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All-night Relay for Life comes to HU

Students organize effort to fund cancer research

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The first Relay for Life at Harding will be held at First Security Stadium beginning Friday at 7 p.m. until Saturday at 7 a.m. The theme is Back in the Day: 90s Style, and each team participating has a subtheme.

Relay for Life is an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society designed to raise awareness and funds to promote research and treatment for cancer patients. All money raised at events throughout the U.S. is donated to local hospitals and treatment centers.

The night begins with Opening Ceremonies, in which the Color Guard presents the colors, a speaker encourages the participants and cancer survivors walk the first lap around the track.

Each team will then have representatives begin walking with their banners. For the rest of the event, at least one member from each team must be walking around the track.

Side events include cookouts, games, four bands performing, a rock wall from Zion Gym and fundraisers set up by the various teams. At 10 p.m. the lights of the stadium will be turned off for a luminary ceremony with candles to honor cancer patients, and at midnight awards will be presented to teams.

The gates close at 1 a.m. for people staying the night, and the closing ceremonies begin at 6:45 a.m. when the

team that earns the most money will be announced and presented with T-shirts.

Andrea Stackpole and Whitney Booth started work on Relay for Life at Harding last spring. Stackpole said they wanted to start Relay for Life at Harding to unify the campus behind a cause that has impacted numerous people.

"Cancer affects many, many people, and it's something that we can do as a student body all together, raising money for the American Cancer Society and trying to make a difference with for the people who have suffered," Stackpole said.

Booth started thinking about why Harding did not host Relay for Life while she was at work at PrimeCare Medical Clinic. She said community is what Harding represents, so having Relay for Life seemed like a wonderful idea because Harding's involvement could significantly help.

The goals for this year's event are flexible because it is the first attempt to host Relay for Life. The organizers have a monetary goal in mind, but they said they have no idea what to expect.

"It's going to be the event, but we don't want to set our goals too high because we realize that this is the first time, and ... we're going to do what we can do, honestly, and I think we're going to be happy with whatever we get," Stackpole said.

Booth agreed with Stackpole and said this year is a guinea pig, but next year the goals will be even higher because

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"Hayride to Nowhere"



Dr. Jack Shock trades in his lectern for a bale of hay Thursday, in celebration of the first day of October. Shock moved all his classes outside for the day, allowing students to enjoy the fresh fall weather.

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HU gets OK to play lottery

by BLAKE MATHEWS
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At midnight Monday Sept. 28, Arkansas sold its first lottery ticket. More than 1,500 vendors across the state helped Arkansans welcome the lottery to their state, including several located in Searcy.

But the question of whether or not Harding students and faculty would be allowed to participate remained unanswered as the kickoff date approached.

Speaking on behalf of the university, Dean of Student Life David Collins said Monday afternoon that Harding students, faculty and staff will not be barred from buying lottery tickets.

The current version of Harding's Student Handbook considers "gambling or wagering on or off campus" to be "in conflict with [Harding's] mission, and

therefore prohibited." Collins said the university was unable to reach a decision on whether or not playing the lottery would be considered gambling.

In the end, Harding opted to let individuals decide whether or not they would buy tickets.

Managed by the recently formed Arkansas Lottery Commission, the revenue from lottery tickets will fund scholarships for Arkansas residents attending two- or four-year colleges in the state. ALC commissioner Joe White said in an interview with the Log Cabin Democrat that about \$300,000 had been raised for scholarships in the lottery's first day.

"It's likely that a good portion of our students will benefit from the lottery in Arkansas with regard to their scholarship funding," Collins said.

However, Collins primarily attributed the university's decision to a "need

to respect those who feel like [the lottery] is not a form of gambling and it's something that is positive." Many students and faculty would consider buying a lottery ticket to be a gamble, he said, but the decision took into account the "wide range of beliefs" at Harding on the subject.

Collins said he personally would not be buying any lottery tickets.

The possibility of selling lottery tickets on campus has not been officially discussed, though Collins said he doubted students would see any scratch-off games in the HU Mini Mart. Promoting the lottery on campus could appear disrespectful to those who have made "a strong decision not to participate."

According to the lottery's Web site, there are 12 ticket vendors located within two miles of Harding.

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Nursing dean elected president of national nursing organization

by JESSICA ARDREY
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Dr. Cathleen Shultz, the dean of the College of Nursing, was recently installed as the president of the National League for Nursing.

Shultz, a prominent figure in nursing in Arkansas since the 1970s, earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of South Carolina, her master's degree in nursing from Emory University and her doctorate from Vanderbilt University.

Shultz started teaching at Harding University in 1976. She was also made the first dean of the College of Nursing in 1980.

Established in 1893, the NLN is the oldest nursing organization in the United States.

"It's a very supportive organization, one that embraces all nursing programs," Shultz said. "The organization is complex."

The NLN works with a variety of positions, from licensed practical nursing programs to nursing doctorates. It is also involved with national policies like health care reform.

The NLN is headquartered in New York City and has 1,200 institutional members and 28,000 individual members.

Shultz has been part of this organization for more than three decades. She has been part of various committees throughout the years, including advisory councils on the national level.



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Dr. Cathleen Shultz speaks at her celebratory dinner on behalf of Harding and the NLN.

In 2005, Shultz was the first Arkansan to be added to the NLN Board of Governors, where she served as treasurer.

For the past two years, she acted as president-elect, which meant after the president's term was complete, Shultz would take the position of president. The president's term also lasts two years, and the members of NLN elect the position.

As president of the organization, Shultz works with the state-level Constituent Leagues, but also spends lots of time in the public eye.

She represents NLN at public venues, is the chairwoman at Board of Governor meetings and recently helped host the Tri-Council for Nursing, which was held in Little Rock and was the first time the group had

ever met in Arkansas.

This Friday, Shultz will be appearing as the keynote speaker at the Wisconsin League for Nursing's annual meeting in Wisconsin.

As if that were not enough, Shultz also finished a book this summer as part of a seven-year project. The book, "Building the Science of Nursing Education," focuses on evidence-based teaching and learning.

Scheduled to be released in 2010 is her more recent project, "Giving Through Teaching: How Nurse Educators Are Changing the World." The proceeds from the book will support the National League for Nursing.

Shultz was congratulated with a celebratory dinner at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion.

Prestigious grant awarded to HU grad

Mitchell honored for dedication to justice, truth

by KYLIE AKINS
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Harding alumnus and investigative reporter Jerry Mitchell entered the ranks of the 24 MacArthur Fellows this year, receiving \$500,000 of "no strings attached" money for his diligent work in unsolved Civil Rights-era cases.

So far, Mitchell's work has aided in the conviction of four Klansmen who had remained unpunished for murders committed in the 1960s.

Even when Mitchell was working on his bachelor's degree in journalism during the 1980s, his rebellious, truth-seeking spirit was already evident to classmates and teachers. Many remember him as "Boo," a nickname he still responds to, with his orange suspenders covered in buttons, black top hat and bell-bottom jeans that he wore throughout his college career.

Dennis Organ, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, was one

of Mitchell's teachers at Harding and had a close relationship with him. He said he remembered Mitchell never backing away from tough issues, always confronting them head-on.

"I wasn't very surprised when I heard later that he was doing this investigative reporting," Organ said. "He had always seemed into interesting causes. Things that wouldn't seem just or logical to him, he would write about them."

Mitchell wrote satirical columns for The Bison newspaper as a student, including one memorable piece about cafeteria prices. He challenged anyone in the administration to eat with his meal ticket for a week, and faculty member Joe McReynolds took the dare, only to discover he couldn't do it. Soon after, Harding began to offer a new meal ticket that would better accommodate students. Campus issues became his focus, his light-hearted satire commenting on such things as the

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