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Russian relief program raises money to send Bibles and medical supplies

by Stacie Evan
From Staff Writer

The Eastern European Missions class recently sponsored a drive to raise money for the relief of Christians in the former Soviet Union and to provide Russian-printed children's Bibles.

The idea first came about when the 11 students of Scott Owings' missions class read a letter from a Russian man who desperately wished to own a Bible and hear the word of God. After he read the letter, several students approached Owings and asked if they could host a campaign to help with the relief efforts that are presently in progress.

"After class, several students wanted a copy of the letter and then a few asked if there was a possibility for them to raise money and actually get Bibles into Russia. It was completely their own doing. It was very exciting," said Owings.

Students and faculty were asked to contribute after chapel on Friday and in the dorms at curfew on Friday and Sunday. Also, the showing of American Tale gave moviemgoers a chance to pay a little extra and have fifty cents added to the collection fund.

Bubba Cook, a member of the class, said, "We raised quite a bit. I'd say approximately $1,500-$2,000." Now that the fund-raising efforts are over, the job is now to get the money into the right hands so it can be used for its intended purpose.

Cook said, "We want to set aside some of the money for children's Bibles. That's what the adults want because of the pictures that those types of Bibles have. It gives them a better idea of what the gospel is all about, and it's much easier to understand."

The class plans to give the money to Don Yelton who works with the Whites Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe, La. Yelton is going to Russia in May and will be able to use the money to purchase medical supplies and Bibles by working through some of the churches that are already established there.

"Don Yelton is going to Hunter this summer. We're hoping that he can use the money we've collected and tell the people that there are Christians who care and want to help," said Owings.

The reason for the lack of Bibles and materials in Russia is commonly related to the rule of Communism for the past 70 years. Throughout this time it was considered illegal to own or have Bible-related material in one's possession. Now that Communism is starting to fade the need is caused by the lack of resources available in the country.

People who wish to take Bibles and medical supplies into the country are having no problem doing so. However, there is a definite need for people who are willing to make the effort and get the Bibles where they are most needed.

"There's a big need to send people over. Even if we have the materials to send sometimes there is no one to take them," said Cook.

There seems to be a positive response whenever the Gospel has been preached in Russia. Many times there are more responses than expected and the people are very eager to hear what Jesus has to say to them.

Owings said, "The Russian people really want Bibles. They are very responsive to the message. Currently there are 280 million people in Russia and only one Bible per 90 people. As people, we have a deeper need to know God and have a relationship with Him. During Communism it was hard to learn about the Gospel. I've lived there and it's very encouraging for them to know that there are Christians in other parts of the world who care."

Cook said, "We can't relieve their material needs but we can relieve their spiritual needs which will last them a lifetime. We can also give them hope which is something they really haven't had before."

Relief efforts are continuing and being sponsored by many churches. If you wish to help and fund this effort in any way, please send checks to: Church of Christ and designate it for "Russian Relief" care of campus box 889.

Phi Alpha Theta inducts eight new members

Eight new members were inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honor society, in ceremonies held recently at the home of Dr. Paul Haynie, assistant professor of history and social science.


Membership in Phi Alpha Theta is open to any student with a GPA above 3.6 on at least 12 hours of history and at least a 3.6 on two-thirds of their other college work. The society was founded at the University of Arkansas in 1921 and now has over 726 chapters in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. It is the largest, in number of chapters, of the accredited honor societies holding membership in the Association of College Honor Societies.

Dr. Fred Jewell, sponsor of Harding's chapter, was elected to the organization's national advisory board at its convention in Chicago in December.
Opinions

Bison is on pro-choice mailing list; also the victim of other propaganda

One of the hidden benefits of the position of Bison editor is a guaranteed box full of mail. As a freshman, having to actually pry items out of my campus box would have happened only in my dreams, as I often checked my box two or three times a day, just in case something important arrived between 2:30 p.m. and supper.

Now, the barrage of opinions and requests for publication cause more pain and outrage than jubilation. It appears as if the Bison is on the mailing list of every left-wing, pro-choice, and save-the-planet cause in the universe. We also regularly receive cartoons and drawings that could be labeled bizarre at best, but that is another subject.

As I read the propaganda that would make Tass look like a Pulitzer prize-winning publication, it is almost sad to consider that many people probably presume that they are reading something with journalistic quality. These letters, stories, and releases also perpetuate the idea that Christian values are outdated in the 1990's.

Reading about the pro-choice rally in Washington, D.C., that was designed to force political candidates to succumb to the modern woman's viewpoint, one would think that pro-life was living in the world of the Cleaver family. However, nothing is further from the truth.

Even the most biased surveys show an overwhelming belief by Americans that abortion is morally wrong. The surveys and polls that are used to support pro-choice beliefs are based on absolute abortion: Do you believe that abortion is morally wrong? The sophomore, whom we will call "Ernest," was somewhat intimidated by this question. Ernest had written a term paper on the 1973 Supreme Court case that made abortion legal in all 50 states.

"I'm not sure what to put. I know that it's an important issue, but I don't know how to get it right," Ernest said. "I've read a lot about the issue, but I still don't know what to believe."

Ernest's dilemma is not unique. Many extreme conservatives view as justifying the only solutions for the 21st century. Instead of letting everything he saw, whether warranted or not. He was always the only one who seemed to think so! He was always peering over excessive adolescent luggage. We gave each other wings, pro-choice, and save-the-planet. It's what makes a difference a few years can make in a person's overall maturity level! Of course, I wouldn't admit to ever being immature, so . . .

So, as Spring Sing fast approaches, don't hesitate to house some prospective high schoolers. Sure, they might be a little annoying, but, odds are, so were many of us at that age. Plus, you might see more clearly your progress since your days of innocence and rebellion.

Who knows? Maybe Matt and I were able to impress those guys to come to Harding. What's more, they might even grow out of their teens enough someday to encourage others to come.

— KLK

Time has a way of catching up with you

"Time really has a way of catching up with you. This past weekend my roommate and I accepted the dubious honor of hosting two high school guests and participants. We thought it would be pretty cool to do for the admissions office a favor. And boy, did we do them a favor! You have to understand, now, that Matt (my roommate) and I are pretty much set in our ways. We are so in tune with each other that we both can tell just about what the other is thinking or feeling. When a wrench comes along and throws our cooperative machine out of whack, though, we often react in strange ways.

"The "wrench" arrived last Thursday night while Matt and I were out. They immediately staked their claim on our floor and in our closets (not to mention in our bathroom). When Matt and I walked in, we almost tripped over excessive adolescent luggage. We gave each other a "uh-huh" look and proceeded to get to know our new roommates.

"(By the way, the names of our visitors have been changed so as not to cripple them for life should they end up coming to Harding.)

"The senior, whom we will call "Frank," thought he was a comedian or something. The problem was that he was the only one who seemed to think so! He was always pestering us about off-the-wall subjects, like "What's the longest your hair has ever been?" or "Do Harding girls ever go out just to 'boog' (make out)?" But perhaps the most irritating thing that Frank did over the two-day stay was freely and openly criticize anything and everything he saw, whether warranted or not.

"The sophomore, whom we will call "Ernest" (Get it? "Frank and Ernest"?), was somewhat intimidated by our college greatness!" but he followed Frank's blind leadership a lot of the time anyway. He even laughed at Frank's lame joke attempts, thereby out of obligation than "earnestly." Overall, however, I think Ernest was the more mature of our two guests, a pretty sad commentary on Frank.

I woke that Friday morning to the sound of thunder, only to realize that the sonic booms were really Frank's nose-blowingbursts! I remember, too, how Ernest stared at our Sports Illustrated swimsuit calendar, mesmerized. And what about the time(s) Frank left the door to our room wide open when he left? Or the wrestling match between Frank and Matt on our once clean floor?

I know I've pretty much portrayed the experience as a major catastrophe, but I want to qualify my comments with this: These guys helped me realize how far I've come since high school. I mean, what shape would colleges and universities be in if maturity levels never increased? It's amazing what a difference a few years can make in a person's overall maturity level! Of course, I wouldn't admit to ever being immature, so . . .

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'93 Bison, Petit Jean jobs available

Applications will soon be accepted for scholarship positions on the staffs of the 1992-1993 Bison and Petit Jean. To receive an application send your name and campus address to Beth Cooper, Business Manager, at Box 1192, Harding. Petit Jean has 11 scholarship positions available. The Editor-in-Chief will be responsible for the overall design and coordination of the rest of the staff. The Business Manager position entails selling and impressing all of the advertisers in the Bison. Thorough record keeping is essential to the organizational needs of this position.

The Petit Jean has 11 scholarship positions available. The Editor-in-Chief will be responsible for the overall design and coordination of the rest of the staff. The Photographer and Assistant Photographer positions require dark room skills in order to take and develop the pictures for the 1992-1993 Petit Jean. Several other editing positions for the Petit Jean are available including Copy Editor and Section Editors. The various sections include: classes, social clubs, organizations/honors, sports, index, academics and student life. Students of all majors and classifications are encouraged to apply for these positions. For more information contact Kay Gowen at 279-4641.
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by Kevin L. Kee
been assisted editor

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The author of the controversial book Final Exit, Derek Humphry, shared his right-to-die views and his hopes to active, voluntary euthanasia legislation during a public forum at Sherry Auditorium on the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences campus in Little Rock.

Several Harding professors and students attended the forum, including the Bible department's Dr. Tom Eddins, Dr. Tom Alexander and Dr. Edward Myers.

Humphry, author of several "how-to" euthanasia-related books and well-known proponent of active voluntary euthanasia (the principle of allowing one who is terminally ill and suffering to choose to end his/her life), and William F. Maye, professor of ethics at Southern Methodist University and well-known speaker on ethical issues, presented opposing views on the issue of euthanasia to the more than 100 people who attended. The forum was sponsored in part by the newly-established Hemlock Society, a nonprofit educational corporation which supports voluntary euthanasia, and the Arkansas Humanities Council. Humphry, who founded the National Hemlock Society in 1980 shortly after helping his wife, suffering from cancer, to commit suicide, claimed that the time is right for a change in euthanasia-related legislation. "The quest for patient rights concerning active voluntary euthanasia has been going on since the 1976 struggle of Karen Anne Quinlin," he said. "Enough is enough! It's time to bring discussion to a close and reform the law."

Humphry referred to the issue as a two-sided question involving passive euthanasia (allowing a patient to die by removing life support systems and/or treatment) and active voluntary euthanasia. The former is currently being practiced by some 42 states in the U.S. through the use of "living wills," written requests from patient to physician not to be put on life-support equipment—or to be taken off if—"if the patient is hopeless-ly ill and wants to die without further medical intervention. The latter, however, has not been accepted as lawful in the U.S.

Last year's Washington state initiative was the first vote in the world concerning active voluntary euthanasia," Humphry stated. Although the bill did not pass (only 46 percent of the electorate supported it and 51 percent was needed for passage), it demonstrated the power of the issue and paved the way for further legislation, according to Humphry. He is hopeful that the initiative in California's November 4 ballot will prove fruitful, "I feel there is a good chance that physician-assisted, active voluntary euthanasia will be passed into law there."

Humphry described doctors as the logical choice to assist in voluntary suicide. "A patient's physician knows best the diagnosis, how long the pain will continue and what drug can best be prescribed to end the suffering for good," he said.

While Humphry admitted that great strides have been made in pain-alleviating medical techniques, he argued that 15 percent of people who die do so in great pain. "Pain means much more to the patient than just physical discomfort," he said. "It also means loss of dignity, loss of control and reduction in the patient's quality of life."

Humphry said he realizes that not all doctors would find the practice of suicide and pain alleviating "right," and he proposed a "clear conscience" clause in which physicians could refuse to assist in the administration of the medication without giving any reason for doing so. "The patient would merely need to part company with the physician and look for help elsewhere," he said.

Humphry repeatedly emphasized that the Hemlock Society's goals are to secure legislation for the intelligent use of the procedures and concluded his comments by stating, "It's time to reform the law in an intelligent and sophisticated manner."

Maye, the author of "Physician's Covenant" and "The Patient's Ordinance," responded to Humphry by warning against what he called the "slippery slope." He used the Netherlands as an example of a system gone wrong. "Things started out legally, but soon regulatory bodies go into a situation in which incidents were not reported, investigations were not made and no real regulation or accountability existed," he said.

Sam R. Myers, the author of "Physician's Covenant," said, "We believe in the intelligent and compassionate use of medical procedures." He is opposed to the "clear conscience" clause. "The doctors are going to continue to do their job and the patients are going to continue to die," he said. "The only difference is that doctors are going to be prevented from doing the patient's work." Myers is opposed to the "clear conscience" clause, believes no change needs to be made in the law, and deems "unpopular" the idea of allowing doctors to prescribe medication to aid suicide. He said, "Ethical choices and social changes must be carefully considered before we permit a change in the law."

Dr. Chris Hackler, director of the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences' division of Medical Humanities and moderater of the forum, said, "I feel the passion of the proponents are very well-balanced and enjoyable. Both participants made good, strong points for their respective sides."

Maye said, "It was obvious that Humphry was basing his arguments on compassion and relief of suffering. His case goes well with our modern society in which individual academic rights are prized above all else."

"However, I think we learn valuable lessons through suffering," he continued. Alexander, who recently lost his father to a painful death, said, "Having witnessed someone having to die in extreme pain, I can see why active euthanasia would have popular appeal. But I don't wish to make ethical choices based on popular appeal." Eddins agreed with his associates that Humphry had popular appeal, whereas Maye had academic and moral appeal. He added, "It'll be interesting to see the results of the California referendum."
Pianist mixes visual art with music

by Tracey Johnson

Andrea Anderson's "Journey Into Impressionism" provided more than mere entertainment for her audience. Music and paintings from the Impressionist period were the focus of her March 26 presentation on the Harding campus.

Besides beautiful music performed on the piano and slides of great works of art, Anderson provided a small history lesson on each piece of music and painting and the artist who created it.

Anderson, who tours all over the country, said she has played the piano since she was three. All of her knowledge of art came from reading books on the great artists and their works. She attended Wichita State, Manhattan School of Music in New York and the Broadcasting School in New York and the Anderson School of Music in New York and the University of Southern California.

Anderson explained the thoughts and actions behind the paintings, then she performed a musical piece that seemed to go hand in hand with the art work. An explanation of the techniques used by the artists and musicians was also provided for the audience.

She used the slides and music to tell a brief history of the Impressionist movement as well as give a taste of what the movement produced. Impressionists identified with Classical artists in an effort to get away from Romanticism. While the Romantic period was characterised by very detailed and perfected work, the Impressionists painted very honestly with a true feeling of the subject of their works. There were very often criticized for their lack of detail.

Debussy and Ravel were the primary Impressionist composers. Their music was related to the painter's ideals and techniques. They preferred to use abstract sound to evoke images rather than spell out details.

The Impressionists were exposed to many sounds including American jazz, heard during the World's Fair held in Paris. Even though the artists of this time had many diverse musical and artistic influences, there is not much complexity seen in Impressionist music and art.

Anderson, who tours all over the country, wanted to offer a different presentation of the works of the Impressionists. She said she was amazed at how little most people know about the history and works of great musicians and artists. She wanted to provide a mix of both music and art with hopes of helping educate the next generation.

"Journey Into Impressionism" was a wonderful cultural experience that offered the chance to hear, as well as see the works of the generously talented artists of the period.

Rich Ross, a junior from Los Angeles, Calif., said, "It helped me appreciate all I have learned in my art and music appreciation classes."
Body builder finds success

by Michael Maro
Bison staff writer

What does a body builder, a pre-med major and a singer in the choir have in common? They are all the same person—Steve Milburn. Steve is a freshman from Mmissoula, Montana. When he is not studying, Steve is in the gym working on improving his body for competition.

Steve is not only a serious student but a serious body builder also. Steve entered his first body building competition (The Greater Arkansas Body Building Championship). Although it was Steve's first time in a competition he placed first in his class. Steve was entered in the teenage class competing against eight other men. Steve said that the number of competitors was larger than the other classes which usually only have about four or five. All the judges, except one, rated him first at the competition.

"I wasn't as nervous as some of the other contestants, even though it was my first show," Steve said. He added, "When you get out on stage the only thing you can think about is what pose comes next and to remember to keep all your muscles flexed."

Steve gives a lot of appreciation to Don Rose, Don helped Steve prepare for this competition by training him. The biggest way he helped was with his diet. "Diet is the hardest thing to control for me. I love to eat," said Steve. He consumes between 4,000 and 5,000 calories a day. "It isn't how much you eat; it is more of what you eat. I eat foods that are high in protein and carbohydrates and low in fat."

Most people don't believe Steve when he tells them he is a body builder. "It isn't about size as much but more about how defined each particular muscle is and how proportioned you are," said Steve. In fact the three areas mainly judged are size (as it relates to your frame), proportion and symmetry and overall appearance.

Steve said, "I am going to try to go as far as I can naturally but still try to keep it in balance with my studies and the rest of my life." Body building is as much mental as physical. The whole thing is about discipline and self-control.

The competition consisted of two shows: The first that morning, which was primarily for the judges, and the second show that evening was more for the audience. The first show the competitors came out and did a series of eight poses; then each one did a 60-second routine. Steve choreographed his own routine. He said the winner was pretty much decided in the morning show. The evening show was where the competitors put the routines to music and did a little more show business.

His next competition will be this summer and will be the last time he is eligible to compete in the teen class.

One of Steve's biggest influences is Arnold Schwarzenegger. "I like him because he has done something with his life. Not many people know that he also runs a company that deals with real estate and other business deals and real estate than in his movies. I hate that stereotypical brainless body builder," said Steve. "Diet because you are in some sport or work out people think that you are not smart."

Steve is involved in is carrying a 3.78 grade point average. He is sure that you can be this summer before the judges.

He is a member of VITA last year. "After the first one you start to have fun with it. It is nice to be able to talk and joke with a client that while you work."

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"It isn't cost efficient for a person to pay someone $30 or more to write up taxes. It is so good that we can help people," said Jennifer Kubala, a member of VITA and senior accounting major.

Like many of the members, Kubala mentioned the great experience students involved in VITA receive. "It is an opportunity for us to improve our social skills and acquaint us in dealing with a client."

"VITA certainly helped me a lot," replies Julie Huffman, satisfied customer and senior at Harding. "VITA already had all the forms I needed, which is good because I didn't know what I was supposed to do."

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Bison come from behind; win doubleheader over HSU

by Archie Shelton

The Bison baseball team used two come-from-behind victories to defeat the Henderson State Reddies last weekend at Jerry Moore Field.

In the first game, Archie Shelton’s single scored Randall Hunter for the game winning run as the Bisons defeated Henderson State 4-3.

The Reddies led 3-0 until the bottom of the fifth, when Harding exploded for four runs. Jason French led off with a single, and he advanced to second on a Henderson State error to close the gap to 3-2. The Bisons managed to score two more runs when the Henderson State second baseman misplayed Hunter’s pop fly. Trevor Black shut the Reddies down in the top of the seventh to secure the win.

The Bisons, 5-7 in conference play, will host Southern Arkansas University for more information.

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Bisons control courts; shut down Hendrix

by Myleena Hill

The Harding University men’s tennis team shut out Hendrix 9-0 at home Monday to move its Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference record to 3-0. The Bisons did not lose a set in the singles competition and dropped only one set in doubles play. Harding’s number one singles player Henben Gonzales outlasted his opponent in the opening set to win 7-5 and took the match with a 6-2 victory in the second set. Harding was never challenged in the match as only one other Hendrix player was able to win as many as four games in a set, and Harding’s players stayed in control of their matches.

The doubles competition was closer as Harding’s number one team of Gonzales and Juan Domínguez won 6-3, 7-5. Leo Bravo and Oscar Andrade, the Bisons’ number two doubles team, took a sound 6-1, 6-1 victory. Harding’s number three doubles team of Terry Childress and Zack Rader rallied for a 5-7, 6-6, 6-3 victory to complete the sweep. “We played better today,” Harding Coach David Elliott said. “We’ve beaten them 9-0 and 7-2, but today was the strongest we’ve looked against them.”

Lady Bisons undefeated in conference

by Myleena Hill

The Harding University women’s tennis team swept Henderson State University 9-0 at home Monday to remain undefeated in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference.

The Lady Bisons did not lose a set in improving their conference record to 5-0. Harding took command of the contest behind the play of its number one singles player Amy Whitaker, who won her match, 6-4, 6-1. Harding’s success continued as each player won without dropping a game. Tracy Crutch won her number-three singles match 6-4, 6-4, and teamed with Brooke Manasco in the number two doubles match for a 6-0, 6-0 Harding victory.
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