Blacks focus on their history

by Robyn Butterfield

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that facing the rising sun of our new day begins.
Let all march on till victory is won.
Lift every voice and sing.

According to Ebony magazine, every month is Black History Month, but as a nation, we recognize February as a celebration of the advancements of black men and women everywhere.

Ebony staff writer Lorene Bennett, Jr., said, "To understand black history today is to understand that something or someone in that history is calling your name.

Members of Harding's chapter of SKOTIA will dedicate a chapel program to the celebration of black history month. Chapel programs highlighting black history begin on Monday, Feb. 18, and will continue throughout the month. There will be an emphasis on the dream Christ has for us, just as Martin Luther King, Jr. had for his people, based on the final revelation that all men are united in color through our Lord. Programs will also touch the issue of black contributions during war and the part blacks continue to play in our struggle for freedom.

SKOTIA is the Greek term for "darkness," but as the basis for the club's founding, it refers to a "shade" in an effort to distance all negative connotations commonly associated with the absence of light.

The club consists of approximately 20 members, who are presently lead by a steering committee until the pending election of officers. According to former president Erica Walker, the group attempts to promote unity among all students, not just blacks. Their goal is to encourage students to expand their horizons concerning all races and to appreciate the differences among cultures. By observing Black History Month, the club, major activity each year, they aim to educate students on the importance of unity and the responsibility we all share in the fight to eliminate constraining biases.

Each year the club, which is strictly a social organization, hosts the "Gospel Explosions," a musical program of several singing groups from surrounding areas. It is a homecoming for many friends who wish to fellowship with one another.

This year the 18th annual "Gospel Explosion" will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. This is the highlight of SKOTIA's celebration of Black History Month, which will continue through February.

SKOTIA is open to anyone who wishes to promote unity on Harding's campus. For more information contact Erica Walker.

During black history month there is an elevated remembrance of a need to become, as one reads and celebrates, slaves and sharecroppers, victims and martyrs, marchers and rebels. These images must be related to the challenges and opportunities of life or we shall learn nothing and remember nothing.

It is no secret that from the arrival of the first blacks in English America at Jamestown, Va., in August 1619 to the march on Washington and the political triumphs of today, African-Americans have been major factors in the American drama.

Happenings

LAUGH TILL YOU DROP. Carl Rosen is back to perform for you in the AHA backroom at 7 p.m. tonight.

PUFF. "Pete's Dragon" will be shown at 8 p.m. tonight after Carl Rosen.

PRAN STORY. The movie, "The Killing Fields," will have a special showing Saturday at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. in the Benson.

TRUE STORY. The American Studies speaker this Tuesday will be Dith Pran. He will speak at 7:30 p.m.

BUY NOW. Spring Sing tickets are being sold on Tuesday's and Thursday's in the Benson lobby from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

GERSHWIN VISITS H.U. Thursday there will be a Fine Arts Lyceum presenting "An Evening with Gershwin" at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Auditorium.

SING TO ME. The student production "The Revue '81" directed by John Folding, will be performed Thursday, Feb. 28-Saturday, March 2, in the Administration Auditorium.

HOOPS. The Bison will be playing against Henderson State on Saturday at 7 p.m. and will play S.W. Baptist on Sunday, Feb. 24, in the new gym.

READ MY MIND. Plan now to see Craig餐饮 as he will amaze you with ESP on Friday, March 1, in the Benson.

GIFT OF LIFE. The Red Cross will be here on Thursday, Feb. 28.
Political Correctness no solution to campus prejudice

An ill wind is blowing new political ideas across many campuses in the United States, infiltrating faculty and administrative policy as well as traditional student think tanks. This new idea, hailed as the beginning of the end of racism, sexism and other evil "isms," is known as Political Correctness, or simply PC.

The goal of PC, to eliminate prejudice, sounds noble at face value, but the ultimate goal cuts much deeper: Jews and other minorities, they must erase the grand prejudice that holds western civilization.

It is a difficult concept, but one that has been embraced wholeheartedly by American academia. To establish "true diversity," Berkeley has begun to match the subjects professors teach with their ethnic or gender identities. The University of Connecticut has banned "inappropriately directed laughter" and "conscious exclusion of students from conversations.

At Oberlin College, student groups have splintered in the face of PC. The college's "program houses," designed for housing students of different majors, have become political hotbeds, segregated by race, sex and religion. One professor, as reported by The New Republic, called Oberlin's environment "a marriage of 60's radicalism and 80's racism -- a toxic combination.

Oberlin's 1989 student groups have created a segregation of its own that alienates outsiders in its efforts to produce "diversity.

PC names for minority groups are obscure, even misleading by their new definition: Other students become "non-traditional students;" the spelling of "women" is changed to "womyn" to exclude "men;" and African-Americans become "people of color," which is discriminatory to Hispanics and Asians, also people of "color.

Multiculturalism, another major tenet of PC, is not an elective for students but a required doctrine, which holds that assimilation into the American mainstream is wrong and only minority separation can prevent it.

At the heart of PC thought is the Marxist credo of community over self and control over liberty. It is a totalitarian philosophy, really a tyranny over free speech that relies on student censors to ensure its diversity is being practiced campus-wide.

Freedom of speech is subjugated in favor of an individual's right to equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment. The concern is that free speech will become "hate speech," and ultimately, will damage the "community spirit of multiculturalism. In effect, people must deny their individuality and become a representative of their race or gender.

Fortunately, the courts have overruled highly restrictive speech codes and deemed them unconstitutional. As Newsweek reported, one sociologist, who has written five books on racists, said, "You have to let students say the most outrageous and stupid things. To get people to talk, to question their own ideas, you don't regulate their speech."

The reasons for this movement are logical. The Reagan years struck a heavy blow to women's rights and civil rights. The ERA failed to receive ratification from the states; the Supreme Court, stacked with Reagan appointees, overturned busing to end school segregation; and affirmative action has been chipped away to almost nothing.

Furthermore, violence against minority groups has increased. Just last year, a federal judge and a Savannah lawyer were killed in pipe bomb incidents attributed to a racist hate group. Asian-Americans face "Japan bashing" and ever increasing hostilities directed toward them. Aggression toward homosexuals, particularly since the advent of the AIDS epidemic, has become so pronounced that many have formed their own radical, often violent protest group called ACT-UP.

But Political Correctness is not the cure-all for these problems. Instead, Political Correctness has gone too far in its attempt to alleviate the discriminating "isms" in society. Equality is enforced by control and a system of rigid doctrines more oppressive than the old orthodoxy. The original goal has been lost in a quagmire of suspicions, "diverisity" and quixotic calls for immediate change through multiculturalism.

I recommend that everyone read the Dec. 24 issue of Newsweek and the Feb. 18 issue of New Republic to get an overview of the controversy surrounding Political Correctness. I also invite anyone who disagrees with my perspective to get an overview of the controversy surrounding Political Correctness. I also invite anyone who disagrees with my perspective to get an overview of the controversy surrounding Political Correctness. I also invite anyone who disagrees with my perspective to get an overview of the controversy surrounding Political Correctness.

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On the Write

Some remarks by Dallas businessmen: "We have girls who go to school for years to learn to encode. "Women are good at the tedious work." "Our women have always been told what to do." "Fifteen percent of management are females." And our favorite, "You guys get a good secretary. She will be the key to whether or not you are a successful businessman."

This sample of the shocking quotes spoken to the American Studies students on a recent trip were from men who work for respected corporations. They clearly indicate that female equality in the workplace is as dead as the Equal Rights Amendment.

Yet, as Harding's girls murmured "chauvinist pig" under their breath, they were ignoring the true problem. As they rallied for women workers of the world to unite, they missed the point. As they continued like Hercules to cut off the Hydra's head by screaming equality, they neglected the true problem. As they continued like Hercules to cut off the Hydra's head by screaming equality, they neglected the true problem. As they continued like Hercules to cut off the Hydra's head by screaming equality, they neglected the true problem. As they continued like Hercules to cut off the Hydra's head by screaming equality, they neglected the true problem. As they continued like Hercules to cut off the Hydra's head by screaming equality, they neglected the true problem.

With the obvious exception of the true bigot, inequality is more than simply bare "discrimination." The problem goes much deeper. Demanding equal treatment without looking at other factors is the simpleton solution.

Education is the key to upward movement. While women have progressed on some levels, the doctoral and professional ranks continue to be dominated by men. Feminism looks at these trends and claim an inherent bias in the system. Though this may be true to some degree, culture is surely the pervasive enemy.

Aristotle (a biased male) said that women are inferior men. Amazingly, studies show that women agree with this quote. As a majority, they remain content to earn less than their spouses and accept inferiority as their designated role in society, culture or religion.

Of course, men use these inherent barriers to their maximum advantage. They fob off their claims with statistics showing that they die younger than females and have more stress-related illnesses. Their "natural" conclusion is that men work harder and have more stamina. Statistics fail to support this, and so equal jobs should certainly receive equal pay, regardless of the sex working.

However, for females to desire complete equality in the workplace, other sacrifices must be made. Before the "could you get me some coffee" stereotype of the secretary can die, females must obtain a more significant number of upper-level degrees.

Delaying family obligations for educational purposes is the necessary, often unwanted, change to fight inequality. Instead of whining for action to fight symptoms of a deeper problem, women should determine if they truly want the "problem" fixed.
Students face higher telephone rates

by Darrin W. Ellis

Harding students were surprised to see a rate increase scheduled for this month's telephone bill.

Students received an explanation with last month's bill indicating the increase on Arkansas calls to 25 cents per minute. The previous rate was 18 cents and had been maintained since June of 1989.

Telecommunications Office Manager Lisa L. Fleener explained that the rate increase was out of Harding's control. The Harding Telephone Service (HTS) has previously been running on nine "feature group A lines." These lines are separate from the big long distance companies and could be used much more inexpensively by Harding. Many businesses used this type of service until MCI, LDDS and others complained to the Arkansas Public Service Commission. The commission then allowed these companies to take over the feature group A lines and raise the rates. HTS must now get services through these large companies.

Fleener did say that HTS is giving Harding students the cheapest rate they are able to afford. She said that if HTS was not available, students would have to pay around $30 a month to Southwestern Bell for the same services. HTS offers a full semester for only $42.50.

Fleener also explained that the rates are modified quarterly. Sometimes they go up and other times they become cheaper.

"We don't see any indication of a rate increase in the future. They usually lower it," Fleener said.

HTS was sympathetic toward Harding students on Valentine's Day. Night rates started at 5 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. to let students express their long-distance feelings without worrying about the price. Many students were inspired to "reach out and touch someone" by telephone.

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Environment educational goal of R.E.N.E.W.
by Michael S. Bass
May 14, 1991
America has become more environmentally conscious in the 1990’s. Following in its footsteps, Harding University students have also found themselves becoming more aware of the world around them and what they can do to help sustain it.

R.E.N.E.W., a campus-based organization designed to promote this awareness, has both campus and community projects planned for the spring semester.

This morning, R.E.N.E.W. attempted to increase student awareness by centering chapel on environmental consciousness and by providing information packets at their booth in the student center.

The R.E.N.E.W. society began last spring upon its founding, a motto was chosen from Psalms 135:16, “The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord’s: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.”

Next month, on March 2, they will act on the responsibility given them by the scripture. Along with the chapter at Harding Academy, the University’s R.E.N.E.W. Society will plant trees in the Scarry area.

Throughout the 1990-91 school year, R.E.N.E.W. has been very influential in paper recycling, yet R.E.N.E.W. president Tony Hill said this isn’t their main goal.

“Our main goal isn’t recycling paper or planting trees, but educating students about the environment and what they can do,” said Hill. “We want to bring about an awareness of the environment and what God has blessed us with.”

German campaigns still set despite war
by Trish Shanklin
May 16, 1991
German World Campaigns is still on schedule for this summer despite the war in the Persian Gulf.

The campaign to Germany and Switzerland will be led by Jack McKinney, associate professor of Bible and Biblical Languages. Ted Lloyd, professor of physical education, will also be accompanying the group as coordinator. The campaign group for this year consists of nine to 12 students. These men and women are planning for their six-week experience.

Trinity Spencer, a junior vocal music major from Portland, Ore., is looking forward to her second German World Campaign. Spencer said that the withdrawal of several students from the campaign may have been space on campus and the acquisition of the war but that she is “not at all” worried. She gives two reasons for her optimism. One is that the campaigners are all civilians and are spending most of the six weeks in small towns. Secondly, four weeks are to be spent in Switzerland, which has not been known for terrorist activity. Spencer said, “God has His way. I don’t even talk about not going.”

Kevin Mortkassel, a Warren, Mich., junior sales major with a minor in vocational ministry and first-year campaigner, also shows little concern that the war will affect the campaign.

Mortkassel said, “I don’t think it (the war) will be a problem. We will be about 1,000 miles from Iraq.”

He also said that the German people do not feel that there is a threat and would be very disappointed and discouraged after many months of planning if the campaign group were to cancel.

McKinney said that even though several students have come and gone due to the Gulf crisis, “We don’t feel there is appreciable danger.”

He is very excited about this year’s campaign because it is the first opportunity to teach in free Europe.

He said, “There is a real hunger in Eastern countries for God.”

The group will leave May 16 and return July 1. The first two weeks the students will work with a congregation of four members in Chemnitlz, an industrial city in what was East Germany. Upon leaving there they will travel to Thun, Switzerland for a two-week stay. The campaign will finish with two weeks of work in Zurich, Switzerland.

The campaigners meet twice a week to practice the German language, to learn the songs they will be singing and to understand the culture they will come in contact with.

McKinney said this year’s campaign group is doing well with raising the needed $1,600 (European) funds and learning the required material.

Yet, their biggest problem is finding a lead bass to sing with the group.

He said that it is still not too late for anyone to join the campaign group. Interested students may contact him at ext. 4295.

Harding site of Alpha Chi main office
by Jaime Lipford
May 16, 1991
The Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society has chosen Harding University’s site in Searcy for its national central office. As of now, Harding is the only college to have Alpha Chi’s national headquarters in the area.

Formal arrangements were reached with Harding when Gayle White, President of Alpha Chi’s National Council, received approval for the site from President David Miller.

Burks approved the allocation for office space, utilities and the acquisition of necessary equipment and personnel. To date, the office has received a microcomputer system and laser printer costing more than $5,000, access to copying and postal service facilities, telephones and a new secretary, Nancy Hammes. Hammes is familiar with Alpha Chi practices and procedures, because she was inducted into the society while a student at Abilene Christian University.

Hammes has been computerizing the society’s mailing lists and developing a system for monthly financial records since her appointment.

Harding’s responsibilities to Alpha Chi are not new to Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, retired faculty member, since he was the first sponsor of the Arkansas Eta chapter at Harding, and a member of the national Executive Director since 1983. Pryor is the first Executive Director for Alpha Chi.

Harding’s responsibilities throughout the nation has increased since becoming the society’s central office. At last, the Searcy chapter can list their inducements through Harding’s office and the group can function as a cohesive unit.

Alpha Chi is one of three National Honor Societies in the area of general scholarship. Harding’s chapter, however, is the national leader in both size and activity.

Hammes, who is a junior English major, said that the group benefits a lot from being located in Searcy.

She added that it is thrilling to have the group located in Searcy.

Pryor, who graduated from Portland, Ore., in 1967, said that it is still not too late for anyone to join the campaign group. Interested students may contact him at ext. 4295.

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Forensics team wins big in Baton Rouge

by Darren E. Irby
Staff writer

The Harding University Forensics Team walked away as big winners in the 1991 Mar­di Gras Forensics Invitational in Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 7–8. The Harding team cap­tured nine covenant awards.

Tanya Tennyson, a sophomore from Valley Springs, Ark., captured sixth place in per­sua­tive speech with a speech on doctors, and fourth place in informative speech with her speech on genetics.

Craig Lair, a junior from Valley Springs, Ark., won second place with a persuasive speech on multiple personalities. His speech on doctors, and fourth place in informative speech with her speech on genetics.

The debate team won the first place sweepstakes award in debate competition. The team of Brian Barnhill, a sophomore from Houston, Texas, and Roger Clayton, a

freshman from Nashville, Tenn., won first place in overall debate, and Barnhill won first place in debate competition speaker award. The team of Sam Barring­ton, a sophomore from South Bend, Ind., and Jason Foster of Russellville, Ark., also ad­vanced to the quarterfinals.

The Harding team won second place in overall sweepstakes, losing only to Rice University in Houston, Texas. Dr. Patrick Garner, professor of speech and Harding forensics coach, received the tournament’s outstanding coach award.

The forensics team’s next competition is in Houston, Texas, which only the debaters will attend. Following the Houston competi­tion, the team will prepare for the Phi Kappa Delta National competition to be held in New York in mid-March.

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Puddle behind library disturbing to writer

by Craig V. Carrington
Staff writer

On my way to the post office to mail a let­ter to a Navy friend stationed on the other side of the world, I walked through the alley way between the library and the intramural field. As usual, I had to sidestep the mud and dirty water that transgresses the otherwise clean walkway.

The puddle has become a Harding land­mark, yet some students complain about it, saying that it’s an eyesore and the mud gets on the underside of their sparkling clean basketball hi-tops. To those nay-sayers I must reply: Does the dirt somehow impair the efficiency of “The Pump”? Of course not. As someone very wise once said, “God made dirt, so dirt can’t hurt.”

While I may be creating a permanent bar­rier between myself and my fellow students by taking the unpopular side, I must disagree with those who complain about the puddle. In fact, I must heartily congratulate those who created the puddle and those who work so faithfully behind the scenes, shuf­fling papers, so that this monument to nature and beauty can remain.

Allowing the puddle to exist is not “neglectful groundkeeping,” as some may accurately suggest. No — it is something greater: it is a humanitarian gift to the staff of Harding University.

How can I say this? you may ask. My children, naive peers, I implore you to pay attention. Have you never watched a worker drive his truck over the soft, wet terrain? Have you never seen his glooming face, saliva dripping from his mouth, as he bounces in and out of the deep tire grooves? This man is having fun.

The pickup truck drivers love to take this route. This is obvious because they drive through the alley several times a day. To them, the short journey is like a break from the boredom of pavement. This journey is self-renewing in microcosm.

I beg the administration to turn a deaf ear to the pleas of students who want to see this ground paved over. How horrible! The puddle would be gone forever! The conse­quences would be startling:

• Students would no longer have a conve­nient place to drop their trash and see it sink underwater.

• The rain would have no place to go but drainage ditches and the walkway in front of Kendall.

• And most importantly, the worker who drive trucks will have no place to enjoy themselves — work will surely suffer as a result.

Think reasonably, administrators. If you care about the future of Harding Uni­versity, please do not pave the alley.

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Club B-Ball championships decided

by Melinda Hill
Bison staff writer

Basketball continued to be the name of the game for women's club and intramural sports this week.

In big club "A" action, Tri-Kappa came from behind to beat Zeta Rho 24-18. Tri-Kappa scored 16 points in the fourth quarter, including four key free throws in the closing minutes, to hold off Zeta Rho. Stacey Haynes and Alyssa Neali each had eight points for Tri-Kappa. Zeta Rho's Susan Vaughn led all scorers with 16.

Competing in middle club "A", Oege defeated GATA 15-10 in the finals of the losers' bracket. Oege athletic director Tracy Scurfield said the key to Oege's win was "solid defense and balanced scoring." Oege will play unbeaten Delta Gamma Rho next week for the middle club championship.

Omega Phi defeated Phi Deta 24-8 in the small club "A" bracket. Omega Phi's Michelle Marshall led all scores with eight points.

Bisons lose to UAM;

by Daren Howard
Bison staff writer

Last Thursday, Bison woes continued as Harding fell to the University of Arkansas at Monticello. According to Bison Coach Nicky Boyd, the problem Thursday, as well as for the rest of the season to this point, was turnovers.

"Our main problem this year has been turnovers," said Boyd. "We've shot pretty well but every time we turn around we turn the ball over. We tried a slow-down game and turned the ball over more than before. We

In the "B" team division, Regina advanced with a 57-47 victory over Ju Go Ju and a 13-2 win over Ko Jo Kai. In "C" team play, Ko Jo Kai advanced with a 14-8 win over Ka Re Da and a 36-6 win over Ju Go Ju.

In "D" team action, Regina advanced with a win over Ju Go Ju. Number two then fell to Ko Jo Kai 25-33 later in the week.

The four intramural teams are competitive this year. The Lakers remained unbeaten in the winners' bracket with a 30-21 victory over the Bucs. Stephanie Dengwogl had eight points for the Lakers. Leslie McDowell and Eve Flaherty had six points each for the Bucs. The Celtics slipped past the Knicks 30-29 in the losers' bracket play. The Celtics erupted for 12 points to take the lead in the third quarter after trailing 15-15 at halftime. Myessa Hill scored eight, and Sara Gaston had seven points to lead the Celtics. The Knicks' Miller led all scorers with nine.

Garcia lead scorer

are going to go back to a running game and see what happens." Despite problems, there is a bright spot in the Bison lineup. Rolando Garcia, Harding's starting center, is leading the AIC in both scoring and rebounding.

"Rolando has really come through for us," said Boyd. "He has shot about 65 percent from the field, so we need to get the ball to him and get him more shots."

The Bisons play their final home game of the season tomorrow at 3 p.m. against Henderson State.
Harding athletes gain a lot just being together

by John Bossong
Bison sports editor

Leading the bus in the rain I had a feeling that we couldn't exactly accomplish what I had thought we would on this little six-hour journey to Northwest Louisiana State University.

The destination was Natchitoches, La. Coming off a 10-13 loss to Memphis State, I was ready for a victory. I wouldn't say we lost to Memphis State, let's just say they won. Losing 10-4 going into the bottom of the seventh, I felt we had a comfortable lead. And then "IN CAME TREVOR." Well, we lost 10-13 giving up nine unearned runs in the seventh, although we out hit and out played State all day long.

As I was saying earlier, the journey ahead fell like it would be different. And different it was. The rain started at noon Sunday when we left. Leaving the Harding parking lot, I hoped we would still play on Monday afternoon.

Road trips with the baseball team are fun and memorable. But, this one was one I will never forget. The food was O.K. Bonanza, Burger King, ARA at NSU, ARA at NSU and Burger King again, oh, and about three pounds of sunflower seeds on the bus. I heard every song on the radio three or four different times. Also, I played cards for about four hours. So, what made this trip different?

One thing that made this trip unique is that we drove six hours to play and little did we know the game would be rained out the next day. Still, what was different about this trip? I thought about this a lot driving back in the rain.

The night before we were to play was Sunday. Having a devotional that night in NSU's dorm, I realized how different we were from other teams that we play.

Traveling together and spending all of our time with each other I know we got on one another's nerves. But that night I realized the one thing we had in common that made us different. Our love for God and His son Jesus.

No matter how well or poorly we do on the field, off the field we are all pursuing one thing, eternity. Even though we were there to play baseball and have fun, there was still time to honor God.

I feel this is what sets Harding's athletes apart from others. Competing is important and it is good for the school. But, Harding has made us champions whether we bring home a conference title or not. Winning in life is far more important than on the field. Eternity is not a nine inning game, sixty-minute game or 30-minute half. There is no time limit. Christianity is forever.

"We are Christians 24 hours a day. Whatever we do and wherever we do it, just remember that all day long we are Christians," said head baseball coach Steve Smith during the devotional.

Harding gives Christian athletes a chance to succeed in life. Coach Smith's words hit home as I sat and listened. We are Christians all day, not just on Sunday and Wednesday.

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