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Mellor elected 1994-95 SA president

by Christie Jandecka
Bison staff writer

The ballots have been counted, and the winner has been determined. Nathan Mellor is Harding’s new SA president.

Mellor won the office by collecting 65 percent of the vote in Wednesday’s election. The highest percentage received by anyone involved in a three-two vote getters are necessary. "There was not a need for a run-off this time because Nathan received more than 50 percent of the vote," Little said.

Mellor said he had a campaign team comprised of about thirty-five students who advertised using stickers, signs and flyers. "It was a very tough race because I was nervous the entire day, waiting to see what the results were. It was hard to believe that I won and even harder to believe that I got 65 percent of the vote," Mellor said.

Mellor also commented Little on his leadership. "Rich Little has done an excellent job as president, and I believe that it needs to continue," Mellor said.

Mellor said next year, he wants to work more closely with the SA committees, especially the Dorm Life, Spiritual Life and Food Service Committee, and the newly created Club Induction Committee.

The first committee Mellor said he would like to see more emphasis put on is the Dorm Life Committee. He said he would like to promote more devotional and prayer groups, using the RA’s as active communicators in the process. Mellor especially emphasized a need for more activity in Herbin Hall, one of the more notorious men’s dorms on campus and his current home.

Issues which will be discussed by the Spiritual Life Committee include moving the Lily Pool devotional to the new pedestrian mall being built by the university, and possibly getting more Harding students to be part of the devotional by bringing in more student groups as the Conquerors, an acting troupe, and some of Harding’s musical groups. Another idea Mellor discussed was the possibility of combining Fall Lecture Series which the Harding faculty and students will chair the committees.

The Food Service Committee will also continue working closely with ARA to improve service for the students.

Mellor said the new SA Induction Committee will definitely be added to next year’s roster of committees.

Michael Brooks, the newly-elected Vice President of the SA will chair the committee, he said. "This will be a very important committee because of the new induction process. It will help the transition from the old system to the new system go much smoother," Mellor said.

Mellor, a junior Bible major from Mobile, Ala., is a member of the Knights social club and was president for the 1993-94 school year. He is also president of the University Singers, and was a member of the Bison football team during his freshman and sophomore years. Mellor headed a campaign to Russia last year and is leading a group of 27 students back this summer.

Both of Mellor’s parents are Harding alumni and his brother, Matthew, is a senior at Harding this year.

In other races Wednesday, Michael Brooks was elected SA vice president. Brooks is a junior Economics major and a member of the TNT social club. He has been president of his class for three years and has served on various SA committees. This year he ran unopposed.

Also running unopposed was SA secretary-elect Stephanie Neff. Neff is a junior from Parker, Colo., who is studying communication disorders. She

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1994 Petit Jean dedicated in chapel

by Laura McFarland
Bison staff writer

The 1994 edition of the Petit Jean was presented in chapel today. The theme of this year’s book is “Building on a Firm Foundation.”

The book was formally dedicated to Monte Cox, visiting professor of missions and director of Mission Prep, for his endless dedication to service at Harding University. Cox is a 1981 Harding graduate who spent almost a decade in Africa, carrying out mission work. Cox and his wife, Beth, have three children - Rachel, Joel and Sarah.

The book has a maroon cover with a linear grain and custom embossing and the theme is printed in silver foil. Put together by an editorial staff of 10, along with 14 copywriters and seven

1994 Petit Jean dedicated in chapel

Monte Cox

Several staff members went to Topeka, Kan., to tour the Josten’s plant where the yearbook was published. See Yearbook, page 3, column 3
Editorial

This is the final edition of the Bison this year. It has been a learning experience for all of us up here in the Bison office. Long days and late nights have been quite common. As Editor, I want to thank everyone who has worked to put out the paper this year. A newspaper is an important element of communication within a community. We have done our best to provide a quality paper for you. We appreciate those of you who have sent letters to the editor or contributed in other ways to the paper. I also appreciate those of you who have taken the time to read my weekly ramblings about the world.

In writing this, I realize that parting statements are a touchy matter because there is no chance to come back next week and correct or modify what is said. Nevertheless, I offer this analysis of my education here.

Not only am I ending my time as editor, I am preparing to graduate from this school and go on to something else. As I leave and look back on the education that I have received here, I realize that I am blessed to have had all the opportunities and experiences I have had. To have had the opportunity to learn from teachers like Dr. Long, Dr. Garner, Dr. Walters, Dr. Allen, Mr. Woodroof and others has been a tremendous inspiration to me. The opportunity to go to HUF and travel around Europe was invaluable. There are many other things to commend, as well. There is, however, a weakness in the educational experience here.

A weakness in the educational experience described as a conservative version of political correctness. Many of the speakers who have come here have decried the prevalence of the liberal version of this phenomenon on other campuses. Yet, while we stand and applaud them for criticizing the liberal practitioners of this trend, we don’t realize that our words might also apply to us. Listen to the words of a pamphlet which was available on the display table in the lobby of the Heritage for a while and see how they cut both ways.

Walking with ideas and different points of view is the very essence of what the university is all about... A university dominated by a liberal-left orthodoxy, however ethically homogeneous, is the antithesis of diversity... Increasingly, faculty members and administrators see the merit in teaching students what to think rather than how to think... Free speech goes to the core of the American promise of freedom and liberty. At Harding we all claim to support the rights and values so essential to our freedoms. Being quite conservative, we quickly see the danger of only permitting the liberal side of an argument to be heard at other schools, but don’t see the same danger when we only tolerate the conservative side. It is a challenge for an institution which has religious affiliations to balance its dual role as a market place of ideas and a place of religious instruction. In order for Harding to better fulfill its role as a university, it must become more of a marketplace (where, theoretically, the truth will win anyway) where we learn the vital skills of how to think critically and independently.

Walking Barefoot

by Carolyn Holmes

It was a perfect Sunday afternoon. The sun was on high beam, the grass freshly spray painted, and the white, pink and purple flowers still blossoming in the wake of Spring Sing. It was barely necessary to voice it, for my roommates and I all knew what had to be done. We’d waited all winter, with muddy, rain-soaked shoes and soggy foul-smelling socks. We’d patiently endured turtlenecks and bulky sweaters, broken umbrellas and ankle-deep puddles. But at last, the sky wasn’t gray anymore. Nothing on earth was holding us back. Still in our comfy floral dresses, we threw off our shoes, peeled off our hose, and ran outside. It was time to go walking barefoot.

We got a few strange looks, prancing around campus so frivolously. Not everyone understands the freedom walking barefoot brings. Maybe some of them have never tried it. You know people like that. They go to the beach with it’s incredible pathway of soft, sparkling white sand, and they walk it’s length with their shoes on. Don’t want to get the car all sandy. They reach the water, swishing their feet in. Don’t want to catch a cold. You can certainly walk barefoot brings, but at last, the sky wasn’t gray anymore. Nothing on earth was holding us back. Still in our comfy floral dresses, we threw off our shoes, peeled off our hose, and ran outside. It was time to go walking barefoot. We got a few strange looks, prancing around campus so frivolously. Not everyone understands the freedom.

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Some people’s lives are full of “don’ts.” They live in constant fear of consequences, almost to the point where the only joy is sucked out of being alive. Someone might think I’m strange. Someone might not approve. I might get hurt.

Bison Policy

The Bison is a campus newspaper written, edited and largely financed by students, seeking to meet the needs of the campus. The editors subscribe to no particular political or social bias and recognize the responsibility of accuracy, fairness and objectivity. Being an organ of a Christian university, the Bison subscribes to the goal of upholding Christian ideals and standards while remaining the experts of non-denominational objectivity which characterizes journalistic excellence.

Existing primarily for the student populace, the Bison acts as a forum for student perspectives. It welcomes letters to the editor and guest columns which adhere to professional standards of ethics. Letters intended for publication should be signed and should not exceed 300 words. Permission or ownership letters will not be considered, though an author’s name may be withheld from publication upon request. Submissions should be mailed to the Bison at campus box 1154 or brought to the office on the second floor of the Marlow Student Center by 5 p.m. Monday. The staff reserves the right to edit submissions for space requirements. Unsubscribed manuscripts will not be returned.
Dear Editor,

I had the pleasure of attending the American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series on April 14 to hear former Vice President Dan Quayle’s message. However, when discussing the healing care issue, he said something I found to be grossly uninformed at best.

He addressed the fact that there has been much talk lately about the Canadian health care system. He explained that the only reason the Canadian system works is that eighty-five percent of the Canadian population lives within 100 miles of the United States border. When Canadians get really sick, they come to the U.S. for medical care. The exact statement was quoted in the April 22 issue of The Bison. The overwhelmingly conservative crowd responded well to his comment through applause.

In the interest of fairness, I would strongly question both his statement’s accuracy and his judgement of the Canadian system. As living in growing up in Canada, I can attest that it is a modern, high quality, efficient, and universally available system. I have never been aware of any relative or friend having to go to the U.S. to receive medical care. There have been cases where a patient was in need of specialized medical attention, and the only doctor able to perform this type of surgery was in Boston or Buffalo or some other city in the U.S. Additionally, Canadians have a private health insurance plan where a patient is in need of immediate specialized medical attention. In these situations, it is in the best interest of the patient to move them across the border in order for them to receive life-saving treatment. However, there have also been situations involving the movement of patients from the U.S. to Canada for similar treatment. These new matters are instances of expediency, not evidence of disparity between the two systems.

Conservatism to public opinion, Canadians does not have socialized medicine, but rather operates under a single-payer system. The doctors work for them selves in competition with each other. Patients choose their own doctor, who bills the government for medical services rendered. The system is simple and efficient. According to the Canadian Embassy in Washington D.C., administrative costs account for 8 to 11 percent of total health care expenditure in Canada, roughly half the 19 to 24 percent spent in the U.S. on health care administration. In 1991, the Canadian government spent a total of $2,110 per capita on health care (about 13% of GDP). The quality of the system is evidenced by both a higher life expectancy and a lower infant mortality rate than the U.S.

There are many issues to be discussed and questions to be raised now that health care reform is on the forefront. However, the generalization systems in other countries only serve as a detriment to the system.

Joel M. DeYoung
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Dear Editor,

Not long after the infamous 1977 incident in Little Rock when Governor Faubus sent National Guard troops to block the entry of several black students who had a court order to integrate Central High School, the governor spoke at Harding College.

Upon entering the auditorium, I received a standing ovation from the audience. Since I grossly disagreed with his political actions, I decided to join my fellow faculty members and students by standing. When the nearby friend explained to me that the governor did not have her approval either but that she felt compelled to show respect for the office of governor.

Whether I followed the right course I am still uncertain, but I was reminded of the Spirit’s command through the apostle Peter to "show proper respect to everyone... honor the king." Last Sunday I watched a newsman on the American Studies program March 24, dealing with my favorite sports - basketball. Similarly reminded worshipers at the College church that Christians have a duty to show proper respect to "every authority instituted among men, even though that authority may be misused at times.

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Today when Christians decry the lack of respect for parental, school, and civil authority, let us all be careful we do not set a bad example for those watching us with our comments and jokes regarding our highest elected officials and their families.

Ann Sewell
Retired Harding University

Letters to the Editor

Book Review: Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

by Victor McCloud

What makes art good? What makes a painting by Rembrandt a masterpiece, a short story by Hemingway a classic, a freshman composition a quality paper? How can one know the difference between what is good and what is merely average? For lie to be former or anyone to answer these questions in a 350 page book (or for that matter, a 500 book review). Nevertheless, Robert Pirsig in his book Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance attempts to do just that; explore and expose the "photon" and its"synchronization" of the motorcycle. And he does it while riding at Harley." Sayings "western metaphysical nothingness". In short, the western mind will approach any subject from one of two perspectives: either classically or romantically. Classicists are the scientists, those who break subjects down to their essential components. Romanticists are the artists, those who concentrate on the whole object, the feelings it gives to the observer. These two approaches have been split in our culture to the point they are seemingly contradictory and incomparable. And these two approaches Pirsig "deconstructs", exploring and exposing the differences and differences.

Says Pirsig, "the study of the art of motorcycle maintenance really a miniature study of the art of national identity itself." Thus Pirsig takes the reader on a journey through the workings of the motorcycle engine. The classicists break down the motorcycle into its various working systems. The romanticists concentrate on the feeling and appearance of the motorcycle. Pirsig concludes that this split is a major problem, for it does not allow us go get closer to an understanding of eternal values (e.g. what is good, what is "quality," what gives a motorcycle real value?). Without reconciliation, the essential nature of the problem is distorted.

If Zen were just another post-modern critique of the west, it would be nothing new. But Zen is so much more. The literary technique is masterful. The plot is gripping. Pirsig’s ideas, while abstract, are well conveyed by his concrete examples and lucid prose. Pirsig is a convincing stylist who is able to present his views forcibly. He challenges the prevailing view in a way that demands careful thought from those of us inebriated in western tradition.

There is so a solution to the problem? According to Pirsig the solution is nothing less than a radical departure from our traditional logical system and a acceptance of the mystical strategies of Zen Buddhism. By abandoning the failed system and replacing it with a more wholistic, new age system, people may come more in tune with the essential "quality" that is found in all things. Thus, Pirsig attacks the western tradition and urges the reader to find solace in the mysticisms of Eastern thought.

As a student submerged in western traditionalism, I find myself agreeing with Pirsig's perception of the problems of western rationality. As Christian, however, I find Pirsig's solution matricial and as problematic as it is tempting. With relation only for more unified understanding of values? I will an overview of 2000 years of tradition truly solve the fragmentation of western consciousness? I'm skeptical. Nevertheless, Pirsig presents a challenge to those of us too caught up in the system to realize the faults therein. What more can I say? READ THIS BOOK. You may learn a little about our western metaphysics.

You may also learn a little about motorcycles in the process.

Yearbook presented in chapel

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"When we got there they already had a cover proof all done," Baine said. "It was great to see on the other end what it takes to put a book together after we get all our work done." Another fun moment," he said, "was our first deadline. Baine said there was a picture of some one that they were using, but no one knew what it was. Some of the staff was working late that night in the student center, but the rest of the team was in Boston or Buffalo or some other city in the U.S.

And these two sceneries, it is in the best interest of the progressive. When they returned to the student center, however, they found who had been scheduled to "do the job," he said, "We had to call him up and ask for help." When they returned to the student center, however, they found who had been scheduled to "do the job," he said, "We had to call him up and ask for help."

The Staff worked hard on the book and made all of their deadlines. Baine said they had only to stay up all night two or three times.

A highlighted moment was the Petticoat Service Award. This year’s recipient was Kappa Sigma Kappa Pippin, who was recognized for their outstanding service to a local elderly couple who own a candy store. The club was also recognized for the founding of the "Friends of Eric Jenkins Foundation." The club took up contributions during pledge week, did all kinds of yard work for pay and purchased a Friday movie, putting all of the proceeds back into the foundation.

Northwood’s Spring Festival was held Monday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 3, in Student Center Room 236 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Student ID’s are required to pick up your book. Those who have only been enrolled for one semester of the 93-94 school year will be asked to pay $2.50 for their book.

Election

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is also a member of the Zeta Beta social club. Marquis Jackson, a sophomore, was elected SA treasurer. This marks Jackson’s second year of involvement with the S.A. This year, he served as the sophomore men’s representative. Jackson also organized the I.P.S. music contest held during “Friends Week” this year. "All this hard work paid off and I’m really looking forward to next year," Jackson said.

Today, there will be a run-off between Chris Turner and Billy Johnson. Turner, the junior men’s representative, and a run-off to also determine the sophomore men’s representative, is running for the position of vice-president.

On Tuesday, May 2, the Student Government Board held elections, which effectively make the student government board in charge. The new board will consist of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three at-large members.

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South Africa ends years of apartheid with all-race elections

Voting began in South Africa’s historic all-race elections Tuesday. The elections, which continued until yesterday, are expected to bring the African National Congress to power, with the ouster of apartheid leader Nelson Mandela to the presidency. F.W. de Klerk, the current president and leader of the national party, expects to be a vice-president.

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Professors honored with Distinguished Teacher Awards
by Georgia Choate

Dr. Tony Finley, associate professor of education, Dr. Mike Plummer, professor of biology and Dr. Jan Morgan, assistant professor of education, have been selected as this year's recipients of the Distinguished Teacher Award. The announcement of the winners, along with the presentation of framed certificates and $1,000 checks, were made in chapel yesterday.

Finley, who is currently serving as the coordinator of the state's K-4 Crusade (a multi-million program which emphasizes the teaching of mathematics, science and reading in kindergarten through fourth grade), "It [the award] is just one of the many things which motivate teachers to do a good job. I think it gives the teacher another goal to strive for. [But] the honor is really the main part." Finley said a lot of the honor comes from knowing that your students and faculty peers were the ones primarily responsible for your selection.

Plummer served as chair of the Department of Biology from 1985-1991 and is a recognized authority on green snakes. He recently spent time in Australia continuing his research. Plummer said the award came as a real surprise. "I can use the money," he said. "It's going to go for a graduation gift for my daughter, who graduated here in the fall." Morgan received her doctorate from Memphis State earlier this year and begins serving as chair of elementary and special education in Harding's School of Education this fall.

Nominees for the Distinguished Teacher Award are determined by faculty recommendations, nominations made by the Student Association (3) and in-class evaluations provided by students (the ten highest-scoring instructors automatically become nominees). Scholarly activity, professional service and community involvement are also taken into consideration.

Winners of the Distinguished Teacher Award are selected based upon seven categories, with each category being assigned a percentage which represents its overall weight in the decision-making process. The seven categories and corresponding worth, in percentages, are:

- In-class evaluations: 45 percent
- Written comments: 10 percent
- Evaluations by seniors in the major: 10 percent
- Professional service: 15 percent
- Scholarly activity: 10 percent
- Involvement in service organizations: 5 percent
- Other: 5 percent

The department of academic affairs, a faculty member must have teaching at Harding for at least five years and must be carrying a minimum teaching load of six hours, to be eligible for the award. An instructor may only win once every five years until they have won three times, at which time they are awarded the title of Distinguished Professor and retired from the running.

Other nominees for this year's award included: Tom Alexander, Kathryn Campbell, Cliff Gann III, Bill Hollaway, Kathy Howard, Mike James, Wyatt Jones, Helen Lambert, Wilt Martin, Lambert Murray, Dennis Organ, Joanne Peck, Paul Pitt, Carolyn Priest, Bob Reely, Jack Thomas, Betty Watson and Rebecca Weaver.

Club Induction reforms pass Executive Committee
by Tim Stanley

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the recommendation of the ad hoc committee on the club induction process on Thursday at their regular meeting.

According to President Burks, the Committee approved his recommendation that the plan be adopted "in principle for the fall semester of 1994." Burks said he believes the "successful implementation of this new approach has a possibility of greatly enhancing the positive value associated with social clubs at Harding." He said, "The change, on the part of the Interclub Council, the student body in general, the SA and the faculty is that the new report represents a good, positive plan which would allow for an excellent process for inducting new members into social clubs." Burks commended the members of the ad hoc committee for their "serious and thorough study" of the induction process. He said, "I am appreciative of the diligent way in which members of the committee looked at the entire process in an objective manner."

When the newly proposed changes for club inductions were announced two weeks ago, some questions arose, initially, as to how they would be received. As news of the plan has circulated throughout the Harding community, however, many of those questions have been put quietly to rest. Early indications have shown the campus to be, in general, highly receptive to the new plan.

SA President Rich Little said, "I've gotten a lot of good, very positive feedback from students about the recommendations. In fact, all the students that have approached me about it have approved of it and either wanted to accept it in its entirety or, at least, in part. And they have all agreed that the changes were needed. "I think the committee should be commended. The goals and objectives outlined in the plan are excellent and are all done with the betterment of the students in mind. I think that this change was inevitable and I have been expecting it for some time," Little said.

Don Neal, who served on the committee that devised the plan, said, "The response has been very positive overall. Some people have been concerned about small details and how they will be worked out, but nobody's really been opposed to it. I think everybody agrees with the philosophy and the goals behind it. It's not so much the recommendations that I think are most important anyway. It's the philosophy and the goals behind the plan that really deserves support.""I've just hope everyone will be open-minded about next year's inductions."

Deans of Students John Gardner has also observed the receptive climate around campus. "The response and input we have received has been very positive overall. There may be a little apprehension, however, a little fear of the unknown, since we are dealing with something new. And there will probably be some modification to areas of the plan based on recommendations we have received," he said. Gardner noted that several questions had been raised concerning the rush phase outlined in the report.

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Little assesses year as SA president

by Todd Stewart
Bison staff writer

As the semester draws to a close, so does Rich Little's term as Student Association presi­
dent. Little said he is proud of what he has ac­complished this year and was glad to serve as SA president. Little, who is a Bible major from Brisbane, Austrailia, will graduate in May but plans to return in the fall to begin graduate work in speech and communication.

Little attributes the success of his term to the students and their hard work and dedica­tion throughout the year. He said he focused the year on service to God and service to others. "The Flood Relief Project that we participated in last semester, which involved more than 700 students, is the most memo­rable service project," Little said. "I was impressed with the willingness of so many students who came together and wanted to serve those who really needed help."

Little and the SA organized and sponsored many other service-oriented activities this year, including: the Christmas Project - which in­volved working with the local SCAN office, in which social clubs donated toys to needy children; the raising of money to buy Bibles for native missionaries; the raising of funds to provide children in Africa with an education; Spring Break Campaigns, in which 187 stu­dents participated; and the Harding-OBU combined service project.

Another big success this year, Little said, was the Open Forum. "The two items I pro­posed to the administration were both ac­cepted, those being the initiation of a 12-meal plan and the progression of late minutes." The success of the Open Forum, he said, encour­aged students to contact their representatives and allowed them to establish a more open line of communication between them and the ad­ministration.

Ryan Sheppard, a freshman from Gaines, Meh., said, "I think Rich has done an excel­lent job. He really found out what the students wanted and needed and then he worked to get it done."

Little said he enjoyed working on many activities this year, including "1964 as the Beatles," Restless Heart, the watermelon party, open house, movies on the lawn, lip sync contests, Homecoming, Student Lectureships and International Student Week.

Little feels that this year was a success. "I would like to have seen prayer in the cafeteria carried through, but the logistics just didn't make that effort possible." Little said he spent many sleepless nights organizing projects to make sure that they were a complete success. "Voluntary help is always difficult to come by. You always end up doing a lot of stuff yourself," Little said.

Little said the successful year would not have been possible without the help of five people, namely, Dr. Jerome Barnes, Dwight and Barby Smith and Terry Davis and his roommate, Lee Langdon. Little credited those individuals with being his primary motivation and support. "They always kept me going. Lee provided incredible strength and support and I really appreciate his friendship."

Little said he enjoyed working with and getting to know Dr. Burks, and he valued their great friendship. "He has helped me to grow and he has been a huge asset to my life," Little said.

Little said his advice to his successor is, "First, keep your relationship with the Lord strong, and second, keep as your primary goal, student relations, and encourage service to God and service to one another."

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Academic awards

honor top students

by Amy Pruell
Bison staff writer

The 1993-94 Student Achievement Awards were announced in chapel Tuesday. The awards are presented by 16 departments. Contributing factors which aid in the final decision of who receives the awards are GPA and contributions from the student to their chosen field. "There are no specific qualifications for the student to receive the award," Dr. Neal Pryor, vice presi­dent of Harding, said. "The faculty just picks the one they feel is most deserving."

The faculty members in each department select nominees and then vote to determine the recipient. In the past, winners were simply recognized in chapel. There were also more awards given previously because there was a bigger breakdown within the 16 departments. "In the past we have had some majors not represented," Pryor said. The 1993-94 award-winners are: Art - John Thomas Parish from Albuquerque, New Mex.; Behavioral Science - Susan K. Paul from LaPonte, Ind.; Bible - Richard Daniel Matthews from Woodlands, Texas; Biology - Jennifer Sims from Searcy; Business - Christy Coons from Longwood, Fla.; Communications - Ethan E. Brown from Coralville, Ind.; Education - Kara Clark from Salina, Kansas; English - Laura Rebecca Rice from Searcy;

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Above: More than 500 students participated in the flood relief project sponsored by the SA. (photo by Michael Bass) Below left: Pledge week was a busy time for many freshmen. Below right: Dan Quayle spoke to an overflow crowd as part of this year’s American Studies program. (photos by Jason Burt)

Below left: The university announced two new international programs. (photo by Scott Baine) Below right: Spring Sing was a hit again this year, attracting a large audience.

Above: Students enjoyed the wintry weather which caused classes to be cancelled. (photo by Jason Burt)
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Images of the year

Top: Pledges dressed up for Silly Day for the last time due to changes in the club induction process. Above: The $7 million McInteer Bible and World Missions Center has been under construction all year. It is due to be completed in August. Below: the Spring Sing performances involved nearly one-third of the student body. (photos by Jason Burt)
OLYMPIC DIVERS? Students stand at the top of the cliffs at Heber as another jumps into the water. When the weather gets warm, many students head to Heber to cool off and relax. (Photo by Jason Burt)

Heber offers escape from pressure

by Mavenee May
Bison staff writer

I guess I can understand why people say you shouldn’t throw things off of the Empire State Building. But what about little bits of cheese? They probably break down into their various gases before they even hit the ground. This is the deep thought I was pondering the other day during bible class, and that’s when I realized that I had spring fever — that zany urge to run screaming to the wind so I can make that last minute push. After church, I was cooped up all winter, I’ve got to get out. It’s like Heber because it’s outdoors,” he said. “After I’ve been cooped up all winter, I’ve got to get out. It’s the rush of the wind in my face as I speed across the lake on my water skis. It’s very exhilarating.”

Ryan Butterfield, a freshman from Searcy, also enjoys an occasional trip to Heber. “I like Heber because it’s outdoors,” he said. “I just tie my rope to a tree, wrap it around another tree, get my nylon webbing and my D-shaped carabiner and I’m ready.”

William Markart, a junior from Memphis, enjoys the Heberesque springtime and can, on occasion, be seen tied to the end of a rope, dangling off of nearby Sugarloaf Mountain. “Rapelling off of Sugarloaf is great because there’s so much cliff before you get to the tree line that you can see for miles. I just tie my rope to a tree, wrap it around another tree, get my nylon webbing and my D-shaped carabiner and I’m ready. We have cook-outs, we go swimming and we had church services up there one Sunday,” he said.

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Charles Lincks, a senior Bible major from Skiatook, Okla., didn’t think education was im-
portant as a teenager and dropped out of high
school at the beginning of his sophomore year.
Now, at age 39, he’s about to graduate with
honors from Harding. His changed opinion about
education was summed up in an English paper he
wrote about 18 months ago: “It’s great!”

Lincks went into the spring semester, but GPA was
3.6. He’s had to study longer and harder than
most students. “I was up till 1 or 2 a.m. until I
learned to study,” he said recently. “Dropping
out of school after the ninth grade, I didn’t have
any study skills.”

English, algebra and biology have been es-
pecially hard for him. “I had to use Cliff notes and
extra texts to keep
up,” he said.

No one in his family had finished high school.
Problems at home—his parents were divorced
when he was 3, and his stepfather was an alco-
holic—made him want to be on his own.

He was making $1.85 an hour washing dishes or
pumping gas after school when he decided to
drop out. At 18, he got a machinist’s job, which
was important for both financial and spiritual
reasons. A Christian co-worker led him to Christ
in 1974. “My life began to change for the better,”
Lincks said.

At 21, he was making as much money as any
one in his family. “To them, it seemed that I had
reached the top,” he said, “but I had to ask myself,
‘The top of what?’ I decided a little more educa-
tion might not hurt, and eventually I got my
General Education Certificate.”

At 23, he married Billye, now an accounts
clerk at the Harding University Bookstore. When
they met, she was a high school senior working in
the drugstore where Lincks went to buy ciga-
rettes.

“He fell in love with my family,” Billye said.
“My family was close knit, and Charles was not.
My father believed in Charles and encouraged us
to get married soon after we began to date. He
died while we were on our honeymoon.”

The Linckses’ only child, Bill, born in 1979,
was named for her father. His birth was a turning
point in Lincks’ spiritual development. He had
been struggling with the concept of God as a
loving Heavenly Father and had stopped going to
church.

“I saw God as a God of wrath and not of love,”
he said. “This changed with the birth of my son.
I saw how much I loved him, and realized that
God was capable of loving me more than I was
able to love my own son.

He went back to church with a strong com-
mmitment. At first, he worked with small children;
then he began to preach, at the same time work-
ing as a machinist or running his own business.

Before coming to Harding in 1990, Lincks
worked with the young people at the Memorial
Drive church in Tulsa. That church and a Chris-
tian couple in Skiatook made it possible for the
Lincks to quit their jobs so that Charles could
enter the Biblical Studies program.

They were planning to do mission work after
two years. They picked Romania as their field,
and in the summer of 1992 went on a three-week
campaign there.

They came home for Charles to graduate in
August and raise support for the family to return
to Romania in September. But the support didn’t
come in, and encouraged by faculty members,
they decided to stay at Harding another semester
while Charles worked on support and started a
B.A.

They had sold their furniture, appliances and
some clothes in four garage sales in the summer.
So they spent the fall of ‘92 and 1993 in the
furnished married students’ apartments. (Since
January I, they have been living in Bible profes-
sor Van Tate’s home while the Tates are in
Romania.)

While trying to raise support that fall, Lincks
developed diverticulitis. His doctor said, “stress
is killing you. Cut it out!” The family decided to
put mission work on hold and let Charles finish
his B.A. and let Bill finish at the Academy.

During the semester, Charles interned on
Thursdays as a chaplain at the Baptist Medical
Center in Little Rock. He found he enjoyed
ministering to patients.

“He would come home on Thursday nights
like a new person,” Billye said.

If the door to mission work stays closed,
Lincks wants to be a hospital chaplain. He would
be paid by the hospital, have time to help a
congregation, and the mission funds he and his
family would have needed could be used by
someone else.

This change of plans will require a master’s
degree, and he is planning to commute to the
Harding campus in Memphis. It will also require
certification by the College of Chaplains, which
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SUCCESS AT LAST. Charles Lincks sits in the Harding bookstore sharing his experiences and enjoying life at the moment. Lincks, a former high school drop-out, will graduate this May with honors with a B.A. in Bible.

Lead actors for ‘94 musical selected

The lead actors for the 1994 Homecoming musical, West Side Story, were selected Wednesday
day after three days of auditions. According to
Cindy Stockstill, the five lead actors were se-
lected from among 30-35 people who audi-
tioned for the roles.

The lead actors are Shane Jackson playing
Tony, Jessica Pells playing Maria, Christine
Cox as Anita, Steve Curo as Bernardo and
Jamie Ireland playing Riff.

The five will practice their parts individu-
ally during the summer and will meet during
Music Camp in August to work with Robin
Miller and Mark Hudson. Miller is directing the
production. Hudson is the music director.

The rest of the cast will be filled out during
auditions the first couple of weeks of the fall
semester.

According to Miller, the musical, which will
be performed October 27-29, 1994, is about
forbidden love. The original musical by Leonard
Bernstein is based on the story of Romeo and
Juliet.

It is the story of two people who are caught in
an environment where there are rival gangs
fighting for turf. Tony, who is trying to get out of
his gang joins them on one last occasion, and
meets and falls in love with the sister of the
leader of rival gang. The story examines their
struggle to rise above their environment.

Miller said that this performance will focus on
the relationships in the story. He said, “Every
audience has its own set of values and its own
set of eyes. Relationships is something that this
audience can understand. It is something they
have an acute awareness of.”
ARA announces winners of General Mills scholarships

by Candace Oyena
Bison staff writer.

Russell Westman, a sophomore from White Bear Lake, Minn., Brian Rankin, a senior from St. Cloud, Minn., Jennifer Schultheisz, a sophomore from Salem, Ohio and Melissa Albright, a sophomore from Washhaw, N.C., have been named the first recipients of a $500 scholarship sponsored by General Mills, Inc. General Mills will also be providing scholarships for the Spring '95 semester.

Ron Behm, national sales manager for General Mills' Foodservice Division, said, "We developed the scholarship program as a way to support education, and to give back to the students who select General Mills brands in their school cafeteria line."

Scholarship recipients were chosen from among students who work for ARA, with selections based on whether or not the students would be returning in the fall and their overall work performance. The winners were announced Tuesday night at the annual ARA luncheon.

Last fall, more than 400 colleges and universities signed up to take part in the Foodservice Scholarship Program. Any school in the U.S. which regularly offers General Mills cereals and other products on its food service menu, was eligible to participate, subject to minimum orders. Participants were required to establish a deposit fund which complied with their school financial aid policies as well as state or school board regulations. Harding was the largest scholarship recipient in Arkansas among those with ARA accounts.

Scholarship recipients were:

Burt Harding, a sophomore from Waxhaw, N.C., will deliver the graduation address on May 14.

Jenifer Jones married Susan Cox of Cordell in 1971, and the couple has two children - Jennifer and Mitch.

As a professional engineer, Jones has received numerous honors and awards, including a superior service award which he received in Washington, D.C., in 1980. He was also named the Distinguished Young Agricultural Engineer for the Southern Region of the United States in 1984. Jones has appeared on several television and radio programs and has been featured in newspapers and magazines.

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Jones began preaching at the Eighth and Maine Church of Christ in Enid, Okla., in 1982. In 1988, he began serving as pulpit minister for the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas and held that position until he became president of Lubbock Christian University in May, 1993. In addition to serving as president of LCU, he is also a frequent pulpit speaker and is actively involved in various gospel meetings, workshops and leadership seminars.

MEET THE BISONS

Ruben Gonzalez
#3 SEED: Tennis team

Hometown: Puebla, Mexico

Most Admired Person - Ruben Gonzalez Sr. (Father)

Favorite Athlete - Pele (Soccer Player)

Favorite Team(s) - Mexican National Soccer Team, New York Giants, Texas Rangers.

Most Embarrassing Moment -

When Ruben was a senior in high school he fell in love with one of his friends. He was in love with her but she didn't know how he felt about her. On their senior trip Ruben and his friend sat together on the bus. It was a long trip and Ruben fell asleep next to her. While he was asleep, Ruben began telling her how he was so in love with her and other things which concerned them. She heard everything that he said. Since that time they are no longer friends. Ruben didn't know what he had done until one of her friends told him what he had said while talking in his sleep.

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Bisons basketball coach, player heading to Denmark

by Kenny Hightower
Bison Sports Editor

When the sun sets on those lazy evenings next fall, basketball standout Tony Marion and Graduate Assistant Coach David James will be staring at foreign skies. James, an All-AIC standout in his final two years as a Bison, has signed on as the head coach of a Danish team, in their version of the NBA. "I feel that this is a great opportunity and will be a good educational experience for me as well," James said.

The ink had not dried on James' contract before he went to work, trying to strengthen his new team. He didn't have to look far to find an outstanding player. The senior sensation, Tony Marion, signed a one-year contract to play for James. "I'm happy about going over to Denmark," Marion said. "I'm glad that David will be the coach because I know exactly what to expect from him. We have a good relationship with each other and I'm glad to be playing under him."

Marion led the Bisons in scoring this season, averaging 18.7 points a game. Marion led the Bisons in many offensive categories but also proved to be a force defensively. "It will be a joy for me to have the type of player who possesses as many good qualities as Tony does," James said. "He should do very well in this league. Maybe some other scouts will get a chance to see him play and maybe his career will go even farther," he added.

James will have his hands full this fall because he will be coaching a men's team, a women's team, and also a junior club team. "It will be a lot of work at first, but I think once I get over there and get started, it probably won't seem like a lot," James said.

James, who was a part of the only Harding team to ever win a District 17 championship in basketball, will also try to relive some of those glory days as a player in a 30-and-older league. "I'm trying to get back into the shape I was in when I played at Harding," James said. "Hopefully, I will go over there and do well."
Lady Bisons win District 17 tennis tourney

Lady Bisons sweep all nine brackets in finals without losing a set

The Lady Bisons tennis team won the NAIA District 17 Tennis tournament 6-0, scoring the maximum number of points possible without losing a set. Harding, the 1993 NAIA women’s champion, will again represent District 17 in the National tournament, which will be held in Tulsa, Okla., May 23-29.

Coach David Elliott’s team has only been in existence for three years and they have won both the AIC and District 17 titles the last two years. Their first year, they finished in second place behind UCA in both the AIC and District 17 tournaments.

“I am very pleased with what our women’s team has accomplished in just three years. We played well in the AIC and in District 17 competition,” Elliott said.

Kaz Rojas, the number-one seed defeated Dita Kopecna 6-1, 6-4. “Alicia beat Dita Kopecna from Quachita for the first time this year and I was not surprised,” Elliott said. “She is a very competitive little girl and she is able to do what she needs to do to win. She always draws a bigger, and usually stronger, opponent but she fights like a tiger and never gives up.”

Other winners who will be participating in the national tournament are Jessica Ruiz, Beatriz Arviza, Claudia Cordera, Claudia Navarro and Melody Miller. “In the nationals we’re shooting for another berth,” Elliott said. “But this is a competitive group and I won’t tell them short.”

In doubles competition, the three Harding duos of Rojas-Ruiz, Arviza-Cordera and Navarro-Miller won their matches in straight sets.

Harding’s dual meet record is now 19-4 for the year and a perfect 3-0 in the AIC.

Meet the Bisons

Claudia Cordera
#4 Seed: Tennis team

Hometown: Cordoba, Veracruz,
Mexico
Most Admired Person: Rodolfo
and Lourdes Cordera (Parents)
Favorite Athlete: Andre Agassi

Most Embarrassing Moment:
Claudia has been playing tennis for a long time. When she was twelve years old, she qualified to play in the national tennis tournament. In one of her matches she faced a very tough opponent who took her down to the wire. While they were playing the tie-breaker of the third set, Claudia felt her tennis skirt fall down. Because of the importance of the point, she decided it would be better to go on playing until the point was decided.

She continued to play and won both the point and the match. Once the point had been decided, she quietly picked up her skirt and put it back on.

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April 29 at 7:00 and 9:30, April 30 at 8:00 in the Benson. Admission: $2