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Quick look at NEWS

President Bill Clinton told the gathering at the National Education Summit in New York that he will begin challenging states to adopt standardized tests. Students should have to meet certain test standards to advance from elementary to middle school, middle school to high school and from high school to graduation. Only five states, Arkansas included, have such achievement tests.

Agriculture lobbyists are pushing legislation which would make it a crime to publicly criticize perishable food items without strong scientific backing.

Evolution is the topic of a legislative brawl in Tennessee. Law makers there would like to make it a crime, punishable by termination, to teach evolution as fact; but the cost of rewriting the state textbooks — \$2 million — may damage the effort.

The British beef industry struggles under a movement by the country's Consumers' Association. The Association's actions come after eight died of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a degenerative illness caused by eating beef that were fed contaminated sheep parts. Bordering countries have stopped importing British cattle and are urging the country to shoot all of its older cows.

Journalist Hillary Johnson, a sufferer of chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), has written a book about her battle with this epidemic and the way the government has dismissed the disease as a "psychiatric problem," she says. Ten years have passed since the first cases were diagnosed, and little significant research has been done.

Shocked junior to bear Olympic torch

by Heather Henson
Bison staff writer

"I just busted out laughing, it was funny!" Cindy Cheatham, a junior nursing major from Montgomery, Ala, said. During a routine phone call home, Cheatham learned that her mother was in the process of writing an essay which would allow her to be considered as a torchbearer for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. Her mother had seen the advertisement in a local newspaper and decided to have Cheatham's name put into the running. A few weeks into February, Cheatham was surprised to learn that she had, in fact, been chosen to participate in this summer's Olympic Torch Relay.

On a Saturday morning in February, Cheatham's parents found an information packet on their front porch explaining that she had been selected as one of 43 Montgomery area torchbearers from a pool of more than 600 applicants. That afternoon, her parents faxed information to the Olympic Committee saying that Cheatham would definitely run in the relay. The announcement was to be kept confidential until an official press conference could be held in Alabama. Her parents called to tell her the surprising news, and Cheatham immediately shared her excitement with a few close friends.

On February 15, a special ceremony was held in the Montgomery Civic Center, and the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games introduced the 43 "community heroes." Although Cheatham was not able to attend the ceremony, she received her T-shirt, more information and news clippings in the mail over the next few weeks.

"It was just such a shock. It didn't really hit me until I saw the stuff my parents taped off the T.V. and clipped from the newspaper, and I heard what the people at church were saying to



'A great honor.' Cindy Cheatham gets in shape for her one-kilometer run this summer. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

them," Cheatham said, after making a trip home for the weekend recently. She said that, everywhere she went, people congratulated her and wished her luck. That's when it began to sink in that this was quite an honor.

The search for the Olympic torchbearers was handled nationwide by AGOC and helped locally by the Montgomery Area United Way. Across the country, 147 judging panels selected the 5,500 torchbearers. Local leaders from the Montgomery community met in January to judge the applications they had received. The panel based their decisions on citizens who had shown outstanding volunteer service and worked in the community

as role models and leaders.

"I read the essay my mom wrote. It was mostly just a list of things I'd done in high school," Cheatham said. In high school, she was nominated for the Jimmy Hitchcock Award, an honor which recognizes athletes participating in Christian and community service. Cheatham feels that receiving this honor in high school was part of the reason her community chose her to represent them by carrying the Olympic torch.

"It's so awesome, but when people ask how I got it, it's hard to explain," Cheatham said.

Last spring, while Cheatham was at HUF, a group went to the Olympic

museum in Switzerland. Here, they saw all the torches from past Olympics. She said it was interesting to see the designs on each of the torches from previous years, as they seemed to represent the city that sponsored the Olympics that year. Throughout the semester, as the group traveled in Europe, she was able to visit the sites of some past Olympics, including Barcelona and Munich.

Because of this experience, it will be especially interesting for Cheatham to have a torch of her own this summer. "After we run in the relay, we are allowed to buy our torches. Only torchbearers can have them; they won't be sold anywhere else," Cheatham said. The torches are sold for approximately \$300, and Cheatham's parents are going to help her purchase hers at the end of her run.

Week by week, Cheatham receives letters from the Olympic Committee to update her and provide more information about the details of the relay. She has been told that she will have a designated place to meet the relay on the morning of June 30 or July 1. A car will then take her to the hand-off point. After igniting her torch from the Olympic flame, she will carry it approximately one kilometer through Montgomery. Cars will follow her and she has been told that bystanders will often get in line and run behind the torchbearer. When she hands off the torch to the next runner, a car will pick her up and take her home.

The torch relay will begin April 27 in Los Angeles and will conclude 84 days later in Atlanta, on July 19, during the Opening Ceremony of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games. The relay will stretch across 15,000 miles and cover 42 states, and Cindy Cheatham will play a part in this summer's Olympic Torch Relay.

"It's a great honor, and I'm excited about it," Cheatham said.

Poet shares 'life value'

by Holly Latimer
Bison staff writer

After an evening of awards and student writings, Dr. Gary Swaim filled the Heritage Auditorium with his poetic thoughts. Swaim, a professor of philosophy and English, read excerpts of poetry from his new book, *Rider of Asses*, to the winners of the Jo Cleveland Creative Writing contest and poetry aficionados.

Swaim had been an employee of IBM, when he decided to go back to school to teach. "I had planned on teaching high school. I couldn't decide what I wanted to focus on — I was interested in politics, history, English and geology. I did not know which I would teach. My English professor said to go to English and I did," Swaim said, noting that he is happier in English and philosophy because they touch all interests. "They cover the world," he said. Swaim received his doctorate in philosophy and comparative literature and a post doctorate master's degree in counseling.

But Swaim said one of his highest achievements was an invitation to the Breadloaf Writer's College in Breadloaf, Vt. Tuition is about \$3,000, and only the top 250 writers who submit their work are selected for attendance.

Rilke's work "The Boy" led to the title of Swaim's book. "The Boy" told of riding black horses through the

night. In the poem, "Rider of Asses," Swaim expressed his own desire to ride black horses but he resigned himself to riding asses.

Although he loves poetry, Swaim said he was intimidated by it at first. "I was majoring in English at University of California and terrified of poetry. I figured that there was no way I would understand it, and the thought of writing it was beyond my comprehension," he said. "My professor told us to imitate the style of other poets. I thought 'Wow!' after writing them." Swaim's other interests are painting and composing music. He said that any kind of creating gives his life value because of the value in what he creates.

Swaim spoke after the awards banquet for the Jo Cleveland Creative Writing contest. Awards were given for fiction, poetry, essay and children's literature. Fiction winners were Georgia Choate, "In the Concrete Sun"; Judie O'Farrell, "Spontaneous Side" and Marybeth Habecker, "Mr. Arnold." Poetry winners were Georgia Choate, "I Remember When Love Was Kool-Aid"; Patrick Brandimore, "My Indirect Reference" and Michael Lair, "for amy with lilacs and eliot." Essay winners were Aleskei Aziamov, "Parade"; Andrea Stark, "At the Foot of the Stairs" and Ray Carter, "Life's Messy Jobs." Children's literature winners were Tim Wylie, "Dragonland" (Division II) and Teresa Evans, "Deep in the Forest" (Division I).



Skipping rocks. An evening's rain makes the afternoon more fun for Allen Elrod who takes advantage of the puddles and a moment of sunshine. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

just one **OPINION**

How should I respond?



His name was Basil, and he was gay. He worked as a volunteer at a food pantry in inner-city Dallas, where I went on Spring Break Campaign.

And he wasn't the only one there who had chosen a sinful lifestyle – not by a long shot. I rubbed elbows with people who purposefully abuse the welfare system, thieves, alcoholics, ex-prisoners, cocaine addicts. I shook hands with a transvestite and chatted with a 16-year-old girl who would rather starve than go without her marijuana.

Talk about culture shock. The only thing that seemed natural to me at first was my initial response to these folks – I shied away from them.

But I could tell that cowering in the corner wouldn't work for long, and I was forced to ask myself two questions: What is God's plan for the blatantly rebellious, and how do I fit into it?

My time in Dallas pushed me through three steps to show me what I believe are the answers to my questions, and to show me that the approach I tried initially, the one Christians too often try, is wrong.

The first step was listening. I listened to a man named John Porter, a founder of church

work in the inner city and an author of several books on race reconciliation. He spoke humbly, softly about society's prejudices, his conversion and his life of service.

And then his glassy black eyes bore into me and his voice shook as he spoke the words that I needed to hear. He said, "We must stop judging people by their present state and start seeing them for what they *could* be."

I shuddered when I first heard the words – the concept seemed so foreign to me, so difficult, that I couldn't believe it to be correct. It is natural, even *human*, for me to judge people by what they are, what my eyes see, *now*.

But maybe that's the point. The whole New Testament is about moving beyond what is human into what is spiritual.

So, while it is natural for me to shun the blatant sinner, God calls me beyond that.

But beyond that... to where? This brought me to my second step, which was to watch other Christians at work.

I saw Christians, "normal," middle-class people, bustling around the pantry to fill grocery bags for the homeless and laughing with unbathed, poverty-stricken children. I saw them

throwing their arms around sour-smelling alcoholics.

But I still was not wholly convinced. It's a complicated thing, this business of denying gut impulse, accepting – even serving – those who behave in sometimes abhorrent ways.

This was such a revolution for me because we in the church have quietly "christianized" some subtle acts of prejudice in an attempt to make ourselves feel more moral. These Christians quietly performed subtle acts of kindness in an attempt to serve the God who would like to save us all.

The final step for me was witnessing the result of this kindness. A transvestite and admitted sexual pervert stood up during an invitation song and, with tears in his eyes, asked God and those who love him for forgiveness.

God's plan for *all* people: salvation. The Christian's role: a loving servant.

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facing **ISSUES** G, PG, PG-13, R: Do we need a decoder?

by Beth Smith
Bison guest writer

So, now it's movie ratings is it? Is there anything this country won't get on its soap box about? We've moved from the greatest nation on earth to the pettiest nation on earth. People crying into their milk about McDonald's hot coffee, sports heroes, and now movie ratings.

Let's get real. We already have G, PG, PG-13, R and NC-17. Anything more would confuse an already confused system. And furthermore, anyone who believes that stricter ratings will keep adolescents from sneaking into R-rated movies, well, I have a bridge I'd like to sell you.

Maybe we should take a look at what the real issue is. It seems that the nation is waking up to the fact that they have raised a generation of convicts. Kids as young as 12 and 13 are killing, stealing and raping without any signs of stopping or remorse. Instead of taking responsibility, parents are blaming society – whoever he is. Unfortunately, movies, music and teen idols are part of that. Granted, there are many movies and music lyrics that cross some very distinct lines. Then again, no one is holding a gun to your head, forcing you to watch or listen to them, either.

The movie ratings we have now are probably as accurate as they've ever been. Putting more detail into a movie preview and its rating isn't going to help people check their consciences. People are going to do what they're going to do.

For far too long, parents have taken it for granted that their kids

could raise themselves. Well, now we know different. If parents want to know what their kids are watching, then they should watch it too. Or even better, they should watch it *before* the kids do. What a novel idea – parents actually becoming involved in what their kids do.

This movie thing isn't a government problem. It is a people problem. The government can't legislate morality and it can't teach it

to our kids. (Would you really want someone like Hillary Clinton teaching your child what is right and wrong?)

There isn't a system of government in the world that can fix what has gone wrong with our kids. There isn't a movie rating around that can protect them from some of the filth that they will see during their lifetimes.

If you don't like it, then don't participate in it. If Hollywood's producers are turning out questionable material, then hit them where it counts – in the old purse strings.

Movie makers aren't going to change. They are going to produce what makes money. So you see, even if someone comes out with a very extensive rating system, it isn't going to improve the situation. It is just going to make it more exhausting.

I've said it once, and I'll say it again, "No new movie ratings."

by Lois Voyles
Bison guest writer

Lack of information: that's the big gripe of many people who would like to take their children to the movies occasionally and know before-hand only a little bit about the actual content of the movie. The ratings do not give enough accurate information about the objectionable content of some films, according to Hebert

Buchsbaum and Karen Peart in *Scholastic Update*, May 5, 1995.

Most parents are not going to take their children to R-rated or NC-17 movies. It's the PG and PG-13 movies that leave parents guessing most of the time. A PG movie might have nudity, violence or profanity. A movie rated PG-13 could have enough of such content that would be unsuitable for anyone under 13.

These broad categories are not enough. The public needs to know more. Consider *Bushwhacked*, a comedy involving some boy scouts (ages 11 or 12). It was rated PG-13, but the curious thing was there was no profanity, no nudity and no violence. That sounds like a G movie to me. Yet, it had some highly objectionable scenes. Sometimes, parents can't tell by the rating what kind of movie they are about to see.

On the other hand, the Motion

Picture Association of America (MPAA), which does the ratings, tells movie reviewers WHY films get the ratings they do, but this information doesn't always reach the public. If this information is already available to some, why not to all? It would certainly help parents make better judgment calls on what movies to let their children watch.

When we talk ratings for movies, inevitably the cry "censorship" goes up. However, *USA Today* (Sept. 25/95, *Parents need expanded ratings to know the score*) states that more precise ratings and descriptions are not censorship, but an alternative to advise parents. Nothing more, nothing less."

We have a voluntary regulation system, but it can "survive only if its participants act in a responsible manner," Wall said. Being responsible means letting people know the nature of movies.

Parents should make responsible choices for what kinds of movies their children see. And parents can only make judgments if the movie industry or print and broadcast film reviewers tell them more about what is going on in a movie.

Ultimately, all can profit if we have more precise ratings. "Providing the widest distribution of details is a small, inexpensive step, but it will fill a gaping hole and protect the interests of parents, children and those who make their living in film," according to *USA Today* Sept. 25, 1995.

We have heard our day and time referred to as the Information Age. Is it too much to ask that we be given some more information about movies?

"The obsession with individual rights – the right to make money or to write, say or do what I please – should be exposed for what it is: a form of fundamentalism that accepts one worldview as absolute and rejects all other as encroachments on the true faith."
– James M. Wall, *Christian Century*

INSPIRATION *etcetera*

Friendship is something that raised us almost above humanity. This love, free from instinct, free from all duties but those that love has freely assumed, almost wholly free from jealousy, and free without qualifications from the need to be needed, is eminently spiritual. It is the sort of love one can imagine between angels.

– C. S. Lewis

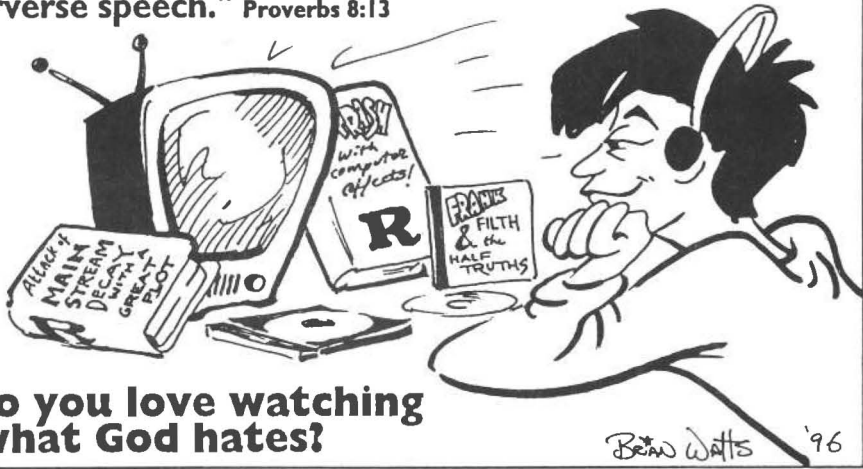
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"To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech." Proverbs 8:13



today in HISTORY



Vincent Van Gogh was born March 30, 1853, in Holland. This impressionist led a turbulent life that manifested itself in his bold use of color.

Tomorrow is the fifteenth anniversary of Ronald Reagan's assassination attempt. John W. Hinckly, Jr., the accused gunman, is still in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where he was committed after a federal jury found him not guilty by reason of insanity.

On March 30, 1842, the first anesthetic was used in surgery. Dr. Crawford W. Long numbed his patient with ether before removing a tumor from the man's neck. He got the idea from watching guests at traditional "ether parties," and observing that they felt no pain when under the drug's influence.

listening to READERS

Dear editor,

At times we get caught up in the destructive mentality of criticism and complaint. Surely much of our criticism is unfounded and simply a matter of personal bias or attitude difference. Paul admonishes the Philippians to do everything without complaining, encouraging us to shine like stars in the world around us.

Recently, Spring Sing practice times encroached on times traditionally set aside for worship and "home Bible studies." With many having to miss where they regularly attended, the "complaint" was made to reschedule practices in order to avoid conflict. Those in charge of scheduling saw the unintended dilemma and moved quickly to resolve the problem.

As we get lost in the despair of offering up criticisms and complaints, we need to step back and consider our priorities and realize which issues truly warrant our complaints. When we are quick to listen and slow to speak, we will also be slow to criticize and complain. When we do, it will be for the appropriate reasons, not out of personal bias or attitude difference. The "powers that be," in turn, will be quick to act.

I am impressed by how this issue

of scheduling conflict was resolved, and I commend those students who have learned to be quick to listen and slow to speak.

Sincerely,

Luke Smith

Dear editor,

Wednesday, March 20, my husband and I took two alumni who had not been on campus for years on a tour. We were so proud to be showing off that great campus until we came to the fountain, where we found two or three dozen smashed oranges either floating in the water or thrown around the brick. Not a pretty sight.

It made me sad to see such a beautiful place trashed by, no doubt, a small number of students, none of whom would appreciate being accused of, nor would they admit to, immaturity.

I hope they'll make better choices in the days ahead.

Ashamed (but still proud to be an alumna),

Alice Ann Kellar
Class of '52

Congrats to '96 HUH(?) grads

individuals with actinic lesions will develop a squamous cell cancer (Emergency Medicine, p. 26, June 30, 1985).

Actinic keratoses can be easily treated with cryotherapy or chemical agents. However, prevention is the preferred modality for management. Midday laying-out in the sun should be avoided due to the more intense concentration of ultraviolet rays. Developing an affinity for sunrises and sunsets will allow safer sun exposure before 10 a.m. and after 3 p.m.

A T-shirt can protect against harmful rays if the material is thick enough to prevent seeping your hand through the cloth. Hats, sunglasses and socks should be in your gym bag to use after brief exposures to sun in the first few outings of the summer season. More severe burns to the scalp and feet may not become apparent until four to six hours after exposure.

To graduate with honors from HUH(?),

GPA is not the most important criterion. Greater consideration is given to your SPF (sun protection factor). Sun-blocking agents are rated on their ability to screen damaging ultraviolet rays. The higher SPF numbers allow fewer rays to be absorbed by skin. Choose a brand of sun-block that is water resistant in order to avoid loss of screening due to perspiration and water activities.

In my opinion, the collegiate SPF should be rated at least as high as your age. For most students, that is an SPF in the range of 20. For me, that age rule raises the SPF to industrial strength products sold only in 55-gallon drums, if you could find them. Those containers would likely carry warning labels: "Apply generously to exposed scalp. Sunburns to the head may drop your IQ level below your SPF factor."

May you all graduate from HUH(?) with skin that looks great and deserves SPF honors... *summa-safe past 40.*

points of VIEW

Chill can't cool spring fever

by Leedy Smith
Bison columnist

According to my calendar, the first day of spring (March 20 - in case you've forgotten) had come and gone. I silently questioned its accuracy as the weatherman cheerfully reported "a slight chance of snow for northern Arkansas today." I reached for my wool blazer and complained about living in a state where one day the high temperature is 78 degrees and the next day it is 38 degrees. It seems that Mother Nature taunts us, teasing us with thoughts of shorts, summer vacations and ice cream cones. While it may not be time to put away our winter clothes, we can still allow our minds to escape and entertain thoughts of our favorite springtime activities.

Spring is much more than puppy love and pink clouds. It's playing in the mud at the old softball/new football field during an afternoon thundershower. It's hot dogs at the ball park and jumping to catch the fly ball to left field. It's time to run across campus chasing down new beaux and queens. It's time to agonize over spring banquet dates and shop for just the right dress.

Spring Fever brings the rush of March Madness, where collegiate basketball teams compete to reach The Final Four and ultimately win the national title. Spring is sand volleyball at Berryhill Park and cookouts at Heber. It's camping out under the stars without worrying about frostbite. It's visits to the tanning bed so that we don't burn to a crisp while spending spring break in Florida.

Spring is the time for mid-term grade reports and frantic explanations to mom and dad that there was no way we could have studied for that test - it was just too pretty outside. It's pick-up basketball games and standing in a two hour line to buy Spring Sing tickets. It is fertilizing the front lawn and preparing the campus for the prospective students, alumni and friends who always visit during this time of year. It's sunglasses. It's walking barefoot and feeling the grass crush under the weight of our feet. It's beach towels and suntan lotion. It's Happy Hour at Sonic.

Spring Fever compels us to water ski in water that would make even the most warm-blooded shiver with cold. Spring is soccer matches and ultimate frisbee. It's watching club softball games and shooting water guns out of car windows. It's helping our friends take a dip in the lily pool. It's turning the radio volume up, rolling down the windows and taking off the T-tops.

Spring is time for graduation and the groans that follow when our moms ask us to pose for just one more picture. It's going to the driving range to brush up on our golf games. It's rappelling at Sugarloaf. It's sitting in a Harding swing with someone special. It is writing resumés, giving interviews, and taking that scary leap into "the real world." It's trying to fix our umbrellas after a gust of wind has blown them inside-out. It's staying off the front lawn and its freshly seeded grass.

Quite simply, spring is fun. We can enjoy spending time outside, away from the classrooms, library and any other place that reminds of our school work. It allows us to relax and feel a welcome relief from the dreary routine of term papers and exams. Yet, we can't relax too much. Before we know it, the calendar will roll around to May 6 and the tumultuous panic of finals will hit us just as hard as that cold blast of winter wind did during the first week of "spring."

professional HOUSECALLS

by Dr. Mike Justus
Bison guest columnist

HUF, the Italian flagship of international study programs for Harding University, has been joined by HUG, HUE and HUA.

For some reason that list traditionally excludes the original, not-so-international study program, HUH(?)... Harding University at Heber.

Caravans of eager students have always availed themselves of general education classes offered on the cliffs of the lake. Art majors go there to learn watercolor techniques for changing snow white skin hues to coppers. Journalism and print media enthusiasts spend hours studying layout designs with towels and air mattresses. Higher mathematicians frequently attempt to prove the origin of tan lines, while marine biologists catch rays. Certainly, every liberal arts student

deserves exposure to physical science, yet, too much exposure to the sun can be detrimental. Ultraviolet light from the sun constantly bombards unprotected skin. Over time the UV-rays accelerate photoaging of the skin. This aging process initially presents itself as dry, rough skin and fine wrinkles around the eyes. Eventually, skin loses its elasticity and becomes leathery, explaining why a cowboy's neck often resembles his boots.

Artificial ultraviolet rays from tanning salons may be just as damaging as outdoor exposure. A tanning bed can emit five times more UV-A radiation per unit of time than radiation from the sun at the equator ("Skin Disorders," AAFP, June, 1995).

In addition to premature aging of skin, prolonged sun exposure increases the risk for pre-cancerous lesions. The most common of these is actinic keratosis. Untreated, approximately 25 percent of

1996 spring break scrapbook . . .

Spring break campaigns to eight locations involved approximately 200 students. Senior Adam Brooks organized the campaigns on behalf of the SA.

"The SA started formally sponsoring Spring Break Campaigns about three years ago as a type of short-term ministry," Brooks said. Each of the campaigns involved a specific aim.

Rich Little led the group to Jamaica; Christ Westcott, to Chicago; Brooks and his wife, Maria, to New York; Dan Murray and April Kennedy, to Houston; Scott Thibodeaux, to Duluth; Eddie Koehler and Shelly Davis, to Rifle; and Brenna Foy, to Dallas.

Duluth, MN March 11

This spring break, 11 of us had the opportunity to go to Duluth, Minn. for a campaign. We were not exactly sure what our specific jobs would be, but we knew we would be working hard. When we got there, we were presented with many different jobs, and each of them involved some kind of unique experience.

One lady whom I got to work for sticks in my memory. Joyce is older, in her 70s. Because of hip replacement surgery, she has trouble getting around her house. She had us doing all kinds of odd jobs. Some of them were big, such as painting her rooms, but she also needed simple things done, such as washing dishes. I was given a really interesting job.

Joyce is an artist, and part of what she wanted done was for somebody to help her clean her paintings. These are not just amateur paintings, either. She

has been published in magazines and has had showings at museums. I was so excited with her work that I asked her about it. Many of the paintings she showed me told stories of her family, and she was very eager to talk about them. In fact, she was excited to talk about everything.

She told me a lot about her life and her accomplishments. She also told me about her future goals and how she planned to accomplish them. She then proceeded to encourage me about my future.

She has an incredible spirit of life within her, and I learned a lot about life by just listening to what she had to say. I don't think this was our hardest or most disgusting job, but I think it meant a lot to her.

She also seemed a little lonely, and I think it made her happy to be able to talk to someone. However, she gave as much back to me as I could have ever given to her. I think we all had experiences like that during the week. All of us have our own story of how God used people to help us while we were helping them.

- Jenny Parrot

Rifle, CO March 12

Service and friendship. These two words capture the essence of the Rifle campaign. This was my second year to travel to Rifle to work with the people of the community and with the youth group of the local church....

Most of the work we did was for the elderly of the community. Ms. Harriet was a 97-year-old lady whom we worked for one day. She was amazing. She had the ability to get around better than some people in their 70s. Working for her was a true blessing. There were days when we did work for members of the church. Most of the work, all week, involved yard work and house work. Many leaves were raked. Many windows were cleaned. The group was blessed by the people for whom we worked.

One other area of the trip that was a blessing were the friendships we made. To [the group] I would like to say thank you all for the friendships that you have blessed me with. God is everything good, and I know that the relationships we formed on the trip were of God. On any extended road trip, there are times when nerves get rattled and feelings get hurt, but I would not have it any other way. The group of 14 who trailed to Rifle made a commitment to serve the people of the community with the attitude of Jesus. I think we did.

- Jamey Brumley

we held a youth rally for the Patchogue Church of Christ and worked with some boys from the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch.

The ranch is designed for boys ages 10 to 17 who have been in trouble with the law. When the courts see a boy whose future looks somewhat promising, they send him to the ranch where he can learn values.... The ranch houses about 25 boys, and our group had the chance to really get to know them.

At first, the boys seemed a little intimidating, but once they got comfortable around us, it was easy to become friends. While becoming more personal with the boys, I discovered their struggles and how they had been living their lives. For them, inconvenience meant having to steal for money, living in broken homes and living on the streets. One of the boys asked me if I had ever seen a person murdered. When I told him no, he was shocked because that was something he has seen almost every week. It was so hard to see how people can live to differently, yet on the inside we all hurt the same and want to be loved....

Just in spending two days with the boys, I made some great friends and also learned a lot about giving thanks to God for what he has blessed me with.

- Sallie Chase

Jamaica March 10

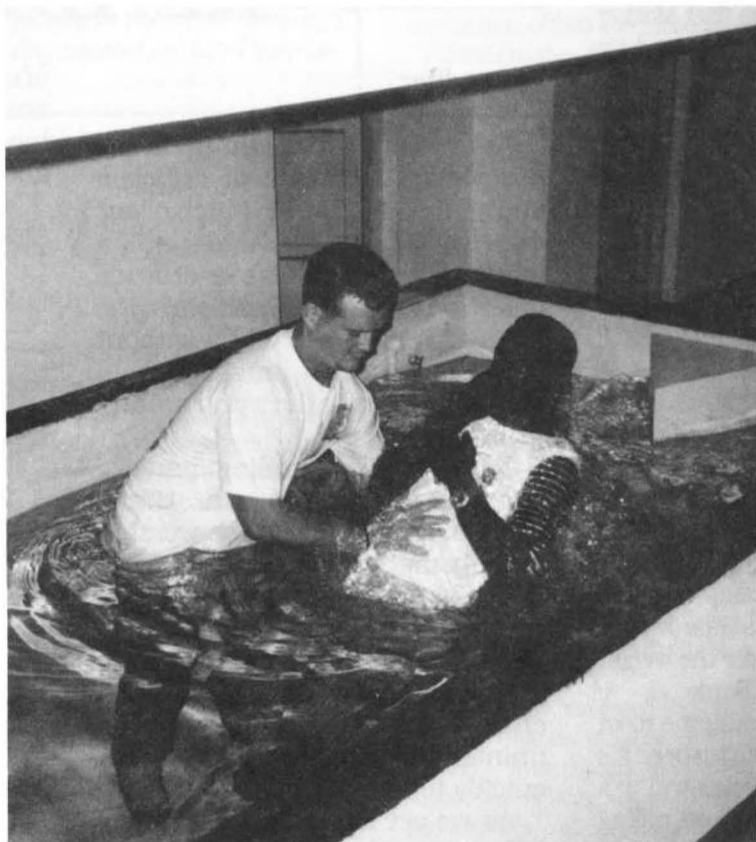
Many things happened during this year's Jamaican campaign, and each of us had our lives changed in various ways; but one experience that touched all of our lives was the day we visited the nursing home.

We went early Thursday morning and visited the residents of the nursing home in the area where we worked. The buildings in which people lived were long cabins that reminded us of cabins at camp. In the men's building, the beds were lined up, side by side, with just enough room in-between to walk. The women's were a little nicer. They had walls dividing the room into sections so the women would have more privacy. The buildings were very dirty and had roaches crawling on the floor and on the beds.

The residents had different problems. Some had had legs amputated, some had arthritis, some had physical deformities, among many other things. One lady was walking around eating leaves from the ground.

When we talked to the people, though, we got a different picture. Even though these people had so little, they still had a lot of faith in God. When we sang the traditional church songs, they sang with us, and many of them would talk about believing in God and how they look to Him. They were a wonderful inspiration to us about how people still look to God and believe in Him, even when their own life is so bad. I don't think any of us left there without feeling a little closer to God.

- Heather Amos



Watching the spirit move. Immediate results were seen in some campaign work as people responded to the gospel call. Other groups simply planted the seed for future growth. Photo by Rich Little.

Little Rock, AR March 14

It was mid-week in the campaign, and people were showing some signs of fatigue. We had been answering requests for Bible study in the inner city of Little Rock...

My companions in Christ and I walked down the street where children watched with curiosity the Lord who cared enough to come to their neighborhood within us. They were sweet, and we were blessed with a right posture toward them - a goodwill that encompassed their souls.

As we walked along, Walter Alvarez felt a call to go speak to some black ladies standing out in a yard nearby, so we decided to go over to them. When we reached their doorstep, they welcomed us. It was a thrill of joy to bring the gospel to those who have open hearts. We were able to start a

New York, NY March 13

For most of us, inconvenience means not having enough money to chip in on a pizza with our friends or running out of declining balance to spend in the student center. We take for granted all of the luxuries we have, or at least I know I did. Then I went on a spring break campaign to New York. It was such an eye-opening experience and it was then that I realized how ungrateful I am for things I have.

When I was asked what part of the trip I enjoyed most, I definitely had to say my time spent in Long Island. There,

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from campaigners' diaries



Headed for the city. Campaigners arrive in Chicago to begin a week of teaching and serving among people in the inner city. Students assisted a congregation of converts who had traded the "street-smart" lifestyle for the new life in Christ. Photo by Greg Carroll.

spontaneous Bible study...

As the Bible study progressed, we found one of the sisters especially responsive to the discussion...

We finally arrived at a point where we were asking Bertha about her baptism. She had been baptized when she was young, but she knew she didn't understand enough about Christ then for it to be meaningful, as it was now. He was her Savior.

Then she said she would like to be baptized. Why do Christians sometimes stifle their joy in the Lord? We called the minister who was coordinating the campaign work and told him the good news. Then, we were on our way.

At the building, the group of campaigners, composed of nine nationalities, began to sing hymns as Martha helped Bertha prepare. (They were just the right songs for my state of mind, I know). Because I was convinced of Bertha's conviction and God's protection, I had peace.

Then, with the human, loving voice of a godly pastor at Levy Church of Christ, a few words were wisely spoken, and Bertha was delved under the water to receive the life of the Spirit. She cried aloud in joy, "Lord Jesus, I commit my life to you!"

Several of our number cried, and we gathered around Bertha and sang spiritual songs to her and to God. The baptism came at a time when refreshing was needed, a sign of God's blessing us with fruition. God did more than we could ask or imagine, and to him belongs the praise forever and ever.

- David Alexander



Over spring break, I went on the campaign to Dallas. During the week, we worked with Central Dallas Ministries. I wish I could show everyone how much God taught me during the week, but since I cannot, I want to share one day. One day, we heard the story of Jeffrey, one of the members of the church, who has been fighting homosexual desires for a long time. So, I'll just let you read what I wrote in my journal and hope it makes an impact.

"I don't know what to say about all the times today that I realized the fact that God is changing me. Again, I ask what is going on here? Not only this

city, but inside me. I feel at home here, safe among these homeless, needy Christians. I see why the poor are so important to Jesus. When you have nothing, you must depend on something. You become completely honest with yourself. These people are just like I am, really beautiful souls with the decay of sin on their skin. But, they just shed their skin, unlike me.

The stories about Jeffrey simply cut me in half. The amazing dependence that compelled him to confess that he has had sex with children, men, animals and dead people. It's hard for me to even compare my sin, but it hastens my death as fast as his. Why can't I confess my 'tiny' sins? Why shouldn't I? Jeffrey loves God so much. A guy who was abused as a child and used to dress up as a woman. Of course, it's still a struggle for him, a process of changing. All because of God's grace. Lord, my head literally aches from all the images of your work in this city. Continue to change me."

Something that Larry James, director of Central Dallas Ministries, said really struck me. He was talking about Jesus' desire for the poor, and the fact that the cities are filled with the poor. He said, "People talk all the time about bringing

Christ back to the city. Christ never left the city. That's where His people are."
- Dave Johnson



Wow! How thankful I am that God has given me so many opportunities to use my life to glorify Him! I truly feel that God used the Chicago campaign team this year in a powerful way...

A very special group that became dear to our hearts were the members of the church. Now, this church wasn't your ordinary Church of Christ. It was made up of people from all walks of life including the homeless, former drug addicts and alcoholics. It also consisted of some very wealthy people. The funny thing is that I have never been to another church that seemed more like a family. It was amazing to see a church where people didn't have their own social groups. The church in Chicago was one family that was open to anybody who wanted to come to Christ.

Another thing that impressed me about this church was how each and every member was so active. I am used to going to a church where so many people have the mentality of thinking that "somebody else" will do it. It was encouraging to see how each member used his or her individual God-given gift to glorify God and to reach out to the inner-city around them. One of the greatest things about this church is that I felt so comfortable inviting other people to come to a service because I knew they would be accepted by this church, regardless of how they looked or what kind of life they had experienced. The inner-city church there in Chicago taught me so many things about what it means to be an active worker for the Lord!

- Greg Carroll



A large group also worked with the Impact Church of Christ in Houston, Texas, ministering to children and the homeless or poor in several beneficiary agencies.

Quick look at EVENTS

T.E.A.C.H. will host a pot-luck picnic for all members and those interested in joining, March 30 at Berryhill Park. Food will be served at noon. Contact Eric Hruska, box 2657, or ext. 279-4851.

An original adaptation of *The Scarlet Letter* will be performed April 4 and 5 at 7 p.m., April 6 at 3 p.m. and April 7 at 2 p.m.

If you want to reserve your current room for fall '96, the deposit deadline is April 2. For men who want to change rooms for the fall, the following schedule applies:

- April 9-10 - juniors or above
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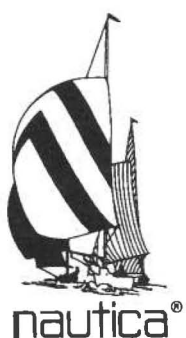
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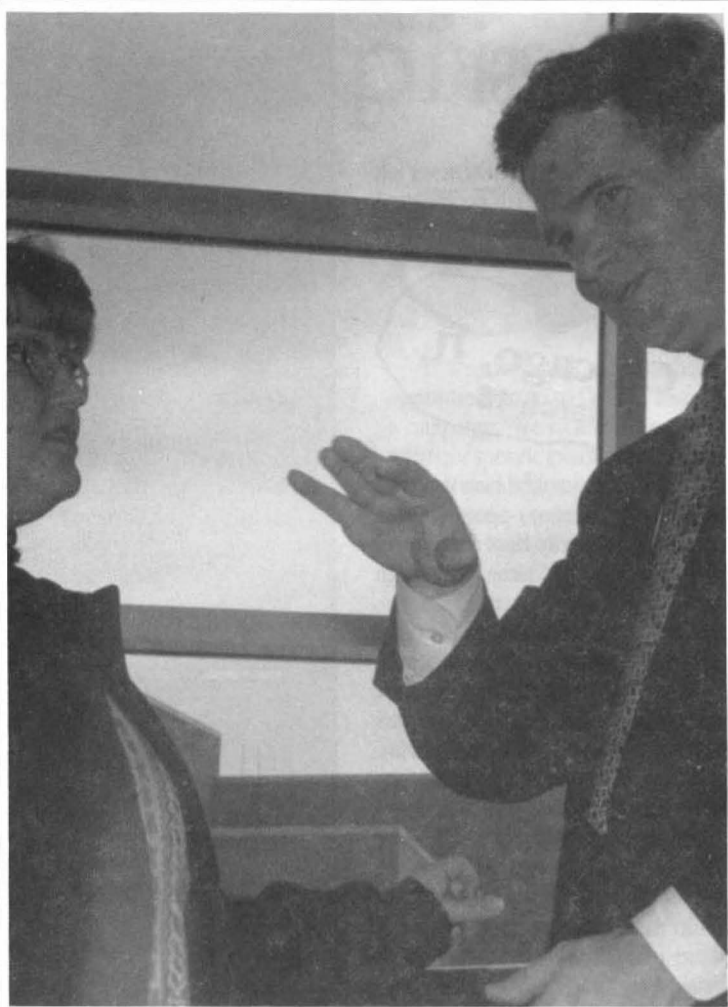
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The campaign trail runs through the Student Center. John Edwards visited with students and faculty as part of his campaign for the second district Senate seat being vacated by Ray Thornton. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

One year after accident, hope sustains family

Drew Rouhana wins spiritual battle; faith and love fill tragedy's void

by Ray Carter
Bison staff writer

The past year has not been an easy one for the Harding community. Freak accidents have been followed by worse tragedies that could easily leave many students asking "why?" Perhaps those students can find solace in the experience of Drew Rouhana and his family. While they don't claim to have all the answers, the Rouhanas have found that faith and love can fill the void caused by tragedy. Rouhana, a Harding student who was paralyzed in an accident last spring, has spent the last year living a spiritual battle that others have faced only in the abstract.

While the rest of the school is pondering life's uncertainties, Rouhana spends his week in physical therapy to increase his mobility and in Functional Electronic Stimulation, to stimulate his leg muscles through electrodes. While others have been crushed by the weight of these problems, the Rouhana family has been able to survive through a combination of faith and friendship.

Drew's mother, Myrna, credits the overwhelming support given the family

for helping them get through this rough time. Drew also notes the vast extent of support given him. "I stopped counting after I reached a thousand, but I've received over a thousand cards and letters from people," he says.

Drew's sister, Melissa, credits the involvement of their home church in lifting the family's burden. "My mother didn't cook for eight weeks [when Drew was in the hospital]," she says. The family "had lunch and dinner [brought to them] in the hospital the entire time." Melissa noted that this treatment continued even after Drew returned home.

Some of the support the family received came from unexpected sources that bridged denominational barriers. Friends of friends and their home congregations often pitched in. One Greek Orthodox church helped raise money for the family, and prayers were said for Drew in mass. Some of the most important help came from a source much closer to home. Drew's fiancée, Anna Stevens, has been a pillar that the rest of the family leaned on, according to Mrs. Rouhana.

For the time being, Drew is focusing

on short-range goals such as finishing his schooling and getting a job through the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. Mrs. Rouhana says that the family has been "putting things on hold" for the time being. "We're just kind of playing it by ear," Drew says.

Despite the busy schedule of their lives, the family has found time to reflect on the "why" question. "I never really truly understood what a test of faith was because I've been raised in the church and everything had always been fine. I guess you have to go down - really down - before you can get back up sometimes," Melissa says.

Overall, Drew has not let his misfortune keep him down. He is still plugging away, taking things one day at a time. On May 11, he is scheduled to cross the Benson stage to receive his diploma from President David Burks, and on July 6, he and Anna are to be married in Memphis. Keeping a positive attitude and focusing on the contributions of others rather than on himself, Drew ended his interview with a "thank you" to everyone at Harding for the support they have given his family.

lifestyles **BEAT** *Inertia of 33 m.p.h. could zoom student's success*

by Zachary Blake
Bison staff writer

A southern rock sound characterizes the music of "October," according to the band's lead singer, senior music major Ben Howe. Howe's group, has just agreed to tour the east coast in the coming summer under the new label, Dangerous Records. The tour will begin in Atlanta in late May, and the group will be singing from a collection of songs they have written from 1992 to 1995.

"October" is from Riverdale, Ga., and has been together since 1992 during their high school days at Woodward Academy. Howe is the group's lead vocalist and he said he feels that the band appeals to a new generation of listeners. Their debut album, *33 m.p.h.*, features songs written by every member

of the group, proving the closeness of the members.

33 m.p.h. is a different kind of album in that every song has a different kind of style. The songs range from the Seattle-based sound of grunge, to the classic rock sound of the 1970s. There is, however, one constant throughout the album - musical talent.

Guitarist Jody Lundell is definitely one of the best young guitarists that I have ever heard and, amazingly, he is self-taught. His licks on "The 'Hey, Hey' Song" are incredible. The clarity with which he rips his chords adds to the album's professionalism. This is not just a bunch of guys having fun in their spare time - they are taking this band seriously.

Drummer Jon Mark Lundell brings the sort of power to the band's rhythm that evokes memories of a young Alex Van Halen. The band heralds Lundell

as a "boy wonder," and claims that he can play any instrument he picks up. In fact, the songs "Leave Me Alone" and "One of These Days," were written by Lundell. He recorded the songs on his 4-track recorder at home, playing all of the instruments and singing, before presenting the tunes to the rest of the band.

Trevon Broad plays bass guitar and is considered to be the band's foundation. He adds to the raw sound that the band seeks to convey to their fans.

Interestingly, the group adds their technical engineer to its list of band members. Ryan Broadie operates the sound and lighting for the band's performances, and he also plays an integral part in their studio work, as well as songwriting and keeping the band organized.

All of the songs on *33 m.p.h.* contain

a message. "One of These Days" is a song about dealing with a breakup from a relationship, "Angel" wonders if dreams really do come true and "Eagle Fly Free" salutes freedom.

The depth to which the group's lyrics delve is outstanding and shows the maturity of the songwriting ability of each member. Concurrently, the team effort in musical development shows clearly as every song rocks steadily until the last note.

Following the lead of bands such as Nirvana, "October" has a hidden song on the album which is, of course, on track 33. This adds to the intrigue of this debut from a band that is sure to have continued success.

Who knows, maybe we will be watching MTV someday and see the familiar face of Ben Howe and his band "October."

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SPORTS

Bisons struggle for consistency, wins

by Aaron Wegner
Special to the Bison

The Bison baseball team began the second half of its schedule with a doubleheader against Freed-Hardeman University Monday afternoon. Freed-Hardeman entered the game with a 16-7 record while the Bisons struggled into the contest with a 13-15 mark, but an impressive record of 10-2 when playing at home.

The game had a promising start for the Bisons as catcher Brett Neely hit his first homerun of the year in the bottom of the first inning. Strong pitching prevailed for both teams until the top of the fifth inning when FHU was able to capture two runs. That proved to be the last scoring of the game, as FHU pitcher Jason Patterson limited the Bisons to just two hits the rest of the way and improved his record to 4-0.

Tim Lacefield pitched a strong game for the Bisons, limiting FHU to just three hits, but was the victim of the Bisons' lack of offense. The loss dropped Lacefield's record to 4-3.

The second game was a different story, however, as the Bisons used big third and fourth innings to jump out to a 8-1 lead. FHU then capitalized on poor Bison defense and clutch hitting to score two runs in the fifth, and four more in the sixth to close the score to 8-7.

Harding went scoreless in the bottom of the sixth and Coach Jess Bucy was posed with the question of whether to bench Bentley Harrell, who had been touched for four runs in the previous inning. Bucy decided to stay with Harrell, and it proved to be the correct decision. Harrell pitched a

strong seventh to seal the win for the Bisons and improve his record to 3-2.

The Bisons were able to escape with the victory despite committing an uncharacteristic seven errors. The Bison offense was led by first baseman Ryan Rana, who had three hits and also scored three runs. Left fielder Shane Pharr also contributed with two hits, including a homerun.

The first half of the season has proved to be a bumpy road for the Bisons as their record would indicate. Early in the season, they played Central Missouri State, the No. 1 ranked NAIA team at the time, and the Bisons were able to split a doubleheader with them.

Last Saturday, the Bisons played current NAIA No. 1 Delta State and played them tight before falling, 6-3.

"We have a real problem being consistent," senior third baseman Todd Miller said. "We have lost to some teams we shouldn't have lost to and we have lost some close games we should have won."

Spring break this year took the Bisons to Mobile, Ala., for two days and then on to Jackson, Miss., for two more days. The Bisons played eight games in those four days, losing their first six but winning the final two.

"We played some of the best teams the NAIA has to offer during the trip," sophomore pitcher Charley Moore said. "I feel we played well and those games showed us that we can consistently play with those kinds of teams."

The following Saturday, the Bisons found themselves in a doubleheader against Ouachita Baptist University. The Bisons won both games (1-0 and 3-0), with the highlight being a no-hitter

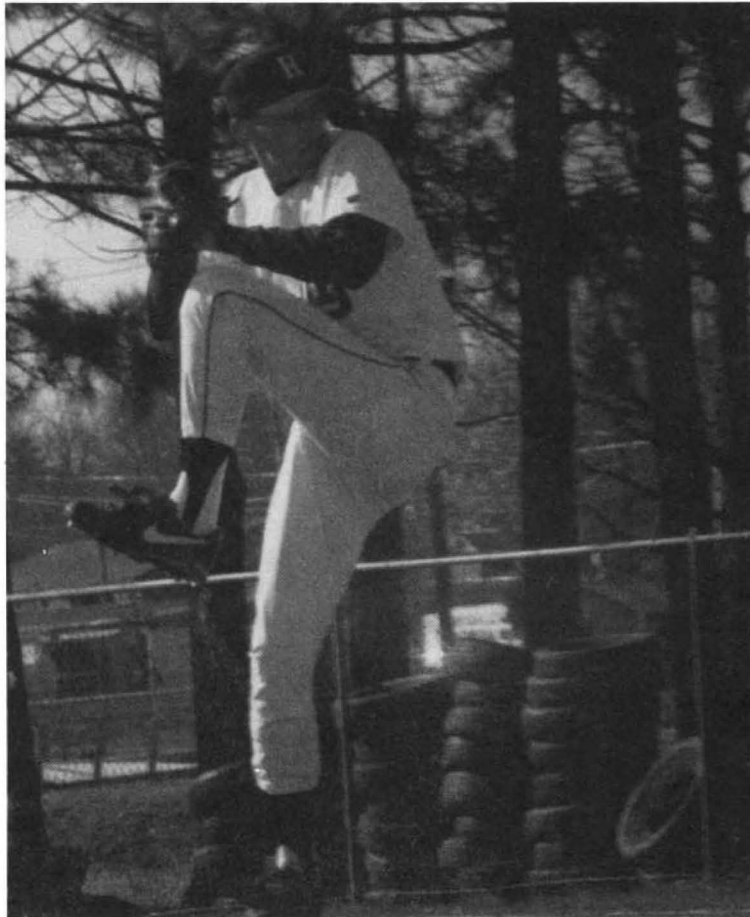
hurled by Harrell.

As the Bisons enter the second half of their schedule, the team knows that they will have to improve their current play if they hope to make it to the post-season.

"Our pitching and our defense has been strong all year," Miller said. "That keeps us close in all of our games. But we need to find consistent offense if

we are going to put together a long string of victories during the second half of the season."

"I think we would be severely disappointed if we did not make the playoffs, especially considering the amount of talent we have on this team," Moore said. "Our number one goal is to try and make the NAIA playoffs, and that is what we are all working for."



Fireballer. Tim Lacefield pitches against Freed-Hardeman. Photo by Brian Hendricks.

Basketball teams falter in NAIA tournament

from staff reports

Two amazing runs came to an end over spring break as both the Bisons and Lady Bisons were eliminated from the NAIA national basketball tournament in opening round contests.

Findlay University ousted the

Bisons 68-65 in the men's part of the tournament in Tulsa, Okla. The Lady Bisons were defeated by Montevallo 87-71 in Jackson, Tenn.

The Bison's 24-6 record made it two straight seasons with at least 20 wins and marked the highest win total the men have ever had.

The Lady Bisons 24-5 mark was the best in school history and gave the women their first NAIA tournament bid.

Both Harding teams finished the regular season ranked in the NAIA Top 20 poll, with the men ranked No. 11 and the women ranked No. 16.

Extra POINTS

College coach says the Worm turned

Lonn Reisman, basketball coach and athletic director at Tarleton State in Texas, talking about Dennis Rodman, whom Reisman recruited to Southeastern Oklahoma State when he was an assistant: "Dennis was a very respectful young man. I don't even remember him getting a technical foul in the three years that he played for me."

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Pacific-10 (4)	3-4
Big Ten (5)	2-5

'State' left out on celebration hats

On the road to the Final Four, the NCAA gives each regional winner a bunch of hats to wear during the post-game celebration.

After overpowering the favored Cincinnati Bearcats on Sunday for a 73-63 victory and a trip to the Final Four, the Mississippi State Bulldogs were given their hats amid the post-game bedlam. They wore them proudly as they cut the nets. Then they read them.

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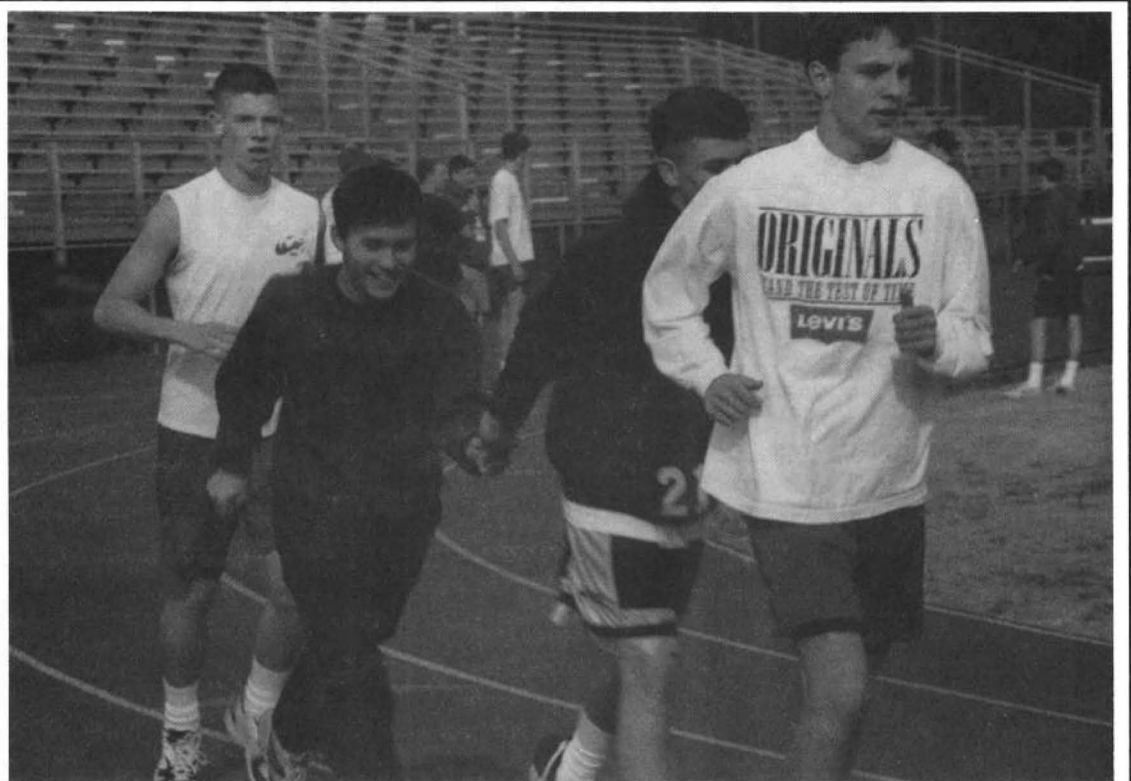
While the Lady Bison tennis squad is cruising along, the men are still trying to put the pieces together.

Both looked strong last Friday in a match with Lyon College, where both teams swept the visiting Scots by a 9-0 score.

Despite the uneven success, tennis coach David Elliott is hoping that both teams live up to advanced expectations.

"They are as good as or better than any team we've ever had," Elliott said. "We're having a good year; we just hope we can keep our national ranking high enough to get an at-large bid to the finals." The women are 7-1 after defeating Centenary Collage, an NCAA Division I team. The men, who upset Western Kentucky last Saturday to struggle to a 4-6 record, have consistently played well against tough competition.

The women play today in a match with Southwest Missouri State.



Keep it in line. Members of the Harding track team practice handing off the baton in preparation for the NAIA outdoor season. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

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Tales from

Is Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf the antichrist?

by Bart Blasengame
Bison Sports Editor

When you typically think of the antichrist, you usually don't picture him as a slightly built black man with tourette's syndrome.

But that's just the sort of overdramatic reaction Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf was met with recently when the Denver Nugget's 6' 1" guard refused to stand for the national anthem. Rauf, a devout Muslim and a legitimate NBA star, chose instead to sit on the bench while the United States flag and anthem took their place in the rafters.

Un-American? Un-Patriotic? Communist? Satanist? A threat to the health and welfare of Western civilization? Rauf is none of these, not by a long shot. Well-mannered, intelligent, talented and convicted by his beliefs, Rauf is much more suited to blending in with the background than being forced into the harsh and hypocritical spotlight of society at large.

Rauf didn't stage a protest, pose in front of the cameras or set himself on fire; he just quietly abstained from the anthem, citing religious conflicts with what he believes the American flag represents: tyranny. At first his only

action was to sit on the bench during the ceremony, but as a compromise he decided to stand with his team, praying instead of honoring the flag.

This was his own personal and religious choice, and instead of handling it like mature, educated individuals, soap-boxers everywhere felt it their duty to remind Rauf just how close-minded the American public can be.

The "love-it-or-leave-it" brigade soon started frequenting Denver Nugget games. By goodness, they'd show that "for'ner" (who was formally known as Chris Jackson during his college days at LSU) what country he was in. While Rauf stood silently in prayer during the anthem, certain

factions of the crowd started waving their dime-store polyester American flags and actually began to boo Rauf.

Gosh. How could he possibly stand firm in his beliefs in the face of such graceful opposition?

Three words here, folks: Get over it.

Just like they have a right to make fools of themselves by sporting their mock patriotism like a red, white and blue bruise, this Muslim man has the right to observe what he feels to be right by his god.

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