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Two candidates turn hopeful eyes toward trouble-shooting
Integration, entertainment top priorities

by Zachary Blake
Bison staff writer

The Harding Student Association elections are drawing near, and two candidates have emerged to vie for the job of SA president. Zach Steed and Ben Kerr are both Harding juniors who love Harding and the people who go there and are very excited about the elections.

Ben Kerr, a double major in accounting and economics, is running to provide his plans to improve Harding. "I've been a part of Harding since freshmen year, and I feel that I have the leadership here. I want to have a great year next year. The student body desires an occasional alternative to committee work and western conventions."

The second candidate for the job of SA president is chemistry major Ben Kerr. Kerr is also anticipating election week and is looking forward to the opportunity to serve the student body. "When I think about it, I'm not running for myself. Instead, I'm offering myself to the student body as a servant," he said.

Kerr said he plans to address the lack of student involvement on campus. "I would like to bring more activities in that would break down the walls of cliques," he said. "I would like to integrate the student body instead, while keeping the closeness of different groups together." Although Kerr didn't have any specific activities in mind to achieve this goal, he said he wanted to put more emphasis on making Harding one large family.

Kerr said he is not competing against Steed grudgingly. "I'm glad Zach is running," he said. "We are friends, and I think he would do a really good job. We share a lot of the same interests."

The two candidates will speak to the student body Monday, and the voting will be Wednesday from 9:45 to 4:30. Regardless of the winner, both said they are prepared to serve as needed.

Fulfilling the requirements in order to be put on the ballot is an intensive three-week process. According to Terry Davis, director of student involvement, candidates must first file an Intent to File with the Student Affairs office. Davis then checks the students' GPA to make sure they meet the 2.5 minimum requirement. He also checks with Student Services to see if the student is in good standing with the university.

Once these requirements are fulfilled, a candidate must get 50 students to sign a petition. Only then is their name put on the ballot.

Women respond to cries from 'Sister to Sister'

by Christina Weber
Bison staff writer

A call to the 800 number will provide women with a list of numbers of people who have had similar problems and experiences. Both of these avenues serve as a way to connect people who can benefit from sharing in each other's lives.

Ginnings, who is from Benbrook, Texas, will be speaking on how she threw herself into the net. She will discuss the need for contact between Christian women and ways in which the network will fill this need.

The other guest speaker for the seminar will be Ira Humphrey, the editor of Christian Woman magazine. She is from Higley, Ariz., and she will address the fact that, "We can't make it alone. As you mature, you realize that you need each other for support."

These women said they know members of the church who are facing every sort of difficulty today, and they hope the network will connect those who are experiencing issues that they are reluctant to talk about.

Women need empathy, and the system will provide it, according to Ginnings. "Someone out there has been through it and will understand," she said. "So, for instance, women who are married to non-Christian husbands or those who have a homosexual child can talk to someone who has been there and can offer support."

The seminar will meet in the Administration Auditorium from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Babysitting is being provided at the Early Learning Center.
The ad is striking in its simplicity. Against a black and silver background lay the solemn, deep-throated declaration, “You’ve earned it. Now enjoy it.”

The unintended punchline, as I saw it, was the topic of all this drama: “Park Avenue.” A car. Metal and vinyl that rusts and cracks on the curvy roads. Rick it and the door is dented, drive it without oil and it coughs and grinds to a halt. “You’ve earned it,” they say. And you know what—they’re right. Such is the way with anything that a person can earn.

Yet, not every “earned” possession is inherently bad. But, I think we receive a message from the frontiers of entrepreneurship and society (and maybe our friends and our parents, etc., etc.) that what we can earn is what life is all about.

All we earn our grades, for instance—we’ve all been down this road lately. I’ve seen the people restless loitering in the computer labs, unfinished project in hand, sighing and wondering if we can earn the two were brought to trial.

Rapists and murderers are sick people who should be cured, not killed. There is still a healing power in sensible discipline, as illustrated by Jesus when confronted with the adulterous woman.

It seems to me that this is the ultimate culmination of the Christian concept of mercy—and it shows that Christ always hoped to redeem the individual to his society.

Capital punishment is morally and politically unacceptable. There must be a reason why God stated in the Sixth Commandment, “Thou shalt not kill,” and I see no reason why this demand should not extend to a government of the people. If the state wishes that its citizens respect human life, then the state should stop killing. It can be done in no other way. I believe capital punishment brutalizes society, which cannot rid itself of the problem by itself becoming a murderer.

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At the foot of the stairs

by Andrea Stark

Shedding my umbrella against the breeze, I stepped from the tube station, amongst discarded beer cans and cigarette butts. The sight of people pushed by me on either side. I was the act of looking at the hardness of my own heart.

No, there isn't some sort of automatic "Christian Compassion" switch, complete with burning tears, that should have appeared? Why wasn't I running after the small stranger, offering her the jacket tied around my waist, or the beggar, a young woman holding a toddler in her ragged hands, and a seasick whale watcher hanging overboard in the cabin? The discrepancy results in increased symptoms of motion sickness. Fixing the eyes on goes around and around and around. The labyrinthine system detects the motion sickness have been used with claims area to face. where luggage is removed from the market due to the ship. The condition develops when the brain receives mismatched signals from the surrounding environment. The labyrinthine system of the inner ear detects changes in the position of the head. Perceived changes in the angle of the head are transmitted to the brain. In turn, the brain instructs the body to adjust position, which restores a sense of balance and reduces associated dizziness. Simultaneously, visual, auditory and proprioceptive input is fed continually to the central nervous system for correction of body position as required for maintenance.

When the labyrinthine system cannot confirm the input from its sensors, a number of symptoms of motion sickness are experienced. This chapter is based on the empirical observations of many years on the ship. Visually, the body decides it is travel.

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The most challenging obstacle I've encountered such a sight. I saw there brought tears welling in my eyes, I walked away, a feeling. I don't know if my heart became seared to the point when the empathy ended. I think of the pain that had been silent for too long ...

Wasn't there a standard lump-in-the-throat voice that had been silent for too long...? Why wasn't I just as I am. Wasn't there a standard lump-in-the-throat that should have appeared? Why wasn't I running after the small stranger, offering her the jacket tied around my waist, or the beggar, a young woman holding a toddler in her ragged hands, and a seasick whale watcher hanging overboard in the cabin? The discrepancy results in increased symptoms of motion sickness. Fixing the eyes on goes around and around and around. The labyrinthine system detects the motion sickness have been used with claims area to face. where luggage is removed from the market due to the ship. The condition develops when the brain receives mismatched signals from the surrounding environment. The labyrinthine system of the inner ear detects changes in the position of the head. Perceived changes in the angle of the head are transmitted to the brain. In turn, the brain instructs the body to adjust position, which restores a sense of balance and reduces associated dizziness. Simultaneously, visual, auditory and proprioceptive input is fed continually to the central nervous system for correction of body position as required for maintenance.

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Diversity glitters in the spotlight; SAC showcases springtime talent

"Everyone has different styles and tastes."
-co-host Bobbie Cox

by Heather Henson
Bison staff writer

Variety was the spice of the evening at the talent show sponsored by the Student Activities Committee (SAC) April 16. In conjunction with Searcy Springtime Festival, the committee organized 15 diverse talent groups who showcased in the Benson Auditorium.

"We had a very interesting variety of acts, from up to country to comedy and instrumental music," sophomore co-host Caroli latch said. Co-host Bobbie Cox agreed, "The show really helped introduce everyone to different styles and uses."

Twenty-three acts were on the program, many of them musical—blues, jazz, country and show tunes. Among the performers were Harding students David White, Jim Raines, Keny Collins, Mitch Parkhurst and Angela Sholl. The theater group Theatron also performed several short skits.

But Harding students did not hog the stage—four of the evening's acts showcased members of the Searcy community. Amanda Gardner performed a piano piece, "Remember Me," from the motion picture soundtrack "Casper," and 10-year-old Jenna Harris sang Alabama's hit single, "Angels Among Us."

In the past, the SAC has sponsored a similar event each semester in the Benson. "In future performances, we would like to get faculty and staff showcased in the talent show," SAC chairman Randy Bowman said. He said he felt that the involvement of staff members would increase attendance.

Greg McLean, a former student and a member of Voice vocal group, said he was impressed by the quality of the acts. "Searcy really does have some talented people," he said. "I'm glad they got a chance to showcase it."

Other activities connected with Springtime Searcy included the All-I

One concert, a carnival and a craft show. The festival is supported by the Chamber of Commerce in an effort to raise civic pride in the Searcy community. The talent show worked toward that end, according to Birth. "The people who came had a definite opportunity to see some of the talent Harding and Searcy have to offer," she said.
Eyes open to rape danger; victims focus on rights

White County Rape Awareness Week

by Holly Latimer

Bison staff writer

Attracting victims and potential victims is the goal of White County Rape Awareness Week, according to senior nursing major Laura Counts. Counts directs the county’s Rape Crisis Center, and she has planned this week of activities in conjunction with National Rape Awareness Month.

The theme “Victims’ Rights: A New Day Dawns” was chosen for the awareness week to help people understand their rights as victims of rape and to help potential victims protect themselves from attacks.

A self defense class will be held at the Carmichael Center, taught by Mike Bland, a Searcy police officer and a 5th degree black belt. The class will last from 9 a.m. to noon tomorrow.

Also during this week, a booth will be set up at Wal-Mart with information about rape and protection. Balloons and pamphlets will be available for anyone interested in information. The Crisis Center will be extending their message to the public through newspaper advertisements, radio spots and billboards, Counts said.

On April 13, Liz Kumpfert, assistant Attorney General of the Outreach Division, spoke about victim justice and resources available to victims. Gene Hunsfeldt from Citizens Against Crime spoke about safety procedures around the home, in travel and while shopping to help people avoid attack, Counts said.

Routine activities of the Rape Crisis Center are to operate a 24-hour hotline for victims to talk to people who have been in similar situations. The Center is always in need of volunteers. Counts said, “We need both anonymous and public volunteers. We also need both males and females.” The Rape Crisis Center is a non-profit organization funded by the United Way. It was founded in 1978.

Rape in White County is reported only 26 percent of the time, and Counts said the Center hopes to change that statistic. One thousand twenty-six rapes were reported in Arkansas in 1994. Rape is defined in the state as “engaging in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity by forcible compulsion or with someone who is incapable of consent due to physical helplessness, or with someone who is less than 14 years of age.”

Counts encouraged citizens to contact the 24-hour hotline at 268-1955 to receive counseling, to get further information or to volunteer to assist in Rape Awareness Week. “All reports are confidential. These are people who have had similar experiences and are willing to talk. Just remember that you are not alone,” Counts said.

Candidates take their mark. Students and Searcians turned out April 15 to watch the six Republican District 2 candidates battle it out in a platform war. Highlights included a discussion of minorities and the ways in which a growing Arkansas Republican Party might win their support. Photo by Christie Mangrum.
Inconsistency hampers Bisons in split with Lyon

from staff reports

Harding rallied for six unanswered runs late in the game to manage a split in their doubleheader with Lyon College Monday afternoon at Batesville.

The Bisons trailed 5-0 before the six-run outburst turned the game into a 6-5 Bison victory in the second game.

Harding’s five runs came with two teams of four, three runs, and an RBI. Wilson also collected two hits and an RBI, while Lacefield dropped to 4-5, was the losing pitcher.

Jeremy Pharr, whose record is new to NCAA compliance coordinator is new to Harding. He is looking into soccer and volleyball as possibilities. Whichever he chooses, “we will have a new women’s team by fall of ’97,” he said.

Altman is also responsible for the transition into the Lone Star division of the NCAA. In the new division, Harding’s league will include Abilene Christian University and other colleges and universities in Texas and Oklahoma.

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Harding would like to add an additional women’s sport. “I have a lot of interest in soccer and volleyball as possibilities. Whichever he chooses, we will have a new women’s team by fall of ‘97,” he said.

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Altman’s future position as NCAA compliance coordinator is new to Harding. He will be the link between the school and the NCAA. He will make sure that Harding’s eligibility, recruiting and financial aid comply with the association’s regulations, which can be a tricky job at times.

Fullerton, presently a student at Harding, will take the place of Bucy, who will retire in December.
Club track and field: Not a thing of beauty
from staff reports

Track and Field usually conjures up images of pristine athletes in tip-top condition battling down the pavement towards ultimate victory. But throw an amateur "athlete" into the mix and different, much more frightening images creep up: mass nausea, people curled into balls of writhing pain, the constant shrieking for water and a new pair of lungs... It's a good thing the Harding University Club Track and Field Meet only comes about once a year. In an effort to commemorate the event, The Bison sent photographers out to the track to capture the grace, beauty and utter futility of the true student-athlete as they leave their studies for the glory of the heated pavement.

True grit. Although it may not look that way, club members who took part in the annual Club Track and Field events actually did have a good time. An unidentified participant lunges over the high-jump bar (above), while Jamie Hunter and Holly Laimer race towards the finish line (above right). Meanwhile, Chris May, Tyjon Ledgerwood and John Alexander gracefully clear the high hurdles (right). Photos by Brian Hendricks.

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3. Florida (31-10)
4. Clemson (33-7)
5. LSU (33-8)
6. Wichita St. (27-5)
7. Miami, Fla. (29-7)
8. Florida St. (33-8)
9. Texas (30-13)
10. Texas Tech (30-9)
11. CS Northridge (37-10)
12. Alabama (29-12)
13. South Florida (32-9)
14. UCLA (25-13)
15. Georgia Tech (25-12)

From the Bleachers
First the adventures of Cedric Gibbous, then the forearm shiver from Nick Van Exel, now it's the chest-bumping of Magic Johnson. "It drives you crazy," LA Lakers VP Jerry West said, "We're shooting ourselves in the foot. I'm at a loss for words."
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Record stride, Simon Save breaks the oldest school record for an individual event.

Sawe, Clark tied together by record

by Mike Carter
Bison staff writer

Harding has been blessed with a number of quality runners who have run track, cross country or both throughout the years. One of those runners, Simon Sawe, a sophomore from Kapsabet, Kenya, recently broke one of Harding’s longest-standing track records that was formerly held by alumnus Cliff Clark. In a spirit of humility, Sawe has accepted Clark’s relinquished honor of being Harding’s fastest runner of the 3,000-meter steeple chase.

"Although I’ve only known him for one semester, I have discovered that Simon is a very humble, quiet and courteous person who seems to get along well with the other athletes. He is also an outstanding athlete; he works hard, and the other athletes are impressed by that," track coach Brian Phillips said.

Outstanding may be an understatement. A steeplechase has never achieved such heights in the United States. Last year, as a freshman at Lubbock Christian, Sawe became the national champion of the 3,000-meter steeple chase and the 5,000-meter run, and he placed 2nd in the 1,500.

In the process, he set the national record for the steeple chase. These honors could virtually make any athlete boastful, but not Sawe.

Sawe described himself as a Christian man who values his relationship with God and with people. "I come from a Christian family, so I think that has been a driving force throughout my life. I’ve met so many people as being very important, especially my family and friends. I also like to get to know people from other cultures," Sawe said.

Sawe said that his primary interest in coming to America was to get an education. "The opportunity to come to Harding has given me a broader perspective on life. Also, many people lack the opportunity to go to school here but do not have the opportunity. So, coming to Harding is a blessing for me," he said.

In addition to his education, Sawe said running has become a high priority in his life. "I started running in school when I was 14 because I simply enjoyed running, not because I thrilled on competition" he said. "The spirit of competition came later in life when I won a race against some good runners in my high school. At a certain point in the race, I thought, ‘Hey, not only can I keep up with these guys, but I can also beat them.’ I went on to win that race and many others since then.

With regard to the race that earned Sawe a place in Harding history, Sawe said he was surprised to learn that he had set a record for Harding by running 8:58:00 because, last year, I ran 20 seconds faster than that. His competitive spirit drives him still harder.

"I wanted to give Harding something more than an 8:58:00, but the weather in Texas wouldn’t allow it," he said. Coach Phillips was the first to give him the news, and Sawe said he felt appreciated. "It feels great to be the one to set that record for Harding. Running for a school such as Harding that appreciates my work and accomplishments really motivates me to do well," he said.

Sawe said he prepared for that race as he would for any race. "I spent many weeks preparing for it, but during those final two weeks, I gave my body a tremendous workout. I regularly lifted weights, ran up and down the bleachers by the track, did some speed work on the track, did some hill runs, and every other day, I ran five miles," he said.

Concerning his performance throughout this season, Sawe said he has not yet achieved the level of running for which he is striving, but he expects to do so before this semester is completed.

Although he still has two or three years before he will graduate with an anticipated degree in public relations, Sawe is already dreaming about what he will do after graduation. "After I graduate, my biggest dream as a runner is to run in the upcoming Olympic events to be held in Australia in the year 2000," he said.

While Sawe looks toward his future, the record has prompted Clark, Harding’s former steeple chase record holder, to reflect on the past. "After I left Harding with a degree in business administration, I spent eight and one-half years in the Air Force," Clark said.

He continued to run for the Air Force team at international competitions. In 1972, he went to the Olympic trials for the steeple chase and the 5,000-meter, but his time of 8:50.65 and 15:40.00, respectively, was not enough to send him to Munich, Germany. "I finished fifth in the final Olympic trials of the steeple chase and ninth in the 5,000-meter," he said. "I had a lot of fun and a good experience."

He said he learned about his steeple chase record being broken by Sawe from his daughter, Shelli, who is a freshman on the Lady Bison basketball team. "She called the morning the announcement was made in chapel. I wasn’t home at the time, so she told Chick [Clark’s wife, who later gave me the message],” Clark said.

Clark admitted that the news was "bittersweet." "I feel a little sorrow because my name is now off the record boards after being there for nearly 30 years," he said. "It’s a piece of me that’s been removed from history."

But he said that he was happy for Simon because he’d wanted that record to be broken for a long time. "I’ve hoped all along that the program would grow to the point where some of those records from the 1960’s would be broken.”