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Regina recognizes Ort and Mathews for spirit

by Emily McMackin
Regina staff writer

Seniors Faith Ort and Danny Mathews have been selected to receive the Regina Spirit award for 1994-95. Given each year, this award honors two outstanding seniors who reflect Christian ideals and servanthood in their daily lives.

Ort, a Bible major from Vancouver, Wash., and Mathews, a Bible and math major from Houston, Texas, were selected by the senior class from a list of candidates nominated by the senior members of Regina social club.

According to Mathews, Ort demonstrates a willingness to be a servant for God and is a good example of what a Christian woman can do in God's service. "I feel very humbled to receive this honor," Ort said. She believes the greatest influences in her life have been her parents and her sister. "My sister, who is involved in mission work, is a special role model to me because I respect what she is doing, and it inspires me."

Throughout her college career, Ort has served in various ways. She traveled to Nigeria in the summer of '93 on a medical missions campaign, and has also participated in Spring Break campaigns. "The campaigns allowed me to view the world differently," she said. "Although the people may be different from us, they still have the same needs as we do." While at Harding, she has enjoyed working as a nurse at the local hospital and encouraging people spiritually.

According to Ort, students should take advantage of chances to serve others on campus and in the community. "By doing this, people focus on others rather than on themselves and receive true happiness from helping," she said. In the future, Ort hopes to become a nurse and possibly enter the mission field. "Wherever I go, I want to serve God and try to please Him," she said. "Whether I stay in the states or travel overseas, I know that God will direct me and use me in his service."

Otoff offered advice to students who are just beginning their college careers. "We will all make mistakes in our lives, but we are never failures if we are following God. I would also encourage everyone to get involved in something they enjoy and use it to serve God and to touch the lives of others."

Ort's respect for Mathews focused on his attitude of acceptance. "He accepts people for who they are and doesn't let anything stop him from telling others about God."

"There are so many people here who are involved in service; I am only one of many on this campus," Mathews said, crediting his parents for their influence in his life. "My parents set an example of helping others."

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by Allison Vandegrift
Regina staff writer

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Rounding out the categories was Zone 3, the North, East and international students, who gave $870.48.

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For a country that has a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to free speech, there is an amazing amount of pressure to keep a tight rein on your tongue these days. Political correctness is everywhere—in the media, in politics, and most prevalently, on college campuses across the country.

minority populations become more culturally diverse, tension between racial groups is also increasing. In this environment, it takes little more than a slip of the tongue to elicit a confrontation. To prevent such conflicts, many causing that whites would not lose odds, keep inflammatory remarks to a minimum and to foster a sense of acceptance on campus.

Are these speech codes a form of censorship? Opponents say they erode the standards of truth and vague, making it impossible to differentiate between acceptable and unacceptable language. Proponents of speech codes maintain that the guidelines restrict only hate speech, which they believe is not constitutionally protected. However, whether the codes violate constitutional rights is almost inconsequential. It is the question of the effectiveness of speech codes that should be addressed.

At first, it sounds like a good idea to establish rules to protect historically disadvantaged minorities from harmful speech. If everyone spoke nicely to each other, we would all accept everyone, right? That's the principle behind speech codes. It would be wonderful if the world functioned that way, but it never will. That's why speech codes have now spread to another sector of society—the white Protestant male.

But the irony, opponents of affirmative action rings equally as clear. It's not fair that minorities are still denied jobs and promotions because of the color of their skin.

For this assertion comes from statistics and personal experience. Less than one percent of senior executives at Fortune 500 firms are black, and Fortune's top offices are virtually closed to African-Americans, according to Black Enterprise magazine.

I had known much about corporate America, but I have seen evidence of discrimination in my small Texas community. A Hispanic friend and I were only applicants for a secretarial job one summer. I was so nervous in the interview that I could hardly speak. I inadvertently told the interviewer that my main weakness was wanting unorganized beho.w wants an unorganized secretary? and when I asked, I forgot my age. In essence, I choked.

I had just decided that my police, organized detail-oriented friend would definitely make a better secretary, but when the company called—I had gotten the job. Had she bluffed, too? Not that she realized. Had she been victimized? I don't know. I do know that affirmative action is not a perfect system. In a just world, no allowances would be made and imperfections overlooked—in the name of fairness.

Jennifer Mills
Blacks guest writer

"Affirmative action poses a conflict between two cherished American principles: the belief that all Americans deserve equal opportunities and the idea that hard work... should determine who prosppers and who does not."

U.S. News & World Report

Affirmative action implies inferiority

by Jennifer Mills

I think not. The inadequacy of this statement confirms the belief that the suffers of abusive language are tossed about. Not only are speech codes ineffective means of enforcing tolerance, but they often have the opposite effect as charges of abusive language are tossed about. One recent victim of such allegations is Francis Lawrence, the president of Rutgers State University. While making a speech to faculty members in November, Lawrence blundered by stating that minority students were at a disadvantage when taking college entrance exams because of "their genetic hereditary background." Lawrence immediately apologized for the mistake, stating that he had "three words jumbled together." The apology, however, did little to appease 200 outraged students who stormed the basketball court at halftime of a Rutgers game, refusing to let the teams finish the contest. Admittedly, when taken out of context, Lawrence's comment sounds abusive and degrading. However, the misstatement came in the middle of an argument for admittance of black students in spite of their low standardized test scores.

Lyndon Johnson supported affirmative action. He believed that women and minorities had been suppressed by "generations of bias" and could not compete equally. Many critics of affirmative action feel that it implies that women and minorities are inferior and incapable. Affirmative action says that these two groups are putting women and minorities into the workplace. But, the war will still be lost. Do we want qualified policewomen protecting our cities or unqualified teachers teaching our children, just for the sake of diversity? Is that winning the war? I think not.
Feeling... They are as much a part of our lives as Malcolm, toothpaste and stoplights. We sing about them, analyze them, share them and hide them. But one thing we cannot do is ignore them.

And that bothers me sometimes. For, as a Christian, I want to always feel "joyful" - after all, I have a loving Father and Redeemer. I know the secret to life. I know that it is better to give than to receive, that I can always count my blessings. I even know that heaven's waiting for me someday, and that I will live forever with Jesus. And if that's not enough to keep me smiling, I've also been given a loving, supportive family. I have wonderful, true friends. I am healthy and young, and my life is full of possibilities.

And yet, my "heart" isn't always in tune with my wishes. Sometimes I wake up and for no particular reason, I feel crummy. Sometimes I don't feel like going to church. Sometimes I would rather snap at people than love them, and sometimes God feels about as close as the planet Pluto.

The saying, "If you feel far away from God, who moved?" is supposed to remind Christians that God remains constant; it is we who move away. Although that is true, is it possible that we may feel far away from God for no reason at all? Can't negative feelings stem from the weather, fatigue, hormones or just a plain old case of humanity?

I have often wondered how Jesus dealt with his feelings while here on earth. Was he Mr. Personality? Did he ever wake up grumpy? Did he sometimes want to turn and run when he met a leper?

The gospels were not written in diary style, and "Inside Edition" wasn't around back then, so we will never know exactly how Jesus felt. But we know two things about Jesus: He was human, and he was righteous. His utter humanness indicates that he dealt with frustrations, heartaches and even "bad moods," just as we do today. However, he still managed to obey his Father, to do God's will, regardless of his feelings. Don't misunderstand; I believe that often Jesus' heart was filled with such happiness, peace and love that he encouraged those around him with the very warmth of heaven. But I know me, and since I do not always wake up in the "Mother Theresa" mood, and since sometimes my heart aches from the pains of living, it is good to know that I can still be Jesus' disciple, even in desert times.

So how can we sing when our souls are empty? How can we love when our hearts are cold? With God's power, we can do these things by an act of will. One of my favorite songs is, "I have decided to follow Jesus." It does not say, "I feel so great that I'm going to really serve God today," or "Feeling good in the Lord," it says, "I have decided.

And you know what? That is something each of us can do. We can decide to love others, whether we want to or not. We can choose to have faith, even when our hearts feel hollow. We can show love to our spouses, even when "the feeling's gone." And we can sing praises to God, whether we are feeling his presence or not.

Sometimes, feelings are wonderful. "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah," hot fudge sundaes, late night talks and bouquets of balloons have thrilled us all at one time or another. But feelings, just like anything on earth, are fragile. Like the neurons that produce our heart, they come and go. Praise God that we as Christians have something much stronger, something that endures even when our emotions don't - a relationship with a loving Father who promises to be with us in good times and bad, when we're "on top of the world" or when we'd just as soon hide from it.

I don't know how I'll feel tomorrow when I wake up. I'm not sure if the forecast for my life is sunny, partly cloudy or full of storms. But I do know this: The One who calmed the sea, who healed the leper and who died for all of us is right beside me. And with Him, the Man of Sorrows, I can do anything - whether I feel like it or not.

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Student Impact co-directors begin work

by Allison Rector
Bison staff writer


Northcutt, a junior speech pathology major from Nashville, Tenn., attended Student Impact as incoming freshmen, and Robertson, a senior accounting major from Kennett, Mo., attended Student Impact as fun and discovery for even the skinniest of pocketbooks.

The planning process began this week with the selection of the steering committee and interviews, which began this week. Photo by Nathan Ironside.

The steering committee will play a big part in achieving that goal. "We have been looking for students who will be dedicated to making Student Impact as fun and informative as possible," Robertson said. "One of our goals is to keep the new students involved and active in the program. The steering committee will play a big part in achieving that goal."

Although Northcutt and Robertson are excited about Impact because of the new roles they are playing and the new ideas they plan to implement, one aspect remains the same for them. "We like to meet new people and make new friends," Northcutt said. "We want students to come to Harding and get as much out of it as they can, and we want to be the first ones to reach out and welcome them."
**1995 Petite Jean staff completes final deadline**

by Heather Allison  
**Bison staff writer**

The Petite Jean staff has just completed the 1994-95 yearbook, the end of a long process which began last summer.

Editor Scott Baine initiated the work during the summer by searching for a theme for this year's book. He then began sketching out how he wanted the pages to appear and what story ideas would go along with the theme.

The editorial staff, which was selected last spring, met in the fall to discuss plans, schedules and deadlines. Each of the six section editors was responsible for the completion of his or her specific area, with a copy editor assigned the detailed task of spotting and correcting mistakes throughout the entire book.

The staff faced five deadlines after the cover was in, one for each month between October and February, with the final deadline met just this week. Each deadline required the completion of approximately 60 pages which had to be mailed to the production plant for printing.

Publications that face frequent deadlines often face problems which threaten to delay their finished product. According to Baine, such was the case for this year's staff.

Before the Christmas break, the staff was told of a problem with the type used on the pages already sent to the printing company. The company returned these pages, and staff members stayed into their Christmas break to re-do all of those pages. Proofs for those 262 pages awaited them when the staff returned from Christmas, in addition, they had to meet their next imposing January deadline. Baine said that the staff and Petite Jean advisor Kay Gowan, pulled some "all nighters" to get the work finished on time.

"Scott's graphic design skills are evident throughout the yearbook," Gowan said. "He chose a theme which reflects well this year at Harding and he was able to represent the theme visually and verbally. I think our students will like the book."

This was Baine's second year to be editor of the Petite Jean, and he said he felt this year was more difficult than last. The problems with the type, and a few other problems, proved to more time-consuming this year, he said.

Baine's main responsibility as editor of the Petite Jean was making sure everybody on the staff finished their assignments by each deadline. He reviewed all material before it was sent out, ensuring that everything had been done properly and that it looked the best it could. Anything requiring revision was returned to the respective section editors for final copy work.

Baine's main theme for his staff has been consistency. He wanted every page to look like time was spent on it, not like something just "thrown together."

This year's theme and dedication will be made in a chapel presentation April 28. Yearbooks will be distributed May 1-2.

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**Events at a Glance**

**On Campus**

- *Love Affair* will be showing tonight at 7:00 and 9:30 in the Benson Auditorium. The movie will also be showing tomorrow night at 8:00.
- Scott Baine's senior art show will remain on display in the Stevens Art Gallery until Wednesday, Feb. 22.
- The S.A. would like to hear suggestions from the student body for campus-wide improvements. If you have any comments or questions, send them to Nathan Mellor at Box 1565.
- Pi Sigma Epsilon is sponsoring Pizza War '95, an event to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Participants eat a piece of pizza from Papa John's, Pizza Pro and Pizza Inn, then vote for their favorite. Tickets will be on sale for $4 in the student center today from 9:45-2:00. The Pizza War takes place Thursday, Feb. 23, during the Lady Bisons' game in the Gurns Athletic Center.

**Off Campus**

- The Memphis Brooks Museum of Art will present the first major traveling exhibition of the original watercolor paintings for *The Birds of America* by John James Audubon. The exhibit begins Sunday, Feb. 19, and lasts through April 9.
- The Arkansas Arts Center is currently hosting an exhibit of the work of Paul Rotttemann. (See review on page 4.)
Alpha Chi to induct 48 members

by Tamara Phillips

Harding's Arkansas Eta Chapter of Alpha Chi will induct 80 new members Sunday at 2 p.m. in the American Heritage Auditorium. Parents and friends are invited to attend. Unlike years past, there will be no induction ceremony in chapel.

With its membership limited to the highest 10 percent of the junior and senior classes, Alpha Chi admits members from all academic disciplines. The Arkansas Eta Chapter requires a minimum grade point average of 3.55 or above on at least 104 hours of credit for seniors and 3.75 or above on at least 88 hours for juniors.

"Alpha Chi is the highest academic honor society that can be received university-wide," Harding's Alpha Chi sponsor, Dr. Don England, said. "In fact, the society's constitution will not allow a chapter to be placed on a campus with another honor society that is considered more prestigious."

Alpha Chi inductee Dena Permenter from Quitman, Ark., said, "Both of my parents are really happy about this. I consider it an honor to be a part of this society."

Every other year, Alpha Chi holds a national convention at which programs are presented by student members. These may include presentation of a scholarly paper, art work, poetry or singing, as well many other talents. More than 200 student presentations filled the three-day program at the 1993 meeting. Both regional and national conventions usually feature guest speakers and tours of sites of interest. This year's convention will be in Atlanta April 6-8.

Alpha Chi celebrates its birthday Feb. 22. It began in 1922, when five Texas representatives organized a society known as The Scholarship Societies of Texas. By 1926, the organization had spread into the adjacent states and adopted the name The Scholarship Societies of the South. In 1954, the group became a national honor society and changed its name to Alpha Chi. Alpha Chi has inducted 215,000 members since its beginning. The Alpha Chi national office is located in the Pryor Science Center on Harding's campus, with Dr. Dennis Organ serving as national executive director.

Spring 1995 Alpha Chi Inductees

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Angela Michelle Beck
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Mary Rachel Heineke
Deborah Carrie Howell
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Christopher Edwin Kauffman
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Jeffrey Quimam Layton
Francisco R. Lopez
Daniel Ray Magoffee
Melissa Ann McInjunkis
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Minor Antonio Monge
Amy Christine Murphy
Stephanie Neff
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Susan Elizabeth Parks
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Lady Bisons lose another close one to Ouachita

The Lady Bisons took the court Monday night a little short handed, missing two of their key players. This may have contributed to their close defeat, 64-61, at the hands of Ouachita Baptist in Arkadelphia.

"We were again missing some of our players, which certainly affects us in key moments throughout the game," Coach Greg Harnden said.

Senior Jama Fullerton, the Lady Bisons' leader in assists and steals, was unable to play. The Lady Bisons missed Fullerton's ball control late in the game, when they missed some crucial scoring opportunities which could have gotten the win for them.

Leading the Bisons in scoring and rebounds were sophomore Angie Fouts with 24 points and junior Mindy Murphy grabbing 10 boards.

The Lady Bisons were coming off of an excellent performance last Thursday, winning 73-70 against Southern Arkansas University.

"This was a huge win for us in determining the conference standing. It was also a great game for Bridget, who was in a minor slump, to come out and have a great night," Harnden said.

Both sophomores, Benson and Fouts had outstanding nights with Benson scoring 27 points and Fouts posting her eleventh double-double, scoring 20 points and pulling down 13 rebounds.

"It was an enjoyable game, and even though we didn't win by much, we had fun," Fouts said. "We've had some injuries, but if we stick in there we may be able to make it to Nationals — that was our goal from the start."

Even after Monday's defeat, the Lady Bisons were ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation, keeping their preseason goal within reach. The Lady Bisons are also in good position in the conference to finish in third place and host a first-round game. They are 8-4 in the conference and 17-10 overall. Their last regular season home game is Feb. 23 at 5:45 p.m. in the Ganus Athletic Center.
Bison Sports Challenge

Facility Picker for this week: Karen McLarty

NCAA Men's Basketball Games

- Harding at Univ. Central Ark.
- Arizona at UCLA
- Mississippi at Arkansas
- Villanova at Connecticut
- Florida at Kentucky
- Georgetown at Providence
- Indiana at Michigan
- Kansas at Kansas St.
- Loyola Marymount at San Francisco
- Marquette at Memphis
- Louisville at Massachusetts
- Michigan St. at Minnesota
- Ohio Univ. at Akron
- Nebraska at Oklahoma St.
- Washington St. at Oregon
- Rutgers at Rhode Island
- North Carolina at Virginia
- Missouri at Oklahoma
- Arizona St. at Southern Cal
- Syracuse at Seton Hall
- Texas A & M at Houston
- Xavier at George Washington
- NHL Games
- Anaheim at San Jose
- Quebec at Washington
- Pittsburgh at Hartford
- Edmonton at Chicago
- N.Y. Rangers at Montreal

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Last Challenge's results:
Dr. Jimmy Allen 16 of 26
Winner: Michael Brooks 19 of 26

Grand Prize
One Medium Pizza and a Six-pack of Coke

Bisons continue winning streak

by Jill Shirey
Bison staff writer

The Bisons took sole possession of the second place seat in the AIC with a 68-60 win over Southern Arkansas University last Thursday and a 76-58 victory against Ouachita Baptist University on Monday night.

The Southern Arkansas game was a critical one for the Bisons, and they met the challenge, going into halftime with a 16-point lead and holding on for the victory. Coach Jeff Morgan attributed the win to the Bisons' play at the end of the first half and the ability of the defense to create opportunities for them. Morgan also cited the play off the bench as a contribution to their victory.

"Kennedy Polidoro, J. J. Brown, Sammy Ussery and Darren Gowen all came off the bench and helped us out a lot," Morgan said. Polidoro, Brown and Ussery scored 10, five and six points, respectively. Jason Cooper led the Bisons, netting 17.

Going into the game against Ouachita, the Bisons were determined to hold their second-place standing and the determination showed. Cooper once again led Harding, scoring 20 points. Other major scorers were Brad Daughtry with 13 and Scott Webb and Brown with 11 each.

Even though the Bisons seem to be on a streak with 18 wins, the road ahead is not necessarily an easy one. "The competition is going to be as tough as it's been," Morgan said.

The remaining games are critical, Morgan said, because they will determine which teams get to host the first round in the AIC tournament. "Everybody's so close, it's hard to tell what the final outcome will be. We have a real good shot at first," he said.

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