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Potter and Clay

by Jay Perdue

Spring Sing '80 resulted in TNT and Zeta Rho Social Clubs taking the sweepstakes award for "The Main Event," a fast-paced show feigning boxers in the ring.

Initially awarded the sweepstakes award Saturday night, Chi Sigma Alpha and Regina Social Clubs were informed of a mistake in the tabulations of the judges' scores on Monday morning. They were then awarded the place of first runner-up for their "Rhythm Revue." Third runner-up was "Bug Fever," a tribute to lightning bugs and Regina Social Club, winners of last year's sweepstakes award.

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Spring Sing successful due to work of many

Another Spring Sing has come and gone. There are no more sequins to sew onto costumes, no more late night rehearsals, and no more lunchtime announcements by "who will it be?" — until next year. And the many participants of Spring Sing '80 are wondering what they used to do with all the time they now have.

Because of the hard work of those such as Dr. John Ryan, Jeff Hopper, the many social clubs involved, the stage band, and others, Spring Sing has become a tradition at Harding. And many thanks go to these people for making it just that — by inevitably sacrificing families and studies to make each production a success.

As it is with most activities on campus, much of the work involved goes on "behind the scenes" by people who remain unrecognized. The magic of Spring Sing could never happen without those working off-stage such as stewmasters, prop builders, musicians, technical crews and light and sound crews. These also deserve appreciation.

To the clubs who experienced the unfortunate result of honest human error, one should be certain that activity is worthwhile. We believe Spring Sing falls into that category. Other than providing entertainment for our student body, it gives us a chance to bond together during the process of providing club competition. By working together toward common goals, club members are allowed to develop friendships that were perhaps "put on hold" once pledge week ended.

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COMMUNICATION SPANS GAPS

by Gary Hanes

I lost my voice for a couple of days last week. The combination of being in Spring Sing and student teaching was just too much for me, I guess. Because for two days I could not get out any noise above a whisper. I found out to be a very frustrating experience.

It showed me how dependent I was on my voice to do many of the things that I just took for granted, like using a telephone or singing at a devotional. Passing something in class I could do, but if I lost my voice I could do was smile and move my lips silently. However, my laryngitis did cause me to reflect on the importance of speaking and personal communication in general.

Our whole ability to communicate with one another is taken for granted. Without it, we would essentially be locked up inside, unable to share our joys and pains, and lacking the wisdom we can gain from each other.

Imagine what it would be like, four billion people speaking around the world; but without the personal communication and sharing that is so much of life. People are the most valuable commodity on earth. It is our ability to communicate with them that is the bridge that spans the physical and the spiritual.

The apostle John used a very special Greek word to refer to Jesus in the prologue of his gospel. He called Jesus the "Logos." The concept had roots in the Hebrew language and implied the message of God to his people. The use of the phrase is significant because God had spoken through prophets like Moses and Isaiah, but Jesus was so special because he was God's ultimate communication man. In the same way that people can only know each of us through what we communicate, we can only know as much about God as he has chosen to communicate with us through Jesus. Therefore Jesus is more than the "Word" in some abstract sense; he is also the very words of God.

God without Jesus would be mute, and frustrated, sitting up in heaven and unable to completely communicate his love to his children below. Let us be thankful that God is not mute in our world but that he speaks and clears and speaks clearly. We may not be able to stand on a mountain top or brandish a burning bush and hear the voice of God speak directly to us. Yet, in reality, we have a better situation because we have the constant and audible voice of God in the form of Jesus.

FINANCIAL AID

The gates swing outward never

Dear Editor,

I would like to talk with you about something that's been bothering me — the barricades set up on Center Street. Wasn't it a wonderful feeling to drive through Center Street last year and get to drive through the barricades for the Spring Sing weekend?

Many people may call this reactionary, but I have an extreme desire to see a classy Gentlemen's Steamroller over this nuisance once and for all.

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Somebody was definitely bound to get hurt in "The Main Event," but it was not TNT and Zeta Rho (right) as they emerged in first place, winning $250 of each club.

All made-up Oriental style, Ko Jo Kai and Sub T-16 (left) won third place in sweepstakes and $150 per club for their "Gong Show."

Chi Sigma Alpha and Regina (right) "turned the beat around" last weekend with their show entitled "Rhythm Revue," placing second in sweepstakes and winning $200 per club.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Dykes (above) relive an old-time radio show, aided by Chuck Parker and spring Sing hosts and hostesses.

Coed clubs Beta Tau Gamma and Kirei Na Al (above) paired to personality "Harding Hot Dogs," winning fifth place in sweepstakes and $75 per club.

All bug-eyes and lighted tails, Galaxy and Ju Go Ju (above) took fourth place in sweepstakes and $100 per club for their "Bug Fever."
Local potters practice ancient art of ceramics

by Doug Fevville

They work around the clock, and the kiln these days, in preparation for their upcoming ceramics exhibit Sunday and Monday.

Graduate students Dean Campbell, and senior Wendell Cave, are "potters" burning the midnight natural gas to "fire" and glaze stoneware in time for the show.

"We are working feverishly on pots, making clay," said Cave, "I would still do mix clay for their grandparents, allowing for plenty of time for the clay to age.

If you pick up a piece of stoneware and it is lighter than you thought it would be, it is a good piece. A piece heavier than your first impression is mediocre.

After the pot is thrown on the wheel, it is then allowed to dry to a "bone dry" state. The bisque firing follows, forcing all moisture out, and preparing the pot for the glaze. The glaze is brushed on, or the piece is dipped in a glaze mixture. Glaze, also a mixture of earthy materials, differs from the clay in that it contains "flux," allowing it to melt sooner. Otherwise, clay pot and glaze would melt together into an unrecognizable, unwanted piece of junk.

Sometimes, the potter doesn't know what a glaze is going to turn out like. Therefore, getting attached to a particular pot is not wise. Cave recalled how Paul Pitt, an art teacher now on leave, told them, "don't ever get sentimental about your pots, because when you do, they'll break on you." Cave knows.

A large pot he was bisque firing exploded in the kiln about 4:30 one morning, and "scared the fool" out of him, Campbell remarked. "he opened the door and there were just a bunch of pottery shards.

Campbell, Waddell and Cave are working feverishly on pots, jars and various pieces for the upcoming ceramics show at the Stevens Art Gallery. The main purpose of the show is to "inform the public" on what can be done with clay, although items will be for sale to those wishing to buy.

And the potters work on into the night, mixing, throwing, and firing clay. And when it's done, and the kiln door is opened in the wee hours of the morning, a pot may be heard to say, "Why'd you make me like this?" (Rom. 9:20).

Special Olympics to host Area VI meet

by Kathy Cage

Special Olympics, the largest program of sports training and athletic competition in the world for the mentally and physically handicapped, will hold its Area VI meet on campus tomorrow.

Opening ceremonies will be at 8:45 a.m. at Alumni Field, with competition to begin at 9 a.m. Track and field events will be at Alumni Field while swimming and gymnastics competition will be in the New Gym.

Arkansas is divided into 13 districts for competition, and Area VI is a seven-county district including White, Cleburne, Independence, Sharp, Stone, Izard and Woodruff.

Contestants in the meet must be Arkansas residents, must be age six or older and must be present to receive a government-funded service for the handicapped. The contestants train year round and are coached by volunteers.

Special Olympics is sponsored by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, but is funded by donations and run largely by volunteers. For Harding's meet in which 800 to 1,200 athletes are expected to compete, well over 350 volunteers have offered their services.

Several special guests will be present to oversee activities such as Mayor Jack Wiseman, President Clinton Gurus, and 1979 Homecoming Queen, Rhonda Dickey. The guests will visit with the athletes and present awards.

Programs for the day will be available at opening ceremonies.

This is the first year for the Special Olympics to be held in Searcy, but Area VI Special Olympics representatives hope it will become an annual tradition.
All-State selection commits to Harding

Lawrence McNutt, an all-state basketball player from Forrest City High School, has been signed by Harding University to an Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference letter-of-intent, Bison coach Jess Bucy announced.

McNutt, a 6'3", 190 pounder, was a AAAA all-state and state tournament selection as he led Forrest City to the number two spot in the state with a 24-7 record.

"Lawrence is a very strong, physical athlete. He is a good shooter, and has great jumping ability," Bucy said. "We anticipate he will be able to help us right away."

For coach Rodney Echols's Mustangs, McNutt averaged 20 points per game and rebounded for an 8.6 average per game. He was a 60 percent shooter from the field and a 68 percent scorer on free throws.

McNutt is the son of Mrs. Christen McNutt of 201 North McClendon in Forrest City. He is the second athlete to sign with the Bisons. Allen Gibbons of Central Arkansas Christian High School (Little Rock) has also signed a letter-of-intent.

Memphis’ Poston signs with Bisons

Harding University has signed Greg Poston of the Harding Academy of Memphis to an Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference football letter-of-intent, Bison head coach John Prock announced.

Poston, a 6'1", 180 pound tight end-defensive back for Harding Academy, led the Lions to an 8-2 season record last season and played in the 1979 Puritan Bowl in Jackson, Mississippi.

"Greg showed us tremendous potential," Prock said. "We hope to use him as a slot man and receiver in our offense."

Poston was a 1979 all-district and all-region honoree and served as captain of coach Jerry Escue's Lion team. In addition, he is currently a high jumper on the track team.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Poston of 2546 Hawkhurst in Memphis and plans a major in business.

Poston is the third high school athlete to sign with the Bisons. Previous signees are James Holybee of Weatherford, Texas, and David Hall, a tight end from Greenville, Texas.
Harding tennis team undefeated in AIC

Harding continued its winning ways on the tennis court with a 9-0 victory over the University of Central Arkansas in Conway yesterday. The win boosts the Bisons' record to 13-3 of the season and an undefeated 5-0 mark in Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference play.

Bovin tennis: Southern Arkansas University, home, 2:30 p.m.

Bison baseball: Mississippi Industrial at Holly Springs, 1:30 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive, New Gym, 1-7:30 p.m.

Club track and field and cross country, Alumni Field and New Gym, 8:45 a.m.

Track and field, Hendrix and Southern Arkansas University at AIC, 1:30 p.m.

Academy Variety Show, Administration Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Saturdays are reserved for special events, concerts, and performances at the Searcy Regional Performing Arts Center. Please check the school's official calendar for the most up-to-date information.

Sunday

Sunday is dedicated to religious observances and family events. The school hosts a variety of services and gatherings, including a memorial service for alumnae, a dedication to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Adams, and a wedding of families.

Campusology

Today

Student Association run-off elections, student center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All-school picnic, front lawn, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

S.A. benefit movie: "Jeremiah Johnson," Benson Auditorium, 8 p.m., $1, proceeds go to International Campaigns.

Bison tennis: Southern Arkansas University, home, 2:30 p.m.

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Harding leads AIC running

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Offense impressive in scrimmage

Blickenstaff scores four TD's

by Skipper Bradley

The offense prevailed in a Harding intra-squad scrimmage played Saturday afternoon as part of the spring training program for the Bisons.

Quarterback Kyle Blickenstaff and Scott Ragsdale, the prime contenders for next year's position as signal caller, both had good days.

Neither showed any timidity in running with the ball as Blickenstaff scrambled for four touchdowns and Ragsdale ran for another. Blickenstaff also threw for a touchdown, while Ragsdale threw for two.

Wide receiver Skip O'Neal, a freshman from Conyers, Ga., played well, turning a short square-out pattern into a fifty-yard touchdown, and just missed another touchdown when he caught the ball just beyond the end zone.

Runningback Lafe Caton, who was moved to that spot the week that the Bisons were playing host to Southern Arkansas, played Saturday afternoon as was moved to that spot the week that the Bisons were playing host to Southern Arkansas.

Last year, the offense didn't score at all. Prock said he was unhappy that the Bisons were "sometimes hot and cold," meaning that at times they played intensely and at other times would slack up.

For the rest of the spring session, which ends April 18, Prock and his kicking game would receive the most emphasis.

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