

## Ingraham encourages action



ASI speaker Laura Ingraham addresses the audience regarding the American situation and current political issues. Ingraham's book, "Power to the People," made the top of the New York Times Best Seller List.

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The American Studies Institute hosted Laura Ingraham, Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium at Harding University.

Ingraham, a graduate of Dartmouth College and University of Virginia School of Law, has worked as a defense attorney, columnist and television commentator. She is a nationally syndicated radio host and author, who has recently had her latest book "Power to the People," at the top of the New York Times Best Seller List.

Tuesday, Ingraham addressed American patriotism, a message discussed in her book "Power to the People." Though comically done, Ingraham grabbed her audience's attention with jokes about the Democratic Party and maintained that attention by simply being famous. For example, Ingraham took jabs at to President Barack Obama.

"At this point, I expect to see him making an upside down pineapple cake with Rachel Ray," Ingraham said.

Ingraham ribbed Vice President Joe Biden as well.

"By the way, Joe Biden — just laugh, that's the joke."

Now, Ingraham was not totally sacking the Democratic Party, but she was not exactly holding back either — well, maybe slightly because she was on a Christian campus.

Throughout the lecture, Ingraham also brought some interesting to points to the table.

She reported that before she left her room tonight, a CNN poll reported that 52 percent of Americans believe Obama does not deserve a second term. With this statement, Ingraham had her audience applaud even louder.

Ingraham listed four traps that should be avoided in decision making: "don't fall into bipartisanship, avoid in fighting, avoid the vagueness trap and

avoid the apathy trap.

With these instructions, she gave her audience the belief that they have an impact. Most importantly however, Ingraham addressed the students.

"You have more time," Ingraham said. "You have better opportunities now than you will ever have."

Ingraham rallied for young voters to voice their opinions, even if it means dismissing decorum.

"It's your country — make sure you vote. Don't be afraid to speak out; don't be afraid to offend someone," Ingraham said.

Ingraham encouraged the audience to work towards making a better nation.

"Our country will either become stronger, or America will be no more," Ingraham said.

By the end of the night, Ingraham had encouraged many individuals to perpetuate their paradigms and may have garnered more supporters in the mean time.

## Business team plans seminar in Honduras

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This summer, Harding University will be participating in a business seminar at the Baxter Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Budd Hebert, Director of the International Business Department, along with Walton Scholars Carmen Cuadra and Daniel Avelar will be speaking at the seminar.

The seminar will be part of the Harding Character Initiative program and teaches students how the American business model is run.

The purpose of the seminar is to educate preachers on how to start and run their own businesses and how to invest capital. Students from the Baxter Institute, including former Walton Scholars, will be attending.

Hebert has done other business-related seminars in Japan, Nigeria, China, United Kingdom, Russia, Germany and Guatemala, among others. This summer will be the first time the seminar will occur in Honduras.

According to Hebert, the idea of bringing the seminar to Honduras was developed after discussing it with Howard Norton, president of Baxter Institute.

"We want to take a step forward and also teach them how to get business knowledge, which will help them to work in benefit of their own communities," Hebert said.

Along with speaking and teaching at the seminar, the Walton Scholars will have other duties as well.

Cuadra said her duties will include assisting instructors and making sure they have their

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Walton Scholar

materials ready, collaborating with lectures and organizing housing and food.

Cuadra revealed that she hopes the preachers will learn the importance of combining God and work.

"[I hope] that Baxter participants will understand and undertake the concept of doing business with God in play," Cuadra said. "Business is not abominable. It's the principal source of our lifestyle, what we consume, what we wear, eat ... and by putting God and business together, this great formula can guarantee the church expansion and its auto-sustainability."

Avelar's part in the seminar will be organization and teaching classes.

"I will be sharing my business knowledge and my insights of the American business model with the students at Baxter," Avelar said.

Avelar said he wants the preachers who attend the seminar to learn how to independently run their businesses.

"What we want to accomplish is that preachers may have another source of income beside of what they receive for their work at the church," Avelar said. "We want preachers that can depend on what they do and not entirely on sponsors."

## Talent show raises funds for Honduran kids

by **KYLIE AKINS**  
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Many musicians at Harding feel their talents are not their own and the gifts they have serve a greater purpose than bringing fame upon themselves. 17 artists performed in the Smiles for Christ talent show Friday night—but no one was there to win.

As junior Flor Ramos, member of the Walton Scholar's benefit organization Smiles for Christ, took the stage at the Underground Coffeehouse she revealed the reason for the talent show that night with a story.

"There's a community of people who live in the dump, like in the trash, in Tegucigalpa, the capital city of Honduras," Ramos said. "Many of you are from capital cities. Do you have any idea how much trash a capital city can produce? And can you imagine 2,000 people living out of it? Out of recycling, eating from trash? We do, because we have been there."

Senior Tadeo Sequeira, founder of Smiles for Christ, reported that out of the 2,000 people living in the dump, 250 to 300 are children. Before

Sequeira came to Harding, he witnessed the desperate situation of those living in poverty in the capital city through a high school service project. He brought to the university his passion to aid these people and created Smiles for Christ in 2007. Smiles for Christ supports an organization called Amor, Fe, Esperanza, translated "Love, Faith, Hope," which created a school that provides education and food for the impoverished children of families living in the dump in Tegucigalpa.

For \$1 a vote, those attending the talent show could vote for their favorite artist of the night. Though this event was not one of the organization's major fundraisers, Smiles for Christ was able to raise \$168 through nine performances that night. Ramos said this is a small amount of money compared to the \$400 to \$500 they raise through their cookouts during the school year, but this event's primary goal was to draw attention to the situation.

"We just want to create awareness that there are less fortunate people around the world, especially outside of America," Ramos said.

"Everybody else outside the states—we don't have the same opportunities that you do. We want to show the world that there is extreme poverty going on and that we can do something about it."

Senior Thomas Hill, guitarist and singer in the talent show, said he saw the talent show as a creative way to support the Smiles for Christ cause.

"Unfortunately, a lot of times, without incentive, people have a hard time participating in charitable events," Hill said. "Music is such a major unifying factor among people. If we can get people interested in the event and get them there by advertising a musical lineup, then we can get them in a position where they will have an opportunity to donate money and do some good."

Another singer/songwriter, sophomore April Souza, has seen the poverty of the dumps in Mexico and said the cause of the talent show was personal to her. Performing original songs in front of the Friday night audience, Souza said she was excited to be able to help through her talent.

"You can use [talent] for selfish reasons—to pump yourself up, feed your own ego

and become rich," Souza said. "But none of that stuff is in the long term fulfilling, and it's not what Jesus has asked us to do. If you can do the same but accomplish something good, you might as well. I feel like I'm doing what I need to do: using what God has given to give back to his children."

A range of musical styles was displayed by the participants, from covers to original songs, English to Spanish and guitars to keyboards. Bilingual performers Josh Davila and Cesar Batia came in first place, and Souza placed second. By the end of the show, the Underground could no longer seat the overflow of the talent show's audience.

Senior Ben Comier and those who played with him performed not only at the talent show that night but also later at the Harding Tents and Tarps event. As soon as they finished their last song, they left to set up at the event's site in the Ganus Athletic Center.

"There were a lot of talented people," Ramos said. "I was amazed by some of them. We have some very talented people, especially here at Harding."

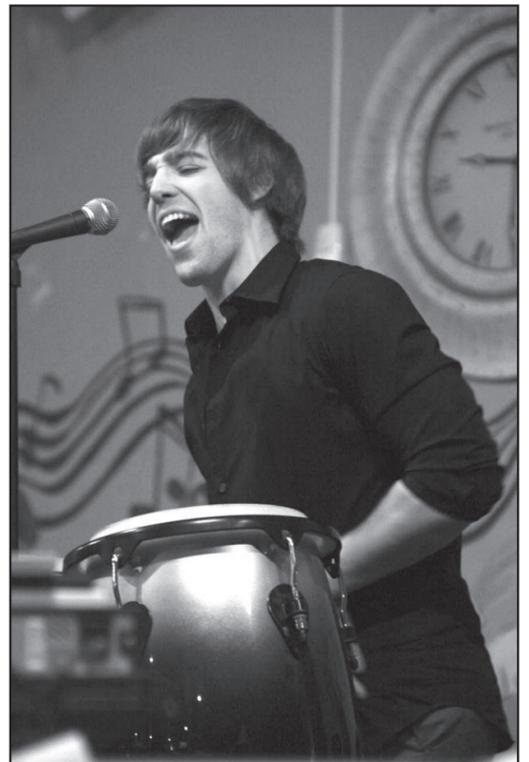


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The auxiliary percussionist of the band, "Friends" belts out a song as part of the Smiles for Christ talent show, which raised \$168 to benefit poor Hondurans.

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