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Kavanaugh vs. The Court of Public Opinion

by NORA JOHNSON, features editor

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As the Nov. 6 midterm elections draw nearer, both sides of the confirmation for the U.S. Supreme Court. While the Senate moves closer to Kavanaugh's confirmation vote, both Democrats and Republicans have expressed concern over the impact of Kavanaugh's alleged assault of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, following the hearing held on Sept. 27 and the ongoing FBI investigation of the case.

Currently, the Republican party has the majority of seats in both the House of Representatives (240 out of 435) and the Senate (51 out of 100). Election forecasts from Time, FiveThirtyEight and The Economist predict that Republicans will likely maintain a majority in the Senate, but may lose the majority in the House. Voters from both parties, however, have been left to ponder the impact of last week's events on the upcoming elections.

"I do think it has drawn a lot of new eyes to both the midterms and politics as a whole and will result in increased voter turnout," junior Colton Hunter said.

Hunter, president of the Harding Young Democrats, said he had already been planning to vote in the upcoming midterm elections, but has seen a recent drive in his fellow Democrats to visit the polls.

"Public opinion since the hearing has been incredibly divisive," Hunter said. "It is my opinion that Kavanaugh's temperament and way of carrying himself during the hearing have caused him to lose a large number of GOP supporters."

Hunter said he believes Kavanaugh's entitled, reactive behavior during the trial caused a shift in public opinion. The issue, he added, is no longer a partisan issue, but a gender equality and sexual assault issue.

"This was more than just the next chapter in some movement," Beery said. "This was an opportunity for sexual assault victims to have their story told and to gain some measure of justice."

Freshman Madison Beery, secretary of HUBrave, a sexual assault awareness and advocacy organization on campus, agreed with Hunter's belief that Kavanaugh's potential confirmation has raised national attention regarding sexual assault. For Beery, watching the hearing was accompanied by a whirlwind of emotions. As a survivor of sexual assault herself, she said she initially felt obligated to believe Blasey Ford, but was torn by the end of the hearing.

"I was just really sad, and my heart hurt because I didn't know what to believe at that point," Beery said.

Beery said she believes the issue has spiraled to a point of no return. Regardless of who may or may not have told the truth, Beery said she does not believe Kavanaugh will be able to be an unbiased member of the Supreme Court. If a case involving sexual assault or harassment were to appear in the Supreme Court, Beery fears Kavanaugh would side with the accused because he was once accused himself.

"It's important because he's about to be a judge. He's about to be nominated on the Supreme Court, and if we have someone like that up there, we are saying ... that we don't take it seriously," Beery said.

Beery said she is also concerned that some voters will vote strictly based on party lines, even if they, like herself, felt unsure and uneasy after the hearing.

"People who [are] uncertain will either side so much with Kavanaugh that they're going to vote for the Republican candidate right away, or they're going to side so much with the

Democrats that they are going to vote for them," Beery said.

Kavanaugh's hearing has been expressed by Democratic and Republican leaders alike over the last week. In an interview with MSNBC on Oct. 2, President Donald Trump lauded his constituents for standing behind the nomination.

"I actually think it's a rallying cry for the Republicans," Trump said. "They are so in favor of Judge Kavanaugh."

Senior Nathan Wagner, president of the College Republicans, echoed Trump's assessment. Wagner said after watching Blasey Ford and Kavanaugh's hearing, he felt even more motivated to vote in the midterm elections.

"The whole hearing felt like a smear campaign and my heart hurt for a man who has done no wrong," Wagner said. "The only thing wrong with him is that he is a conservative, and the Left is scared of that."

Wagner said he does not feel like public opinion expressed through social media is representative of America's true feelings. Just as when President Trump was elected to office, Wagner said he believes many outspoken Democrats will be surprised by the results of the midterm elections.

"If you look on Twitter and Facebook, you would think that an innocent man was guilty, but learning from the 2016 election, social media doesn't represent the silent majority," Wagner said.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell filed cloture, a key step in the advancement of Kavanaugh's nomination. As the process continues, Democrats and Republicans alike will have to wait and see if the judge's case impacts the outcome of midterm elections, and if so, to what extent.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

JULY 9
President Donald Trump announces Judge Brett Kavanaugh as his nominee to the open seat on the Court.

JULY 30
Dr. Christine Blasey Ford sends Sen. Dianne Feinstein a letter detailing her alleged assault by Kavanaugh.

SEPT. 16
The Washington Post publishes Ford's accusations of assault by Kavanaugh.

SEPT. 27
The U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary hears testimony from Ford and Kavanaugh.

SEPT. 28
The committee sends Kavanaugh's confirmation vote back to the Senate floor.

OCT. 3
Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell files cloture, setting a key vote on Kavanaugh sometime this weekend.

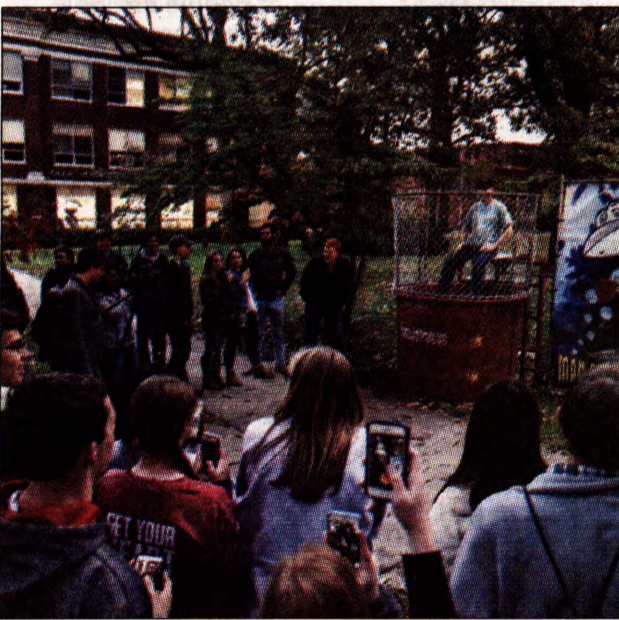


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President Bruce McLarty braces for impact as students attempt to send him into the dunk-booth water at last year's Relay for Life on Oct. 27, 2017. This year's Relay sends students decades back as they participate in the annual event.

Decades donned for annual Relay

KYLE RANEY
student writer

Harding's annual Relay for Life event will take place from 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, through 5 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6. This year's theme is "standing strong through the years."

Relay for Life is American Cancer Society's (ACS) signature fundraising event held in every state and in over 27 countries, according to Lisa Bryant, Harding's Relay for Life faculty advisor and assistant professor of education.

This year, Harding's Relay For Life committee raised the goal to \$20,000, compared to last year's \$15,000, which was exceeded by over \$1,000. They are also implementing more

focus on the cancer survivors for them, and providing drinks and T-shirts to wear during opening ceremonies.

"It's just another way for us to honor the survivors ... just to say that we appreciate you, we love you, and we are praying for you and fighting for you too," senior Ashley Shepard, survivor's tent director, said. "It's really cool to get to support them in that aspect and to have more direct involvement with the survivors."

Shepard has been involved in Harding's Relay for Life since her freshman year when her mom was diagnosed with cancer. She has been cancer free for two years.

The event will open Friday

at 5 p.m. with a ceremony including a "Survivor's Lap" where the survivors will walk the first lap of the night around the Front Lawn while other participants cheer them on.

There are more than 27 Harding organizations involved in the event, which will each run a booth on the Front Lawn throughout the event, selling food, entertainment and other items or activities to raise money for ACS. Other entertainment will take place throughout the night, including: Harding's Good News Singers, Mighty Men Competition, tug-of-war tournament, decades costume competition and inflatable bubble balls.

For many, the event represents much more than

a full night of entertainment. The overnight walk is symbolic to one's journey with cancer.

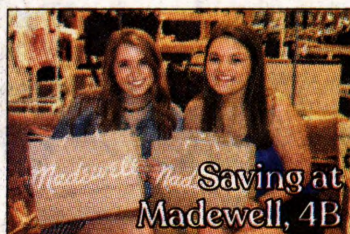
"... It represents the process that a person goes through when they find out they have cancer," Bryant said. "It's bright, it's daylight, everything is cool during the beginning of the ceremony, but things get dark when people find out they have cancer. In the middle of the night is when it's cold and everybody is tired. They want to quit, they want to give up but they keep going because they have faith and they have people fighting for them. The morning comes, and that represents beating cancer and hope for everyone."

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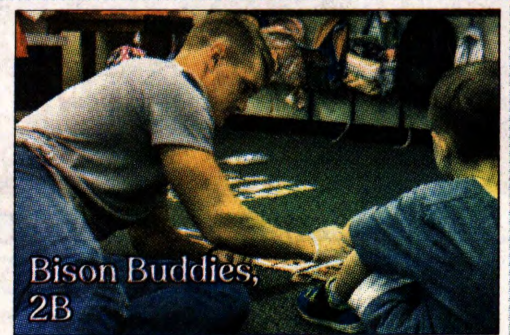
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Photo by LOREN WILLIAMS

Members of the "Big Fish" cast perfect their work in the Reynolds Center for Music and Communication on Oct. 1. Tickets for the musical, which runs Oct. 19-20, can be purchased at the box office or HardingTickets.com.

Homecoming musical promises family story, innovative set design

KYLE RANEY
student writer

While western themes have been a staple on the Harding stage for homecoming musicals in recent years, this year's production is a modern musical showcasing the relationship between a son and his father.

"Big Fish" tells of Edward Bloom and his son, Will. While the story starts with the son being fully grown, it flashes back to when the son was young. The story, according to director Ben Jones, is based around fanciful stories Edward has told his son while growing up — stories that might not always be true and lead to a disconnect between the father and son.

With the main theme of disconnect between a father and son carrying the story, Jones said the audience will quickly discover the father is diagnosed with a terminal illness, causing the relationship to be tested even further.

"It's a really great story about family dynamics," sophomore theatre major Allie Scott said. "A really big theme in it is that if you knew you were gonna die, how would you live your life or how would you live it differently."

To contrast the intense themes of the show, there will be several fun elements of the show, according to junior theatre major and ensemble member Tyler Adams. He said he is looking forward to some of the large production numbers like the "Alabama Stomp."

RELAY, from 1A

Senior Summer Dunaway became involved with Relay for Life in honor of her mom and her aunt, who are both survivors of cancer, as well as one of her best friends, Kyle, who passed away in high school because of cancer.

"I do different things like this in honor of Kyle," Dunaway said. "One thing his family has stressed [since his death] is they don't want his legacy to pass — they want him to be remembered."

"It's an absolute blast," Adams said. "I love the feel. It has a southern theme to it but it's not like the westerns that we have done the past several musicals."

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— Allie Scott,
sophomore

Because of the fantasy involved in the show, the set needed to be able to transform into many different magical designs, according to junior theatre design and production major Sarah Arbuckle, who serves as assistant set designer for the musical. She said while there is some southern architecture to help with setting, the set is primarily filled with projection surfaces to transform the set into different scenes.

"We are using a lot of projections surfaces in the show, so we are mixing realism with fantasy," Arbuckle said. "We have some hard structure pieces that are more for realism, and then the part with all of the projections is to make everything look fantastical."

Arbuckle said for audience members to keep an eye out on the fish-shaped cutout of the orchestra pit where a mermaid might make an appearance in this year's Homecoming musical, "Big Fish."

Bryant is involved in Relay for Life because both of her grandmothers and her mother died of cancer.

"I promised my [sons] that I would do everything I could to make sure that nobody else lost their Mimi when they were little," Bryant said. "I'm still trying to fulfill that promise a little bit at a time every day, and I've been relaying since 2001. ... It's a way for me to feel like I'm doing something to fight cancer."

Flu season draws near Nursing students to give vaccines

DANIELLE TURNER
student writer

Along with pumpkin spice lattes and sweaters, fall also brings flu season. The nursing department is preparing the student body with the Bison Herd Immunity campaign and a vaccination day in the student center on Oct. 8.

Lisa Engel, assistant professor of nursing, is focusing her doctoral research on flu vaccine rates in college students at Harding.

This semester, Engel began the Bison Herd Immunity campaign, which can be seen around campus on posters and on their Instagram @bisonherdimmunity. The campaign is funded through the Grant from the Arkansas Immunization Action Coalition in partnership with Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield.

"I had to research something having to do with population health, and I teach, so my population is students," Engel said. "I saw everyone getting the flu last year and looked into it and realized [low vaccine rates for college students] is a nationwide problem."

According to Rhonda Davis, director of Student Health Services, their office had 150 reported cases of the flu just last year.

Engel said students in residence halls are more at risk for the flu than they realize, because they live in such close quarters and share their space with so many people.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that 70 percent of the population be vaccinated; however, the rate of vaccination in college students is usually between 8-39 percent.

"Harding does not keep statistics of students who receive the flu vaccine," Engel said. "Not a lot of students get the vaccine on campus."

She said this makes the statistic difficult to track.

The Bison Herd Immunity group will be hosting a vaccination day on Oct. 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the student center, where students can get their flu vaccines along with more information on the flu and a Bison Herd Immunity button.

The goal of vaccination day and the campaign as a whole, is to educate college students about vaccines and about how severe the flu can be to the community without the vaccination.

Students have the opportunity to be vaccinated that day in the student center and Monday through Friday in the Student Health Services office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"We are happy to offer flu shots to students here in the Student Health Center at less than half the cost of retail," Davis said. "Flu shots in our office are available to students for \$20, compared with \$40.99 in the local retail market."

Engel said students need to remember their flu shots and basic hygiene like hand-washing to avoid the flu this season.

Seniors Erika Meranda and Victoria Ervin are working with

Engel on her doctoral research as a part of their nursing capstone class. They will help administer the vaccination shots in the student center along with other nursing students and professors.

According to Meranda, students can bring proof of insurance when they come for their vaccination. Additionally, students who receive the vaccination can take a survey afterward for the chance to win a prize.

"No one wants to put \$20 toward their health, but in the long run, it's \$20 toward your health," Meranda said. "It's \$20 for your wellbeing and staying in school."

The flu shot is important because the vaccination contains three to four strains, so people are more protected with the flu shot than without it, according to Ervin.

"If you get sick with the flu shot, it's probably just a different strain that is not protected in the flu vaccination," Ervin said. "With that being said, you're going to have less severe symptoms, and you're going to have less time of being sick."

Flu by the Numbers

8-39% of college students nationally were vaccinated

150 cases of the flu reported to the Student Health Services last year

The CDC recommends that 70% of population be vaccinated

Vaccination Day

Oct. 8 Student Center
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Graphic by DARRIAN BAGLEY

Depression screenings to be offered for Mental Health Awareness Week

JESSIE SMITH
news editor

Mental Illness Awareness Week is Oct. 7-13, and Alpha Pi Chi Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International, will offer free depression screenings after both 9 and 10 a.m. chapel in the Liberty Room on Oct. 11.

Graduate student Lillian Chen, president of Alpha Pi Chi Chapter, said the screenings will be confidential, and they plan to give students a list of counseling resources.

"Our job is to be a service to the ones [who] are struggling emotionally," Chen said.

Graduate student Morgan Harville, secretary of Alpha Pi Chi Chapter, said while they cannot diagnose anyone since it is a screening, they can refer students to the counseling center or other resources around Searcy. She said the screening will likely be a short questionnaire.

The honor society also hosted Mental Health Awareness Night, a panel in the Founders Room on Oct. 4. The panel included six professionals that represented the different fields in contact with mental health. Through prepared questions and questions posed by students, the panel offered information about mental health, mental illness and stigma.

"If we can help even just a few people realize that ... this is really common, a lot of people struggle with it, and they shouldn't be ashamed of it, then we've done our work," Harville said.

They invited several student organizations to set up booths at the panel: Harding Criminal Justice

Association, Love Your Neighbor, HUBrave and HU NAMI.

HU NAMI is the Harding chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and senior Yovani Arismendiz, president of HU NAMI, said the national efforts of NAMI helped bring about Mental Health Awareness Week. The U.S. Congress established Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) in 1990, according to the NAMI website.

"Mental Health Awareness Week shouldn't be the only time we think of mental health," Arismendiz said. "We should think about our mental health every day at every moment, and I would encourage people to get informed, educate themselves about mental health, mental illness, kill the myth and most importantly fight the stigma."

Lew Moore, professor of counseling and chair of the marriage and family therapy program, has been the director of the counseling

center since it began in 1980. He said anxiety is the most commonly reported emotional concern, and though about 40 million Americans experience anxiety to the point of affecting their quality of life, less than 25 percent will seek help.

"If we can help even just a few people realize that ... this is really common, a lot of people struggle with it, and they shouldn't be ashamed of it, then we've done our work."

— Morgan Harville,
graduate student

"When things get to the point that they can't resolve it and it doesn't dissipate in a relatively quick way, then we encourage them to seek help," Moore said. "That's really what mental health awareness is about: encouraging people to, first of all, be aware of the need they have and seek the resources to assist them."

Mental Health Awareness Week

Oct. 7 - 13

1 in 5 Adults experience mental illness in a year

18.1% U.S. Adults experience an anxiety disorder

Free Depression Screenings Available

Oct. 11 After 9 a.m. & 10 a.m. chapel in the Liberty Room

Source: National Alliance on Mental Illness

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Hope Restored Thrift Shop

(One block from campus)
1211 E. Race, Searcy, Arkansas 72143
Manager, Janie Moore

Special deals every day during October,
National Domestic Violence Month.

All proceeds fund Hope Cottage,
local shelter for abused women and their children.

THE COURT OF PUBLIC OPINIONS

3A | Friday, October 5, 2018

On Sept. 27, the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary held hearings related to the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh. The contentious hearings and following investigations sparked conversation worldwide on topics such as sexual assault, partisanship and gender equality.



An Ode to Nancy
Kaleb Turner
Editor-in-Chief

Boys will be boys

If last week's grueling United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary hearings with Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and U.S. Supreme Court Nominee Brett Kavanaugh teach us anything, it's this: Boys need our help.

I watched part of the wrenching hearings in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Excellence in Journalism Conference with a room full of professional and student journalists whose eyes were glued to two large projection screens in the hotel convention hall.

While the room, nearly silent, was filled with the eager storytellers, the stage was set for panelists who were to speak on covering midterm elections in the Trump administration. The panel, scheduled to start at 4 p.m., was delayed by the audience's anxious listening, and the room groaned when the panel began and the live stream faded from the screens. Understandably, the panel conversation shifted topics to the words just delivered by Ford and Kavanaugh.

One of the panelists said, more than the hearings will light a fire under the two parties to act, it will certainly encourage women to turn out and vote for or against their up-for-re-election officials who may or may not side with Kavanaugh.

Good for the women, I sympathized, nodding along in agreement. She was right, and I hope women in November head to the polls more than ever to vote their conscience. "But what about the boys?" I thought.

For some time now, feminist words, action and protests have united women everywhere, telling them to stand up for themselves and telling little girls to shoot for the skies. Don't misquote me here; I'll be the first to applaud that. But while this phenomenal wave of feminism has swept throughout the world, it's left in its wake the flailing bodies of young boys — young boys who don't know how to emote, who don't know what it means to be a real man, who don't know how to properly treat women.

Without a feeling of escape, boys turn to violence. Without knowledge of consent and respect, boys assault. Without evidence of true masculinity, they lash out. Did you know that since 1982, only three mass shootings were initiated by female shooters? Three. The rest are boys.

If that doesn't make you worried about boys, you are beyond help.

We've allowed the feminist wave to leave our boys with ideas that real men don't cry, real men don't feel pain, real men don't suffer from mental illness and real men dominate in relationships. We have left the boys to think that they're alone, that only the women require and receive help. While we've carried the torch for women past, present and future, we've left the boys to resort to this: Boys will be boys. And as long as boys keep convincing themselves that boys will be boys, we'll never cease to have hearings like the one last week.

I need the men out there to hear this: The next time locker-room talk arises about a woman, take a stand and shut it down. The next time your friend drinks too much at a party and puts others at risk, step in and take him home. The next time you hear a woman courageously speak up and share her story of assault at the hands of a boy, believe her and applaud her for speaking for herself and other voiceless victims.

And for the love of all things pure and good — stop saying "Boys will be boys." No longer is it OK to say you don't mean it with ill intent. Stop saying it. Period.

I want to be clear: Feminism has remarkably transformed the lives of women and honored those who suffered in the past. Feminism has made me a better friend, human and man. I am a feminist yesterday, today and tomorrow; but I am so worried about our boys.

The boys need our help, and the men need to step up.

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The other side



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During Judge Brett Kavanaugh and Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's hearings on Sept. 27, it struck me that the stakes of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary decision would reach far beyond the spectacle of the day.

Because of the nature of the decision itself — to confirm Kavanaugh as the newest addition to the U.S. Supreme Court — as well as the nature of the allegations against him, the Republican one-vote majority would essentially reveal who actually decides the truth in America: the accused or the accuser? As National Political Correspondent for TIME, Molly Ball wrote, "How Kavanaugh's drama plays out could be the ultimate test of today's struggle for political and cultural power."

The decision last Friday to allow a week for the FBI to investigate Ford's story was the Senate Republicans' best option. It both honored Ford's testimony and offered Kavanaugh a chance to clear his name, something that would not have easily happened if he had been swiftly confirmed the day after Ford's hearing.

But the issue we witness before and during these hearings embodies more than another #MeToo showdown — more than the possibility of a conservative majority in the Supreme

Court. It represents this turbulent moment in American politics. Both Ford and Kavanaugh's hearings were unquestionably overshadowed by partisan bickering.

"What you want to do is destroy this guy's life," Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said to the Democrats present during the hearings.

"You've got nothing to apologize for," he said, turning to Kavanaugh.

And to his fellow Republican senators in the room, he said, "If you vote no, you're legitimizing the most despicable thing I have seen in my time in politics."

This rhetoric was not out of place, either. Throughout the day, headlines read things such as "In an awful process Democrats gain the advantage as Republicans walk on eggshells" (Fox News), and "Graham wants another investigation — into how Democrats handled Ford's accusations" (NBC News).

Not only would the hearings determine who decides truth, but ultimately who would come out on top. More people were concerned about the effect of Ford's testimony on midterm elections than her credibility. As for Kavanaugh, he himself called the confirmation process a "national disgrace," a "circus."

It is not surprising, then, that the introduction of Kavanaugh's statement did not address Ford or the accusations against him directly, but rather the Democratic party that had orchestrated them in the first place — something he called a "coordinated and well-funded effort to destroy [his] good name and to destroy [his] family."

He said later, "You may defeat me in the final vote, but you'll never get me to quit."

In other words, according to Kavanaugh, this chaos is entirely the fault of the Democratic party, "fueled with apparent pent up anger about President Trump"; and whoever would

come out the other side on top would, in effect, have "won" the day.

There is no question that these hearings further pitted Democrats against Republicans — the Left against the Right.

Interestingly, though, regarding the Supreme Court itself, the idea that "a federal judge must be independent, not swayed by political pressure," which Kavanaugh argued himself, got no air-time at all.

The major issues made evident in Kavanaugh's initial hearings "were about how he might rule on cases related to abortion and Trump's susceptibility to prosecution — two issues that relate directly to the same questions of power and autonomy," according to Ball.

More succinctly, Kavanaugh is and always will be the second Supreme Court nominee offered by Trump, who himself called the hearings "a display of how mean, angry and despicable the other side is."

Note the language: "other."

When did we start "othering" our fellow Americans? Why do we suddenly seem like a country divided by tribal war? It is easy to allude to the Civil War as the last time our nation was truly torn apart; but there is no question, especially after hearing the language tossed back and forth across "the aisle," that we behave today as if nothing has changed.

Partisanship has never been the answer to anything. It not only confuses and emotionally charges an already complex system of government, but it has also only further divided our country.

If we are to learn anything from these past few weeks, it is that American politicians need to worry less about winning and more about doing their jobs.

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To the 77 percent



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I waited to involve myself in the discourse. When Dr. Christine Blasey Ford was revealed as the victim of alleged sexual assault committed by U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, my newsfeed devolved into an attack on Ford's character, her story, her motives, and chillingly, her mind. The most common consensus from those in favor of Kavanaugh's nomination was that she was perhaps attacked but remembered it incorrectly. This seemingly fair statement is insidious. Questioning Dr. Ford's memory while declining to question Judge Kavanaugh's speaks volumes about how America treats sexual assault survivors.

A 2017 National Crime Victimization study said, out of 100 sexual assault victims, only 23 were likely to report to the police. The National Institute for Justice reported that victims are less likely to come forward due to guilt, shame, self-blame, humiliation, fear of the perception or a lack of trust in the criminal justice system. For victims of sexual assault or harassment, coming forward might cost too much — it certainly seemed so to me.

When I was 16, I was sexually harassed by a man at work. It is difficult to describe

my experience without feeling anxious or unsafe even now; and I am writing this article four years after the event. When I told those close to me, they did not immediately believe me. They questioned whether I was simply misinterpreting the situation, though I was clear that I had been restrained against my will. This lack of validation induced such strong feelings of shame and humiliation that I declined to report the incident to my boss. I lived with the guilt of allowing the perpetrator to work in the same store as many women like me. I still do.

Dr. Ford's strength in speaking out against a powerful man should be a beacon of hope, electrified by the #MeToo movement. But it has instead become a frightening revelation of rape culture, perpetuated by powerful men and partisan politics.

On Sept. 21, President Donald Trump tweeted, "I have no doubt that, if the attack on Dr. Ford was as bad as she says, charges would have been immediately filed with local law enforcement authorities by either her or her loving parents. I ask that she bring those filings forward so that we can learn date, time, and place!"

Trump's words invalidate the 77 percent of survivors that do not report their assaults to authorities. Invalidation like this reinforces shame and fear in sexual assault victims and discourages them from reporting. But there is something deeper at play here. From the beginning, psychologists have been called to analyze every word of Dr. Ford's recollection. Judge Kavanaugh, however, has remained unquestioned — taken at his word.

We cannot both claim to offer validity to victims and doubt their minds. The mind

is integral to a person's identity. When it is treated as suspect, a victim's perception of their trauma crumbles — and with it their reality. When I was questioned about something I cannot forget, it seemed that my honesty and intelligence were doubted as well. When I see people like Dr. Ford constantly analyzed while the alleged perpetrator is taken at his word, my faith in myself deteriorates.

It is disingenuous to truth, however, to purport that we must believe every allegation of sexual assault. We must offer credibility to both sides, and we must always maintain a core of compassion and understanding as we sift through difficult situations. In some — such as Dr. Ford's — we will never know the truth. But that does not invalidate her claims, and it does not invalidate her as a person.

In order to maintain a fair society, we must be kind. In order to honor truth, we must be willing to listen. If we are ignorant, we must learn, and we must not allow our leaders to be comfortable in their guile. When prominent people disparage sexual assault survivors on an international stage, we must demand for the stage to be changed. We must empower victims and instill fear in evildoers.

This painful conversation thrust upon the national stage illuminates our position in the fight against stigma and ignorance. It's hard to war with ourselves, but at times, it is necessary. So that perhaps one day a girl like my 16-year-old self will be empowered by her culture to speak out about wrong done to her. Dr. Ford's bravery is another step towards that future.

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Shifting Focus

Emily Nicks
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Take out the splinter

Spring 2006. I was 8 years old, thriving in second-grade and studying hard for the local spelling bee. Life was good — except for a sense of constant pain.

Growing up in a small, west Texas town, I ran around and played in grass that was brittle and brown year-round. It was in this and environment that I made the kind of silly mistake only an eight-year-old can.

One afternoon in March, my brother and I walked to the park down the street to play catch. I was a chubby, unathletic child wearing camouflage Crocs, a Limited Too tee and brown gaucho pants. It was a classic recipe for disaster.

As I raced after a baseball that had been thrown terribly off course, the incident occurred: my Croc slipped right off, landing my bare foot in a giant patch of stickers.

I dramatically threw myself to the ground, effectively covering my entire backside in grass burrs. This just elevated my hysteria, and I howled in agony as my brother ran home to get our mom.

After five minutes of probably the worst pain any human being has ever experienced, Mom sweetly helped me pick off all the stickers and helped me slowly limp home, tears still glistening in my eyes. The whole ordeal only lasted about 10 minutes — or so I thought.

After a couple days, my foot was still sore in one spot; there was a splinter stuck in my heel. It was more irritating than painful, and using the flawless logic of a second-grader, I told myself that it would come out on its own at some point. I was convinced that telling my mom about it would only bring about pointless suffering, so I stayed silent.

Weeks passed, and — surprise — the splinter didn't come out. Aggravation turned into discomfort, which eventually turned into pain. Still, I didn't do anything about it due to the fear that actually taking out the splinter would hurt way too much.

Once, my mom caught me limping when I didn't think she was looking. I panicked as she asked what was wrong.

"I'm just practicing my acting," I replied quickly. "You thought I was hurt, so I must be a really good actress. But nothing is wrong." You know, like a liar.

My mom wasn't even surprised by this bizarre claim; I was a pretty weird kid.

After over a month, it became too painful to bear. Mustering all the courage I had, I admitted everything to my mom, who calmly and quickly removed the splinter.

It hardly hurt at all. For weeks, I had been petrified at the thought of removing this splinter. I told myself over and over that the pain in my step was preferable to dealing with the problem itself.

While I'd like to think I'm not quite the weird little liar that I was in 2006, I still tend to avoid doing anything that scares me. I'd still rather play it safe than take a risk. I struggle to put anything into motion if I'm not certain of a positive outcome.

At any given point, we all have splinters stuck in our heels. Whether the uncertainty be big or small, it's tempting to just ignore the issues at hand and beat around the bush. Why address the unknown when you can just evade the question? Why take out the splinter when you can just pretend it'll go away on its own?

It's time to stop waiting for someone else to take charge. There are things that need to be said, so say them. Avoidance doesn't make things disappear — it prolongs the pain.

Take the plunge. Bite the bullet. Seize the day.

Take out the splinter.

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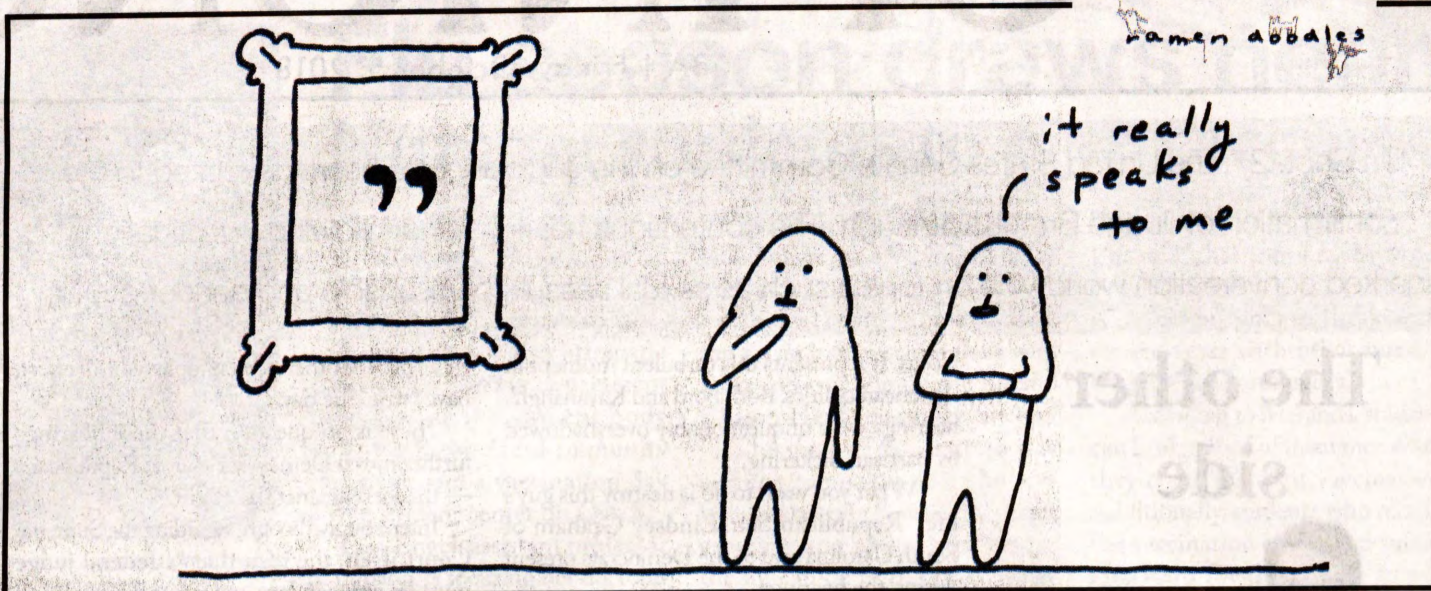


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How positivity changes your presence



The State of the SA

Hallie Hite
Guest Writer

Last week, one of our Student Association (SA) sponsors, Jill Davis, professor of mathematics, showed me a C.S. Lewis quote from his book "Christian Spirituality" that goes with our theme of "Be Present": "Yes — it is sometimes hard to obey St. Paul's 'Rejoice.'"

We must try to take life moment by moment. The actual present is usually pretty tolerable, I think, if only we refrain from adding to its burden that of the past and the future. How right our Lord is about 'sufficient to the day.'"

I think this quote encapsulates this moment in life for a lot of us. We all know we are suspended between the past and the future, and we feel pulled toward these. In our community at Harding, too, we look often to the future and the past. When we are here, we dwell on what would make the future better, or we venerate the past. This mindset makes it easy to be stressed and unhappy and critical. It's easy to complain about the food in the caf, or to look at the handbook and point to the changes that would be for the "greater good." I am guilty of all of these things, and sometimes I let them take over me.

When we are tempted to look at life this way, I want us to try and look at the moment we're in. We're all in a position right now to make change within our communities, and sometimes we don't even see it. Let's go look

for the people who are lonely and be their friend. Let's cultivate goodness in ourselves and keep our friends accountable. Let's find service opportunities to give back to people in the community.

And let's be real: Positivity isn't easy. It's a daily struggle against the poison of negativity. Every single moment of life, we have this choice. I want us to give ourselves the option to choose.

In this way, maybe we'll let positivity take over criticism in our life, and maybe we'll be able to invest much more in the present. Instead of being consumed with what we can't change, we might see what we can. I hope you all have peace this week and that we can all practice presence. Go be present.

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Just the Clax I didn't have a clue



Michael Claxton
Guest Writer

I ate it up.

Back to Barnes & Noble. I was looking at the board game "Clue," but the characters on the front were not Mr. Green or Mrs. Peacock. Instead I saw four old women — Blanche, Rose, Dorothy and Sophia. And the setting was no longer a posh Hampshire estate, but a condo in Miami. I thought, "Heavens to Murgatroyd! This is 'Clue — The Golden Girls Edition.'"

No one who was conscious between 1985 and 1992 could have missed "The Golden Girls," one of NBC's highest-rated sitcoms ever. Bea Arthur, Betty White, Rue McClanahan and Estelle Getty had perfect chemistry as four widows sharing a condo in Florida and trading bawdy zingers week after week.

I watched it devotedly every Saturday night during high school and college, though I now wonder where I might be in life if I had freed up those seven years of Saturday evenings. Anyway, I'm a big fan, and if you'll stop me in the hallway, I'll gladly tell you about the time I got a letter from Betty White, who is still going strong at 96.

"Clue — The Golden Girls Edition" does not involve a murder. It centers on

another capital offense: Who ate the last slice of cheesecake? Was it Dorothy in the kitchen? Or Blanche out on the lanai? As it turns out, this is one of over 30 different editions of the game available, including a Seinfeld rendition, a Simpsons version and a Harry Potter option (Did Hermione use a stupefy spell against Snape in the bathroom?).

In fact, the shelves at Barnes & Noble are full of old board games given a fresh pop-culture twist. Buyers can stock up on "Monopoly — Star Wars Edition," "Bob's Burgers and Jenga" and "Walking Dead Trivial Pursuit." It seems that Hasbro and Parker Brothers are pulling out all the stops to compete for this share of the entertainment market.

The possibilities are endless. "Muppets Edition" — did Fozzie Bear off Gonzo in the dressing room with the whoopee cushion? "Marvel Avengers Edition" — will Thor finish Thanos with the sledgehammer on Earth? "Shakespeare Edition" — was King Lear zapped by Lady Macbeth on the balcony with the handkerchief? "Breakfast Edition" — did Tony the Tiger take out Count Chocula at the kitchen table with the marshmallow horseshoe?

I was certainly game for all this. But then I looked at the price tag. At \$39.95, the "Golden Girls Clue" will have to find buyers with retirement income to burn.

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Delusional Optimism

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October Magic

I was bad at baseball as a kid. On my fourth-grade baseball team, we barely had enough players to field a team. Come playoff time, I stood at second base, unsure of how I ended up there. I could not hit well. I could not field well. I was slow. What was I doing in a playoff game?

The final inning rolled around, and my team found itself up by one run. One mistake would be the difference between victory and heartbreak.

Then it happened.

With one out and a runner on base, the opposing batter hit a sharp ground ball straight to my position on the infield dirt.

I was terrified. The ball had found its way to the one person it did not need to go to: me.

It was a routine grounder, but I knew of only one way I could guarantee I would stop the ball. I sprawled out on the ground (I called it a dive at the time) and put my entire body between the ball and the outfield.

It hit my chest and fell harmlessly in front of me. I grabbed the ball and chucked it over to first base. As it hit the first baseman's mitt, the roar of the crowd in my head went wild. I was so giddy. I had saved the day.

Playoff baseball produces the most unlikely of heroes. Last year, Alex Bregman, in just his first full MLB season, was the hero in two major comebacks for the Houston Astros on the team's World Series run. Los Angeles Dodgers legend Kirk Gibson hit a memorable walk-off home run against the Oakland Athletics with only one properly functioning leg in 1988.

Tuesday night, in front of a raucous Wrigley Field crowd, Colorado Rockies backup catcher Tony Wolters drove in the game-winning run in the 13th inning of the National League Wildcard Game. Wolters entered the game as part of a double switch in the 12th inning. His 13th-inning hit was his first since Sept. 10.

The magic of October baseball is that every pitch, at-bat and fielding opportunity carries extra weight and significance. Even the routine ball to the no-good second baseman is a potentially season-changing play.

Here are some unlikely heroes to watch for in this year's Major League Baseball Playoffs.

1. Jake Marisnick, OF, Houston Astros

Marisnick has had an on-and-off 2018 season. Despite his struggles at the plate, Marisnick is an expert outfielder who could save the Astros some runs late in games. With Houston's pitching, runs will already be at a premium for opponents.

2. David Freese, 3B, Los Angeles Dodgers

The former Cardinals infielder has already been a postseason hero once before, propelling St. Louis to the 2011 World Series. Freese has only appeared in 19 games since being acquired by the Dodgers in late August, but he could provide a spark off the bench.

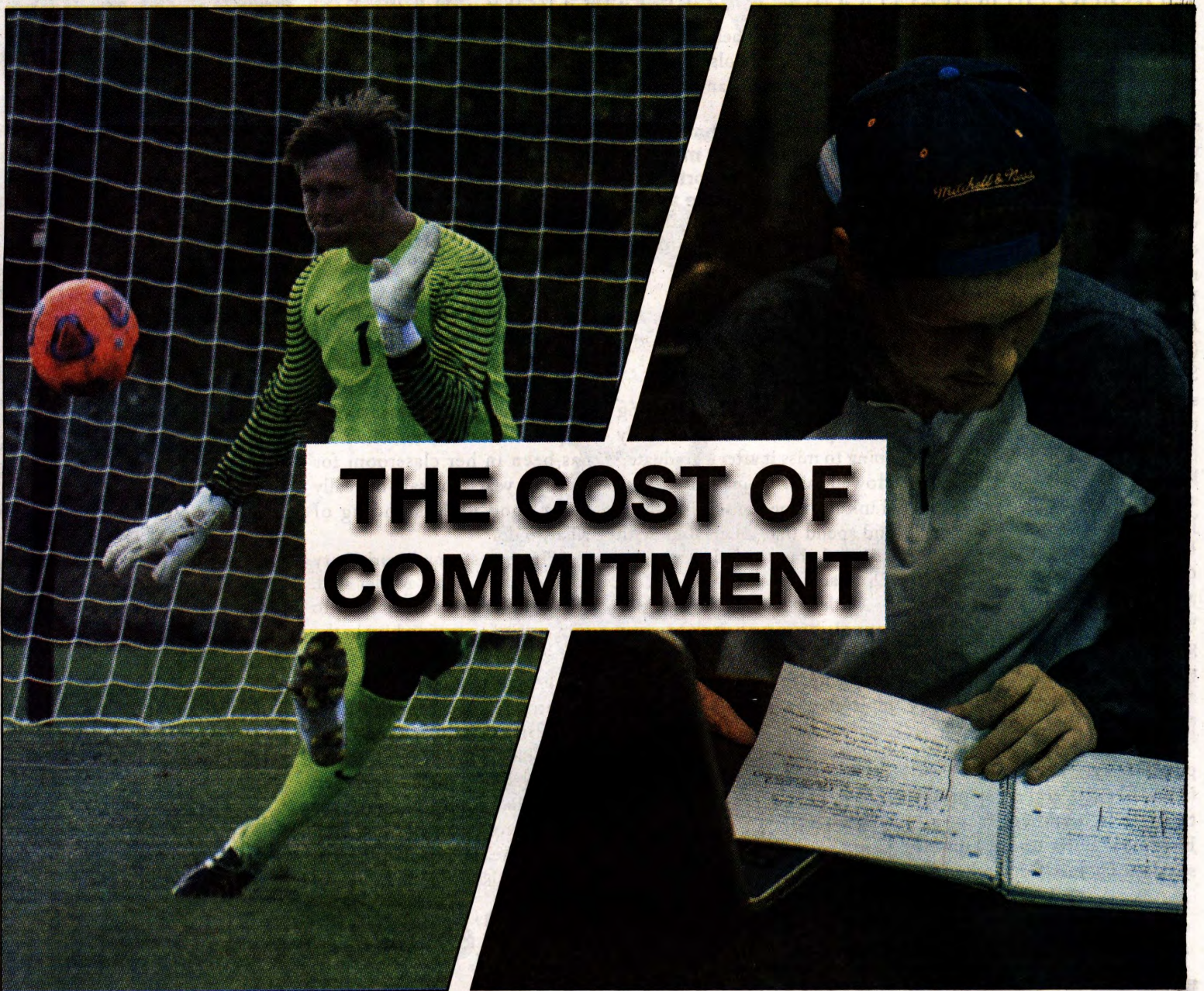
3. Orlando Arcia, SS, Milwaukee Brewers

Arcia is only batting .236 this season, but his speed could make him an essential piece at the bottom of the Brewers lineup. Expect Arcia to be put in motion on the base paths and to potentially spark a rally by beating out an infield single.

4. Nathan Eovaldi, RHP, Boston Red Sox

Eovaldi enters the playoffs as the Red Sox's fourth starter, making his first playoff appearance in his seven-year career. Should the Sox face the Astros in the ALCS, Eovaldi will need to log a long start against one of Houston's four aces.

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THE COST OF COMMITMENT

Courtesy of JEFF MONTGOMERY

Senior Harding goalkeeper Michael Wasson clears the ball during a game against William Jewell College on Sept. 4 and studies for a test on Oct. 3. Wasson is one of many Harding student athletes who must balance athletic competition with academics.

Photos by EMILY GRIFFIN

What do athletes sacrifice for the sake of their sport?

JACK ALLEN
head sports editor

Athletes at Harding University are used to playing opponents from across the Great American Conference, but when the lights go down and the fans go home, student athletes are forced to face a new opponent: time management.

Academics

Division II student athletes participate in athletics for an average of 32 hours a week, according to the 2015 NCAA GOALS Study of the Student Athlete Experience. The results also revealed that the average student athlete also spends 38.5 hours a week on academics.

Junior women's basketball guard Peyton Padgett said she was heavily involved in sports and academics in high school, which helped prepare her for her time as a collegiate athlete.

"Time management is a big deal, and especially freshman year I struggled with it," Padgett said. "I still struggle with it to a certain degree, but our coaches are really supportive and keep on top of us."

Padgett was picked for the CoSIDA Academic All-District team last season, but she said one of the hardest parts of balancing academics with athletics comes when the team plays games on the road.

"Sometimes we study during boy's games. It's loud and annoying," Padgett said. "I've taken tests at 1 and 2 a.m. on a bus."

Michael Wasson, a senior goalkeeper on the men's soccer team, said he has to miss a lot of class for away games. In the first three weeks of the season, he said he missed around 10 class periods. While he does get to study on the bus, Wasson said it is not enough for him to keep up in class.

"For me, being at school and playing soccer is a job. Either you work hard in both and you succeed, or you don't work hard at all and fail."

— Michael Wasson, senior

"Anybody can read the textbook," Wasson said. "But what happens when you don't have someone to ask the questions to?"

Wasson has been a star in the GAC this season, winning four GAC Goalkeeper of the Week awards. He said it is hard to maintain that level of performance when a large part of his time has to be dedicated elsewhere.

"Some people work at Chick-fil-A or Taco Bell," Wasson said. "For me, being at school and playing soccer is a job. Either you work hard in both and you succeed, or you don't work hard at all and fail."

However, Wasson said he would not prefer to spend less time on the road.

"I hate it but love it at the same time, because I get to grow those bonds with [my teammates]," Wasson said. "If you take that out, the bonds don't grow as much."

Social Life

The workload of academics and athletics leaves little time for a social life. The average student athlete only spends 17.1 hours a week socializing and relaxing, according to the GOALS study. That number is down from 19.5 hours in 2010.

"Your day is just really packed," Padgett said.

"When we have off days in the middle of the week, if we ever do, it just feels funny. I'm like, 'What do normal students do?'"

— Peyton Padgett, junior

"When we have off days in the middle of the week, if we ever do, it just feels funny. I'm like, 'What do normal students do?'"

Padgett said she does go on hikes and attends football games with her teammates, but she added that most of her time is spent catching up or getting ahead in school.

Social Clubs

Freshman women's basketball guard Hayley Webb has spent a large portion of this semester balancing preseason practices, academics and the social club process.

"You have mixers you have to show up to [after practice] in T-shirts, shorts and ice," Webb said. "Sometimes there are mixers that do not end until 11 at night, and we have practice early the next morning."

Webb said she talked to many current and former players about the process.

"[They said] when you are in midseason and want a break from basketball 24/7, it is nice to have friends from somewhere else," Webb said.

Padgett said she did not join a club freshman year because she did not have time, but she feels that her team has become her social club. She is not the only athlete to share this sentiment. According to the GOALS study, a high number of athletes in every division of collegiate athletics say all of their closest friends are teammates. Wasson agreed.

"I'll have these guys in my life for the rest of my life ... that's probably one of the best parts of [playing soccer]," Wasson said.

Resume Builders

Athletics do not only take time away from students that could be used to pursue academic success and social endeavors; they also can keep students from participating in other extracurricular activities.

Senior Makayla Twigg ran track her first year at Harding but decided to quit when she realized it would keep her from participating in other things.

"If I was still running, I would have never been able to be President of [Black Student Association] or do [Harding's student newscast, 'Live at Five'],"

Twigg said. "I have learned so much from that which I don't think I would have gotten from track."

"Now, I'm still busy, but it's doing stuff that is going to go on my resume and help me in my career going forward."

— Makayla Twigg, senior

Twigg said she misses the sport but feels she made the right choice.

"Now, I'm still busy," Twigg said. "But it's doing stuff that is going to go on my resume and help me in my career going forward."

Holidays

In addition to the opportunities missed, student athletes are often forced to stay on campus for traditional holidays. The women's basketball team does not get to go home for Thanksgiving and only has one week for Christmas break. They also do not get a spring break.

"I am a big tradition person," Padgett said. "I have kind of had to accept these four years are going to be different."

Athletes' parents often come to visit during breaks, but families have been forced to adapt to a different way of celebrating holidays.

Study Abroad

While many sports seasons encompass an entire semester, practices and offseason drills often require student athletes to be on campus in both the fall and spring. As a result, most athletes are unable to participate in Harding's traditional study abroad programs. According to the GOALS survey, one-third of college athletes say they would like to participate in a study abroad program, but only one-tenth will actually be able to.

Harding offers a special study abroad program targeted to athletes. Bison Athletes in Training (BAT) is a month-long program from May to June that spends time in Greece, Italy and Germany. The program allows athletes to experience a shorter version of the traditional study abroad program.

Mental Health

The time-management demands on athletes can have an effect not only on a player's physical well-being but also on their mental health. According to the GOALS survey, one-third of student athletes noted that the physical demands of their sport made them struggle to find energy for other tasks. About one-quarter reported being exhausted from the mental demands of the sport.

Despite the sacrifices, athletes like Padgett continue to play the game they love.

"I knew something was gonna have to give," Padgett said. "And I knew it wasn't going to be basketball."

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Beyond the field: Bison Buddies

Harding athletes mentor local elementary students

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Harding athletes have a busy schedule. They have practice, workouts and classes throughout the week, as well as game days, which can be more time consuming with an away game. Despite their commitments, Harding athletes make time to participate in Bison Buddies, a program the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) coordinates to benefit Searcy elementary schools, specifically pre-school through third grade.

Over 100 Harding athletes participate in Bison Buddies, according to senior defensive back Jon Howell, director of Bison Buddies. The program assigns one or two Harding athletes to a classroom or teacher to assist with reading, math or just playing games and having fun with the students. Occasionally, some athletes are paired with a specific student to give them special assistance.

Bison Buddies started as a program specifically for the football team, but has since expanded to include members from all Harding's sports teams. Howell said Jack Thomas, former director

of Bison Buddies, helped include Searcy public schools, as well as schools in Judsonia and Kensett.

"Even though what we do is so simple it means so much, it's important for the kids to have a good role model, and the Bison Buddies program provides that."

— Kohl Blickenstaff, senior wide receiver

"It has been a huge blessing to be a part of, and I'm definitely going to miss it after I graduate," Howell said. "Some people may think it's time consuming to go and spend that much time with little kids, but the kids really give a lot back to us."

Athletes go to their assigned school during chapel one day a week. Some athletes have been with the same teacher for multiple years, like senior wide receiver Kohl Blickenstaff, who has been with the same teacher at Harding Academy for the past four to five years.

Blickenstaff helps in Renee Miller's classroom of four and five-year-olds with their activities

such as puzzles, counting and learning stations. He said being a Bison Buddy is a big responsibility and that he enjoys being able to watch the kids learn.

"Even though what we do is so simple it means so much," Blickenstaff said. "It's important for the kids to have a good role model, and the Bison Buddies program provides that."

Blickenstaff said he enjoys getting away from the field, and spending time with the kids and marveling at their energy. Miller also appreciates Blickenstaff's help and attitude, and since he has been in her classroom for multiple years, she said he really has a good understanding of what to do.

"He comes in and works very well with the kids," Miller said. "Plus the kids really look up to him and enjoy having him in the classroom."

Howell said that he thinks the athletes get just as much from their Bison Buddies experience as the kids do.

Howell said sometimes when the football team gets on the bus to go to a road game, the kids from Harding Academy will make signs for their Bison Buddies.

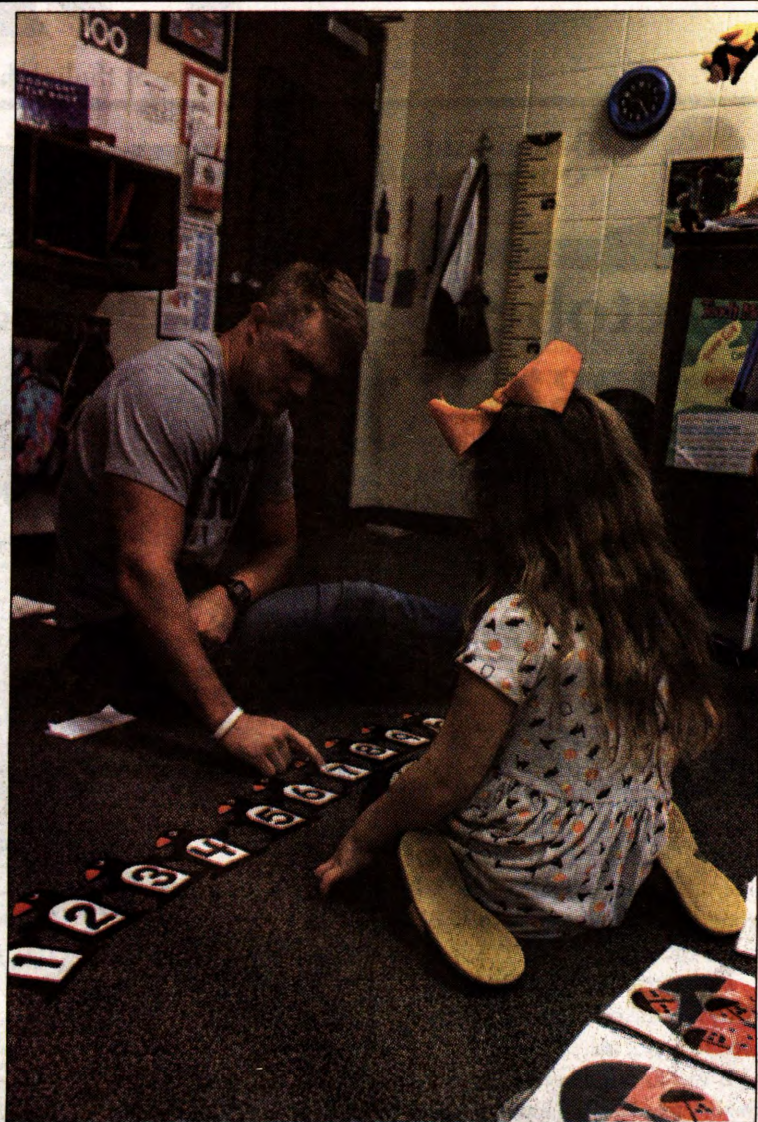


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Bisons senior wide receiver Kohl Blickenstaff helps a student at Harding Academy with a counting project on Oct. 2. He has been with the same classroom for the past five years.

Lady Bisons dominate with six-minute-mile



Photo by RYANN HEIM

Junior Peyton Padgett and sophomore Carissa Caples, both members of the six-minute-mile club, run on the track at First Security Stadium for off-season workouts on Oct. 3.

How does the six-minute-mile test create a team bond that lasts into the regular season?

NOAH TURNER
student writer

Every year, when the Lady Bisons basketball team arrives at Harding for preseason, they are tested to be able to run one mile in six minutes to assess their fitness level.

The women who are able to run the mile in six minutes or under are inducted into what has been dubbed, "The six-minute-mile Club." This year it has become a more official initiative, where every player who is inducted receives a T-shirt and gets a shoutout on social media.

Sophomore guard Amanda Kearney, has been in the six-minute-mile club since her freshman year. Kearney was the only player who made it into the club her freshman year, with a few other players making it in before the end of the season. She had run cross-country in high school and experienced running at a higher level before coming to Harding.

"I had a little bit of an advantage," Kearney said. "It's not normal for people to be able to run a six-minute mile, but everyone has been working really hard this year to make it."

"Each time one person makes it, it makes every other player want to make it too."

— Amanda Kearney, sophomore guard

Freshman guard Hayley Kate Webb was inducted into the six-minute-mile club when she arrived for preseason this year. Three athletes completed the mile in six minutes on the first night of preseason training, and since then, nine additional Lady Bisons have become members of the club.

"I remember the coaches telling me as a recruit that, when you can run the six-minute mile, you unlock a new level of mental

toughness you didn't know you had," Webb said.

Webb said the team is stronger not only because of the players in the club already, but also because of the encouragement and motivation from the team as a whole for the players to reach this goal. Kearney also said she feels this year the team is closer on the track and more motivated than last year.

"Each time one person makes it, it makes every other player want to make it too," Kearney said.

Webb said the six-minute mile prepares the team both mentally and physically for the season. She said it is also a good bonding experience for the team.

Kearney said Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Weston Jameson had just run out of the six-minute-mile club T-shirts because he was not expecting such a large number of athletes to make it, and more girls keep getting better and reaching this goal every week.

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Zach Bilek
baseball

What's your favorite cereal?	Froot Loops	Cap'n Crunch	Fruity Pebbles	Cinnamon Toast Crunch	Fruity Pebbles
What matchup do you want to see in the World Series?	Braves vs. Astros	Braves vs. Astros	Braves vs. Yankees	Dodgers vs. Astros	Braves vs. Astros
What's your favorite sport to play recreationally?	Golf	Basketball	Volleyball	Soccer	Golf
In a fantasy draft of Disney Pixar movies, what movie would be your first pick?	"Finding Nemo"	"Toy Story"	"Toy Story"	"Finding Nemo"	"Toy Story"

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SPRING SING HOSTS & HOSTESSES



On Sept. 19, the Harding University Theatre Department announced the hosts and hostesses of "The Greatest Show": sophomores Julie Goddard, Holden Montgomery, Max Ross and Allie Scott. The team will begin rehearsing for the 2019 show in January, but have already begun to bond as a group. Goddard, Montgomery and Scott were members of the Spring Sing ensemble in 2018, and Ross returns to the show as a second-time host. In November, the hosts and hostesses will assist Spring Sing directors Steve Frye and Cindee Stockstill as they cast the ensemble.

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Searcy native improves hometown through nonprofit

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Main Street Searcy, a volunteer-based non-profit organization, has made strides in updating downtown Searcy, raising its appeal to the community. Amy Burton is at the center of the action with her role as executive director of the organization, which works to enhance the historic downtown by providing design, organization, professional activities and economic development. Burton has worked with Main Street Searcy since 2005, having grown up in Searcy, moving away for a few years and later returning her way back to her hometown.

Burton said she has been able to build relationships with the citizens and businesses of Searcy by being present and supporting other organizations.

"It's their hometown too," Burton said. "If you support

them, they'll turn around and support you."

Junior Sarah Barnard, one of Main Street Searcy's intern, said she has seen the relationships Burton has formed firsthand. Barnard said her favorite part of working with Burton is watching her interact with those around her.

"When she walks in, everyone knows her," Barnard said. "It gives you small-town feels."

Burton said she is motivated to help improve the downtown Searcy area because she wants there to be a connection within the community. When Burton was growing up in Searcy, she said people were less likely to frequently travel, which led the citizens of Searcy to form more of a community. Burton believes there is an improved quality of life that comes from shopping local and knowing where your products are coming from.

"I am sentimental, and I see the need for preservation," Burton said.

Senior Kendra Christopher, former Main Street Searcy intern, said what she learned the most from Burton was the power of thanking people. Christopher said Burton emphasized how important it is to recognize the people who take time to do things for you.

"There's a lot of planning that goes into every event and you should always send a thank you note," Christopher said.

Both Barnard and Christopher said they can see they value in Burton's efforts to improve the Searcy community. Christopher added that during her time at Harding, she has seen the perception of downtown Searcy change in a positive way.

Burton said she too has been able to see change in the downtown area. The town, she said, is starting to become more reflective of the Searcy she grew up in.

"We're coming full-circle," Burton said. "It's a lot more like it was 20 or 30 years ago."

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Understanding global citizenship within an individualistic culture.

Part 1 — What does it mean to have a global perspective?

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Even 17 years after the last episode of "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" aired on PBS, the lyrics of the show's theme song are still familiar. In many ways, Fred Rogers, a Presbyterian minister turned television staple, has set the standard of neighborliness in the American mind.

"So let's make the most of this beautiful day,
Since we're together, we might as well say,
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?
Won't you be my neighbor?"

Fred Rogers, "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood"

In an essay for The New York Times, Davy Rothbart recounted a conversation with Rogers in 2001, the same year the last episode of his show aired. Rothbart was working on a story about neighborly conflict and decided to seek the advice of America's most recognizable neighbor. Together, he and Rogers listened to recordings of disputes between several of Rothbart's Chicago-area neighbors. Rothbart said it was clear the members of his community were afraid of having conversations with one another but could not understand why.

"Perhaps we think that there are some people in this world whom I can't ever communicate with, and so I'll just give up before I try," Rogers pondered. "And how sad it is to think that we would give up on any other creature who's just like us."

This sentiment is evident not only between individuals

who live in the same neighborhoods and cities, but also between the U.S., its neighbor-states and many other developing countries throughout the world.

According to a BBC World Service poll, citizens of emerging economies are increasingly identifying themselves as global rather than national citizens, while the trend in industrialized nations seems to be heading in the opposite direction. In other words, Americans are less likely to consider the needs of the world as their own.

"We live in a very individualistic culture," said Ken Graves, director of Global Outreach, an organization on Harding's campus that equips students for worldwide missions.

Graves explained it is easy to gravitate toward people to whom we relate, who believe the same things and hold the same opinions, because this minimizes conflict, especially when it comes to religious beliefs.

"[As Christians] we don't like to be accused any more than we already are of being obnoxious, belligerent, intolerant, judgemental," Graves said. "To not appear judgmental, to not push our religion on anyone else, we recoil — we hide behind our personal faith."

"We don't have the luxury of saying, 'I'm going to be a good neighbor only to the people in my proximity.'"

Ken Graves, director of Global Outreach

The problem with gravitating toward a singular group with which you naturally identify is the tendency that usually favor — to favor that group above others. As Graves identified, this tendency can be innocent at first, part of an effort to avoid disagreement within a pluralistic culture; but the longer it is allowed to persist in a culture, the more deeply it separates peoples and accentuates the differences

that separate them.

According to Penn State University's definition of ethnocentricity, though communal and tribal prioritization is natural, it cannot in itself be conducive to progress or growth within today's inherently diverse community.

"The idea behind ethnocentricity is that people who are not part of our group are perceived as being all the same because they aren't one of us, so we treat them differently (usually not as well)," PSU reported.

Graves emphasized that, within the Christian commu-

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Ken Graves, director of Global Outreach

nity, any comfortability with ethnocentrism directly contradicts the aim of the gospel.

"If we are children of God, and God loves the whole world ... we have to love the whole world," Graves said. "We cannot seclude ourselves into this small little community or village and say, 'I can be a Christian right here.'"

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, as of the fall of 2017, 82 percent of students at Harding are white. Within the 18 percent of minority races represented, there are more than 250 international students from 54 nations, as reported by Harding. At an institution where a single racial majority vastly out-numbers all others, yet so many other people groups are represented, relating to individuals that you might not typically spend time with is vital.

"We should always be a good neighbor. ... We don't have the luxury of saying 'I'm going to be a good neighbor only to the people in my proximity,'" Graves said.

The second installment of "The Neighborhood" series will appear in the next edition of *The Bison*, on stands Oct. 19.

LIFESTYLE

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Waffle vs. Waffle vs. Waffle

In a small town full of waffle options, which one will come out on top?

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Hey Searcy food lovers, Cuisine Queen here.

The age-old debate of waffle vs. pancake is taking a much-needed break, because this week we wanted to find out which restaurant in Searcy has the best waffles.

The first place we visited was the Harding University Charles White Dining Hall, and for the price of one mere caf swipe, we were slightly disappointed with the lack of waffle batter. It should be noted that we went at 7 p.m. However, having had a caf waffle in the past, I can say that they are quite good.

Next, we visited Waffle House, where the food is classic, greasy, but most

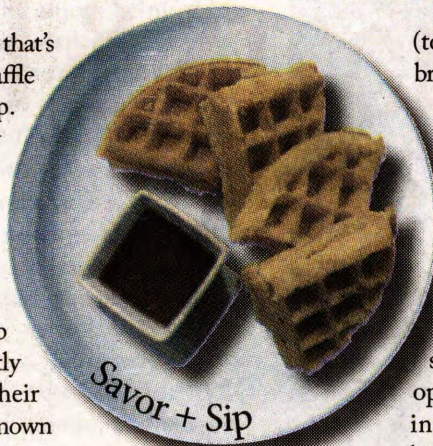
importantly, cheap and the waitresses are one of a kind. For an establishment named for one specific breakfast item, the waffle was slightly



on the disappointing side. I understand that going into a Waffle House dining experience, one should not expect to be exceptionally impressed. For \$3.25, we got

your standard waffle and that's exactly what it was: a waffle with butter and syrup. This waffle was pretty thin and almost had a pancake consistency. It wasn't bad, but it wasn't special.

After Waffle House, we went to Savor + Sip who has just recently added waffles to their menu. For a place known for their crepes, they are doing waffles right. The waffle comes in four separate, dippable quarters with a side of maple syrup. The waffles themselves consist of the perfect balance of crisp and chew. The first 75 percent of your bite consists of perfectly airy waffle, followed by a denser center that adds substance to your bite. There is something about dipping your food that



makes you feel like a kid, which personally added to my experience. This waffle was the most expensive costing \$5.

Our final stop was at Kibo Midnight Oil Coffeehouse, who also recently added waffles to their breakfast menu which they serve from 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. For \$3.86, you can get a waffle and a small drip coffee. They can come dusted

(topped with cinnamon and brown sugar), with strawberries or just plain jane. We were surprised when we received our waffle wrapped in a brown paper package, but as the saying goes, good things do come in small packages.

This waffle was the smallest, but in my opinion, the best in town. Each bite is packed with flavor. It tasted like your grandma was in the kitchen cooking each waffle with love. The cinnamon and brown sugar really took it to the next level, and by the time I was finished, I was sad it was over.

Between the classic coffee

shop vibe and the delicious waffle, Midnight Oil is my choice for best waffle in Searcy. Depending on the dining experience you are wanting, or the price you are willing to pay, you can't really go wrong choosing a waffle in Searcy.



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XOXO,

Cuisine Queen

Making the most of a Searcy Fall Break

Students give up their fall break to rehearse, practice and check rooms

JED MYERS
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While many students will take advantage of the long weekend provided by Fall Break on Oct. 12, several groups on campus do not have the opportunity to leave because of long-term commitments.

Sophomore theatre major Maxwell Ross said days spent on campus last Fall Break were some of his favorite because of the time spent all day with the Homecoming musical cast. Ross said the cast will run dry rehearsals this break, which incorporate set, lights and microphones, being the first time these pieces of the show are added.

"Shows require dedication and repetition. The extra time we have makes such an impact on the show," Ross said. "Nobody likes to put out a bad product. Putting in the effort is what

makes us want to do it."

Sophomore theater major Allie Scott said she does not mind sacrificing her break for the show. Scott said the chance to do more in depth work during Fall Break helps not only the cast, but also the run crew and gives the entire show a feel for what it will look like and a chance to run

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— Baylor Cohu, sophomore

it through for the first time. "Theatre is my major. It's why I'm here," Scott said. "It is interesting for someone who is not a theatre major to put so much work into a musical. They are the true heroes."

The Bison football team also has a game over Fall Break. Sophomore running back Baylor Cohu said putting in extra hours for football is necessary to perform at the team's highest potential on Saturdays.

"Discipline equals success," Cohu said. "It's one of the many reasons we have done well over the years—we do the little things right, even when it's tough."

Senior general studies major Tyson Forkner, a resident assistant (RA) in men's residence hall Armstrong Hall, said he does not mind having to stay for Fall Break because he loves his dorm community in Armstrong Hall and looks forward to getting to spend relaxed, quality time with the residents on his hall. Forkner said being an RA means he has to be more aware of what is happening in the lives of those around him.

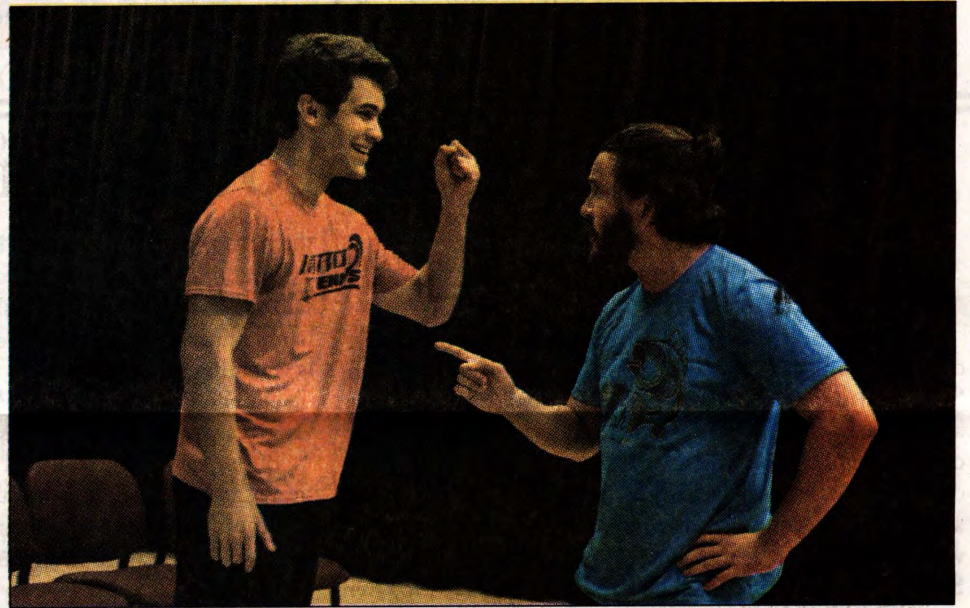


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Sophomore Max Ross and junior Drew Holley rehearse for their upcoming show "Big Fish." The show will run Oct. 19-20 during Homecoming weekend.

"When else will I get to play a role like this in my life?" Forkner said. "I love being an RA because I get to be an integral part of a community of guys through

formative years. Living a self-absorbed Harding experience is cheating yourself."

While Fall Break looks a little different for the Homecoming musical cast,

the football team and some RA's, the work that they are doing while the rest of campus takes a break is more rewarding than any weekend excursion.



Photo courtesy of JESSICA JAMES

Sophomores Jessica James, Sydney Hughes, Claire Nestor and Taylor Kittenger pose with their Madewell shopping bags. The womens social club Ju Go Ju visited the Little Rock store.

Save well at

Madewell

Womens' social clubs invited to shop 'till they drop at exclusive after-hours event

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This semester, womens' social clubs Ko Jo Kai and Ju Go Ju were the first social clubs to attend shopping parties in Little Rock at Madewell, a fashion clothing company.

The parties took place at the Promenade At Chenal shopping complex an hour after closing, so the store was closed to everyone except the club of the night, according to sophomore Jessica James, Ju Go Ju's historian. Everyone who attended received 25 percent off and received styling help from the Madewell employees.

"I loved it. They had a style that I wasn't used to; it was a very prominent style," James said. "It will definitely be a store that I'll stop in every time that I go to the Promenade now."

According to senior Haley Carr, Ko Jo Kai's president,

the parties were also tailored to each club. At the front of the store, there was a sign with each respective club's name on it, and the refreshments were in each club's colors.

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"It was a great bonding experience for us as a whole," senior Lilly Kate Philbrick, Ko Jo Kai's vice president, said. "I've always loved Madewell, but the fact that they were the ones that reached out to us made me love them even more."

Madewell opened their Little Rock location in 2017.

According to the Events Coordinator for the Little Rock location, Maddy Meigs, they have been trying to create brand awareness because the company is new to Arkansas. Reaching out to Harding's social clubs with the idea of a shopping party was one way they chose to do that.

"A lot of people don't know what we are or who we are, so for us, it is beneficial, because people get to know about us, Meigs said. "For the shoppers, it is beneficial because 25 percent off is great."

The store has already started communicating with other social clubs about scheduling shopping parties as well, according to Meigs. There are no requirements for a club to have a shopping party.

"We are totally open and really excited about continuing to do shopping parties with people from Harding," Meigs said.