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Spring Sing 1985!

Nineteen clubs practice, prepare for 1985 Youth Forum weekend

Late night practices are underway as Spring Sing participants are trying to balance time between school work and rehearsals in preparation for the 12th annual Spring Sing Youth Forum weekend.

Themes for the April 4-6 Spring Sing performances are “Oxford Blues” (about girls’ prep school students), “A Spring Sing Show” (a generic theme), “Our World Is Caving In” (prehistoric cavemen), “It’s A Dirty Job, But Somebody’s Gotta Do It” (janitors), “Dress to Kill” (duck hunters), “Dream Quest” (dreams), “Nun of that Monkin’ Around” (nuns and monks) and “Well, It’s About Time” (time), according to Dr. John H. Ryan, Spring Sing coordinator.

The show will be cast by the following social clubs: Kappa Delta Kappa, Sigma Tau Sigma, Alpha Omega, Kiret Na Ai, Ko Jo Koi, Sub T-16, Chi Lambda Chi, Omega Phi, Tri Sigma Delta, Phi Delta, Regina Chi Sigma Alpha, Shantih, Zeta Rho, TNT, Gata, Alpha Tau, Titans and Buccaneers.

Preparations are also being made by Bob Ritchie, lighting director; Warren Casey, director of the jazz band; C. Robin Miller, technical director; Debbie Young, production assistant and Jeff Hopper, hosting director.

The hosts and hostesses have based their music around the theme “I Got Rhythm” and will perform about 12 numbers and will introduce each club act.

Serving as hosts and hostesses this year are Brett Phillips of Baltimore, Md.; Geannetta Walker of Buffalo, N.Y.; Tim Dill of Detroit, Mich., and Sharon Healy of Beebe.

McGuigian Youth Forum speaker

Jim McGuigian of Holywood, North Ireland, has been selected as the featured speaker for the 1985 Youth Forum April 5-6.

McGuigian will present four talks around the 1985 theme, “How Shall We Then Live.” The thrust of his speeches will challenge young people to respond to God’s love in a positive way. The titles include “To Make Friends,” “Obeying the Unenforceable,” “Is It Right?” and “Broken Hedges and Snakes That Bite.”

Originally from Belfast, North Ireland, McGuigian first came to America in 1965 as a student and returned to North Ireland to preach and teach at the Bible School.

Returning to America in 1973, he served on the faculty of the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas. He moved to Holywood in 1982 where he established a congregation of the Church of Christ.
Healthy tans, blooming flowers symptoms of springtime disease

You knew it was coming all along. It started with a few foohardy daffodils near the art gallery. Then the sale on beach towels at Wal-Mart. And when your best friend came back from spring break in Florida with a more-than-healthy glow on his face, you got it — spring fever.

It always hits this time of year. Right after spring break, right before Spring Sing. Memories of a previous week spent lolling in the sun stifle any aspirations to concentrate on your 2:00 class in Bible 100, when the sun is beaming happily outside, when the birds cruelly giggle about their freedom, and when you know that 3,498 Harding students lie languidly smelling like coconut oil, maintenance watering the extremely out Sing-Youth-spring fever.

You know that 3.498 Harding students lie languidly friend and head for Heber. Thanksgiving? Their orange complexions are finally down the Even the birds taking skin cancer cultures under Nautilus sun lamps since previous week spent aspirations to concentrating on your 2:00 class as you sit there taking a test, you know that Franklin students live languidly, making you extremely glad that you grew out of that awkward phase of your life.

Of course there are some disadvantages to this time of year. Thousands of obnoxious screeching teens and preteens will soon descend on campus for Spring Sing-Youth Forum weekend, crowding the dorms, blocking all doors and sidewalks and making you extremely glad that you grew out of that awkward phase of your life.

It's a great time of year — dogwoods exploding into bloom, frisbees taking surveillance runs over the front lawn, the swings becoming repopulated, females smelling like coconut oil, maintenance watering the sidewalks. And it's the time, as Mike Cope pointed out Sunday, when guys begin to think about what girls think about all year long.

Caught spring fever? We have just one recommendation: Enjoy it!

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Functions of social workers often misunderstood

Editor's Note: Allison Starnes is a sophomore social work major and vice president of the University's Social Work Club.

Each year, social workers nationally recognize March as Social Work Month. The social work program at Harding University is no exception. In the past, Social Work Month has been observed in various ways; in a chapel program in the form of a play about different kinds of love; in a slide show presentation in chapel about social work as a profession; and yesterday in the student center a table was set up and manned by social work majors for the purpose of informing the student body about Harding's social work program and about social work as a profession.

Many people have a misconception of what social work is. A common view is that social work is a form of a handout, or take children away from their parents, working only with the poor or disadvantaged members of society. But today's social worker assists people from all walks of life, with all kinds of problems, in all kinds of settings. Social workers are experts who help people cope with their problems and obtain the resources they need to live with dignity. Simply put, social work is helping people find themselves.

A useful way to see the social worker's role is as "the professional in the middle."

Guest Column
Allison Starnes

On one side are families with their troubles; on the other side is the community and its resources. The social worker goes back and forth between the two helping people to build their own lives and helping the community create and deliver the services and supports that people sometimes need. A good social worker is knowledgeable of what is available to assist the client and the family. When services are not available in the community, the social worker helps to bring them about.

Social workers are found wherever there are problems with people. They are found in mental health settings helping people who are experiencing emotional or behavioral problems, in medical facilities and hospitals helping patients and their families deal with the emotional stress of their illness and hospitalization, in child welfare striving to improve the physical and emotional well-being of deprived or troubled children. A main thrust of social work today is in the area of child abuse and neglect, where the social worker intervenes on behalf of the child to protect him. They are also found in human service agencies helping families cope with financial problems, unemployment, drug abuse, alcoholism, mental illness, or emotional stress, in industry and business helping employees with individual problems that affect their work performance, in schools helping students who are having problems, that interfere with their academic or social adjustment, and with youth in runaway houses, recreational centers, and correctional institutions.

They are in public welfare helping persons in financial distress because of unemployment or disability, providing protective services for children, and overseeing adoptions and foster care. They work in service to the aged by helping them obtain vital services, find meaningful activities and relationships, and adapt to the aging process, in community organizations working for change in larger social systems, and ensuring the continuity of funding for human service programs, in service to the disabled helping them adapt to their disability, and helping those with drug or alcohol addictions through individual and group counseling. There will always be jobs for social workers because there will always be people in need of help.

The people involved in the Social Work Program at Harding are proud that program and encourage students who are undecided on a major to consider social work. Social work is a challenging and fulfilling profession that is attractive to people with the spark of idealism, a belief in social justice, and a natural love of working with people.

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Chancellor discusses troubles facing higher education in U.S.

by Linda Ford
(Rock stall writer)

Dr. R. Gerald Turner, chief executive of the University of Mississippi, addressed challenges facing higher education Tuesday in American Heritage Auditorium as part of the American Studies lecture series.

Turner said, "The number of 18-year-olds is going to considerably, significantly decrease from 1980 to 1990." He went on to say that the basic outcome of this decrease will mean "that institutions that are either large or have a comprehensive purpose will make it... while those institutions that have neither of those will be in very tough straits."

Turner said there will be a drop of around 300,000 full-time college students over the next 10 years and there is the possibility that over 700 schools will close because of this decrease. Turner attributes this drop to the social pressures of the sixties that inhibited raising a family. Turner predicted a number of changes will occur in higher education because of the decrease. As enrollment drops recruiting and scholarships will become more competitive, he said. He also predicted that the government will cut back on funding education and schools will have to turn to the private sector for money. However, Turner believes the decrease will eventually lead to a rise in the quality of education.

"Icarus," followed by "Father's Daughter," and "Winged Freedom" were awarded first place in essay and hymn lyrics respectively in the Jo Cleveland Creative Writing Contest as announced at an awards banquet March 21 in the Heritage Room.

Junior English major Sherry Daniel won first place in poetry with "Sharing a Coke," followed by the second place poem, "I Learn," by senior English and French major Eddie Madden and the third place entry, "Winged Freedom" by Fran Coon, a junior public administration major.

"All in a Knight's Work" by senior Alan Rogers, a computer information systems major, captured first place in the fiction category, and senior English and political science major David Smith was awarded second place for his story "Hanauma Bay."

Madden also won second place in essay for "Waiting Impatiently for Christmas," and junior English major Melanie Mathis won second place in hymn lyrics for "Hymn Lyrics."

There were no third place prizes awarded in fiction, essay or hymn lyrics. Charles Pittman, associate professor of English, was chairman of the contest, and the entries were judged by the English department faculty. Dr. Larry Long and Rod Brewer judged the poetry; Dr. Eugene Underwood and Alice Jewell judged the fiction; Dr. Duane McCampbell and Ed White judged the entries; and Dr. Dennis Organ and Betty Ulrey judged the hymn lyrics.

The winners, as well as other contest entries, will be featured in the spring edition of Shapes and Names, the creative writing magazine to be published later this semester by the English department and edited by Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society.
Mexican Students adjust to America, small city

by Linda Ford
Staff writer

Some Harding students know what it is like to come to Searcy from another country. However, freshmen tennis players Arturo Reyes Varela and Jorge Woog know what it is like to make both major transitions. Both are from Mexico City, Mexico.

At first Reyes Varela and Woog (their first names pronounced "Arthur" and "George" in English) did not like living in Searcy after living in a big city. "At first it was boring — nothing to do during the week but watch television," Woog said. Reyes Varela also felt bored: "In Mexico City you can do a lot of things, like go to the mall. There's interesting places to go with your friends. Here, my first impressions were like, 'Oh, when am I going to get out of here and go someplace?'"

Since they first got here both have grown accustomed to living in a small town and the help of their club, Sub T-16, they have been able to alleviate the boredom. Woog said, "Now it is better. I have more friends. We've gone to Memphis. I've been to Texas and we go to Little Rock." Reyes Varela also likes it at Harding now. "It is a nice school. The people are friendly. That's what I like. I like it better now... we know a lot of people."

There were more adjustments other than moving from a large city to Searcy. For instance, Reyes Varela and Woog were surprised to discover that chapel and Bible classes are mandatory at Harding. At first they were a bit apprehensive about the requirements, but now they both enjoy the religious instruction they did not receive from their Catholic background.

Jorge Woog

When Woog and Reyes Varela made the transition from Mexico City to Searcy their parents also had to adjust to their sons moving away. Woog said that in Mexico children live at home while they attend college, so his mother was "kind of sad" when he left home. However, he said, she feels like he is "in good hands" since the school does not allow "drinking or anything like that."

Reyes Varela said his attendance at Harding is like "a dream come true." His family knew he always wanted to come to the states to attend college, so they were happy he was able to do it through Harding.

Though they miss their families and Mexico City, neither of the players have fallen ill to that common freshman malady, homesickness. Woog attributes this to never having been to the states before. With something new going on all the time he has not had time to become homesick. Reyes Varela said, "Sometimes I want to go home, but I'd want to come back to Harding so I could play tennis. This is a good opportunity and I may not have it again."

Both feel lucky to be at Harding but they did not pick the University on their own. In fact, Harding picked them.

Last year Jay Freeman, a tennis player from Little Rock, flew down to Mexico and brought back six young tennis players. He then had them play before coaches from three area schools including Harding.

After watching them play, Harding coach David Elliott chose Woog and Reyes Varela to play on the University team. Both players receive a half-scholarship and an opportunity to work for the school to help pay for the rest. Both check id' s at the gym and maintain the tennis courts for their work-study.

Woog and Reyes Varela had extensive tennis experience before coming to Harding. Woog has been playing tennis for four years. At first he just played with his friends, but later joined a tennis club and started playing tournaments. In Mexico there are a number of clubs not associated with any particular school or institution. He also played in tournaments as an individual "mostly for fun." When he was 16 he played on the nationals, the most important tournament in Mexico. He has also played the seventh ranked player in Mexico in a pro tournament.

Reyes Varela has been involved in tennis even longer than Woog. His father plays in tournaments and he taught Reyes Varela to play when he was 14. Reyes Varela also played for a club and was only one round away from qualifying in open tournament in Mexico. Although he is not from Mexico, Woog said, "We've got a good year."

Coach Elliott also has confidence in Woog and Reyes Varela. He said they are "A-1" players and are improving all the time. He is also confident in their ability to adjust to college life in America. "Both have made the transition tremendously well. I have never had any tennis players, even American, adjust so quickly," he said.

Besides tennis, Woog and Reyes Varela share other interests, and the two 18-year-olds spend a lot of time together. They are members of the same social club; they both majoring in computer science; they share the same class schedule and they share the same dorm room.

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— Coach David Elliott

However, instead of being bored with each other, they have found each other to be a help in making the transition from Mexico to the States. Woog said, "The first time far away from home it helps having somebody that speaks the same language. It was good for me." Reyes Varela agreed, "It was a good opportunity that we got to be together. It really helped me a lot."
Baseball team to feature strong infield

by Wendell Hudson

Harding University head baseball coach Dick Johnson will try to lead the Bisons baseball team back to the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championship with eight returning lettermen and two all-conference performers leading the way.

The Bisons captured the AIC championship last year with an 11-3 record in the conference and an 18-16 overall mark.

Johnson, who enters his 16th year at the helm, was named AIC and District 17 Coach of the Year last season. His overall record at Harding is 225-222.

Returning to the team for the 1985 campaign will be shortstop Randy Hindman and pitcher Scott Finley, both of whom were All-AIC and All-District selections last year. Hindman, a North Little Rock senior, batted .317 last year.

Darwin Penny, a freshman from Temple, Texas, will step in to fill some big shoes at third base. Penny will replace Marty Ninemire, a four-year starter and two-time All-AIC performer, at third.

Back up Penny will be sophomore Jon Lewis of Little Rock.

Barry Jones, a sophomore from Jonesboro, will be the top candidate for the first base spot and will be backed up by freshman Jeff Gaw. Gaw, a freshman from Nashville, Tenn., will also see action as the designated hitter.

In the outfield, Bruce Brantley will provide the experience. Brantley, a junior from Newport, and a two-year lettermen, will see duty in centerfield.

The pitching staff includes senior Randy Allman (2-3) of Columbus, Ohio; Pilkington; Tim London, a sophomore transfer from Newport; and sophomore James Mayes (2-3), freshman Marty Spears and senior Brady Vaughn, all of Searcy.

The remainder of the squad includes junior Wade Downing of Jackson, Tenn.; freshman Melvin Caldwell of Pine Bluff and freshman Ray Duve of Broken Arrow, Okla.

Golf team works to improve for competitive spring season

The University golf team hopes to use their experience to win the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and an 18-16 overall mark.

It was the first championship for the Bisons since 1938 when NAIA Hall of Famer Elwin "Preacher" Roe led the Bisons to the crown.

Watkins, who modestly says he cannot take the credit for what his teams have accomplished, does admit he recognizes this team's potential. "The guys are working very hard out on the course every day, trying to improve their strokes," said Watkins.

The putters have won the A.I.C. championship four consecutive times within the past five years.

Last year, after finishing third in conference rounds behind Arkansas Tech University and Henderson State, the putters opportunity for a repeat or a betterment may be very realistic.

Dickson, who finished last year second runner-up in both the conference and district meets, said, "We are expected to win the conference this year. Hopefully, the district as well; we have a very well balanced team."

Although the Bisons squad is well balanced, Watkins believes this year's competition will be very close with teams like Henderson State, Arkansas Tech, Southern Arkansas University, and Hendrix being very strong.

"I know this year will be the best year, as far as the most competition and the more teams having a chance to win the conference," Watkins said. "In the past, at most, there were maybe three teams that really had a chance to win it (conference), most of the time."

Watkins continued, "This year there should be at least five teams (H.S.U., Tech, S.A.U., Hendrix or Harding) that really, honestly could win. That should make it very competitive, which is good because it will make everybody work harder."

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— Coach Phil Watkins

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Track teams finish second in first outdoor meet

by Mannie Lowery
Star staff writer

The University men's and women's track teams finished second in the Hardin Invitational track meet last Saturday, kicking off the 1985 outdoor track season.

In the men's division, Harding finished behind the AIC defending champion with 109 points to SAU's 97.

Coach Ted Lloyd, associate professor of physical education, seemed rather pleased with his team's performance. "We ran about average and I look forward to a good year," he said.

The Bison's had four first place finishers.

Senior Doug Ogburn won the shot put and the discus with throws of 48 feet 9 inches and 155 feet 10 inches, respectively; Junior Jay Harriman won the high jump with a leap of 6 feet 4 inches and junior Ed Van Der Kaaij won the pole vault with a jump of 15 feet.

Finishing second were junior Al Bates in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:57.7 and in the 1,500 meter run with a time of 3:59.9, freshman Paul Woolard in the pole vault with a jump of 11 feet 6 inches, sophomore Kevin Roberson in the shotput with a throw of 50 feet 9 inches, the 400 relay team (consisting of senior Jim Sutton, sophomore Attah Frimpong, Harriman and Van Der Kaaij) with a time of 44.1 seconds, and the 1,600 meter relay team (Sutton, Bates, Van Der Kaaij, and freshman John Partlow).

Placing third for the Bisons were: Harriman in the long jump, Frimpong in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, Roberson in the discus, junior Roger Carter in the 400 intermediate hurdles, senior Larry Wayne Williams in the shotput and Ruth Meecham in the discus, freshman Linda Pryor in the 1,500 meter run, the 400 meter relay team (consisting of Carter, Williams, sophomores Joanna Berry and Phyllis McFall) and the 1,600 meter relay team.

The second place finishers were City in the 100 meter hurdles and freshman Chesty Golden in the shotput and discus.

Others who placed third were Williams in the high jump, junior Emily Waits in the long jump, Berry in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, McFall in the long jump, sophomore Laurie Priest in the 100 meter hurdles, freshman Kimberly Brown in the shotput and discus and freshman Lesley Rose in the 100 meter hurdles.

The team totals in the men's division were SAU, 97; Harding, 99; University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 22; Arkansas State, 15; and College of the Ozarks, 3.

The women's total were UAB, 56; Harding, 48; and College of the Ozarks, 3.

Time of Day adds new drummer

The Time of Day, Harding's touring musical group, has recently changed its image by adding a drummer to the group, according to Chris Dell of the Admissions Office. Denver Lee, a sophomore from Toledo, Ohio, was selected to tour with the group.

"I felt like our repertoire was somewhat limited without the drums," Dell stated. Also, since the group's main audience is young people, Dell claimed that the addition of a drummer will add more appeal to the group.

The addition of Lee to the Time of Day has met with positive results. "The band has more appeal, the group enjoys performing more, the audience enjoys it more and we can play more types of music," Dell said.

Lee, the new drummer, added that the response has been very good. "People who've heard the Time of Day before," he said, "say they like it a lot better with a drummer.

The Time of Day has traveled extensively this year. During spring break, they toured Texas, and they toured in Kansas last week. They have also visited Indiana, West Virginia, Louisiana, Ohio and other locations. According to Dell, they have performed most of the Christian schools, as well as at many banquets.

Also, auditions were held recently to select a new bass guitarist for the group. Marty Davis, a transfer from Ohio Valley College, was chosen and will join the group on June 1. At OVC, Davis toured as a member of the musical group, The Express.

Phi Beta Lambda places second in state sweepstakes competition

The University chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national collegiate business organization, placed second in sweepstakes and won 10 of the 21 events they entered in the 23rd annual state competition in Little Rock on March 20 and 21.

First place winners were: Mary Cona, Accounting I; Scott Kenna, Accounting II and Worthe Finance and Banking, Jeff Stevenson, Economics; Joel Reed, Job Interview; Lonnie Utley, Management and Marketing; and Kathleen Sandburg, who was appointed state parliamentarian.

The parliamentary procedure team of Cona, Sandburg, Michael Anderson, Kari Smith, Reed and Melissa Brenchman also placed first in the competition.

Stephanie Carter received highest honors under Who's Who in PBL.

Wilkins first woman to make NAIA All-District

Junior forward Kim Wilkins became the first women's basketball player in Harding University history to be named to the NAIA All-District women's basketball team which was recently released.

Wilkins, a 5-foot-8 transfer from North Arkansas College, was chosen to the team after averaging 14 points and 6.7 rebounds per game in her first year with the Lady Bisons. She also set school records in single game scoring (32) and in single season points (350).

At North Arkansas, Wilkins was twice named to the All-Arkansas Junior College women's team while playing for the Lady Pioneers. A Florin native, Wilkins was also an All-AIC honorable mention this season.
Social Work

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preparing themselves for beginning level practice.

Junior Paula Bean, current president of the Social Work Club, said, "The most important aspect of the social work program would have to be the cohesion and special relationships that develop between the students and teachers. These will be carried with us throughout our personal and professional lives and will provide an inner strength to serve God and man."

To many involved in the program at Harding, social work is viewed as a special ministry. They say they feel that through their profession, they are fulfilling what Christ spoke of in Matthew 25:35-36 when He said, "For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me." Christian social workers feel they are public servants serving God.

Mike Patterson spoke of the social work program at Harding as "ideal." He had thought about preaching, but decided to serve people in a different way. Rather than helping people from the pulpit, he helps them in their personal lives through social work.

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