, B. Stafford. Row 5: T. Replogle, A. Mowrer, B. Ash, B. Mathews.

COLLEGIATE CHAPTER OF MENC



Row 1: A. Ritchie, J. Perkins, E. Harrell, D. Walton. Row 2: B. Foy, E. Walker, S. Yarnell. Row 3: A. Lytle, T. Kaye, A. Warzecha. Row 4: J. Hughes, W. Hammes, P. Cox (Sponsor).



Freshman **James Easter** plays the guitar during a Jazz Band practice on Nov. 11 in the Reynolds Center. The band practiced twice every week to prepare for their main shows including "Where Our Boys Are" and Spring Sing. *Nick Michael*

The Jazz Band performs at the Searcy High School Performing Arts Center on Nov. 14 in a show entitled "Where Our Boys Are" modeled after a World War II live radio show. The show brought in featured guests from Chicago and helped raise money for the Humane Society located north of Searcy. *Nick Michael*

Senior **Daniel Lee** plays at the Jazz Band performance "Where Our Boys Are" on Nov. 14 at the Searcy High School Performing Arts Center. Lee was first tenor in the band, and started playing the saxophone in the fourth grade. *Nick Michael*



ORCHESTRA



Row 1: S. Lim, J. Miller, A. Knappe, J. Wimberling, S. Strange, M. Joyner, W. Hammes, L. Lane, L. Lowery, J. Nesbit. **Row 2:** J. Berkheimer, K. Balkenbusch, C. O'Connell, R. McCoy, L. Hester, A. Roznos, C. Chance, M. Berkheimer, M. Whiteside, C. Davis, L. Velasquez, D. Denman, G. Wise.



Junior Steven Etchison plays "The Hand Song" by Nickel Creek on his viola during a Belles and Beaux chapel performance on Sept. 24. Etchison played the viola for 17 years; he also played a number of other instruments, including guitar, piano, drums and the didgeridoo. *Noah Darnell*

Freshman Carrie Jones, sophomore Sam Barker and juniors Erin Miller and Rebecca Morris of Belles and Beaux perform in chapel on Sept. 24. The group toured every other year and performed in Little Rock, Shreveport and Bentonville during the fall of 2008. *Noah Darnell*



BELLES & BEAUX



Row 1: M. Hammons, E. Miller, K. Izard, R. Morris, C. Jones, E. Woodroof. Row 2: A. Cochran, S. Barker, B. Jones, C. DeHard, B. Ragsdale, S. Etchison.



A D V E N T U R E

Members Of Chorus Spend Summer Performing In China

Every two years the Harding University Chorus had the chance to sing overseas. In the summer of 2008, they traveled to China. The students and faculty spent time touring different cities, working with the local churches, building ties in the community and encouraging the local Chinese Christians.

The group traveled all over China from Beijing to Xian. They were able to see many famous sites, such as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City. While they were in Beijing, the group also got the chance to meet students their own age as they toured the city.

"Forming relationships with the students across China was by far the best part about our trip to China," senior Sarah Hackney said.

The purpose of the trip was not only to have fun, but also to encourage missionaries and local Christians in the work they were doing. It was also designed to give current students an opportunity to learn more about China and the different possibilities to serve there.

"Though it was not part of our original plan, one of the highlights of our trip was a concert at which money was raised to benefit the victims of the earthquake in the Sichuan province," Dr. Cliff Ganus, director of choral activities, said.

As with every group that traveled to a foreign country, the chorus faced numerous challenges. From flight changes to the basic cultural differences, the group learned to rely on each other and on God to see them through.

One thing that set the group back was an earthquake that happened the day they left for China. Even though the group witnessed little physical damage from the earthquake, they were still affected by minor cultural and political aftershocks.

"The people were shaken, and you could tell they loved their country and their people the same way we do," junior Brad Light said. "It made us realize they are no different than we are. The funniest thing about our challenges was the way God provided us a way to be more effective than we would have been in the first place."

Luckily, the chorus had good hosts who helped them each time one of these problems arose.

"Our hosts helped us make alternate plans, which were even more rewarding than those that had been scheduled," Ganus said.

Many of the students who went on the trip felt it was a blessing to see a different side of Chinese people's humanity. There were also times that the group used their influence and their own money to support the work going on to aid the people affected by the earthquake.

"It was a great outreach opportunity, and we amazed many people by our caring generosity," senior Mandy Finch said.

In spite of the challenges from everyday life and the traveling that the group had to do, each person came home with a new lesson learned. Whether it was something about himself or herself or something about the Chinese culture they never knew, everyone now had a place for China in their hearts.

"The food was not my favorite, the traveling was very hard and plans didn't always work out; but God provided, and we were so blessed our entire trip," Hackney said. "Knowing that we had been everywhere that was shown on the Olympics was fun; however, forming the precious relationships we have with those people is what will always be imprinted on my heart and mind. God is a good God, and we are so blessed."

Farron Martin

CONCERT CHOIR



Row 1: K. Smith, C. Boyd, K. Carlon, J. Carlon, L. Kays, S. Stewart, L. Faust, K. Staley, E. Poe. **Row 2:** B. Smith, L. Wanamaker, J. Cushman, N. Delgado, S. Yarnell, A. Haynes, S. Brown, M. Dalafave, M. Jacques, J. Levy. **Row 3:** E. Bradley, H. Rice, L. Pavlova, M. Hall, B. Brown, J. Gibbs, A. Young, A. Strother, M. Hall, A. Hare, S. Vinzant. **Row 4:** B. Melchers, K. Collins, A. Calcote, M. Yates, R. Thannisch, S. Tucker, K. Hollingsworth, A. Souza, B. Marberry, B. Howell, A. Ellis. **Row 5:** J. Petty, D. Waugh, A. Miller, K. Caruthers, R. Martin, M. Finch, A. Loy, H. Stewart, B. Howell, T. Tunnell, L. Rushton, E. Kilian. **Row 6:** C. Snell, L. Bradley, J. Edwards, P. Elliott, K. Dolinger, J. Smith, J. Magness, R. Hill, D. Powell, E. Carter, V. Stewart. **Row 7:** W. Skelton, B. Miller, L. Shaffer, J. Rampey, K. Cavender, J. Peery, M. Jones, B. Kehl, M. Flynn, S. Eastland, S. Raab, C. Ikheora. **Row 8:** D. Denman, K. White, S. McBride, M. Finch, J. Gibbs, T. Bailey, H. Izumi, M. Olds, R. Reely, P. Maugeri, T. Bennett. **Row 9:** P. Snell, G. Manley, J. Smith, J. Pounders, J. Birus, A. Ward, C. Cain, N. Dorris, E. Locke, J. Easter, S. O'Connor, J. Tesh.

HU CHORUS



Row 1: M. Smith, J. Barnett, E. Walker, C. Moore, J. Queen, N. Wilkinson, N. McCoy, M. Lynn, P. Edmison, B. Foy. **Row 2:** B. Scharf, E. Harrell, L. Whitten, M. Hammons, R. Hatfield, H. Witt, S. Hackney, C. Pope, S. Fraser, A. Jenkins. **Row 3:** J. Hughes, J. Fedor, T. Jones, B. Belew, J. Dollins, T. Moan, L. O'Neill, M. Bellamy, L. Glewen, L. Collins. **Row 4:** L. McLain, J. Tapley, D. Molina, C. Cochran, J. Hall, C. McGill, N. White, J. Cook, T. Kaye, M. Lenon. **Row 5:** S. Young, C. Fleming, C. Kraus, C. Growns, D. Cressy, E. Burchfield, K. Aldrich, M. Tunnell, B. Light, D. Newburn. **Row 6:** D. Walton, A. Lytle, C. Frazier, B. Lancaster, A. Ritchie, A. Cochran, M. Parks, B. Ragsdale, S. Vanderburg.

RESPONSIBILITY

Student Directors Take Charge For Semester

Dr. Cliff Ganus, director of choral activities, usually directed the Harding Chamber Singers, a small group of fourteen singers, but while he was in Chile during the 2008 fall semester, he left two capable young men to take charge of the group in his place. Brooks Gatlin, a vocal major who graduated in May of 2008, became the director of the group, and junior vocal major Brad Light filled the assistant director position.

"The reports I have received have been complimentary, and from my previous experience with Brooks and Brad, I'm confident that they're doing a fine job and that the group is rehearsing and performing well," Ganus said. "We collaborated before I left on the repertoire for this semester. Most of the members of the group are returning from last year, so I know that they know what needs to be done."

Both Gatlin and Light agreed that Ganus gave them a lot of free reign to determine what the group would sing that year and were honored with the privilege and trust they received from him to lead the Chamber Singers.

"This opportunity is definitely a great 'career move' for me," Gatlin said. "It will also help to prepare me for when I actually do have a group of my own to direct."

Gatlin said that both Light and himself sent or received an e-mail from Ganus about once a week, keeping him updated on how things were going with the group and how they performed at concerts.

"The music that they perform was picked by Dr. Ganus, but the style and interpretation is now up to me," Gatlin said. "I have always loved singing with this group and following the interpretation that Dr. G determines, but it is even more exciting to take a piece of music, determine how it should be performed and why and then to execute that decision."

Gatlin was part of the Chamber Singers from the fall semes-

ter of his junior year in 2006 until he graduated, so he said that directing the students only a year or two younger than him was something he had to get use to.

"One thing that has been difficult for me has been riding the line between teacher and classmate," Gatlin said. "The role of a student conductor is a very awkward one because only a few months ago, I was part of the group as a singer, so I feel like an equal to all of the members."

Despite these obstacles, many of the members felt like Gatlin and Light were balancing their roles well.

"Brooks and Brad are doing wonderfully," senior Brian Foy said. "Directing a group is hard enough regardless of its make-up, but directing your peers is even more difficult. They each do a great job of laying down the law, when necessary, without letting it go to their heads."

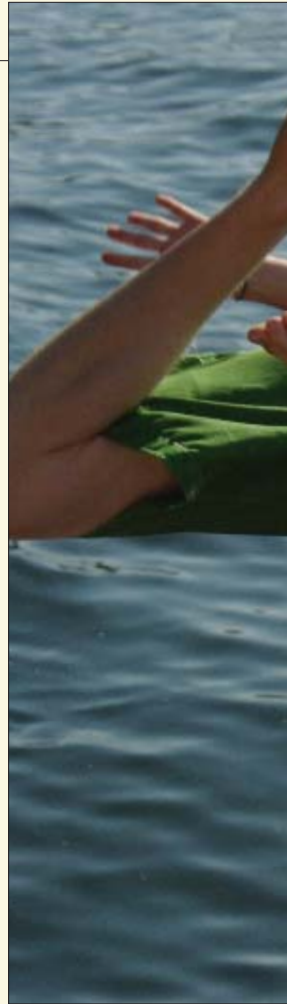
While not being very far removed from the student role proved to be a challenge in many ways, it also played to Gatlin's advantage.

"Six months ago, Brooks was on the other side of the podium, so his directions are from a fresh member's perspective, and he can easily see what problems will likely arise in difficult passages," Foy said. "Thus, he's very easy to follow."

Gatlin felt equally grateful for the members of the group and knew how essential their student leadership was.

"The Chamber Singers are such a talented group that they could almost direct themselves," he said. "All members of the group can read music well and all have spent years in other choral ensembles before the Chamber Singers. They honestly do make my job much easier and make me look a lot more talented than I really am. I am very grateful for the opportunity I have been given this semester."

Joseph Dickerson and Rachel Klemmer



CHAMBER SINGERS



Row 1: B. Foy, P. Edmison, J. Hall, E. Harrell, M. Tanksley, E. Burchfield, J. Hughes, J. Fedor. **Row 2:** A. Ritchie, B. Light, T. Kaye, C. Frazier, D. Walton, M. Lenon, B. Gatlin.

GOOD NEWS SINGERS



Row 1: A. Haynes, M. Johnson. **Row 2:** A. Akins, L. Collins, C. Swafford. **Row 3:** C. Akins, T. Lybrand. **Row 4:** B. Yarbrough, M. Rozell, B. Norton.



Sophomore Nathan Dorris plays a volleyball game at the Concert Choir retreat at the start of the fall semester on Sept. 6. The retreat gave students an opportunity to grow closer to those they would be performing with and to give back to the community. *Nick Michael*

Kurt Cavender, a senior, dives off of a cliff at Greers Ferry Lake after performing for the Arkansas Cleanup Day on Sept. 8. The annual day was the Concert Choirs first chance to sing together. *Nick Michael*



Sophomore Alicia Miller, senior Valari Stewart, sophomore Kaylee Hollingsworth, junior Lauren Wana-maker and sophomores Monique Jacques and Courtney Boyd relax in the grass at the concert choir retreat on Sept. 6. Students spent the morning performing at the Arkansas Cleanup Day before they were given free time to swim, play games and rest. *Nick Michael*

VOTE

Students Show Support In Presidential Election

While Harding was seen by many as a primarily Republican campus, several groups on campus were not included in this majority during the 2008 election year. Supporters of Democratic candidate Barack Obama found their own voice in the midst of a red campus.

Many Obama enthusiasts joined two different groups on campus: College Democrats and Bisons for Obama. These two groups allowed supporters the chance to get to know each other through this common bond. They had a chance to come together as a minority of Democrats on a highly Republican campus.

"Being a Democrat on a campus that is primarily conservative Republicans can be a challenge from time to time," junior Stephanie O'Brian said. "We were definitely outnumbered, so when you saw someone with an Obama or Democrat T-shirt or button, you would talk because you knew you both had something in common."

These two groups on campus had watch parties for all of the debates and on election night. At the beginning of the fall 2008 semester, the two groups got together to host speaker Shaun Casey. Casey was the head of Evangelical Affairs for Obama, and his talk positively assured the groups that they could be both a liberal and a Christian.

"College Democrats hosted Shaun Casey to help excite Obama supporters and to better inform Democratic, liberal and progressive students about Obama's policies and how they relate to Christianity," sophomore Chris Berry said.

Events like this helped Obama supporters on campus connect and reaffirm their beliefs. Each member had different reasons for believing why Obama should be the next president.

"His perseverance and message of hope are universal," senior Karie Cross said. "I tend to vote democrat because

of the party's humane view on things like foreign aid, diplomacy, welfare and universal health care."

Others felt that Obama could implement the proper steps to bring change.

"I believe that health care is a right. The church is not taking care of people, so the government needs to," O'Brian said. "I also wanted change."

After Obama was elected president on November 4th, the Obama supporters on campus were thrilled. They believed that America had made the right choice.

"Our nation took a look at where it had been, thought about what direction it wanted to go and elected Barack Hussein Obama to take us there," Cross said as she proudly wore her Obama button on November 5. "I am so pleased that Americans are open-minded enough to overcome his name and race."

Although Obama fans were very pleased with his victory, they understood the need for respect throughout the entire campaign season. The goal of the election was to find the person who would be the best leader of our country.

"Regardless of party affiliation, you need to have respect for the other side," Cross said. "There are always valid arguments on both sides of every issue. Be thoughtful and prayerful and do what you think is best, whether it is what everyone around you is doing or not. Above all, be respectful when debating and discussing issues."

The election season brought many differing viewpoints, countless debates and endless jokes for Saturday Night Live, but it was important to remember that politics were not the most important thing to worry about.

"I love politics, and I am passionate about them," O'Brian said. "But I also know, as should everyone, that this world is not our home; we are just passing through."

Bethany Loftis



AMERICAN STUDIES DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS



Row 1: K. Grant, B. Brown, M. Mauney, M. Smith, D. Alexander, B. Higgins, L. Ferrell, B. Sims, A. Williams, M. West. **Row 2:** L. Wagon, B. Inloes, T. Box, K. Phillips, M. Connors, S. Rhea, J. Emmery, B. Wilkerson, L. Casey, W. Aubrey, L. Jackson. **Row 3:** J. Brown, A. Work, S. Geraco, H. Mitchell, C. Collins, J. Grimm, P. Parkey, T. Parrish, C. Schandevell. **Row 4:** J. Stein, T. Covington, C. Kays, C. Nowlam, A. Roberts, H. Steger. **Row 5:** W. Dixon, M. Venable, H. Steger, M. Hays, B. Pagoda. **Row 6:** R. Mays, C. Owen, J. Chen, K. Mayora. **Row 7:** K. Thomason, C. McMenamy, C. Cardona. **Row 8:** M. Marriaga, L. Rodriguez, T. Sequiera. **Row 9:** A. Augsbarger, T. Leledon, J. Queen, R. Hedden. **Row 10:** L. Ramirez, A. McDougald, C. Swafford, L. Wheeler. **Row 11:** C. Christy, C. Celsor, K. Guy. **Row 12:** J. Blake, K. White, A. Olree, B. Noblitt, R. Young, J. Moore, E. Shepard, S. Frazier, T. Jones, A. Durgin, J. Zern, J. Grimm.

COLLEGE DEMOCRATS



Row 1: F. Franks, W. Brown. **Row 2:** N. Rogers, K. Sherrod, M. Ellis, L. Dove, M. Goodhart. **Row 3:** D. Manes, S. O'Brian, H. McIntosh, C. Bell. **Row 4:** T. Jones, C. Berry, J. Shock (Sponsor).



Freshman Shane Morr drops his homework into the recycling bin in the student center on Nov. 18. The Roosevelt Institution started recycling on campus after appealing to the administration in the spring of 2008.
Nick Michael

Juniors Molly Ellis and Stephanie O'Brian enjoy the last College Democrats meeting on Oct. 29 in the Reynolds Center before Barack Obama was elected president. The College Democrats sold more than 50 Bisons for Obama T-shirts to students and faculty the week before election.
Nick Michael

ROOSEVELT INSTITUTION



Row 1: K. Sherrod, A. Littleton, K. Cross, K. Bogle. **Row 2:** C. McNeal, C. Cochran, L. Bucher. **Row 3:** M. Crouch, S. O'Brian, T. Parrish. **Row 4:** A. English, S. Denney, K. Schramm (Sponsor).

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS



Row 1: R. Gardner, S. Bowling, B. Payne, A. Bratcher, C. Spruiell, A. Spoto, V. Schandevell, C. Schandevell. **Row 2:** B. Brown, E. Renner, B. Hill, T. Mosley, T. Haynes, T. Harless. **Row 3:** K. Bond, C. Rea, L. Walton, K. Hesselrode, M. Paquin, H. Stewart, B. Simms, H. Steger, T. Mosley, A. Beaver, C. Beaver, M. Brown. **Row 4:** R. Halbe, A. Mock, G. Ford, J. Hill, N. Horton, P. Murphy, A. Yeager.

PI ALPHA THETA



Row 1: T. Chittam, E. Williams, C. Mannen, E. Diefenbach, A. Crowe, A. Cancienne, B. Thrasher. **Row 2:** J. Maury, K. Klein (Sponsor), J. Dockery (Sponsor), J. Harris (Sponsor), F. Jewell (Sponsor), W. Baker.



Junior Kelsey Klemm reads Psychology Today in the Brackett Library Mar. 3 to keep herself updated on the latest psychology trends. "It is nice being part of Psi Chi because it allows me to see what other psychology majors plan to do with their degrees," Klemm said. *Nick Michael*

Professors of psychology Glen Adams and Ken Cameron cook on the grill with Caleb Baggett at Adams' house on Nov. 3. The cookout was an opportunity for psychology students to introduce themselves to the freshmen and get to know each other in a relaxed environment. *Courtesy of Olivia Hawkins*

SOCIAL WORK CLUB



Row 1: K. Goings, A. Townsend, T. Gentry. **Row 2:** K. Wilson, T. Smith (Sponsor), K. Baker-Abrams (Sponsor), R. Henson.

PSI CHI



Row 1: D. Pye, J. Grimm, L. Larson, J. Mendoza, B. Niblock, O. Hawkins. **Row 2:** K. Klemm, S. Jones, A. Davis, P. Covert, L. Cox, K. Coleman.

QUALITY TIME

Honor Society Helps Students, Teachers Grow Closer

In November of 1976, the Psi Chi National Honor Society for psychology majors began on campus. It was made up of students that were in the upper 35% of their class, had completed nine hours in psychology and had been in college for at least three semesters. In addition to these qualifications, the members had to maintain a minimum of a 3.0 in both their psychology classes and their overall grade point average.

Over the changing years, this club maintained its original foundation and purpose, which was to encourage, stimulate and preserve excellence in scholarship, as well as to advance psychology as a science.

Many people, especially students, considered it a great privilege to be inducted into Psi Chi.

"I was really excited to have met the qualifications," senior Olivia Hawkins said. "It is always an honor to be requested to be part of a national honor society."

Hawkins and senior Lauren Cox, who served as president and vice president of Psi Chi during the 2008-09 school year, both recognized the significance of being involved in this organization within their field of study.

"Psi Chi is a great organization to be a part of in terms of showing your commitment to the field of psychology," Cox said. "Once inducted you are a member for life."

In addition to the longevity of membership in Psi Chi, the club also offered students immediate advantages for continuing their education or advancing their careers.

"I joined because the nature of the organization is to spark creativity within members of the psychological community," Hawkins said. "Graduate schools understand what an honor this recognition is, and I knew that it would help me further my education. Psi Chi prides itself on maintaining high standards in its scholarship, which furthers the credibility of its name. They also offer plenty of scholarships to help in future research."

The functions that Psi Chi performed included admitting new members to the club, holding psychological conventions and research award competitions and offering opportunities to apply for scholarships and grants to assist with research activities.

In addition to all of these activities, Harding's chapter took time to bring together both the upperclassmen and underclassmen in the psychology division.

"We had a psychology department cook-out that was sponsored by Psi Chi," Cox said. "We went to Dr. [Glen] Adams' and ate hamburgers and hotdogs. It was nice to relax with the professors and other students outside of the classroom."

Both at Harding and across North America, the Psi Chi honor society continually expanded. Since 1929 there were over 570,000 memberships placed, and it grew every year with new inductees. Like Cox and Hawkins, students felt energized to be part of a club that promised further involvement and support of its members in the field of psychology.

Rebecca Harrell



Senior Rachal Blake, president of Alpha Theta Omega, shakes hands with inductee senior Nate Moore at the induction ceremony on Oct. 20 at the Searcy Police Station. The group helped criminal justice students connect so they could stay in touch after graduation and taught them professional, academic and public awareness of criminal justice issues. *Courtesy of Rachal Blake*

CIRCLE K



Row 1: K. Masters, A. Loan, J. Ellis. Row 2: P. Alvarado, N. Miller.

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION



Row 1: R. Gelpi, L. Larson, R. Mays. Row 2: B. Cantrell, A. Loan.

P L A N N I N G

Behind The Scenes With Corey's Activity Board

Walking through the student center, past the social club mailboxes, Java City and Taco Bell, just beyond was the Campus Activities Board office. Although most students never entered through these doors in their four plus years at Harding, CAB was responsible for some of the most memorable moments on campus. This student-run board hosted concerts, planned weekend movies, hosted the talent show and created other events for those who were Searcy-bound during the weekend.

While CAB was student-run, behind the organization was Director of Campus Life Corey McEntyre, a 2007 graduate who had been involved in CAB since his underclassman days.

"When I was a sophomore, I really wanted to get involved with things on campus," McEntyre said. "Music is one of my greatest passions, so I figured this was probably the place for me."

Besides CAB, McEntyre also was in charge of the social club program on campus, working closely with club presidents, vice presidents and activities directors through the year.

Although he kept busy, McEntyre said he loved working with CAB because he enjoyed the students who made up the board.

"I think you would imagine me saying [the best part] is hanging out with famous people, which is cool," he said. "But I love getting to work with different people here on campus."

McEntyre said that while working with students was great, it was still hard to meet everyone's needs both on the board and in the student body in general. While some might have felt challenged to find themselves dealing with students close to their own age, McEntyre felt the lack of an age gap worked to his advantage.

"I know how most of the students feel," he said. "It wasn't that long ago I was there with them. Being a little younger than my predecessors has helped me to continue to relate to students and be able to listen to them a little better because I understand where they are coming from."

The former Director of Campus Life, Assistant Dean of Students Zach Neal, also felt that McEntyre's age was beneficial to this job.

"Having worked as the Director of Campus Life previous to this position, I can say from experience that it is good to have a close relationship with the student body," Neal said. "Corey faced the challenge of making the transition from student director to Director. He has done a great job and really has his finger on the pulse of the wants and interests of the students."

While relating to students was a goal for McEntyre, the biggest task was bringing in performers and planning events that students would enjoy and attend.

"One of my intentions was to always bring quality performers and make sure that students do like them," he said.

McEntyre said his favorite concert was a tie between Sara Bareilles and Jon McLaughlin, saying both were amazing musicians.

Besides CAB, McEntyre was also an avid cook, musician and world traveler. His future, though, he left in God's hands.

"I try to leave my options open for the most part," he said. "I love being here and want to continue this until I feel like it's my time to go."

Katie Ramirez



CLASS OFFICERS



Row 1: R. Gomez, M. Walker, J. Davis. Row 2: K. Flatt, L. Callier, B. Colvin.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION



Row 1: R. Gomez, A. Herren, G. Pruitt, B. Colvin. Row 2: L. Callier, M. Reese, M. Walker, J. Davis, J. Miller (Sponsor). Row 3: B. Clifton, B. Wollhuter, K. Flatt, M. Crouch.



Director of Campus Life Corey McEntyre introduces musicians Josh Gracin and Lady Antebellum at the concert on Sept. 11 in the Benson Auditorium. McEntyre was in charge of CAB, which chose the concerts, movies and events that were held on campus. *Noah Darnell*

Senior Student Association President Michael Crouch, Dr. Al Frazier, professor of business, Dr. Jim Miller, instructor of communications, and SA sponsors listen Jan. 24 as President David Burks shares stories about when he served as SA president in 1964-65. Members of the SA kicked-off the spring semester with a retreat at the Honors House and invited former SA presidents, including Burks, Dr. Ross Cochran, professor of Bible, and Jimmy Huff, professor of engineering and physics, to speak about the importance of legacy. *Nick Michael*

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD



Row 1: N. Hewes, J. Gibson. **Row 2:** A. Steinocher, K. Heid, S. Thornton.



Senior Jessi Hankins paints the inside of a room inside the Searcy Living Magazine's office with the Family and Consumer Science Club on Nov. 18. The club helped decorate the room so it could be filled with clothes, toys and toiletries for children in foster care.

Courtesy of Rebecca Moore

Senior Paul Elliot holds a rocket made by the Flying Bison team by the Benson fountain Oct. 8. The group had been building rockets and participating in the NASA USLI program since 2006. *Nick Michael*



THE CEDANKEN SOCIETY



Row 1: C. Harris, K. Vaughan, T. Hendrixson, S. Coleman, E. Wilson (Sponsor). **Row 2:** H. Skinner, E. Baker, M. Felts, L. Elander, J. Hungerford, N. Scanlon. **Row 3:** J. Jones, T. Johnson, T. Kerr, M. Daniel, K. Beggs, E. Adams, L. Turner. **Row 4:** G. Arthur, Z. Wilkerson, B. Webb, N. Schandavel, L. Jean, D. Smith, L. Hefner.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE



Row 1: A. Williams, L. Hays, B. Griffen. **Row 2:** L. Ritchie (Sponsor), R. Teague (Sponsor), B. Wilson (Sponsor).



EXPERIMENT

Gedanken Gives Research Presentations at Conference

In the fall of 2008 nine members of The Gedanken Society science club got the chance to participate in the Southwestern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society. The Gedanken Society, a student affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society, was an open-membership club to anyone interested in chemistry. The regional meeting took place in Little Rock on October 3, and allowed students to present research they worked on during the course of the semester.

Three people from the club presented research in an oral presentation, and the others presented their research on posters. According to acting club president and senior Taylor Hendrixson, seven students presented their research on posters, and senior Greg Lyons won third prize for the research done in his category. Hendrixson said his own research was conducted with grant money from NASA.

"My research was building a Raman spectrometer," Hendrixson said. "This is an instrument that can be used to determine the identity of unknown chemical substances. I'm working with a high power laser in this instrument."

Hendrixson said his involvement in Gedanken and undergraduate research exposed him to many opportunities and would help him reach his goals.

"I plan on attending medical school next fall," Hendrixson said. "Research in any science-related field is vital, and I hope to be active in research while attending medical school because it allows me to learn more about things [in which] I am interested."

The club treasurer, senior and first year member Seth Coleman, said he had the opportunity to present his research

on the sun as a light source. Coleman, who also planned on attending medical school, said similar techniques might be applied on the surface of Mars to determine its atmospheric components.

"The idea then is to analyze the peaks and determine what compounds in our atmosphere were absorbing the sunlight," Coleman said. "I was only able to confidently show water and oxygen so far."

Coleman said he felt the conference was a positive and successful trip for all those who participated this year.

"We received some compliments concerning our posters, so I think we all left feeling we were successful overall," Coleman said. "The trip helped me to see the dedication and hard work that is required by anyone to succeed in whatever career path they choose."

Senior Megan Bush agreed that the trip was a success and a great learning experience. Bush said she gave a presentation on the flame emission of hybrid rocket plumes.

"The trip gave us an opportunity to hear talks from students and faculty members from around the state," Bush said. "It provided an opportunity to share our research with the scientific community and gave us experience with speaking to our peers."

Bush said she enjoyed her time in the club and the failures and successes that came with research. The Gedanken Society gave members the opportunity to further their research and provide themselves with valuable experience and opportunities throughout their careers.

Zach Welch

FLYING BISON



Row 1: N. Smeal, E. Wilson (Sponsor), J. Langford, D. Stair (Sponsor). Row 2: G. Lyons, M. Goodhart, M. Bush, P. Elliot, S. Barber.

PI KAPPA DELTA



Row 1: H. McIntosh, W. Brown, W. Castleberg. Row 2: A. Gates, D. Manes. Row 3: T. Randolph, S. Denney.

D E A L E R S

A Future Of Distributing Legal Drugs

Standing out among the crowd in one's profession was difficult at times. With piles of résumés to look through, admission offices of medical schools continued to see the same thing — students with a high GPA and a passion for medicine. That was what sophomore Brandon Rhoads discovered at his summer internship at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in North Little Rock. He realized Harding needed to help pre-pharmacy students stand out from the rest.

Rhoads spent most of his summer getting good work experience. Every day he received medicine check lists for each patient for half the wards in the hospital.

"My job at the VA hospital was simply stocking medicines and delivering them to hospital wards daily," Rhoads said.

When he had downtime on the job, he searched different pre-doctor student web sites and saw what many of the colleges of pharmacy were looking for in their future students. That was when he realized there was more to getting accepted than just good grades.

"The types of things I saw were experience, involvement in community and school, GPA and of course your PCAT score," Rhoads said. "I also saw that many students were in pharmacy clubs, so I began to look into those."

The rest of Rhoad's summer was spent contacting Harding professors and formulating ideas for a pharmacy club at Harding. He started out by contacting Dr. Richard Duke and joining the Health Science Club.

"After joining, I had some ideas for a specialized club made specifically for pre-pharmacy students since Harding had just opened our own pharmacy school," Rhoads said.

He then used his free time outside of his internship to converse with Dr. David Cole, the Chemistry Chair and Health Science Club advisor, and another pharmacy student, sophomore Corey Baber. Together they made the club constitution and formed the foundations of the club. Rhoads and Baber then went to Harding's Summer Experience to share their ideas with the incoming pre-pharmacy students.

The Pre-Pharmacy Club was designed to give students as much information as possible about what it took to get into pharmacy school. Rhoads and Baber, along with sophomore BK Mthongana, vice president of the club, and freshman Jessica

Knoske, made binders with pharmaceutical information and information about different pharmacy schools. The club also worked on getting some volunteer experience at White County and River City Ministry clinics for its members.

"Through the club we've talked to hospitals and other places with pharmacies about helping our members get some experience," Mthongana said.

At each meeting, Rhoads and Mthongana lined up a guest speaker to speak to the club. Speakers included Julie Hixon-Wallace, dean of Harding College of Pharmacy; Jane Gault, director of the VA Hospitals in Pharmacy; Todd Brackins from Lilly Research and Sales, and Jake Blair, a graduate student at Harding's College of Pharmacy.

"Being in this club gives us a chance to hear from speakers all around Arkansas, which gives us more of an insight into the pharmacy field," sophomore Kim Hang said.

Listening to speakers was not the only thing the meetings entailed. Each month, a different member made a presentation.

"[At each meeting] we also have a drug of the month," Mthongana said. "Someone in the club presents a medical drug that they or their family have been affected by."

The club's main purpose was to provide students with experience in the field of pharmacy so they would stand out among all the other pre-pharmacy students.

"I have learned so much that I can apply to my future career," sophomore Kinyata Gray, secretary of the club, said. "Serving as secretary has also been great because it's helping me become a professional."

The Pre-Pharmacy Club met the first Thursday of every month. Not only was this a great time for the members to listen to professionals and learn about new medicines, but also for them to commiserate on their classes and homework. Once a month was not very often for a club to meet, but these pre-pharmacy students carried a heavy course load. Though their time was sparse, most would agree it was worth the extra time spent.

"The Pre-Pharmacy Club has greatly influenced my knowledge about the career of pharmacy as a whole," Gray said.

Katie Fittz



DIETETICS CLUB



Row 1: K. Koch, M. Guzman, E. Provencher, E. Burke, R. Marshall, A. Langston, L. Haynes, K. Frick.
Row 2: S. Myers, A. Tappe, A. Durgin, A. Hurst, T. Shurley, J. Rivas, J. Welker, L. Ritchie (Sponsor).

STUDENT NURSE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS



Row 1: B. Mancil, T. Sheehan, N. Burt, C. Brockwell. Row 2: M. Binns, W. McMullan, L. Orwell, D. Kady. Row 3: H. Buzhard, L. Reeder.



Seniors Jill Welker, Ashlee Tappe and Anna Langston eat at the Dietetics club potluck on Jan. 22 in the Olen Hendrix Building. The students prepared the food and met each semester to spend time together. *Nick Michael*

Senior Lauren Caldwell practices a central venous line dressing change on a mannequin in the Olen Hendrix medical skills lab Jan. 15. The students in the critical care nursing class worked alongside nurses to use what they learned on real patients. *Nick Michael*

HEALTH SCIENCE CLUB



Row 1: J. Pritchett, V. Borsheim, M. Redding, T. Hendrixson, M. Daniel. **Row 2:** D. Duke (Sponsor), Z. Grimes, M. Painter, J. Firman, J. Bakke, L. Wright. **Row 3:** S. Vanderburg, D. Mecker, N. Scanlon, J. Stanley, H. Cobb, D. Sanders (Sponsor). **Row 4:** A. Sharp, B. Laving, D. Cole (Sponsor).

PRE-PHARMACY CLUB



Row 1: H. Wilkerson, L. Cook, M. Goodlow, M. Evans. **Row 2:** K. Murray, K. Gray, R. Hearn, D. Cole (Sponsor). **Row 3:** K. Hang, A. Cooper. **Row 4:** C. Lewis, T. Voglewede, J. Piker, B. Rhoads. **Row 5:** J. Grasham, J. Knoske, G. English, B. Mthongana. **Row 6:** L. Turner, B. Knoske, T. Cheum, L. Weatherly.

GIVING



Joy Club Helps Community Through Service

For many people the word joy meant happiness, delight, pleasure or bliss. The members of the JOY club knew it as “Jesus, Others, Yourself.” Senior Ashley Roberts, who served as president of the club, said this group consisted of women dedicated to doing God’s service by serving others in the community.

“It has always been a pretty small group, but it was intimate,” Roberts said. “Our numbers are bigger than they used to be, which is great.”

Roberts said the group met once a month and always tried to have a guest speaker. Speakers at these meetings were usually women from the community sharing about themselves and opportunities to serve.

“Their talk usually acts as our devo, and then we do a service project afterwards,” Roberts said.

The JOY club strove to affect the community as a whole through their service to individuals or specific groups. Senior Darla Yates said they had many opportunities to provide joy in other people’s lives.

“Every year we put on an Easter egg hunt, which is our big project of the year, but we also do smaller projects,” she said. “We made snacks for kids at Hope Cottage, which is a shelter for abused women and children, and provided a Thanksgiving meal to two families in Searcy. We also helped the Rock House with ‘Trunk or Treat’ over Halloween.”

The JOY club offered its members a way to join together and exhibit a shared passion for serving others.

“When I saw the flyer to be a part of the JOY club and went to the meeting, I fell in love with it,” Yates said. “It was a time to fellowship with God, meet new girls and do a service project to help others. Plus, I didn’t have to pay dues. I quickly knew that it was the club for me.”

The spirit of servanthood among the girls in the group drew people to the club. It also offered either an addition or alternative to being a part of a regular social club. Unlike many other social clubs where dues, T-shirts and functions could end up costing a lot of money, the JOY club was free of cost with the exception of a canned good here and there.

At Thanksgiving, each member was asked to bring a canned good to the next meeting to help feed a needy family in the area.

“We had such an overwhelming response from the members that we were actually able to provide two huge baskets of food, which went to two families in the area to make their Thanksgiving just a little more memorable,” Roberts said. “We also made Thanksgiving cards for children around the area.”

Yates said when she had the opportunity to serve God and others, she felt refreshed and like a big weight had been lifted off her shoulders.

The members of the JOY club were not only a successful means of spreading joy in the lives of people in the community, but they also had the benefit of receiving joy themselves through the work they did for the sake of Jesus first, and others second.

Allison Weaver

JOY CLUB



Row 1: K. Hersey, J. Cagle, A. Roberts, B. Krogull, A. Torres. **Row 2:** J. Grimm, N. Pinzok, L. Jackson, C. Blakemore. **Row 3:** M. Jennings, L. Gurney, R. Mays, J. Kelley. **Row 4:** A. Simpson, B. Williams, K. Springer, D. Yates.

JESUS PROJECT



Row 1: A. Hernandez, K. Rodriguez, A. Lopez, K. Lacayo, H. Dozier, K. Mayorga, E. Estrada. **Row 2:** L. Gutierrez, D. Hernandez, C. Cuadra, F. Morales, A. Coello. **Row 3:** J. Elvir, M. Fonseca, C. Cardona, D. Alvarado. **Row 4:** F. Miron, M. Delatorre, J. Hernandez, L. Marchena.



Senior **Ashley Roberts** and freshmen **Ashley Ray**, **Kimi Hersey** and **Rebecca Mays** put food in a basket for a needy family at Thanksgiving during a meeting on Nov. 11. So much food was donated by the girls in the JOY club that they were able to provide baskets of food for two different families in the Searcy community. *Nick Michael*

Smiles for Christ members freshman **Jose Rafael Elvir**, junior **Farley Miron** and sophomore **Juan Querna** work in the dumps in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in July. The group provided clean water to the men who worked at the dumps. *Courtesy of Rodolfo Hernandez*

Senior **Ernesto Juarez** works with kids in a school in El Icacal, El Salvador, during a mission trip Aug. 3. The Jesus Project held fundraisers throughout the year to raise money to buy school supplies and clothing and to provide funds for a campaign to the school in El Salvador. *Courtesy of Rodolfo Hernandez*



WISHING WELL



Row 1: R. Gelpi, B. Stovall, C. Stovall. **Row 2:** N. Hull, S. Kyle, M. West.

SMILES FOR CHRIST



Row 1: L. Marchena, A. Lopez, D. Avelar, A. Manuel, C. Avendano. **Row 2:** D. Burks, K. Rodriguez, S. Zamuba, D. Hernandez. **Row 3:** F. Ramos, C. Cudra, V. Duarte, J. Elvir. **Row 4:** A. Coella, T. Sequeira, M. Wang, M. Fonseca.

EDUCATING FOR LIFE



Row 1: J. Querna, J. Castro, B. Pagoada, D. Hernandez, M. Cojtin, M. Fonseca, C. Morales. **Row 2:** A. Hernandez, K. Lacayo, K. Rodriguez, E. Faraj, A. Lopez, G. Velazquez. **Row 3:** D. Avelar, V. Duarte, H. Dozier, A. Muniz, M. Mora. **Row 4:** G. Perez, K. Vargas, R. Sanchez, L. Rodriguez, C. Aguirre.

Seniors Sarah Hug and Jacque Breuer practice for the play "The Jungle Book" in the mirror rehearsal room of the Reynolds Center Feb. 21. "I love to be involved and get to know people better," Breuer said. *Noah Darnell*

Homecoming nominee senior Kena Gibson walks across the football field with her father at the game Oct. 25. Gibson represented Chi Omega Pi social club and was a member of Alpha Chi, Who's Who and the American Studies Distinguished Students. *Craig Rainbolt*



BLESSINGS

Alpha Chi Member Grateful For Opportunities

When Alpha Chi member senior Jacque Breuer arrived on campus her freshman year, she hardly knew anyone. But after being a part of the Harding community for four years, Breuer came to know many people through her involvement in an assortment of campus activities.

"Harding was a huge blessing," Breuer said. "I love chapel, and I don't mind the rules; the beautiful family and relationships we have here make it worth the cost."

Breuer made it an essential part of her Harding career to be involved in many different things and to get to know a variety of people through these activities. Breuer kept busy by taking part in theatrical productions such as "The Wizard of Oz," "Oklahoma!" and "The Jungle Book," and being Honors Council president, a member of Chi Omega Pi social club and a Spring Sing director.

"Having a huge to-do list has taught me time management," Breuer said. "There is not time to procrastinate."

Being involved in a variety of campus activities allowed Breuer to interact with many different types of people. As president of the Honors Council, she got acquainted with freshmen, and being in plays introduced her to those involved in music and theater. As a marketing and Bible major, she was exposed to even more groups of people.

"It is such a blessing to be able to go anywhere on campus and see people I know," Breuer said. "Different activities allow me to know a lot of people that I would not know if I was not involved."

Breuer was also an encouragement and good example to her friends and fellow students.

"I have always been impressed with Jacque's dedication to God and her involvement in school activities," senior Ashton Reely said. "She has been a great spiritual leader in Chi Omega Pi, and I know

that through her constant interaction with people she is influencing everyone she comes in contact with."

Breuer said she felt like her semester at Harding University in Florence had the biggest impact on her during her time at Harding.

"I learned to make a family where I am," she said. "Now when I see a map of Europe it is a real place. I learned so much [from] being in a different environment and culture; I couldn't help coming back changed. HUF teaches independence and how to interact with people of all languages and cultures."

Breuer was in Spring Sing her freshman year and returned as a director for her club's show the next year. She said one of the difficulties of this role was learning to work with people from the authoritative position while maintaining relationships.

"Even when you are not sure how to do something, it can be done, and you can make it be successful," Breuer said.

Another part of Breuer's life was Flaming Pine Youth Camp in Togo, Minn., where she worked every summer between the years she attended Harding.

"It is rewarding to see the transition campers go through," Breuer said. "Even though church camp is not a realistic setting, it is critical for kids' development since it is a rare chance to show them what Christian fellowship looks like."

Breuer planned to graduate in May of 2009, and lead a six-week campaign to New Zealand and then move to Africa to teach missionaries' children for nine months.

"The most beautiful part of Christianity is that no matter where we go in the world, we have a family," Breuer said, "and it does not matter if we can communicate or see each other regularly."

Kayla Studivan

Alpha Chi Members

Terri Addington
Julianne Adkisson
Amanda Akins
Diego Alvarado
Kallie Appleton
Jackie Bailey
Jordan Bailey
Edith Ballard
Steven Barber
Adrienne Barnes
Lydia Bates
Sarah Bay
Brandon Bayles
Joanna Benskin
Rachel Blake
Taylor Box
Shirley Bradford
Jacque Breuer
Michael Brooker
Kristen Brown
Meredith Bryan
Catie Bursen
Emily Burrows
Karen Burton
Tiffany Calhoun
Lisa Cameron
Catherine Canterbury
Sarah Capehart
Jennifer Carlon

Kimberly Carlon
Kalin Caruthers
Lauren Casey
Aaron Chism
Camille Christie
Sheila Coates
Harrison Cobb
Kathrine Coleman
Charissa Collins
Katie Copeland
Kaitlin Coss
Sarah Cox
Karie Cross
Michael Crouch
Justin Curry
Joni Cutshall
Courtney Davis
Stephanie Davis
Emily Daw
Pamela Dean
Tabitha Denison
Pia Dietzen
Kristen Dingus
Heather Dozier
Malgorzata Draskowska
Tina Dulaney
Martina Eddy
Allison Evins
Kristen Farrar

Leah Faust
Brittany Fetterman
Mandy Finch
Stacey Geraci
Kena Gibson
Sarah Goy
Tabitha Goyne
Kathryn Grant
Kristina Guy
Kathryn Hammes
Kathryn Hancock
Jessi Hankins
Kaitlin Hardy
Jennifer Hatch
Jacob Hawk
Margaret Hayes
Lara Haynes
Rebecca Hedden
David Hendrixson
Alyssa Hepburn
Miguel Hernandez
Brandon Higgins
Kristofor Hines
Melissa Holloway
Ariana Homan-Cruz
Jillian Hughes
Katie Jackson
Stephanie Johnson
Brian Jones

Tyler Jones
Joshua Kallett
JoAnna Kirk
Linda Knapp
Cameron Kraus
Anna Larson
Jason Lawrence
Jeremy Lefler
Katherine Lemley
Xionghui Ling
Lucrecia Liverpool
Alexandra Loan
Julie Lowrey
Xiao Luo
Christa Mannen
Nicole Martz
Blake Mathews
Melodie Mauney
Bryan McDonald
Allyson McDougald
Nicole McNulty
Jennifer Mendoza
Anthony Mercer
William Mercer
Laura Metz
Nick Michael
Allison Miller
Jennifer Mills
Charles Moore

Jordan Morgan
Valerie Mowrer
Amanda Norris
Amy Olree
Laura Osborne
Beranguey Pagnada
Allison Parkey
Tiffany Parrish
Amber Pleasant
Hilary Polston
John Pounders
Amanda Pruitt
Joshua Przeczewski
Guadalupe Ramirez
Ashton Reely
Amanda Rich
Mark Rickett
Jennifer Riley
Ashley Roberts
Luis Rodriguez
Meredith Rosenbaum
Molly Rummel
Rachel Sandoval
Christopher Schandavel
Angela Scott
Gwendolyn Scott
Nelson Shake
Yanxian She
Sarah Shelton

Katie Slatton
Bryan Smelser
Lynn Smeltzer
Marisa Smith
Elizabeth Solano
Allison Sparks
Haley Steger
Holly Steger
Jonathan Stein
Brandon Sterry
Samantha Stratton
Ashlee Tappe
Walter Tyson
Sky Vanderburg
Megan Venable
Vincent Wagner
Kendyl Washburn
Victoria Weaver
Richard Wells
Dorthea Wheeler
Lacie Whitten
Amy Wiginton
Leslie Wilkinson
Alicia Williams
Clay Williams
Sarah Williams
Matthew Wilson
April Wyant



Who's Who Members

Brent Aebi
Kathrine Baggett-Coleman
Adrienne Barnes
Abigail Bedford
Rachal Blake
Vanessa Borsheim
Elaine Briggs
Catie Bureson
Natalia Burt
Karen Burton
Megan Bush
Hannah Buzhardt
Lauren Caldwell
Kelsey Camp

Catherine Canterbury
Jennifer Carlon
Kimberly Carlon
Bryan Clifton
Seth Coleman
Jared Cook
Jan-Michael Corella
Lauren Cox
Sarah Cox
Michael Crouch
Kristen Dingus
Ashley Dixon-Hunt
Ashley Dowler
Claire Dunnagan

Jes Ellis
Molly Ellis
Ali Gerber
Kena Gibson
Sara Grady
Sarah Hackney
Kaitlin Hardy
Rebecca Hatfield
Jacob Hawk
Margaret Hayes
Kendyll Helf
David Hendrixson
Jason Hill
Katie Jackson

Justin Kennemer
Liz Larson
Linzi Lawson
Lucrecia Liverpool
Alexandra Loan
Christa Mannen
Niki Martz
Catherine McMenamy
Sean McNichols
Joanna Meeks
Jennifer Mendoza
Katrina Miller
Ryan Moody
Amanda Norris

Amanda Nowlin
Amy Olree
Kelly Passafiume
Amanda Pruitt
Rachel Pugh
Laura Reeder
Katie Rinard
Amelia Roberts
Sarah Rummage
Molly Rummel
Stephanie Sallas
Gwendolyn Scott
Taryn Sheehan
Janelle Sladek

Jessica Snell
Peter Snell
Haley Steger
Holly Steger
Jillian Striclyn
Ashlee Tappe
Aaron Towler
Jill Welker
Leslie Wilkinson
Lori Wise
Erica Woodroof
April Wyant





Senior Michael Crouch throws a pie in the assistant to the president Nate Copeland's face Nov. 21 outside of the McInteer Bible Building. The Society for Advancement of Management held a fundraiser for Heifer International; those who donated the most money were able to put a pie in the face of a dean. *Noah Darnell*

Senior Alexandra Loan attends a Regina officer meeting in the Pryor-England Science Center Feb. 23. Loan served as the devotional director for her social club. *Nick Michael*

JUGGLING

Who's Who Member Learns Priorities

For nomination into the national organization Who's Who Among Students, an honor limited to juniors and seniors, there were three characteristics that Harding faculty paid attention to when considering students to recommend: character, leadership and GPA. As a Who's Who nominee, senior Alexandra Loan was one student who distinguished herself in her college career through her involvement and leadership in many extracurricular activities and high performance as a student.

Majoring in psychology and English with a double minor in Spanish and Bible, Loan balanced a heavy course load with her involvement in nine different organizations ranging from social and academic clubs to volunteer groups. Loan became a master of planning her time around all her different obligations.

"It's a very careful juggling act; I try to prioritize," Loan said. "There is no magic formula."

Loan's responsibilities varied from serving as devotional director for Regina social club to working with a wider group of students and faculty through the Academic Integrity Committee to revise academic integrity policies on campus or serving on the leadership committee of Christians In Action.

"All of these have really helped expose me to a wide variety of experiences and leadership opportunities," Loan said. "In each organization, I've been able to work with numerous people from whom I've learned a lot and been able to grow a lot through them personally, spiritually and academically."

Loan's professors noticed her ability to continue doing well in the classroom in addition to all of her outside responsibilities.

"She is really enthusiastic and intelligent and makes a lot of comments that are insightful," Dr. Larry Hunt, associate professor of English, said. "She's just a really hard worker. All of this extra stuff hasn't affected her work with me at all."

Loan's demonstrated example of character and leadership as a hard-working student was what earned her the distinguished recognition as a nominee for Who's Who. Dr. Butch Gardner, who was in charge of Harding's chapter of the organization, noted that this honor also held value as a beneficial addition to students' résumés.

"Students recognize that [benefit] and follow through when a teacher wants to nominate them," Gardner said.

Inevitably, Loan had to devote a lot of personal time to the organizations she was committed to; however, she said she still felt that the sacrifice was worth it.

"I've been lucky to have a lot of friends involved in the same organizations that I [am], but there are times when school and my other responsibilities swamp me and completely destroy my social life for days or weeks," Loan said. "Ultimately [though], I very much enjoy what I do, and while I sometimes regret not being able to just hang out with friends, I still wouldn't change much if I had to do it again."

Christie Cronk and Emily Hauptli