STRETCH 'EM. Bison track member Shawn Humphrey, a junior from Nashville, Tenn., gets a helping hand with his warm-ups. The team hopes to make districts again this year.

ALL STRUNG OUT. Classical guitarist Douglas Niedt plays a South American folk song in his April 15 recital at Harding. Niedt teaches at the conservatory at the University of Missouri and has studied and performed South American music, his specialty, worldwide. (photo by Kevin Kerby)

SA runoff to be held today
by Michael Bass
Bison staff writer

Thoughts of going home and a summer away from campus have turned the eyes of many students to the end of the semester; yet for the past two weeks, students have had to shift their focus to the new school year. Posters on the walls and cards thrust in their hands reminded them it was election time once again.

On Wednesday, April 17, the Student Association held its annual election as ballots were cast at their booth in the Student Center. Throughout the day, students were allowed to voice their opinions as to who they felt qualified to represent them for the 1991-1992 school year.

"This has been an interesting race with five very qualified men running for the presidency," said Scott Mao, a member of the Student Elections Committee. "They have given much diversity to the election and whichever one wins will be a definite good choice."

A runoff election will be held after chapel until 5 p.m. today in the Student Center. Students will then be given the chance to make a final decision on the positions of S.A. president and senior men's representative.

SA Election Results

President (runoff): Steve Martin and Steve Yates
Senior Men's Representative (runoff): Jim Hobby and Scott Tenery

Vice President: Monica Chapman
Senior Women's Representative: Marsha Vaughn

Secretary: Chris Gonzales
Junior Men's Representative: John Mark Hays

Treasurer: Tom Ed Simmons
Junior Women's Representative: Kristy Dawdy

Senior Men's Representative: Jim Hobby and Scott Tenery
Sophomore Men's Representative: Mark Farley

Senior Women's Representative: Marsha Vaughn
Sophomore Women's Representative: Jennifer Smith

Happenings

WOLVES CANCELLED. Due to the seven Academy Awards "Dances with Wolves" received, its release to college campuses has been delayed. Plan to see the movie when it is shown during the fall semester.

ALL IN THE FAMILY. The Student Association presents "Lady" tonight at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium. There was also a performance on Thursday. Tickets can be bought at the door and cost $2 for adults and $1 for students with an I.D.

ROCKY MEETS RUSSIA. April 26 the S.A. movie will be "Rocky IV" at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

ROCKY'S LAST CHANCE. The Student Association presents the last in the Rocky series, "Rocky V," in the Benson Auditorium Saturday, April 27 at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

JUMP FOR JOY. A women's lectureship sponsored by JOY will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday in banquet room B. Coffee, juice and doughnuts will be served.
Never fear; Father's here

"Just wait until your father gets home!"

That simple sentence is enough to strike terror in the heart of many an eight-year-old. Messing with Mom was bad enough, but when you reached Dad's rung on the ladder of lawlessness, then you'd really done it. You tipped the scales; you'd broken through that thin ice you were forever treading on, and you were going to get it.

You sat on the edge of your bed for ages, nervously tracing the Holly Hobbies or G.I. Joes on your comforter. You inspected your grubby shoelaces and the latest scab on your knee. And just as you decided to make a break for it, the door opened ever-so-slowly and there he stood. A six-foot pillar of punishment for the rock of retribution, Dad's hands of justice came equipped with a brown leather belt that seemed miles wide. You were doomed.

When the furor subsided and the penalty was paid, you were left to sulk. Alone at last, you laid back on the bed with hands balled into tight fists, facing the wall, contemplating how far you could run on a quarter-a-week's allowance.

But that was never very far, for soon the door would open again and your father would come in to kneel at the side of your bed, to take you in his arms and kiss your tear-streaked face.

The punishment may have seemed unfair, but somewhere in the inner chambers of your eight-year-old heart, you knew you deserved it. And although you were much too smart to believe the same old "this-hurts-me-more-than-it-hurts-you" speech, you knew one thing for certain: As much as he hated your behavior, he loved you more.

Sometimes I think that's what the first day in heaven will be like, as you face the Father with knees trembling, spirit praying aloud that you will not get what you deserve.

But he understands your fear, for he was punished too. The one who would rather die than live without you endured ultimate punishment he didn't deserve, and has the nail-scarred hands to prove it.

So the hard lines around his eyes will dissolve into kindly crinkles, and he will slowly stand to greet you. The hands that helped to mold the mountains and shape the seas will brush away your tears. The arms that stretched the width of a cross will gently reach out for you. And the lips that spoke the wisdom of the ages will welcome you home.

— C.P.

Write View......by Marc Anderson and Craig Lair

Like the rest of America, earlier this week I participated in the pagan ritual of sacrificing earnings to the tax deities. Across the country the game of Scuples was played by filling out a simple little form. However, far too often the ethical contract is violated by the party on the collecting end of the tax process: the Internal Revenue Service.

Several years ago, the I.R.S. spent thousands of dollars shadowing someone they thought was conspiring against them. This individual had never filed a tax form, and had written an editorial biased against the collection methods they often employed. After two weeks, they called off the eight-man team when they realized the individual was a high school newspaper editor who hadn't filed for lack of funds. Before casting, I filed my 1040 and chose words carefully.

The powers of the I.R.S. have risen to crisis proportions. The investigation of the editor is simply one of many examples of the I.R.S. using its broad investigative powers. They often freely violate first amendment rights by keeping files on individuals (usually lawyers) who might be investigated someday.

Investigative reporter David Burnham concluded that the I.R.S. was the largest, most powerful and least accountable branch of all U.S. law enforcement agencies, exercising powers that the F.B.I. and police departments can only dream about. Their ability to lien property and seize assets is almost unchecked.

President's have used the I.R.S. for social control, destroying lives or political careers in the process. When the police lack evidence to prosecute criminals, in some cases the I.R.S. can help. Sure, this is occasionally beneficial. But for every Al Capone this takes off the streets, Joe Smiths and Mary Does go as well.

Thomas Hobbes in Leviathan once questioned what could legitimize the rise of the offspring of a government composed of "supposed" co-equal branches. As the I.R.S. has been granted legislative and adjudicatory powers, it has become a unique governmental creation — the fourth branch of government. Checks and balances work well, except when one organization checks and balances itself.

Of course, taxes must be collected. That is an obvious point, but not reason to abandon a critical look at this question the rise of such a huge organization with such immense, unchecked powers. Surely, we can reach a compromise of collecting funds, yet maintaining our rights and dignities.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

A simple measure of a socialist government is the amount of intervention between the private sector and the state. The obvious trait is the revocation of rights at the individual level for the ideals of the state, or in a manipulative way, for the "common good."

America was created by a people tired of harassment from a government whose intervention only brought resentment. The people thought they should be allowed more freedom than the governing powers allowed.

Somewhere in the founders ideas there was the yearning for freedom to live where they desired, to earn a living how they wanted, to worship who and when they wanted, to invest their money or simply spend it on folly, to give to charity or simply not to give at all.

It is no wonder that such a previously controlled people rebelled against their homeland to set up such a non-intervening government. They desired the freedom to live where they wished, to invest their money or simply spend it, to give to charity or simply not to give. It does define itself as choice. We as a nation can no longer afford to support such a financially blessed individuals must set aside large portions of their income because once again, the government has decided that it knows what is best for the people, namely freedom.

Freedom does not define itself as fulfillment. However, it does define itself as choice. We as a nation can no longer look to the government as a cure-all for the chances of failure. Until we are able to live by our own choices and their consequences we will never return to the ideas of our founding fathers.

We, however, want to have all the success without the chance of failure. By adding more controls by the government, our nation will continue to suffer from decreasing returns. Our forefathers found this out, but we since forgotten.

— Lynn Kernodle

I lived and worked in Salt Lake City, Utah, for six years. Mormon parents support their children for mission work abroad for two years. They receive no support from the Mormon church.

If Mormon families can do this for two years, surely the parents of college-age Christians can do this for the summer, without looking to the church or other Christians for support. Parents send their children to college and pay their expenses. Why not continue to support them during the summer months? Is it, in reality, a continuation of their education, by exposing them to cultures of other nations, while at the same time they spread the gospel. Parents in this way can begin to do as much for the Lord's church as Mormon parents do for their children and their church.

Let us continue to send our children abroad on summer campaigns. But support for this work should come from parents, and not from the church or other Christians.

— Otis Gatewood
Phi Beta Lambda wins in business competition

Harding University’s Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national business organization, won awards in eight events in the 28th Annual Phi Beta Lambda Intercollegiate Competition in Little Rock on April 11-12.

The first and second place winners, along with PBL Vice President Jason David Pace, and Secretary-Treasurer Jill Creighton, will go to the National Phi Beta Lambda competition and convention on July 6-10 in Anaheim, Calif.

Dr. Don Diffine, sponsor of the Harding chapter, said that "about 60 percent of Harding’s state winners have been top 10 finalists at national competitions since Harding started competing in 1983. The national office staff has told us that Harding often has more individual event winners in business at the national competition than any other college in the country. We have also had a national Phi Beta Lambda president from Harding."

First place winners this year include Andrew Craven of Hibbing, Minn., Business Decision-Making; Joel Harper of Tulsa, Okla., Business Decision-Making; Bryan Jackson of Helena, Ala., Business Law; Aaron Shuman of Rogers, Ark., Computer Applications for Business; and Lester Craven of Hibbing, Minn., Computer Concepts.

Second place winners were Marc Anderson of Minneapolis, Minn., Economics; Craig Lair of Harrison, Ark., Finance; and Starr Lunceford of Searcy, Marketing.

Third place winners included Brice Carroll of Springdale, Ark., Accounting II; Karen Martin of St. Louis, Mo., Business Law; and James Hobby of Arlington, Texas, Marketing.

According to chapter president Lee Mackey, senior economics major, "Our PBL members are strengthening their confidence in themselves and their work, while growing professionally toward successful careers as Christian business people. The competition is a wonderful springboard from which to pass the word about Harding University, the School of Business, its students and graduates."

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Nichols first to receive ‘Educator of the Year’ award

by Robyn Butterfield
Bison staff writer

The 1990-91 economics team, along with the Belden Center For Private Enterprise Education, has recently awarded the first “Free Enterprise Educator of the Year” award to Jim Nichols, professor of education.

According to Dr. Don Diffine, the fate of capitalism will likely be determined by opinion leaders, who are actively involved in passing the word about our economic system. The award was established to honor

Business students form fraternity

by Darrin W. Ellis
Bison staff writer

This semester Harding has established its own chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon. Throughout last semester business students worked hard to become a part of this national business fraternity dealing with sales and marketing and now their efforts are paying off. However, the biggest struggle in establishing membership was finding a sales and marketing sponsor, a requirement for forming a chapter.

The fraternity gives students the opportunity to meet important business executives and network for future job opportunities. A liaison in Little Rock seeks out a wide range of business professionals including CEOs and company presidents to speak at meetings of Pi Sigma Epsilon held monthly in Little Rock. Some companies send out teams of executives to speak, giving the club a variety of views and perspectives from which to learn.

Pi Sigma Epsilon has been very active in local as well as national functions. Last month the club sponsored a trade fair for the downtown Searcy merchants. While the merchants were not allowed to sell their products, they were pleased with the idea of creating awareness for the downtown area.

Many said that they would come back to the American Heritage lobby for next year’s trade fair. Currently some of the club members are in Anaheim, Calif., for the national convention. Several Fortune 500 companies were scheduled to be there to interview students. Dr. Randall M. McLeod, who acts as director of the Center for Professional Sales and Associate Dean of the School of Business, said, “It’s a good place to bring a resume.” Pi Sigma Epsilon is also sponsoring an “Adopt a Pi Sig Day.” Executives from Little Rock will choose a student to accompany them for one day. The student benefits from seeing what the business world is like and meeting people who could be helpful in getting jobs later.

Although the club is based in business, it is not limited to sales and marketing majors. Pi Sigma Epsilon gives all students opportunities at leadership and hands-on experience which cannot be acquired through books alone. McLeod said that the employer looks at involvement and experience before he sees the grade point average. He also said that an employer would hire a member of Pi Sigma Epsilon before a person who does not show membership.

“Pi Sigma Epsilon can benefit you regardless of your major,” McLeod said.

The Nichols three children are also a part of the Harding family with Chris, a sophomore at Harding, and Holly and Jim Mark, both students at Harding Academy. Nichols is currently employed by the university as a professor of education and director of field experiences. Before coming to Harding, however, he was actively involved in education administration and served as principal for Camden-Fairview Public Schools from 1967-1977.

During his stay at Harding University, Nichols has established a solid place for himself in the school’s fight to pursue academic and educational excellence. His class, Economics for the Elementary Student, has become a favorite among many education students.

According to Nichols, “The course is designed to enable prospective teachers to help their students develop a basic understanding of economic concepts to operate efficiently and intelligently as members of our society. It will also help teachers provide methods, applications, and strategies for helping students understand the basic concepts of our economy as they affect them and others.”
Lab teaches kids, teachers-to-be

by Shelley Walls
Bison staff writer

While walking to chapel every day, you might have noticed the small playground in between the Olen Hendrix building and Benson Auditorium. You might even have wondered what class you can take in order to have recess there.

Some of Harding's younger "students" do play on the playground at least once a week. The area is part of the Child Development Lab of the Home Economics Department. The lab, which is staffed primarily by students taking "Guidance in Early Childhood" and "Child Development," has only 18 children at any time, but because of flexible day and hour options, there are 34 children enrolled in the program.

The school takes children ages three to kindergarten on a first-come, first-serve basis with a full-time fee of $40. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every weekday during the regular school year.

"We have a developmentally appropriate curriculum. We don't do pen-and-pencil activities for this age. We stress active learning. Children this age can't think in the abstract," Director Sharen Crockett said.

The children have guest speakers and take field trips. They have visited Norman's Implement, a farm equipment business, where they were able to climb in tractors. They have also gone to a farm and the fire station. They visit the post office and Benson Auditorium and other campus buildings.

The program is designed with teacher training in mind, according to Crockett, but most home economics majors take one of the classes as part of their core requirements. The school has been at least half days since Harding began training home economics teachers about 35 years ago. The head teachers, Sharon Daniel and Julia Doan, are paid graduate students.

TEACH THE CHILDREN WELL. Jennifer Kendrick, a junior psychology major from Minden, La., assists one of the children in the Child Development Lab. The lab, located in the Olen Hendrix building, serves as a training center for students.
Bison track star says winning is all in the family

by April Cantrell
Bison sports editor

Who can run a mile in five minutes and six seconds? Give up? The answer is Bison track standout Kelsie Hutchison. Her five-minute, six-second run garnered her All-American honors this year at the Indoor Track Nationals. Along with her, teammates Shauna Queen and Jimmy Sloan earned All-American honors for their efforts in the 1000-meter and pole vault.

Hutchison, a senior from Joplin, Mo., is no stranger to running; she started when she was eight years old. “I ran the 50-yard dash in the Junior Olympics and won my very first race,” Hutchison said.

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However, running hasn’t always been fun and games for Kelsie. “There are times that I don’t like it. It’s easy to like it when you’re successful, but it takes a lot of hard work to be successful.”

But Kelsie isn’t the only one in her family who can boast success on the track. Her mother Jane and sister Keri, a sophomore at Harding, also run.

“It’s a family thing; it’s part of our day to run together,” Hutchison said. She also added that she runs more while she is at home, usually around 12 miles a day as opposed to the five or 10 miles she runs every day while at Harding.

The special relationship she shares with her sister isn’t just based on running. “We are sisters and best friends. We are far enough apart in age that we don’t compete against each other. Long distances are her (Keri) specialties and I like the 1500 and the mile,” Hutchison said.

The two are very supportive of each other; when asked about her most memorable moments Kelsie cited not only her own victories, winning state twice in high school and more recently her All-American honors, but also Keri’s achievements.

“I saw Keri win third in state and the race was just as exciting as me running in it,” she said.

Tennis team could be the best ever at Harding

by Jason Harriman
Bison sport writer

How good is the Harding tennis team?

“The best year we’ve ever had,” said head coach David Elliott. The team is 21-3 heading into Monday’s matches against Oral Roberts University.

The surprise this year for Coach Elliott has been the fact that until last week, when one of the players broke his hand, there have been no injuries to the players. Even the disappointments for Coach Elliott have proven to be strong points. He was very positive about the team’s strong play in their 5-4 loss to University of Arkansas-Little Rock. He said the team played very well against UALR, which is a Division I school.

Coach Elliott said the team has a good chance to win the district tournament, which will be held April 26-27 in Conway.

According to Coach Elliott, Ouachita Baptist will be the toughest team to beat at the tournament. In the three matches against OBU this year, Harding has beaten them 9-0 every time.
Track members prepare for district meet

Harding's track team is training hard in preparation for the A.I.C. district meet, to be held May 2 and 4 at Southern Arkansas University.

Shawn Humphrey, a junior hurdler, thinks the Bisons are prepared for the challenges before them.

"We've really worked hard getting ready for conference," said Humphrey. "Coach (Bryan Phillips) has not allowed us to let down all spring and it's going to pay off for us. Now that we are physically ready, we must concentrate on the mental aspect in order to achieve a balanced effort, and hopefully with what has historically been one of the toughest track conferences in the country. We really want to bring home that title."

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In the men's field events, senior Barry Bowens set Harding's indoor record for the long jump. Matt Bien has finished first in two meets in the discus.

The Bisons hosted a meet Tuesday, and will host another home meet this coming Tuesday.

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UP, UP AND AWAY. Launching himself to new heights, Jimmy Sloan, a junior from Proctor, Ark., practices pole vaulting this week. The track team is training hard to prepare for the A.I.C. district meet in May. (photo by Kevin Kerby)

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