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ICEPOCALYPSE



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Freshmen Rachel Gibson and Kyle Spillan enjoy the day off of school on Monday, Feb. 16 by kayaking down the Benson steps. On Sunday night, Twitter was flooded with pleas for a snow day, and when it was finally announced, all of campus rejoiced. Here are some of our staff's favorite tweets from the #icepocalypse.



"Twas the night before Monday, and all through the dorm, not a student was ready, but all prayed for a storm. #optionalMonday #justwantsnow" - @CanaMoore

"@BruceMcLarty: you did give a chapel talk on rest." - @Dillonh81

"Good call, Bruce, there was no way this old lady was getting out tomorrow! I hope y'all have a #blessedandhighlyfavored snow day!! :)" - @BlessedHFavored

Professors, deans use texting to converse with students

Evaluating the best method to communicate professionally

By Cole Mokry
News Editor

In the last 10 years, texting has become one of the most convenient avenues of communication, which is making teachers, staff and students alike rethink how they interact with each other.

The Office of Student Life has made texting the primary method of contacting students. Brandon Tittle, assistant dean of students, said they will primarily text students to set up appointments to meet face to face, not to communicate information.

"It started as a last resort because we found that a lot of people don't answer their phones if they don't recognize the number and very few people actually have a voicemail set up," Tittle said. "More and more, it's become our first resort because responses are almost immediate."

Even though cell phone numbers are no longer listed on "people search," they are kept under the personal information tab on Pipeline, which the Office of Student Life can access.

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- Brandon Tittle,
asst. dean of students

Junior Kalyn Hunter has received a text from student life and said she had mixed feelings about it.

"I appreciate the deans' new way of communication because it feels more personal, but I find it like a parent and I'm not sure I like the idea of having to instantly respond to a dean," Hunter said.

Texting has become more prevalent between students and teachers as well. Some professors will put their cell phone numbers on their course syllabi — usually with a stipulation that students do not call or text during certain hours.

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'Scarlet Letter' hits stage

By Joshua Johnson
Features Editor

Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel, "The Scarlet Letter," may be a challenge for every ninth grader, but the Harding theatre department will share their take on the story with the community this weekend and next at the Ulrey Performing Arts Center.

The production is senior Jenna Light's senior seminar project, in which she plays the shunned outcast Hester Prynne. Light said that, because there is no stage adaptation of the "The Scarlet Letter" and because the story is in public domain, the cast and producers of the show have undertaken the challenge of writing the adaptation themselves.

"We have really been able to tailor this show, line by line, to be exactly the way we want it," Light said.

Faced with the sin of bearing an illegitimate child, Prynne finds herself torn between the ideals of raising her daughter and wanting to be with the love of her life, the Reverend

Dimmesdale, played by Light's off-stage boyfriend, sophomore Patrick Jones.

Jones said his real-life relationship with Light allows him to react honestly to the painful moments in the show.

"Sometimes I drop out of character and see (Light), not Hester, because I understand what Dimmesdale would be feeling," Jones said.

Light said it has been a challenge to portray a character who is dealing with so many stressors at one time. Light said throughout the story Prynne is always looking out for her daughter, Pearl, who is the constant representation of her sin and the reminder of why she can not be with the man she loves.

"Hester deals with having to be a mother, wanting to be with her lover, dealing with a vengeful ex-husband who has it out for (Dimmesdale) — and there are very few moments in the show where she is faced with only one of these things at once," Light said.

The show is directed by

Robin Miller, chair of the theatre department. Miller said the stage adaptation of "The Scarlet Letter" illustrates universal concepts that will hopefully focus on presenting the people and the storyline in ways that the novel cannot.

"What we have here is a story about not only brokenness, but it's a story about what happens when people find that they have made a mistake, how they choose to handle it and how it plays out over the course of their lives," Miller said.

While it may not be the kind of show that moves one to tears, Jones said that audiences should expect to walk away thinking about the different ways everyone deals with sin.

"There may be a chuckle here and there, but mostly this show just says 'here are emotions, feel them,'" Jones said.

The show runs Feb. 20-21 and Feb. 26-28 at 7 p.m. in the Ulrey Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 or free with the CAB pass.



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Sophomore Patrick Jones, who plays Reverend Dimmesdale, and senior Jenna Light, who plays Hester Prynne, rehearse for "The Scarlet Letter" on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Shows began yesterday and continue through next weekend in the Ulrey Performing Arts Center.

HLC visits campus, completes evaluation

By Alexis Hosticka
Editor-in-Chief

For the entire duration of the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) decennial accreditation visit on Monday and Tuesday, classes were out of session and campus was essentially shut down due to weather.

However, according to associate provost Dr. Marty Spears, the visit went well despite the weather. Because of the snow days, students, staff and faculty were not required to be on campus or at any sessions, but many people made an effort to attend meetings with the HLC in order to assist with the evaluation and accreditation process.

Spears said the schedule was adjusted slightly and members of the HLC were not able to attend chapel.

At a student session at 2 p.m. on Monday, the five visiting members of the HLC asked questions regarding subjects such as technology, food, housing, recreation, curfew, intramurals

and job placement after graduation. Students responded with a majority of positive comments.

Senior Julia Copeland attended the meeting and said she initially went because she was curious about what the team would ask and then was glad she could help leave a good impression with the HLC visitors.

"Being a senior, I've loved the past four years at Harding and believe in what they stand for," Copeland said. "I was hoping that maybe some of my input would help validate why Harding is so important and what makes it different than the rest. It was a great meeting ... It was clear that I'm definitely not the only one who's proud of my school."

According to team member Renee Aitken, the purpose of the HLC's visit was to ask questions regarding the Assurance Argument that the university has already compiled and submitted. The document "is where the institution provides a narrative that makes the case that

the institution meets the Criteria for Accreditation," according to the HLC website.

"We have questions about everything, but that's not unusual," Aitken said. "This is a peer review process and it's always a positive process."

Reggies Wenyika, the only visiting HLC member from a private Christian institution, went and talked to various restaurants in the Searcy area on Sunday night and said what most impressed him about the university is the strong community.

"The entire city is behind Harding," Wenyika said. "Everyone has good things to say and that is to be commended."

Some of the topics addressed in the 112-page Assurance Argument include that, "The education offered by Harding recognizes the human and cultural diversity of the world in which students live and work" and that "Harding evaluates the success of its graduates." For each statement that the university presented the

document provided information and statistics to back it up. The HLC visit was an opportunity for committee members to follow up with and investigate this information.

One area that Spears said the committee was particularly interested in was the assessment of student learning, but this was not a surprise to him.

"It's so important and we do address it but a constant theme that came out in a lot of their questioning was assessment of student learning," Spears said. "It was nice that we had such a good turnout of our faculty because they would talk about specific ways ... different departments were talking about the capstone courses that their seniors participate in and how they use rubrics to assess whether the students were meeting criteria that were expected of them. It was very important to have the faculty there talking that talk to make it clear that we do emphasize that here."

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- Reggie Wenyika,
HLC member

The university will not receive an official written response from the HLC for another four weeks. However, Spears is not worried about what they will say. He said he knows that there is going to be room for improvement, but that is normal because universities hold themselves to a high standard.

"These things are difficult to go through because a team of people comes in and they have been given a document to read ahead of time and they're able to spot anything they think might be a potential weakness," Spears said.

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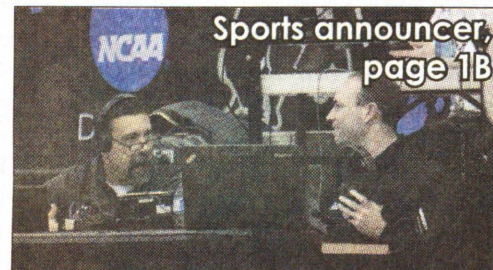


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Learn about Harding's latest workout class offering: a co-ed yoga class.



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Colorful 5K raises funds for shelter

By Kristina Kiser
Student Writer

Harding will host the Color for a Cause 5K on the campus intramural fields on Feb. 28. The Color for a Cause 5K is being held to raise awareness of human trafficking while raising funds to renovate an old building in Oak Ridge, LA into a shelter for girls who have been saved from human trafficking.

The event is being directed primarily by freshmen Taylor Mayfield, Kassie Stanfield, Mandy Clyde and Jake Black.

Mayfield said his close friend and partner in ministry recently acquired a large property, but wasn't sure what to use the property for. The two prayed that God would deliver a purpose for the structure.

"Upon telling my friends that I had a fantastic ministry opportunity open up before me, they immediately began brainstorming what they could do to help," Mayfield said. "Friends will hope for things to happen in our lives we haven't even thought of yet. And that's what they did for me."

Stanfield has had experience planning similar events for non-profit organizations in the past and used her skills to benefit the cause.

"Approximately every 30 seconds a girl gets taken into human trafficking, and the average ages of these girls are 11-14," Stanfield said. "This is a horrifying problem and if this safe house can impact and improve even one of

these girls' lives, then I would love to do everything that I can."

The Color for a Cause 5K run is similar to many other 'color' races. Runners should come to the race wearing a white T-shirt. At various locations throughout the race, they will run through different color stations. Each station will have a new color of dye that will be thrown as the runners pass through. At the end of the race, all participants will be covered in color for an opportunity for photos and fun.

"We want people to be aware that this is not strictly a race," Mayfield said. "It will be casual, so walk, run and go at your own pace. This is designed to increase the knowledge about the evil that is human trafficking and raise money for a unique ministry opportunity, not about who has the fastest time."

According to the Color for a Cause 5K website, all the money from this event will benefit the renovation of the safe house. The house will give the girls a place to get back on their feet while being surrounded by a Christian and loving environment.

Preregistration ends today. Individuals can register for \$15 and teams of four can register for \$50. Standard registration extends to the day of the race and costs \$20 for individuals and \$60 for teams. Participants can register at www.colorforacausesearcy.com.



Photo courtesy of KIM KIRKMAN

Kim Kirkman, an English teacher at Harding Academy, works on her holiday-inspired piece at the art club painting class on Dec. 14, 2014. The classes will benefit the art club's spring trip to Chicago.

Harding Academy hosts art class

By Julie Anne White
Head Web Editor

Harding Academy (HA) will host painting classes in the HA cafeteria for \$20 on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. All necessary supplies will be provided. Proceeds from the event will benefit the HA art club's trip to Chicago later this semester.

Paige Barnett, who teaches 8th-12th grade art classes at the Academy, will lead the painting lesson while students in the art club provide extra help and instruction. Barnett said she has hosted similar painting classes in the past, and the art club decided to begin utilizing them as a fundraising tool.

HA senior and art club vice president Maty Bain said after the art club's last painting fundraiser at Christmas-time was so successful, the officers agreed to continue offering more classes throughout the spring semester.

"After contemplating many fundraising ideas for the art club, we decided to do a Christmas-themed painting night because there had been a recent hype over painting parties," Bain said. "While Mrs. Barnett was the main demonstrator at the event, I and a few other art club

members were stationed around tables either creating the painting along with everyone else, helping with brush technique and color mixing, or simply retrieving extra brushes, paints, and paper towels for whomever needed them."

Barnett said she and the club officers chose the painting for the next upcoming class carefully, so that it would appeal to a wide audience and would also be user-friendly for guests with any experience level.

"The painting is of a bird's nest using various colors and textures to give the painting dimension," Barnett said. "The art club officers chose the piece we would create and then I tweaked the design to make it accommodate for anyone."

Barnett said she and her students plan to host more painting classes in the future, as they continue to raise money for their trip to Chicago. The students will visit the Art Institute of Chicago and several other notable museums, as well as participate in an architecture bus tour led by Harding University interior design professor Amy Cox and watch a production of Beauty and the Beast.

HA senior and art club secretary Rachel Moore said she has never been on

the trip before and is looking forward to the experience.

"We are going to take a walking tour around the city, and we will get to go to Willis Tower and have lots of free time to explore Chicago," Moore said. "We are staying on Michigan Avenue, so we will be within walking distance of everything, and I'm really excited about that. I've never been to Chicago before, so I'm just excited about seeing everything and getting to explore the city."

Barnett said the trip is an important teaching tool for her students.

"It's a great way to expose the students to various types of art and cultures," Barnett said. "I love this trip and it's always a lot of fun for all involved."

Although dates have not yet been set for future classes, Barnett said there will be more to come. Each class lasts for two hours. Barnett said their target audience is anyone who wants to come paint and have fun along the way.

The last day to purchase tickets for Saturday's class through the Harding Academy office was Thursday, but students who are interested can contact Barnett at epbarnett@harding.edu.

Medical Center gets rebranded

By Hannah Moore
Beat Reporter

In December 2014, White County Medical Center (WCMC) expressed its interest in buying Harris Hospital and its 11 clinics in Newport, Ark. On Feb. 1, the purchase of these facilities was finalized. As stated in the official news release sent out on Feb. 5, the WCMC and its new affiliates are currently undergoing a process to change their new collective name to Unity Health.

According to Pryor, the Searcy hospital conducted several focus groups and community studies to survey if a name change was needed to signify the new purchases. They gave the community a pool of medical-related words to pick from that would symbolize the mission of the hospital affiliates as a whole. She said that not only did the citizens feel a new name was necessary, the words "unity" and "health" stood out each time the study was conducted. The name Unity Health was eventually chosen by the hospital.

"Over the past few years, the WCMC has expanded their reach and the hospital has grown past the borders of White County," Brooke Pryor, marketing director at Unity Health, said. "Others in the community didn't really realize that those hospitals are connected with WCMC. We needed a strong new name that

reflects our growth. We have a lot of people, a lot of services and a lot of locations. We're all one big family."

Think Advertising, a Searcy-based company, has taken on the task of designing Unity Health's new logo.

"In every project that we do, we try to incorporate symbolism," Matt Faulkner, creative director and CEO said. "The four links are for the letter 'U' in unity, and they also make up a medical cross. The four components of the symbol each represent an area of health: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual."

Think Advertising will also create an advertising campaign for this rebrand.

"We work closely with the marketing department at Unity Health," Faulkner said. "We will be responsible for all of the signage, print, billboard, TV and direct mail ads. We will also help with the internal side with items like directional signage, apparel and name-tags. We've serviced WCMC for many years and we're excited to see them grow."

Many times when a company changes its name, it reflects many internal changes, but Pryor said the new Unity Health will advertise that this is not true in their case.

"We may have a different name and logo, but we still have the same mission," Pryor said. "Absolutely nothing is changing."

Women's Bible conference unites communities through courage

By Andrea DeCamp
Student Writer

For 21 years, the Marriage and Family Therapy program has organized the Women in God's Service (WINGS) conference on campus. This year, the conference will take place on Feb. 20 - 21 with the theme "Crown of Valor."

The mission of WINGS is to "offer scripture-based programs designed to encourage spiritual growth."

The theme is meant to highlight being women of courage as they seek to be women of God. Marriage and Family Therapy Professor and founder of WINGS Sherry Pollard said the conference was started because they wanted to unite multiple churches together.

"There are a lot of smaller churches that don't have the man power or finances to actually have women's programs, so we wanted to have broader opportunities for people to come together to have something and not

just one church," Pollard said.

Senior Kaitlin Plachy is attending the conference for class credit.

"I haven't had the opportunity to attend the WINGS conference in the past, so I'm really excited to get to be a part of it this year," Plachy said. "There is something so special about sharing a community of faith with women whose lives are testaments to stories of God's faithfulness."

The conference will focus on how women can be more courageous in the church through keynote speakers and breakout sessions that will include two different panels.

"We started out by looking at especially women of courage in the Bible and looking at the different aspects of how you can be courageous," Pollard said. "Sometimes it means speaking up, sometimes it means to look for contentment in negative situations,

sometimes it means having a conflict resolved, so we've chosen our breakout sessions about those themes."

One woman will also be given a Legacy award, which is presented to women who show wisdom and courage in their faith. This will be to acknowledge the effort and time these women put forth in order to serve God and the Harding community.

"Especially in a place like Harding, it can be challenging to hear these unique and enduring stories of faith," Plachy said. "Opportunities like the WINGS conference allow students to learn from the wisdom and life experiences of the female spiritual giants in our community."

The conference will feature women from all over the region to give them and others a chance to be encouraged.

Registration is \$30 for students or \$40 for non-students. For more information, visit www.harding.edu/wings.



BEYOND THE BUBBLE

COLORADO — The opponents to the legalization of marijuana are expected to file a lawsuit this week that would stop sale and distribution in Colorado. The organization Safe Streets Alliance, a nonprofit that reduces youth drug use, is asking individuals to testify who have been negatively affected by the marijuana industry.

CALIFORNIA — Scientists at the Scripps Research Institute believe they have come one step closer to a cure for HIV. They altered the DNA of monkeys to fight the disease and said the monkeys were protected from all strands of the disease for at least 34 weeks. Human trials could begin as early as 2016.

HLC, from 1A

"They're coming to campus to ask questions about those things so it's kind of a hard thing to go through, but it's very healthy."

Spears said that overall, he feels good about the visit and the process. He believes that the team was impressed with many aspects of the university.

"We talk the talk about assessment with our faculty and students and improving and as a university we have to walk the walk," Spears said. "I think it was a really positive experience."

Texting, from 1A

Dr. Shawn Daggett, director of the Center for World Missions, said texting between a teacher and a student is deemed appropriate depending on the situation. Daggett said some students will text because they think it elicits a response quicker than emailing, but he said unless the issue is pressing he cannot guarantee an instant response.

"I think the platform of communication should be proportionate to the nature of the student's request," Daggett said. "If a student is having an emergency and needs to get a hold of me, texting is fine. If they're doing

it more for convenience's sake or to 'jump line' in my inbox, that's when it becomes inappropriate."

Daggett said he was most worried about students prank calling his cell phone, but he said most students have not abused the privilege.

Junior Cana Moore said texting and social media are convenient ways to get a hold of teachers, but still not how she prefers to talk to them.

"If I need to discuss something school related, I usually use my email," Moore said. "But sometimes email isn't the most effective method, and the flexibility that modern technology gives is great."

Maintaining personal security

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With the release of the iPhone 6, Apple revolutionized digital payments with Apple Pay. This allows iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus owners to use their phones as their debit or credit cards at certain cash registers and vending machines. Consolidating more services into one device may sound convenient, but what are the risks? Today we have an overwhelming amount of personal information stored on our phones and on the web. We have financial information on shopping and banking apps. We have text messages and personal emails at our fingertips. Some of us even have medical records on health tracking apps. But what happens if our phones are stolen or if our accounts are compromised?

The consequences of identity theft can be terrible. Money and bank accounts can be lost, medical records can be accessed, and worst of all, text messages and emails can be sent without permission. Relationships can be ruined and jobs can be lost. During all this, the victim may be completely

unaware of the damage, and reversing it could take months.

I understand that identity theft is usually seen as a low risk, but what if that risk is realized? It is easier to protect from electronic privacy invasion than to recover from it.

Personal information security is a big deal, and many people go around with nothing more than a simple password on their phone, hoping to keep the world out of their pockets. Birthdays and “the last four of your social” are always bad passwords.

It should go without saying that you should never ever use the same password for all of your accounts. If someone else finds the password for just one account, the others are compromised too. Passwords are your first line of defense against lost personal information, but they are too often the weakest link in the chain. Using the same numbers for your ATM PIN and your phone password may seem like a good idea, but if someone finds out the numbers for one of those, they have found the numbers for all of them.

Unfortunately, just using a password does not ensure that your phone cannot be compromised. Encryption dramatically increases the length of time required to crack into your phone. Encryption sits between your password and your information and protects the contents of your phone from being read without a password. It is

supplementary to password protection and works behind the scenes to offer a better safeguard. If your phone is lost or stolen, you will have plenty of time to delete your messages and change your passwords. If you use iCloud, you can completely wipe your phone’s storage from your computer.

Passwords and encryption are not foolproof and will not protect you from a subpoena or someone who really, really wants your personal information. However, these methods will go far to protect you from a typical identity thief or phone thief. Personal security should be taken seriously. Having protected, confidential data in the information age is becoming increasingly important as more and more individuals and institutions are constantly being hacked.

Jumping through all possible hoops to protect your data may seem like a hassle, and it may not be for everyone. At the very least, use multiple passwords and put a password on your phone. If it gets stolen without a password, you will quickly regret it. If you are unsure about how many steps you need to go to protect your information, start with a password and hopefully encryption. Decide how much protection you need, but at least use good passwords.

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Something old and new



Introverts according to the Myers-Briggs

If you’ve taken any education class, you’ve probably taken the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator test (MBTI). Actually, if you’re a Harding student, you’ve probably taken the MBTI. There is, for some reason, a seemingly ubiquitous fascination with this antiquated personality test. It is overwhelmingly common to overhear someone ask a new acquaintance what his or her Myers-Briggs type is or express concern over a significant other because, according to the test, they aren’t “compatible.”

If you couldn’t tell, I’m not a big fan of the Myers-Briggs test. In defense of the MBTI, I’m not a fan of any “scientific” personality or relationship assessment (except for BuzzFeed quizzes that tell me which superhero I am or which guy from “The Office” I should date). I just don’t believe you can put a hard science on human personality or interaction (sorry, psychology majors). Sure, there are vague guidelines that usually hold some general truth, but observe any single person or interaction and you will see several of these rules broken.

That doesn’t mean I don’t see the appeal of these tests. I’m a firm believer in the importance of perpetual self-actualization to personal development. If taking personality tests like the MBTI betters your self-understanding, then more power to you. However, there are people that view these tests as a sort of psychological-gospel, allowing the results to dictate their behavior rather than explain it, creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. This is especially apparent in the rise of the “introvert vs. extrovert” mentality.

How many people do you know who identify as introverts? How many of those people use their “introvert” status to explain their behavior in relationships or social situations? If you simply type “introversion” into Google, you will see results such as “Are You an Introvert?” “23 Signs You’re Secretly an Introvert,” and “Caring for Your Introvert.” The culture surrounding self-identified introverts is massive. It’s also wrong. Or, at the very least, misleading.

I’m an introvert. Some days, all I want is for my room to be empty when I return after a long day of classes. Sometimes I just want to sit down and listen to music without seeing or talking to anybody. Occasionally I want to skip club meetings because I would rather sit in lonely silence than in the middle of the loud, rambunctious tomfoolery that inevitably dominates Knights meetings.

I’m also an extrovert. There are days where I don’t want to be alone. There are times when all the energy I need comes from being around other people and interacting with them. There are times when the most fun I can have comes from being surrounded by laughter and loud music.

The biggest problem with the modern application of the MBTI is the idea that each result eliminates all possibility of another. If you’re an introvert, you can never be an extrovert, and never in a million years could you be friends with an extrovert. You can only be friends with your fellow introverts, but you don’t hang out with them because you’re all introverts.

None of the psychologists associated with the MBTI would have endorsed this ideology. Part of being a human is the need for satisfaction from self and from others. The MBTI isn’t meant to determine whether you are an introvert or an extrovert — it is meant to compare your levels of introversion and extroversion. It is meant to examine whether your satisfaction is typically internal or external, but not to determine which you need and which you don’t.

I know I’ve been harsh on introverts in this column. Perhaps it’s because I typically relate better to introverts while realizing the importance of indulging my extroverted side. I’m not just an introvert. I am more inclined to introversion than to extroversion, but I’m not just an introvert. I’m just a person longing for approval from myself as well as others.

You’re not an introvert or an extrovert. You may be more introverted than extroverted, but that doesn’t mean you don’t need others. Regardless of your MBTI result, you’re still a person.

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Are TVs spying on our conversations?

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Is the government listening into your private conversations? What about private companies? Recently there have been headlines splashed across the media about Samsung Smart TVs that listen to your personal conversations. It sounds infuriating, at least it did to me. That is, until I did a few minutes of research. I found out that this is not a new issue. There is no new TV that suddenly is capable of listening to sound. Versions of this TV have been on the market since 2012.

So why is this suddenly an issue? Someone decided to actually read their owners manual to find out what the TV is capable of doing. Unfortunately, people

did not stop at reading the owner’s manual, but proceeded to post about it on social media without stopping to consider the consequences of their lack of discerning thought.

According to major news outlets including CNN, Fox and Forbes, there is not even a potential threat for your TV to listen in and gather personal information. Not only is it not happening, but the TVs are not even capable. They are not equipped to hold any substantial amount of data, and the artificial intelligence struggles to understand the basic commands it is designed for, let alone storing and processing conversations worth of data.

As to the rumor that Samsung was allowing an unnamed third party to keep data, Samsung has stated that data is only stored for research in improving their services. This is the same process that Apple uses with Siri. Keep in mind that smartphones actually are capable of saving and sending data, yet no one is up-in-arms about them.

There are countless recorded incidents of smartphones getting hacked and personal information being scattered on the Internet, but still people, including myself, use them daily, hourly and even on a minute-to-minute basis. Yet a device that is not even a threat makes headlines.

We have become a people that are fed by the media with media that is fed by whims, and information goes viral without being based on fact. If the first person who viewed the information on Reddit had done a few simple searches, this never would have found its way to major news outlets to begin with.

The lesson to learn here is to fact check. Make your own decisions. Do not let anyone else decide where you stand. This is the age of transparency, but only if we choose to utilize all the tools we have been given.

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It’s no secret that we live in a generation where the norm is to “update” and “refresh” your newsfeed. As we all know, social media is an enormous part of our ever-changing world. Though it is constantly changing, social media seems to prevail within our culture and has become a huge centerpiece to our daily lives. We wake up, check Twitter. We go to school, refresh Instagram. We “like” this, we “like” that. Maybe not in that order, or maybe in that exact order, but either way, most of us can’t go an hour without refreshing and checking our social media accounts. We always want to know what’s going on around us, so we check our accounts again and again to stay connected with the people in our circles.

Recently it seems that I’ve heard conversation after conversation about, “When should I like his picture?” Or, “Should I favorite that tweet now, or wait till later?” Or how about, “Should I make this my Snapchat story?” Social media has become an outlet for flirting with someone we may like or see as a potential interest, almost without us even realizing it.

In other words, we live in a time where you can’t just like his picture on Instagram the second he posts it because he’ll think you’re too eager, or maybe he won’t even see that you liked it because it got lost in the other likes. You want to stand out amongst the rest. There’s a definite art to proper social media flirtation.

For example, you’re sitting in class and you look down to see that you have a new notification from Facebook. You roll your eyes because it’s probably just an aunt sharing a post with you about animals doing weird things, per usual, but instead you flip out because it’s a crush who has just liked a profile picture of yours from two months ago. So what does this mean for you? In the mind of a modern girl with a

smartphone and an Instagram account, it means that he’s definitely interested and you’re probably going to date. It was his way of saying, “Hey, what’s up?”

If you are an avid social media user, then you know, maybe a little too well, the absolute nightmare of being 61 weeks deep into your crush’s Instagram profile and there it is, the accidental “like” of a photo. You are then faced with two decisions: 1. Unlike and hope he or she does not notice the notification or 2. Leave it and face your embarrassing blunder head on. You’re basically committing social media suicide. These just happen to be the trials and tribulations of our generation. It is the hand we’ve been dealt.

There is a true etiquette to “social media flirtation” and all that it entails. I’d like to personally wish you all the best of luck navigating the world of social media and hope you can all find a perfect balance between “likes” and liking someone.

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For what it's worth

Appreciating America

In 2004, local authorities burned down a Christian church in Laos simply because it was a Christian church. In November 2014 in Pakistan, "an angry mob attacked a man and his pregnant wife on Nov. 4, beat and burned them to death" because of rumors that the couple had desecrated the Quran, according to Voice of the Martyrs. In Uganda in December of 2011, radical Muslims attacked a Christian pastor with acid, forcing him to undergo many painful surgeries. And less than a week ago, ISIS beheaded 21 Egyptian Christians.

I would assume most people have probably only heard about that latest ISIS attack. A lot of these violent, extremist actions are brushed under the rug. People may be somewhat aware of them, but not to the extent at which it happens across the world. Religious persecution is very real and surprisingly frequent. We in the U.S. can choose to ignore the majority of these happenings because they can be made to seem small or insignificant. We can also choose to ignore them because it is not something we have to deal with them in the slightest bit.

All too often, we as Americans tend to complain about our circumstances. From gay marriage to the "right to bear arms" to abortion debates, our concerns lie in areas that people around the world don't even consider. Now, I'm not saying that these issues aren't important to debate and discuss. But I think sometimes we forget to look at the bigger picture and realize how good we really have it.

In the South especially, people seem to be proud of their sweet tea, guns and freedom. But with what brevity do we say we take pride in those things? Do we really understand the weight of the freedoms that we have?

It's almost unimaginable to think we could be told what religions we can and cannot practice, yet that is a reality across the globe.

When we throw around terms like "freedom" and "independence" we should make an effort to understand and appreciate how those words really apply to our society rather than only complaining about what we don't have.

We don't have religious persecution. We don't have beheadings. We don't have restrictions placed on what we can believe. We don't have to live in fear.

We have nearly every kind of freedom imaginable in a healthy democratic society.

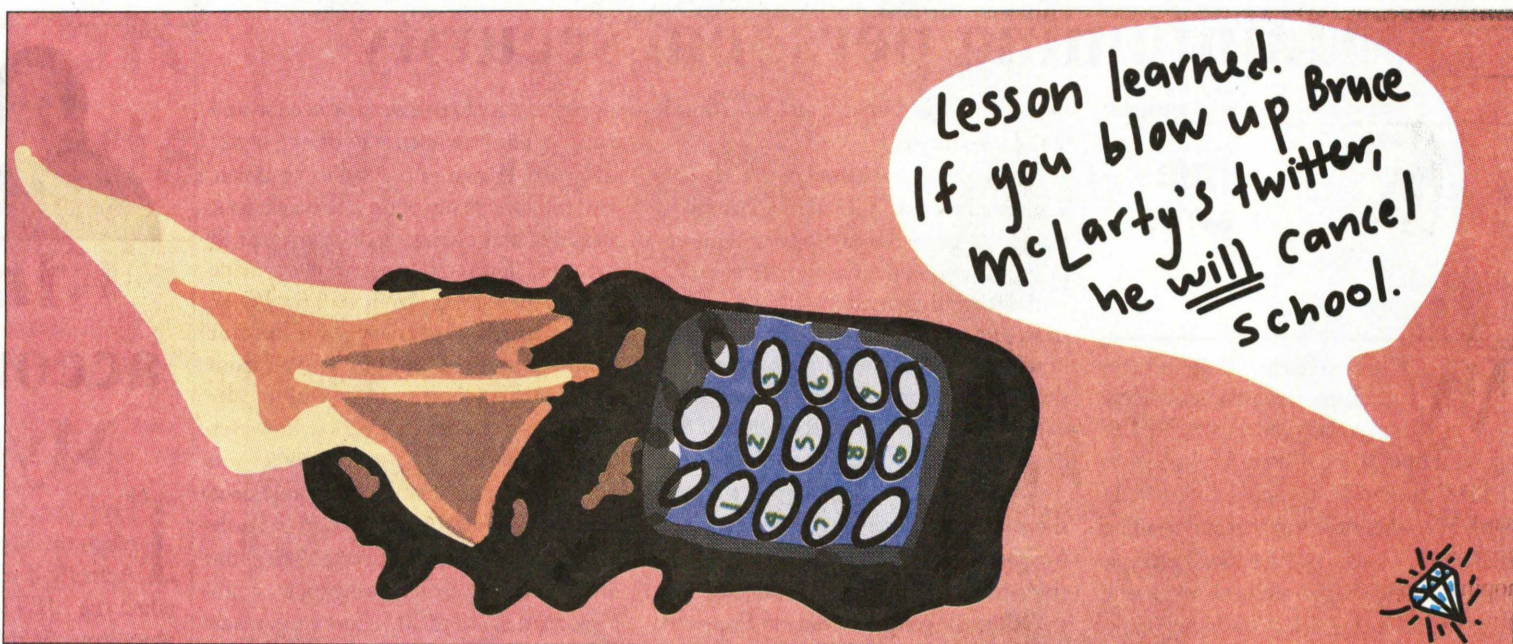
And for all of that, we should be extremely grateful.

It is important to be aware of what is going on in the world, even when the mainstream media doesn't cover it to the degree that something like the recent beheadings were covered.

All in all, if we put our #first-worldproblems into their real context there is a lot we can learn. We have so little to truly complain about when it's all put into perspective.

So next time you talk about how great America is, really mean it.

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Fighting war with peace

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guest writer

"American Sniper" has become the most successful box office movie in its genre, surpassing even "Saving Private Ryan," and has been nominated for several Academy Awards. It is a deeply patriotic movie that has stirred the hearts of millions and has initiated many important conversations. It is a movie of sacrifice and suffering that reveals the brutal realities of war which all soldiers face while guarding and protecting freedom, in addition to the continued pain they endure, even after they return home.

Chris Kyle's very first kill ironically isn't a uniformed soldier — it is a young child who is about to throw a grenade at a group of American soldiers. That scene was probably much more poignant in real life than it was on the screen. It's impossible to capture the anguish he had to endure making that call. I'm glad that I've never been faced with having to make such painful decisions such as that. Without reminders like this, we lose sight of the fact that valor sometimes calls on us to do the unthinkable.

I can't be critical of the efforts of our young troops. Some of them I've known since they

were preschoolers. I love our country and the young people defending Her. I've never taken up arms to defend my country, so at best all I can do is to be thankful for people who do. Still, I'm uneasy with the demands of war.

The real value of the movie wasn't about motivating me towards a love of God, country and family; I already hold these virtues. Most people watching the movie would hold those values too. Instead, for me, the value of the movie was in its potential to remind us of the tension between facing an enemy head on and how we are called as believers to treat our enemies. "American Sniper" reminded me of how perpetually painful war is, and while it seems there will never be an end to war, it has to end one day. It reminds me that while I don't happen to have a better solution for containing terrorism than war, our dual citizenship in the world and the Kingdom is a tension-filled paradox which calls for us to doggedly pursue a better way.

"American Sniper" also reminded me of my inadequacies of reaching out to people whose hearts won't be reached through military interventions. There are people all across the world who hate us and want to hurt us. What can I do to influence them in ways that could reduce the violence and bloodshed? Praying for our enemies, as a first step, is one step that's necessary — but it's insufficient to really end war once and for all. Still, history teaches us agreement can sit down at the same table and agree to cease their fighting.

After years of ferocious fighting, Egypt and Israel signed a peace treaty in 1979. Today, we are solid allies with England, who we once

fought for our freedom. The Mason Dixon line is now a footnote in history. Wars can come to an end, as we've seen. Right now it's hard to see an end to our current battles, but we must look forward to a better day.

Jesus said there would be wars and rumors of war but those events should not alarm us, He said that they "must take place" before the end of time. I know one day God will conclude His work and the end will come. Movies like "American Sniper" remind me of my inability to fight evil effectually, or to even come up with a solution to combat it, all of which heightens my deepest need for a God who will one day vanquish death itself.

Until that day comes, I'm called to love my enemies and to pray for those who would persecute me — to even give them a cup of cold water. While none of us want war, nor do we want our troops to stand in harm's way, we know there has to be a better day coming. Hopefully one day, you who are students today will be the peacemakers, bringing the different sides together, being the mediators God sends to help. My prayers aren't just for my enemies, my prayers are for your generation — that yours will be the one who ushers in a new age of peace where the Kingdom of God sways the hearts of the nations till we finally beat our swords into plowshares.

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Just the Clax

A bug by any other name

One day back in middle school, a seventh grader hit me with an unexpected question. He asked if I knew why the word 'gullible' was not in the dictionary. In those days I was an innocent, trusting soul. The total randomness of his query should have been a red flag, but I sensed no foul play at all. Instead, with complete confidence in Webster's Third New International, I marched over to the shelf to prove my classmate wrong. My triumph in finding 'gullible' on page 1,012 was short-lived, though, as the little prankster cackled and announced to the whole class that I was a doofus.

Years of bitter experience have made me a sadder and wiser man. I no longer open small jars that say "mixed nuts." I do not buy extended warranties. I delete emails that offer to put money directly into my bank account. It has been a very long time since I have pulled anyone's finger. Yes, I once sat through a three-hour pyramid sales pitch just out of politeness. The earnest friends who had invited me — bless their hearts — had converted their entire household to all-natural Melaleuca cleaning products, vitamins, and so forth, convinced that this stuff was the perfect cleanser for body and home. It also did a fine job, so I noticed, of cleaning out the wallet.

I'll admit that I'm not the most frugal man with a dollar, but it always amazes me what people can be talked into buying. Take the International Star Registry (ISR). For only \$35, some guy in Illinois will name a star for you or for your sweetheart. Then he'll mail you



Michael Claxton

a certificate and celestial map, pinpointing the location in piddling star isn't enough, the ISR will gladly let you name a supernova for \$79.95. There is no price listed on the website for adopting a constellation, but if you happen to be dating a woman named Ursa Major, you could really impress her, provided she doesn't keep up with astrology. I once asked about the fee for renting a comet and was politely told I needed to take out a loan.

Yes, it all shows that you care. But what if you truly don't care? What about that vast, untapped market of people out there who are itching to name something after enemies, ex-boyfriends, tax auditors, sports referees and people who have not yet purchased a certain book you might have written? Fortunately, the San Francisco Zoo has stepped into the breach. According to Vice President of Development Tim Wu, for a modest donation the zoo's entomologists will gladly name one of their bugs after your ex. So for \$25, that girl who dumped you for a rugby player can be informed by postcard that a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach is crawling around San

Francisco with her name. If that isn't sweet revenge, I don't know what is.

Of course, it will not be long before someone sets up a website offering to scrub your bug history. For only \$23, this cagey entrepreneur will break into the San Francisco Zoo at night and step on the roach bearing your name. At which point, of course, your ex will have to reorder. If all these businesses play their cards right, this sort of thing can go on forever, making everyone rich as bitter ex-couples continue to pump money into exterminating their romance.

Now that I think about it, I want in on this opportunity. So listen up, Harding. I have more than 600 neckties in my wardrobe. For a mere \$5, I will gladly name one of them after anyone you like. There's a wide variety to choose from. Want to brighten up grandma's day? Name a vintage hand-painted cravat after her. Ready to propose? Send a card that says "Let's Tie the Knot," along with a photo of a 100 percent silk beauty named just for her. Time to say "it's over"? One dollar will tack his name on some hideous polyester thing from the very back of the closet. Please send your \$5 to Box 12248, and be sure to print the name of your intended carefully. Of course, if you want to purposefully misspell the name out of spite, please send an extra 25 cents for mishandling charges. To browse the selection, visit @ClaxTies on Twitter.

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Shane Schock

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Talk



Moments in history

Sports have enamored us for years. We tune in and attend dozens of events every year hoping to catch a moment in history that won't be forgotten for decades. Throughout time, we have come across too many events to count, but I want to focus on the top two moments I think have changed the way we look at sports and what they mean in our nation's history.

There are so many events that come to mind when thinking about big sports moments: Babe Ruth's "called shot" in game three of the 1932 world series, Ali's knockout of (40-0) George Foreman in the eighth round, Reggie Jackson's three straight home runs in the 1977 World Series. I could go on for hours, but those are moments in which we look back on as just that: moments of sports history. The events I'm talking about are the ones we remember changing our history not only on the field but off, the ones we look back on to remind us how far we've come.

My first American sports hero is Jackie Robinson. In 1947, Robinson stepped onto the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers as the first black male to break the color barrier in what is known today as America's favorite pastime, baseball. This changed everything in the way we view not only baseball, but every sport that gradually accepted African Americans into their realm. Robinson opened doors for many, and helped others realize how all men are created equal both on and off the field. Robinson set a standard and left such a mark that his number 42 has been retired by not only the Dodgers, but the entire MLB.

My next hero is more than a single individual; it's a team. Everyone has heard of or seen the movie, "Miracle." It's one of my favorite movies of all time. It showed my generation, along with generations to come, how one team, one country on the break of another cold war, high unemployment, inflation and an energy crisis, rose to the occasion when their peers needed them the most. On Feb. 22, 1980, the USA men's hockey team defeated the unbeatable Soviet team 4-3 to move on and win the Olympic gold medal. Such an upset the event was dubbed the "Miracle on Ice," which inspired the movie's title. This event did more than give these athletes a piece of gold; it gave the U.S. hope. It inspired many to believe that we, the United States of America, can overcome the feat and rise again.

Sports achieve more than what meets the eye. It carries some and saves others. We look back at Jackie Robinson and the 1980 U.S. gold medal team as people that have opened our eyes and led us to be the bounce-back, never give up, bleed red, white and blue type of country. Never give up.

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GRANT SCHOL | The Bison
Voice of Harding Sports, Billy Morgan (left), commentates at the Rhodes Field House on Saturday, Feb. 14 during the men's and women's basketball games. Morgan is alongside the Assistant Athletic Director of Sports Information, Scott Goode.

Harding's award-winning radio broadcaster

By Madeline Jones
Student Writer

Billy Morgan, the radio voice of Harding sports, won the Sully Award on Feb. 4 for his play-by-play call when senior Donatella Luckett scored the game-winning touchdown against Henderson State University.

Morgan had worked for eight years at DI school Arkansas State University, before he began work at Harding University. Morgan had taken time off from broadcasting between universities before taking the job at Harding.

"I had actually taken a couple of years away from college broadcasts because my two sons were very young at the time, and I was spending way too much time away from them and my wife," Morgan said.

In July 2007 Morgan was named the athletics play-by-play broadcaster. Scott Goode, who is

the assistant athletic director for sports, said,

"Billy had just sent me a copy of some work he had done," Goode said. "He used to work for Arkansas State and did their football, basketball and even some baseball. I listened to it and it was really good, so I thought 'this is perfect.' Our other guy is moving out and Billy said if you ever need anybody to fill-in just let me know, and I said, I think we have a little bit more than a fill-in job."

Morgan began working football and basketball games and decided to continue broadcasting for the university beyond his first season.

"Billy has taken us to the next level with his professionalism and ability to communicate the excitement of Bison football," Head football coach, Ronnie Huckleba said. "He is outstanding."

There are two Sully Awards given out each year by the state; one for a play-by-play call done

at a high school level and one play-by-play call done at a college level. The Sully Award is named after Steve Sullivan, KATV's sports director and a member of the Arkansas Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame.

"Steve Sullivan is someone I have known for many years, and respect his enthusiasm for radio broadcasts as well as his television work," Morgan said. "So, to receive an award with his name on it means a great deal to me."

Morgan said not much has changed since he has received the reward, but he has been amazed by the amount of messages from colleagues and friends after the announcement.

"I'm very happy to share it with Harding," Morgan said. "I am extremely proud to be associated with the Bisons, and truly love being a part of the university. I hope to be at Harding for a long time. Its a special place."



GRANT SCHOL | The Bison
Junior Taylor Friend pitches against Christian Brothers University in a doubleheader on Jan. 31. The Lady Bisons won their games, 9-1 and 18-8.

Softball struggles in Monticello classic

By Toria Parrett
Student Writer

The Lady Bisons softball team went 1-3 in four games at the DII Arkansas-Monticello Softball Classic last weekend.

Redshirt sophomore infielder Emily Jones said that despite the losses, the tournament did a lot for the team's confidence and dynamics.

"We played great this tournament and really played together," Jones said. "I think that we grew up a lot because we played some very good teams. We relied on each other a lot this weekend and you could tell that by how clean we were defensively."

Jones said during the tournament sophomore infielder Amanda Berdon made three double plays from third base, freshman outfielder Anna Lowery hit her first collegiate career home run and senior outfielder Carolyn Clayton hit her first two home runs of the season.

Clayton said one of the goals of this tournament was to focus less on the outcome and more on the process of the game.

"A big focus all weekend was having a good approach to what you are doing at the plate and what you are doing on defense," Clayton said. "If that all falls into place, it is not so much about wins or losses. It is how

you go about playing that is more important."

Clayton also said the team had some hard practices last week leading up to the tournament that has helped them refocus on playing to the best of their abilities.

Head coach Phil Berry said the weekend was made better by the fact that the team is a group that likes to be together.

"We got to learn a lot and work together as a team," Berry said. "We will celebrate each day that we get to spend together as a team, and these were a few more of those days."

The team will begin Great American Conference play today in Bethany, Okla. Berry said conference play is the focus of the team the rest of the season, but that he feels good going into this weekend and the rest of their conference games.

"We will take one game at a time, one inning at a time, one pitch at a time and see if we can turn some of those close games into victories for the good guys," Berry said. "We feel confident that we will have the right process in place and a good game plan to take Southern Nazarene on. We like the way the team feels right now."

The team will play at 1 p.m. today as they begin a four-game series against Southern Nazarene University this weekend.

Bisons stand out in Samford meet

By Addison Hurst
Student Writer

On Saturday, both the men's and women's track teams made their way to Birmingham, Ala., to compete in the Samford Invitational and Multi track meet.

There were several standout performances across the board. Senior Ewa Zaborowska placed first out of 55 runners in the 3,000-meter race. Her time of 9:23.01 broke Harding's record for the event.

Zaborowska defeated Middle Tennessee State sophomore Hannah Maina by 25 seconds for the win. She was named the DII National Athlete of the Week.

Several other Harding athletes placed in this event, including junior Kelsey Taylor placing 14th and sophomore Amber Webb placing 18th.

The men's track team had an equally outstanding performance. For the first time in his career, sophomore Trey Adkison won the pole vault title over 22 other competitors. Adkison cleared 15 feet, 5 inches setting a personal record.

The 4x400-meter relay team placed second out of 16 other teams with a time of 3:19.33. The team, consisting of junior Kevin Naceanceno, junior Trevor Holloway, freshman Jared Parker and senior Dillon Bagwell, ran the third-fastest time in Harding's NCAA era.

Junior Corey Bassett qualified for the finals in the 60-meter dash with a

time of 6.90 seconds. He placed eighth in the finals with a time of 6.97 seconds.

Bassett hit his stride in the 60-meter dash. His time of 6.87 seconds at the Missouri Southern meet secured him a third place spot and broke the previous Harding record.

"I feel really good about Saturday's meet," Bassett said. "We all knew what we needed to do, and when it came down to we got the job done. There was a lot of good competition there so it really pushed us to work harder."

Senior Bailey Pearson did not compete in the meet Saturday, but has particular reason to be proud of the season. One year after getting in a serious car wreck, Pearson was able to compete in the high jump for the first time several weekends ago. She has high expectations for the team this year.

"For myself, I want to reach the goals I have set," Pearson said. "For the team, I expect hard work and the drive to succeed this year. This team can accomplish great things if they work hard. It should be a good season."

The Bisons have had a successful season thus far. Taylor, who competed in several events Saturday, put things into perspective.

"We are in a tough conference, but we have a good opportunity to show up and surprise other schools with the talent we have on our team," Taylor said.



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Junior catcher Jaxon Mohr connects with a pitch during the Bisons 2-1 win over Missouri Western State University on Feb. 8.

Bisons look to rebound after loss to Henderson

By Austin Nightengale
Student Writer

The baseball team has suffered four defeats this season, putting them at 5-4.

The Bisons faced Henderson State University (HSU) in a Great American Conference (GAC) showdown this weekend with a three-game series, Saturday being a doubleheader.

The Bisons came away with a 3-0 win on Friday, Feb. 13, but were swept on Saturday's doubleheader losing 3-10 and 1-4. Giving the three game series to HSU.

Back in the game for the

Bisons this past weekend was junior Collin Campbell, who pitched in the win on Friday. Campbell is back after recovering from a pulled oblique muscle.

"It's doing a whole lot better," Campbell said. "It's not back to 100 percent yet, but it didn't give me any problems Friday, but I'll be ready to go this Friday again."

Head coach Patrick McGaha said he was thankful for Campbell's recovery. However, he said there is still a lot of work to be done. "Collin Campbell pitched

an outstanding ball game on Friday," McGaha said. "We had two missed plays in that sixth inning of that second game that kind of hurt us, but it's just a bad weekend. We gotta come back to work on Monday and work on getting better and get ready for the next challenge."

Campbell said he agrees that things could have been better.

"I'll say it was for sure an off weekend for us, we didn't play very well, for sure not what we're capable of playing," Campbell said. "Hopefully

we can turn things around and get back to the way we normally play."

The team did come away with one victory this past weekend, which senior pitcher Josh Spears said makes for a good weekend anytime you can get a win on the road.

Despite their losses, Spears said the team still has a lot of energy for the rest of the season and high hopes for upcoming games.

"We're learning, we're getting better, working hard and that's sort of our brand of baseball that we play," Spears said. "Throughout the rest

of the season, it's going to be a beneficial weekend for us to be able to learn from mistakes and to be able to get some of those mistakes out of the way early in the season in order for us to build momentum down the stretch."

Early on the team is 1-2 in conference and 5-4 overall, putting them seventh in GAC standings. Bisons next home game, weather permitting, is today against Ouachita Baptist University at 2 p.m. Check www.harding.sports.com for updates on this afternoon's game.

Caleb Rowan

guest
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Madness

In less than a month, the exhilarating few weeks the sports world has dubbed "March Madness" will be upon us. For many of us, school will suddenly move down the priority list and mobile devices will become in-class TVs.

For others, the NCAA Tournament simply means five minutes with a pencil picking games based on whose name sounds cooler or whose jerseys are prettier. Regardless, here are six teams I believe can get there:

University of Kentucky (26-0) – They haven't lost, and might not. This team is packed full of talent and defends as well as anyone. You can't go wrong picking Coach Cal's Wildcats to make the Final Four.

Duke (22-3) – With possibly the best big man in Jahlil Okafor, a group of talented young guards and the winningest coach in Division I basketball history, Duke is without question a championship-caliber team.

Wisconsin (23-2) – Coming off of a Final Four appearance last year, this year's squad might actually be better. There's no reason Frank Kaminsky and the country's most efficient offense can't do it again.

Virginia (24-1) – Tony Bennett's Cavaliers have the nation's best defense and have only lost once. If second-leading scorer Justin Anderson returns from his broken finger, watch out.

Arizona (22-3) – The Wildcats came within a point of the Final Four last year, and have been as consistently good this year. Balanced scoring and length in the frontcourt give Sean Miller's team a solid shot to take that extra step in March.

Villanova (24-2) – The Big East's best team has flown under the radar most of the season, but leading scorer Darun Hilliard II can only be described as a star. Jay Wright took Villanova to the Final Four in 2009 and this team looks primed to do it again.

Team records are all as of Wednesday Feb. 18.

Lady Bison tennis eyes back-to-back titles

With 4-0 start, women's tennis goes for a repeat of 2014 championship run

By David Salley
Asst. Sports Editor

After a groundbreaking 2014 season, with the Lady Bisons winning the Great American Conference (GAC) regular season and tournament titles, the women's tennis team has carried that momentum nicely into 2015.

After sweeping through their first three games and then grinding out a 6-3 neutral site victory over Delta State University, they now sit at 4-0 on the year while boasting a ranking of 36th nationally in NCAA DII polls.

The undefeated start, along with last season's successes, have pushed confidence and expectations to an

all-time high.

Head coach Marco Ruiz said that the recent successes come from how much time the girls have put into the team.

"The great start can really be attributed to all the hard work in the off-season and our team chemistry," Ruiz said. "We're looking to the girls who were here last year and accomplished so much to lead this year's team and be just as successful."

Junior Ali Bishop, Harding's No. 2 in singles and an integral part of the 2014 title team, said that those expectations drive the team and herself to work harder.

"We've been working our butts off in practice," Bishop said. "We

all know we have each other's backs and we're willing to fight for each other on the court. We want to win the conference and make it to nationals. It's going to be a long season, but we know we can do it."

The Lady Bisons showed the fighting spirit last week against Delta State. In their first true test of the season, the Lady Bisons took four of the six singles matches from the Lady Statesmen, including a huge three-set victory at No. 6 singles from freshman Emily Faulkner, then followed it up by taking two of three doubles matches to win 6-3.

"That really was a tough match," Bishop said. "Everyone fought hard and we had some freshmen

really step up and secure the win at the end for us. Everyone's doing their part, and that keeps us glued together right now."

With a grueling conference schedule still ahead, Ruiz said that he knows his girls are ready to play for one another.

"College tennis is as much of a team sport as basketball or volleyball and our girls have realized that," Ruiz said. "They love to push, support and encourage each other, on and off the court."

The Lady Bisons next stop on their quest to defend their GAC title is next Friday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. against Drury University in Springfield, Mo.

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questions

Kinsey Beck
Softball



Cinnamon
Toast Crunch.

"The Best
of Me."

A teacup
pig.

Drove around
doing donuts
with my trio.

John Chapman
Baseball



Fruit
Loops.

"A Knight's
Tale."

A great dane, or
a silverback
gorilla.

Didn't go
to class.

Lundon Williams
Basketball



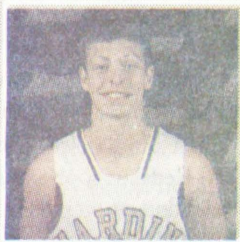
Cinnamon
Toast Crunch.

"She's the
Man."

Dolphin.

Walking in the
snow to the Rhodes
with the team for
5:30 a.m. practice.

Micah Bailey
Basketball



Cinnamon
Toast Crunch.

"Dumb and
Dumber."

Giraffe.

Slept in.

Kaylie Brown
Tennis



Chocolate
Cheerios.

"Olympus
Has Fallen."

Sharks.

I starred in a music
video that my Ju Go
Ju induction class
decided to make.



Humane Society animals promise 'unending affection' to volunteers



Searcy service series, part three

By Zach Burgan
Beat Reporter

Animal shelters are not normally known for their ability to cleanse the mind of stress or lighten your spirits. The din of incessant barking and the soul-piercing gazes of unattended animals and orphaned pets can make you sad and uneasy. Essentially, they are the shanty towns of temporary pet homes.

Just off of Main Street, the Humane Society of Searcy has carved out a small island of comparative bliss and comfort for the abandoned pets of the community. Outside, a manicured lawn provides ample space for the dogs to be walked, and a fenced-in area allows for freedom. Inside, a room full

of caged cats bristle with the anticipation of being held. In a connecting room, dogs of all shapes and sizes eagerly await their temporary release from their clean, blanketed kennels.

Despite these improvements from other shelters, one issue remains: the animals vastly outnumber the workers. Freshman volunteer Ross Smith recognized this.

"I feel like the people there want to spend time with the dogs," Smith said. "But at the same time they have other work to do."

The solution is more volunteers. From 1 to 5 p.m. everyday, volunteers of any age and experience are encouraged to come spend time with the animals. Activities

range from dangling strings for cats, playing fetch with dogs or being gently mauled by a friendly band of puppies.

For Smith, the focus of volunteering was to give the animals the simple right of fellowship.

"A lot of the dogs there were neglected, and they don't have things to do," Smith said. "We wanted to go and just spend time with them."

The eyes batting behind chain link and the wagging of excited tails from inside the kennels demand a response, and seem to promise unending affection in return.

However, the reciprocation does not end there. According to freshman Mikala Steiner, visiting the Humane Society is therapeutic.



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Seniors Rebecca Funes and Kathy Lujan volunteer at the Humane Society of Searcy on Feb. 17. Outnumbered by animals, the workers are always looking for volunteers willing to spend quality time with the animals.

"It's really stress relieving," Steiner said. "There's something about taking care of something else that makes you feel better."

Steiner said she has visited multiple times, always with the intention of holding puppies and always feeling better as a result.

Both Smith and Steiner agreed that the shelter is in

need of manpower.

"I think that the dogs and the people that work there can never get enough (volunteers)," Smith said.

For those uninterested, allergic, or simply looking for a different way to help, the Humane Society offers volunteer opportunities in ways not directly associated with the animals as well. The

Barkin' Barn, a thrift store located at 108 N. Gum Street in Searcy, accepts donations of items and donates all proceeds from the store to the Humane Society of Searcy. The shelter also collects aluminum cans for recycling, accepts donations like blankets or food and offers the animals up for adoption.



Yoga classes help students relieve stress, anxiety

By Taylor Gleaves
Student Writer

Harding continues to provide series of yoga classes this semester to give students new fitness opportunities. The classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. and on Sundays at 3 p.m. The classes are co-ed and taught by two National Yoga Alliance certified teachers: sophomore Katelyn Holt and Harding alumna, Kelsy Simpson.

These "Flow" classes are a series of poses put together while focusing on core, arm and leg strength. The Sunday afternoon class is classified as a restorative yoga class because it features break work, relaxation and preparing for the week. The other classes during the week are classified as "Get up and Rise" and "Hour of Power."

Holt said she started doing yoga for therapy purposes and then decided to get certified her freshman year of college. She completed the 200-hour certification course during that year and figured out a way to teach here at Harding.

"You're not thinking about all the things you have to do in your day, you're taking time where you're exercising," Holt said. "You're getting oxygen in your blood, you're getting your body moving, you're releasing positive hormones, and it does great wonders for you mentally and physically."

Holt said her only time to get a break during the day is when she teaches yoga.

"I have had positive feedback, even with the hard classes," Holt said.

Holt and Simpson have very different teaching styles and alternate teaching the classes throughout the week.

"It provides diversity," Holt said. "If they don't like my teaching style, they might like hers. Every single yoga

class is different ... There's not one way to do anything."

Simpson graduated in May of 2013 and got certified to teach yoga last October. Simpson said she decided to move back to Searcy to find a way to teach yoga and had the dream to teach at Harding.

"I'm an alumna, but when I was getting certified, I kept thinking to myself, 'I wish I had had this way to decompress while I was in school,'" Simpson said. "It's just so nice to be in a class where somebody is telling you to just lay there for five minutes and deep breathe."

Simpson said that everybody needs yoga because of how yoga strengthens the body, which is especially useful for athletes.

Senior Carly Trulock said she has been attending the yoga classes taught by Simpson on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings. Trulock said she is a beginner and did a little bit her senior year of high school, but has not taken a yoga class since then.

"In the three weeks I have been doing it I can already see huge improvements in my flexibility, balance and overall strength," Trulock said. "This is the only class I have been to where guys have participated. I think it's great that they are into it and enjoy it."

Trulock said that with yoga, you may not break into a huge sweat with the low intensity movements, but you will leave feeling relaxed and strong.

"I think as college students we have hundreds of thoughts on our minds at all times, stressing about tests, due dates, etc.," Trulock said. "In yoga, we take an hour to relax and let go of all that the day has placed before us and have time to be at peace."

By William Jackson
Volunteer Contributor

Doing what is expected of you can make you good at something, but it is the time spent going above and beyond of what is required that can make you great.

Junior theatre major Adam Leasure agrees with this philosophy when it comes to his theatrical aspirations and how he spends his time outside of the classroom.

"Some of the actors in the theatre department think that what they do in class is enough, but it's not," Leasure said.

His concern fueled his desire to assist in creating the new student-led organization, the Monologue Club.

After discussing the idea with friends, senior Kayli Kendall started the group a week before Thanksgiving break. Kendall said she had not been able to practice drama for a while and needed a place to experiment outside of the classroom. She said she wanted to include different types of acting to strengthen her

abilities. Leasure also said he had the desire for a place to explore multiple schools of acting.

"We wanted to work on monologues, audition preparation and things that we don't get a lot of specific attention on in the department," sophomore Claire Hayostek said.

The club had 15 attendees the first week and has typically seen six or seven since then. Club activities mostly include performing monologues, duets and improvisational games. The main focus is to get people to try things that they have not before, according to Kendall. It has led some to perform Shakespearean monologues and others in the modern comedy genre.

"We do play improv games, but at the same time, it's also work," Leasure said. "We're not just a come-have-a-good-time club."

Members are excited and thinking of ideas for the future. Leasure would like to host a "night of improv."

"It would be unscripted and based

off audience suggestions," Leasure said. "We would keep it Harding appropriate. Kind of like (the Pied) Pipers, but not a children's show. We could make jokes that a college audience could appreciate. We've been missing some of that here, I think."

Kendall said she is looking forward to seeing club membership expand. The group is not intended to be exclusive to theatre majors. Theatre majors, film actors, writers and anyone with a passion for reflecting the human condition are encouraged to join.

Kendall said that anyone interested should "... be willing to hang your dignity at the door and get out and play."

The Monologue Club has not been able to establish a set time and location yet because of size and schedule restrictions. The group usually meets in the Recital Hall in the Reynolds Center for every other Friday. To join, find them on Facebook at, HU Theatre - Monologue Club, and request to be added to the group.

Junior learns lessons of love while ministering to Tanzanian orphans

Betsy Ezell spends Christmas break serving others in Africa

By Paige McNeilly
Student Writer

Imagine buying a plane ticket, packing your bags and leaving for a developing country that you know nothing about. Now, imagine doing all of this alone. This was junior Betsy Ezell's reality. She completed her month-long second solo trip to Tanzania over Christmas break. Betsy Ezell first traveled to Tanzania in October 2013 to work with a Christian orphanage, Neema House, after taking a semester off of school.

"Going alone was not something that I did intentionally," Betsy Ezell said. "But I heard they needed help and I felt called to go."

Betsy Ezell began her journey after spending the summer in Waco, Texas, as a youth group intern. During her time in Waco, she met the family that began the orphanage in Arusha, Tanzania and became interested in their ministry.

According to the Neema House website, the orphanage is a nonprofit organization as well as a registered nongovernmental organization in Tanzania. The orphanage cares for babies, from newborn to three years old. The babies are oftentimes either abandoned or given to Neema House from single fathers whose wives have

died. The poverty situation in some areas of Tanzania is so dire that abandonment can seem like the best option for young mothers.

According to Betsy Ezell's grandfather, Petty Ezell, it was natural that she felt the need to go to these children.

"Betsy has always loved children and they love her," Petty Ezell said. "She's also always been adventurous, so I was not surprised one bit when she told me she was leaving."

Her grandfather was just one of Betsy Ezell's major supporters.

"My family had a hard time at first and they were obviously worried about my health and safety, but by the time I left I had their blessing," Betsy Ezell said.

Petty Ezell explained that the biggest fear he had with his granddaughter being so far away alone was the uncertainty of what might happen. Betsy Ezell had fears of her own, including not knowing the language and falling in love with a place that she could never be a permanent part of. On her first visit in 2013, she found herself bed-ridden for two and a half weeks of her first visit after contracting a virus and a parasite.

However, on her second trip, she was able to spend her days taking care of and playing with the babies

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- Petty Ezell,
junior Betsy Ezell's
grandfather

as well as visiting those that had been adopted and schools for some of the older children to attend.

"The second trip had different fears; I was afraid that it was going to be too hard to leave," Betsy Ezell said. "It was hard, but I left this time knowing that I will go back."

Reflecting on her time there, Betsy Ezell says that the biggest lesson she learned was love.

"I learned so much about loving those that are hard to love: the destitute, the poor, I just had to constantly pour out," Betsy Ezell said. "Tanzania is not a place where there is no hope or life or goodness. There is joy and heartache and pain and beauty. The people are still people and they still matter. Neema is doing a beautiful thing. I'm thankful I got to be a part of it."

SADCo. prepares to hit the road

By Layton Moore
Student Writer

Slader's Alaskan Dumplings, also known as SADCo., opened its doors just over a year ago in January 2014. Now SADCo. is planning to hit the road. Throughout the past year, SADCo. has grown, adding merchandise and coffee to its sales, and are in the process of adding a food truck. Slader Marshall, owner of SADCo., said he has learned more than he thought there was to know about owning a business.

"You can't imagine even the smallest operation you learn so much and so much goes into what you're doing," Marshall said. "Just as a business we've grown in a sense of learning who we are. There are a lot of different little camps that we can pitch our tent in and it's a lot of sink

and swim type stuff, you have to figure out what works and what doesn't."

Marshall bought the food truck in Memphis, Tenn., this past summer. The exterior of the truck needs little to no repairs, but it does need attention on the inside. Marshall has begun the renovation to make the the inside suitable for cooking dumplings. The food truck will serve the traditional dumplings in Little Rock, but will not sell coffee. Marshall said he hopes the food truck will become a regular part of the city, serving at parks and concert venues. Harding alumni, Payton Weeks, joined the SADCo. team on Jan. 6 and said he has already seen why SADCo. is a successful business.

"I think we have the ability to really do something different, something that Arkansas and the south really hasn't seen in a long time," Weeks said. "I'm from

Little Rock and this is something completely new that Little Rock hasn't seen and Searcy for that matter. So I think the ability to really change the food industry is something I really wanted to be a part of."

SADCo.'s food truck will begin serving the Little Rock area in April or May. Senior Natalie Heyen, a SADCo. regular, said she thinks the food truck will be a great endeavor for SADCo.

"I think Little Rock will accept it and support it," Heyen said. "It's unique and the market for good, unique food has really expanded in Little Rock in the past two years."

After a year of business with the support of the community and Harding students SADCo. is ready to broaden its horizons. Marshall said the business is well-suited for a food truck and he is excited to travel and meet new people.



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Slader's Alaskan Dumpling Company is working to renovate a food truck and expand their local business by selling dumplings at various locations in Little Rock.

Harper Lee to release new book

By Hannah Perry
Student Writer

Harper Lee, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book "To Kill a Mockingbird," announced the release of her book "Go Set a Watchman" on July 14 after a 55-year hiatus.

According to a news release from HarperCollins Publishers, Lee wrote "Go Set a Watchman" during the 1950s, before she wrote "To Kill a Mockingbird." "Go Set a Watchman" features older versions of the same characters from "To Kill a Mockingbird," including Scout and Atticus Finch. When Lee presented the book to her editor, he was so intrigued by the flashbacks to Scout's childhood, he persuaded Lee to write a different book from the point of view of Scout as a child.

According to the New York Times, Lee, 88, thought "Go Set a Watchman" had been lost after she began writing "To Kill a Mockingbird." Tonja Carter, Lee's lawyer and friend, discovered the manuscript attached to a copy of "To Kill a Mockingbird" in August of last year.

"When I heard about 'Go Set a Watchman,' my initial reaction was, 'yes,' with three exclamation points," professor of English Heath Carpenter said. "Ms. Lee writes a masterpiece, and that's it. I've always been curious, where is round two?"

Although the initial reaction of a second Harper Lee book was excitement, there is a cloud of controversy covering the debut of "Go Set a Watchman" expressed by doubtful "To Kill a Mockingbird" readers.

"I think the controversy comes from a lot of mystique of being an author with only one book," English professor Dr. Charles Bane said. "We kind of like that idea. So for her to have this second book coming out, it will destroy this mystique."

Junior Ashley Jackson said she wants to give Lee the benefit of the doubt.

"She's really old, so it's sad to think she might be manipulated to do this by a circle of money-interested friends," Jackson said. "At the same time, is anyone really giving Lee the benefit of the doubt? A bad work never taints a name. The classics and masterpieces in literature always stand strong, and so does the writer. Maybe Lee is just ready to release and share with readers something she's cherished herself."

No matter the doubts, Lee's fans are anxiously waiting on the arrival of her new novel.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" book never loses its power or weight," Carpenter said. "People are attracted to it. You can relate to it on so many different levels. It's not just about the civil rights movement, it's human nature."

Rock House brings city vibe to Searcy

New restaurant serves wide variety of American favorites

By Nakisha Milton
Student Writer

Good eats and good times are two things that Rock House, the newest restaurant in Searcy, is serving up. When looking for a nice, inexpensive and fun place to eat, I'd recommend this place.

This restaurant is not affiliated with The Rock House ministry at College Church of Christ. Although it is in the same place where Doc's Grill was previously located, Rock House is not affiliated with it either.

I pulled into the parking lot and it was completely packed, which to me is always a good sign, but where was I going to park?

Just as I was about to pull out of the parking lot I saw a sign for "Rock House overflow parking" with an

arrow to direct cars across the street for additional parking.

As I entered the restaurant three young ladies who were wearing Rock House T-shirts and the biggest smiles ever, immediately greeted me. I was seated in a booth within a matter of minutes. I noticed how nicely lit and inviting the restaurant seemed to be. The smell of good food was in the air and there was a nice mix of "Harding appropriate" rock 'n' roll music playing at what I thought to be a decent level. Not obnoxiously loud, I could still hear my stomach growl, and not too low.

As I looked over the menu I recognized a dish or two from Doc's Grill and upon inquiring about them I was told by the wait staff that the owners of Rock House purchased the recipes and the rights to them. If

you're indecisive like me you should probably have in mind what you have a taste for because this menu is full of good options. Between the names, descriptions and pictures of the dishes, I had a hard time deciding on what to order.

They offer lots of traditional American favorites ranging from burgers, soups and salads, tacos, flatbreads, sandwiches, pasta, steaks, seafood and so much more.

The dessert menu is just as incredible, and there is a menu for kids. The lunch menu is also great because it features an express option for those who may be in a hurry. Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. guests can "rock in and roll out" with a customizable meal.

I did not have to wait long for my meal, which is a plus. I love food but can be a picky eater, but I was extremely pleased with my order.

I ordered a burger and the chicken club tacos. My burger was perfectly cooked just the way I wanted, no pink, and it was still juicy. The tacos were absolutely amazing.

I also had the chocolate tower cake, which can feed about three or four people.

By the end of the night my taste buds were on cloud nine and I found myself singing, "heaven came down and glory filled my soul."

Rock House is my new favorite restaurant because it brings a big city ambience to small town Searcy.

Not to mention they give a free appetizer to any guest who takes a selfie in front of the "rock wall," posts it to his or her social media site and shows a server. If you want to eat like a rock star, go to Rock House.

Rock House is located at 1301 West Beebe Capps Expressway.



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Guests enjoy a meal on Sunday, Feb. 15 at the new restaurant, Rock House, which replaced Doc's Grill.

羊 Chinese New Year

Junior Xiguang Zhang shares about the holiday, which took place on Feb. 19. This year is the Year of the Goat.

新年将至，中国办公室祝各位同学新年快乐，并祝同学们在在新的一年里才华洋溢，喜气洋洋！回首即将过去的一年，我们一起走过了风雪，经历了欢笑，一起在图书馆奋笔疾书，也一起在山间游玩嬉闹。这都终将成为美好的记忆，鼓励和督促我们在哈叮的大家庭里一起进步一起成长！新的一年挑战与机遇并存，我们将与大家一起努力，为创造更加美好的明天而奋斗！家在远方，邻在身旁。让我们共同庆祝新的一年，吃饺子，派红包，不管身在何方，有爱的地方就是家！

The Chinese New Year bell is about to ring. At the beautiful moment of bidding farewell to the old and ushering in the new, the Chinese Office is delighted to extend our greeting to all Harding students and faculty members. We wish everyone a joyous new year and express our hope for your happiness and prosperous future! Looking back at the year of 2014, we have experienced and shared lots of unforgettable memories while enjoying each other's company. This was a big part of our lives at Harding. In 2015, we will continue our efforts to act upon preferable services and make joint efforts with you. Home is far away, but friends are all around us. No matter where we are, love makes Harding our home. Let's celebrate the Chinese New Year together!

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