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SA Candidates Toss Hats into Ring



Bruce Stidham

Elections for the 1970-71 Student Association officers will be held Wednesday, April 29. The six candidates for the four top SA offices will officially begin their campaigns at 7 a.m. Monday and the two presidential candidates will speak in chapel Monday.

For president the student body will choose between two of this year's officers.

Bruce Stidham, who is currently vice-president, is a senior political science major from Washington, D. C. He is in the A Cappella Chorus and Belles and Beaux and is a member of Chi Sigma Alpha. He was treasurer of the Student Association last year.

Wayne Dockery, treasurer this year, is hoping to exchange his treasurer's book for next year's gavel. This junior speech and history major is on the debate team and is active in the American Studies program.

He is also in chorale and the Madrigals.

Kay Smith is unopposed for vice-president. Besides representing the junior class in the SA this year, Miss Smith is chairman of the Big Sisters, vice-president of SNEA and president of Kappi Phi. She is also familiar to many students through her active participation in intramural sports. Miss Smith is a junior social science major from Benton, Ark.

Two sophomore girls, Stevie Green and Ellen Kramer, are running for secretary. Miss Kramer, whose parents are missionaries in Lima, Peru, is active in Les Bonnes des Christes, and intramural sports. She is presently studying pre-med.

Miss Green is from Orange, Tex., and is a first semester junior. She is active in Northeast campaigns and is secretary of Ju Go Ju social club.

David Fincher is unopposed for the treasurer's position. Fincher was president of his freshman class and this year served as election chairman.

Gary Martin is acting election chairman since Fincher is running for office.

In an unexpected move Tuesday night, two candidates withdrew from the race. Greg Franz withdrew from the presidential race. After submitting his qualifying petition on Monday, he discovered he did not meet one of the qualifications.

Ferrell Drum dropped out of the vice-presidential race Tuesday night leaving the position to Miss Smith. He plans to run for Senior representative.



Wayne Dockery

Lighthearted Musicals Featured in Productions

By Kathy Burton

Melodrama and outrageous satire describe *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *The Impresario*, two operas which will be presented May 8 and 9 as a joint production of the music and speech departments.

Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* (Rustic Chivalry) takes place on Easter Sunday in a small Sicilian village in the late 19th century. Turiddu, the village philanderer, sung by tenor Chris Grene, a junior voice major, has been engaged to the beautiful Lola, soprano Danette Key, a senior music education major.

When he returns from the army, he finds her married to Alfio the teamster, played by baritone Sonny Shearin, a senior music student. Turiddu consoles himself by giving his attention to Santuzza, who loves him ardently. Santuzza is played by senior Carol Adams, a soprano music education major.

Lola is jealous and lures Turiddu back, disregarding her husband. On Easter morning Santuzza seizes the opportunity to tell Lucia, Turiddu's mother, of his faithlessness. Kathy Kingdon, a senior music major from Hitchcock, South Dakota, plays Mama Lucia.

Turiddu appears, and Santuzza

pleads with him to return to her. Lola arrives, and against Santuzza's increased pleading, Turiddu follows Lola into the church. Alfio appears in the square, and Santuzza in a jealous rage reveals to him Lola's infidelity. Alfio, determined to gain revenge, goads Turiddu into a duel.

Charles Bates will accompany the opera which is under the stage direction of Larry Menefee of the speech department.

The Impresario, Mozart's hilarious spoof on the opera and opera singers, is set in the Salzburg office of Mr. Scruples in the late 18th century. This is scene of competition between an aging opera star, Madame Goldentrill, sung by Mona Lee Moore, and a soprano aspiring toward an operatic career, played by Celia Weaver.

The role of the old-school Impresario, Mr. Scruples, is a spoken part played by senior speech major Chuq Parker. Jim Frazier, a bass, acts as Mr. Bluff, the Impresario's assistant. Mr. Angel, an elderly stage-struck financier, is sung by tenor Charles Davis.

Accompanist for *The Impresario* is Rodney Bell, senior piano major. The production is under the stage direction of Chuq Parker.

SCA and Southern State Capture ACPA Awards

The Southern State College *Bray* and the State College of Arkansas *Echo* captured top ratings among Arkansas college newspapers at the spring meeting of the Arkansas Collegiate Press Association in Little Rock Tuesday.

The *Echo* took the Sweepstakes Award, given on the basis of points accumulated in placings in competition among individual staff members, with five firsts, one second, a third and two honorable mentions out of ten possible categories.

The *Bray* repeated its performance of last year and edged out the *Echo* in the General Excellence awards by taking firsts in Makeup and Typography and Editorial Page Handling, second in Advertising and honorable mention in Headlines. Third in General Excellence was the *Mountain Eagle* of College of the Ozarks.

The *Bison* was given honorable mention in General Excellence, capturing first place in Advertising and honorable mentions in Makeup and Typography and Editorial Page Handling.

In individual categories, David Crouch won first place in editorials and third in sports features, Mike McGhee placed third in photography, Jerry Flowers won third place in general col-

umns and Kaylen Hall received honorable mention in feature stories.

In past years, the *Bison* won sweepstakes from 1957 through 1968 and General Excellence from 1957 through 1967.

Commenting on this year's entries, the judges said that each of the ten papers entered had at least one area in which it was doing superior work and that, as a group, the entries "must be rated as well above the average of college papers."

The *Bison* staff was notified Monday of its First Class rating by the Associated Collegiate Press at the University of Minnesota in the 82nd All American Critical Service.

In the judging the *Bison* scored 3570 points and was awarded two Marks of Distinction. The minimum score for the first class rating was 3200. The First Class rating is the top award given on the basis of total numerical score achieved in the five categories judged.

Marks of Distinction for superior achievement may be awarded in each of the five categories and a paper must receive at least four such credits to rated All American. The *Bison* received its Marks of Distinction in Coverage and Content and Editorial Leadership.

SA Sells OUT

Student Association President Rod Brewer announced Tuesday the sale of the remaining cases of the fire extinguisher OUT.

Brewer said that "a long time supporter and contributor to Harding College" had bought the SA's remaining stock for \$2,000. According to Brewer's statement the buyer wanted to remain anonymous since "he was making the purchase to help the SA."

The SA offered the OUT cases at a slightly reduced price in an effort to quickly liquidate their supply of the fire extinguishers.

From The Editor's Desk:

Candidates for Office Should Be Qualified

Candidates for Student Association officers have tossed their hats into the ring. Their qualifications stand before the voters as indicators of their varied abilities. We urge every responsible voter to carefully examine these qualifications.

Experience, of course, is a major consideration. Student leadership is no mere accomplishment. Every elective office held provides experience and confidence for the candidate to build upon. A candidate's prior record is often the basis for effective organization and dedicated leadership.

Examine the candidate's willingness to work for SA projects. The ability to foresee students' needs is one thing; the desire to work and plan toward filling these needs is another side of the coin. Both are a must for SA officers.

Consider also the ability of the candidate to work with others. Contentious, fault-finding leaders cannot successfully represent all the students. The key to effective representation is an equal and fair presentation of all sides of an issue. Continual bickering accomplishes nothing.

You, the voters, still hold the key to victory or defeat. Examine the issues and the realistic campaign promises. Having decided on a candidate, become involved and support your choice on election day.

— D. C.

SA President Reflects On His Tenure in Office

By David Crouch

The tenure of Rod Brewer as Student Association President is fast coming to a conclusion. On Wednesday students will go to the polls to select his successor. Brewer recently reflected on his year in office as he talked with this reporter.

Brewer likes to call his term in office "Phase I." In describing the year's activities Brewer commented, "This year has been more peaceful because of the involvement of students building up, rather than tearing down."

"Harding students could get down to studying rather than getting involved in campus politics. This year the students were working together for Harding."

Under his guidance this year the SA has established the Student Center Fund, lengthened curfew hours for women students, redecorated the Emerald Room facilities and made numerous academic proposals, including the proposed change in the school calendar to permit

the completion of the first semester before the Christmas holidays.

The duties of an SA president are as varied as the man holding the position. They range from planner to organizer to official representative of the students. Brewer considers his greatest duty during the past year "the attempt to propagate the new found unity among the student body. We had to keep the student body involved in our activities."

According to Brewer the role of the SA in campus life is that of being a "responsible" mediator between the students and the administration.

Looking to the coming year and the approaching elections the SA President said, "Phase I has been marked by students who are considerate and responsible in their actions. Of course, Phase II depends upon who is elected and if he is respected by the administrators. I think next year's president must combine a serenity of attitude with an intense desire for positive student action."

Platforms Announced By Prexy Candidates

Bruce Stidham...

You are the Student Association that I want to serve as President. As SA Treasurer in 68-69 and your Vice President for 69-70, I have gained the experience and involvement needed to plan a program, initiate the program and to see it through to success.

I have a plan for student life at Harding. Your past confidence in me has been appreciated. NOW I want the opportunity to combine my experience with my ideas in a year of service to you as your SA president.

The Christian College Conference of SA leaders held at Pepperdine in the fall indicated clearly that we of the Harding SA had more going for us than any of the Christian Colleges. The key ingredient in our success has been the respect of the faculty and administration for the SA proposals. I want Harding to continue to set the pace. I want responsible involvement in every aspect of student life.

Dynamic school spirit is not an accident! Responsible cooperative leadership by the SA to coordinate the work of Cheerleaders, Clubs, Classes and

others is essential and very rewarding. I want greater depth and warmth in campus spirit for 70-71.

I do not want the SA to become a political tool and be involved in party politics. The SA should be dedicated to total leadership and its purpose should not be to divide student opinion but to unite and bring students together.

Harding students have expressed a need for greater variety of weekend activities. To initiate more versatile weekend social activities I propose the following:

1. Open-air pop concerts, musical performances, hootenannies, etc.
2. Increase the number of excellent movies.
3. Emerald room open every night.
4. More frequent "coffee-houses"

To improve chapel we need a greater variety of programs. These should include more student and campus organizations. The devotional periods can be made more inspirational and meaningful!

Harding's semester needs to be more in tune with other col-

leges'. Ending the first semester by Christmas vacation and beginning the second semester by mid January would allow students to relax and recuperate from final exams and enable them to prepare for the new semester. The earlier ending of the second semester would give students a better opportunity to find summer jobs and permit students to enter on time summer sessions at another college.

I have worked hard on this year's SA to help make it one of the best ever. I have been in close contact with the administration on many proposals. When proposals were passed by the majority of the SA that I might not have agreed with, I nevertheless got behind the majority and worked hard for what you the students wanted.

The SA president represents Harding College and her ideals. He must believe in and uphold the principles of Christian education — the very reason for Harding's existence.

Your responsibility is to elect the SA leaders who will work for you and a better Harding. Consider my experience and my ideas as you make your decision on April 29.

Letters -

Editor of the Bison,

I want to use this means to express to the Student Association Officers my appreciation for the fine attitude they have displayed and the hundreds of hours of service rendered to the students and the institution.

The positive, logical and Christian attitude toward making changes at Harding has won the admiration of administration, faculty and many students who have openly expressed appreciation for the finest spirit on campus in years.

I want to congratulate the SA for the Student Center Fund project. It has been a bold and unique idea. From the bell tower auction to the OUT! sales, this project has been the finest in my thirteen year association with Harding College students. It is my personal opinion that it has moved administration thinking up two or three years in planning for the new center. I admire the SA for the idea and the many students and parents who helped support the project.

The association with this year's student leadership has been a genuine pleasure and has increased my personal admiration for and faith in the Harding student.

Jerome M. Barnes
SA Faculty Advisor

Wayne Dockery...

Much progress was made this year as a result of Student Association action. While acknowledging previous successes, I am nevertheless convinced that next year could produce greater achievements through a change in philosophy of student government.

To defend student views and suggestions and complaints to the administrative officials should be the first priority of student government. In the past communication between students and their elected officials has not been good. Difficulty in contacting representatives and in finding opportunity to present ideas to the council has prevented meaningful representation. A fundamental reassessment of the representative structure of student government is needed. It will be my policy to do the following:

1. Encourage student attendance and participation at Student Association meetings.
2. Invite to each regular meeting a student organization to listen and suggest innovations and changes related to their particular group and activity.
3. Reserve one night each month for personal interviews with the officers of the Student Association. No problem or suggestion will be too trivial to merit serious examination.
4. Call a meeting twice each semester of the students at large to review S.A. decisions and plans. (Two such meetings a year are presently required by the Constitution but have not yet been held.) This provision is to ensure that students will not be called upon to undertake some unrealistic program without their consent.

To bring about student-oriented innovations is a second duty of student government. It will be my policy to examine carefully all student suggestions and to present them forcefully and persuasively to the administration. Among innovations I hope to

forward are the following:

1. A student book exchange. Presently students receive poor value and are forced to pay excessive prices for used books. A student-run exchange will ensure fair prices for the buyer and seller.
2. Library hours extended to twelve. Women students will also be allowed to take advantage of this opportunity.
3. A periodic study break with refreshments available will be sponsored by the S.A.

Because innovations cannot be made without knowing problems and desires, the third responsibility of student government is to evaluate all aspects of campus activity. An alert and conscientious Student Association can supply a needed service in this area to both students and administration. The position of the council provides a unique perspective from which to view needed improvements and to act upon them. In '63-'64, a comprehensive study of all campus activities, institutions and traditions was conducted, making possible many transformations which otherwise would have taken years. Since then there has been no real attempt to fulfill this responsibility. It is my plan to implement a systematic program of evaluation touching all areas of Harding College. Next year particular stress will be placed upon: (1) lyceums, (2) speakers, (3) cafeteria policy, (4) chapel, (5) academic quality and (6) the organization of the Student Association in relation to representation.

Perhaps many will say that my ideas are too idealistic and numerous to become a reality. Almost certainly all of the programs will not be instituted, but it will be a tragedy if next year's leadership does not actively seek their adoption. Leadership determines the success of the three functions of student government. My aim is to provide responsible, calm, intelligent leadership.

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Bison Applications Due For 1970-71 Positions

Applications are being taken for editor and business manager of the 1970-71 Bison.

A letter of application for either of these positions should be submitted to professor Neil B. Cope, chairman of the journalism department and faculty sponsor of the Bison. Deadline for entries is 10 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

Conference Scheduled for May 15 Will Feature Medical Missionaries

By Candy Cleveland

The second annual Medicine and Missions Conference, to be held May 15 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., will feature former medical missionaries and those doctors planning to be medical missionaries.

Because of the urgent need for interest in medical missions, the organizers of the conference have brought together former missionaries and medical personnel to urge those here in the states to support the missionaries overseas, or to pledge their talent for the mission field.

Among the speakers will be Henry C. Farrar, M.D., former missionary in Nigeria; P. R. Wheeler, M.D., a recent returnee from Africa and three and one half years service as sole physician at Mbye Christian Hospital, Tanzania; and two medical students planning to practice medicine in Africa, Robert Clark and William Robinson, M.D.

Others speaking will include

Gerald Morgan, R.Ph., pharmacist; Miss Charley Bridges, R.N., nurse with the Cameroons Mobile Clinic; Ray Jouett, M.D., a neurosurgeon; Harl D. Mansur, M.D., ophthalmologist; and Ron Huddleston, M.D. and Jerry Mays, M.D., both former medical missionaries in Africa.

Two of the major concerns for the missionaries are the support and communications with the churches in the United States.

The physicians and medical workers are continuously appealing to churches who are willing to oversee them.

Another problem facing the missionaries is replacements for the doctors who are on furlough.

It is hoped that this Medicine and Missions Conference will alleviate much of the problem of support, and will bring "recruits" to the field.

Four Teachers Will Return in Fall As Five Others Leave for Grad Work

Four Harding instructors presently on leave of absence doing graduate work will return to the campus next fall to resume their teaching assignments.

Bill Verkler, assistant professor of sociology, is completing doctorate work at Mississippi State University. Tom Statom is also currently working on a doctorate degree in history at the University of Alabama.

Working toward a doctorate degree in physical education Ted Altman also will return in September. Allen Isom, assistant professor of Bible, is completing a degree in pastoral counseling at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

As these instructors return however, five more will be leaving to continue their studies.

Jerry Jones, assistant professor of Bible will continue Bible studies at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

At Colorado State College, Bill Oldham, assistant professor of mathematics, will further his doctorate degree in math. Charles Walker, instructor in business administration and economics will study at the University of Illinois.

In the spring semester of 1971, Bill Culp will take a leave of absence to do graduate work in sociology at the University of Arkansas. Charles Pittman, now on leave, continues his doctorate work in English at the University of Tennessee.

World Evangelism Seminar Dates Set

The eighth annual Harding College World Evangelism Seminar will be held on campus June 8-July 11. Immediately preceding this summer study session will be a Seminar for American Youth and a Personal Evangelism - Campaign Workshop.

The June 4-6 youth seminars and adult workshops will set the mood for the later in depth study into world evangelism. On

these two days, men such as Owen Olbricht, Rees Bryant, Otis Gatewood and Jerry Loutzenhiser will discuss such topics as "Going to the Heart of Different Religious Views" and "We can Evangelize the World."

On June 8 the World Evangelism Seminar will begin. During this month long seminar period, there will be team teaching on the part of Otis Gatewood, Keith Robinson and George Ben-

son. The teaching periods for each of the three men respectively are June 8-19, June 19-29 and June 29-July 10.

During the seminar, these men will seek to stimulate more people to become involved in missions today. Studies of various methods and principles as they relate to specific fields will be emphasized. Studies will also include a special study of methods as they relate to individuals.

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Jim Duncan prepares for the next meet.

Gillenwaters, Duncan and Ratliff Lead Tracksters at Conway Meet

By Lary Sanderson
The Harding track squad, under the direction of coach Ted Lloyd once again, is hard at work preparing for the upcoming AIC meet.

The Bison thinclads have had several individual successes so far this season, but their record has not been as bright team-wise. In the last meet with Southern State and SCA at Conway, Jim Duncan set a new Harding record in the discus with a throw of 150'4". In the same meet Duncan won in the shot event with a heave of 58'1½". Richard Gillenwaters

won the long jump with a jump of 21'11", and John Ratliff clocked his best mile so far with a time of 4:23.4 to take first in the mile run. Ratliff also won the two-mile event with a time of 9:54.7.

In the hurdles Charles Kiser turned in two of his best times with 15.0 in the 120 yard hurdles and a 59.5 in the 440 yard event, placing second and fourth respectively.

Other Bisons who placed were Tim Geary, third in the mile run, and Dave Embry, third in the two-mile. Rick Harris also placed third in the 220 with a

time of 22.15.

Earlier in the Tech Relays in Russellville Jim Duncan set a new meet record in the shot with a toss of 56'4", and also won the discus throw with a distance of 148'10", followed by John Buck who finished second with 148'2½" in the discus event. John Ratliff won the two-mile event with a time of 9:41.6.

In the relays at Pine Bluff Jim Duncan set a state record in the shot with a distance of 60'1". This mark puts him in second place in the current national standings.

Keglers Capture Championship

By Lary Sanderson
The bowling team returned from Wichita last weekend where the team had successfully defended its championship in the South Central Intercollegiate Bowling Conference.

In the final round of Saturday's tournament competition, Wichita State edged Harding by eleven pins. In the position round played on Sunday Harding again bowed to Wichita State by sixteen pins, but the Bisons had amassed enough to win the championship slot.

Finishing behind Harding were Wichita State, Christian Brothers College, Oklahoma State, Louisiana Tech and Arkansas State.

The Bisons placed two men on the five-man all-conference

team: Gary Parsons, with a six-game tournament average of 201, and Charles Webb, who averaged 192 in six outings. Of the other members of the team competing in the finals, Charles Burt rolled a 205 average, Denny Reeve had a 189, and Mark Poteat came up with a 187.

Charles Webb also led in the team event held Saturday, roll-

ing scores of 210, 223 and 244 for a 677 series. Webb finished in second place in singles' action.

The next obstacle in line for the Bison keglers is the national competition in Kansas City on May 1-2. The past teams from Harding have finished within the top ten the last five years, placing fourth last year and second the preceding year.

Netters Down Ouachita, Henderson To Boost Conference Record to 7-0

By Marilyn McInteer
The Harding College tennis team continues to power its way through the AIC behind three conference wins last week. The

Bisons now boast a 7-0 conference record and an overall count of 14-4.

On April 13 Harding played Southern State and Henderson. The netters won 8-1 and 7-0 respectively. Later in the week, the Bisons beat Ouachita Baptist University, 5-2.

The tennis team left Tuesday for Coral Beach, Fla., to play in one of the top tournaments in the nation. They will return Sunday night.

Featured in the tourney will be Miami University, Trinity and Corpus Christi. Other teams favored are SEC leaders Florida State and Georgia.

Freddie Marsh, Dean Bawcom and Raymond Kelly will represent Harding in the tourney. Lynn Dixon, Glenn Blue and Vernon Bates round out the traveling squad.

The Little Rock University match scheduled for April 21 was postponed until May 7 due to the trip. Thursday Harding's B-team will play the varsity of Hendrix. Those slated to play are Bo Brockman, Dick Travis, Ron Parker, Mike Sadler, Mike Pence and David Sain.

The Bison netters have not lost a conference match since 1967.

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