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Quick look at NEWS

In an attempt to become the youngest person to fly across the country, seven-year-old Jessica Dubroff was killed, when the Cessna she and her father were flying crashed last week.

Researchers at the University of Washington reported they have found the first gene ever known to cause human aging — the Werner's gene. It may help illuminate causes of aging.

Reaching out to young people cynical about Christianity, the Rev. Billy Graham is launching the new TV special, "Starting Over." The program features an interchange of dramatic messages, interviews and music with photography in typical music video style.

A tornado tore through northern Arkansas Sunday killing seven and causing extensive injuries and damages. Izard County battled the third round of strong storms and tornadoes in a month.

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

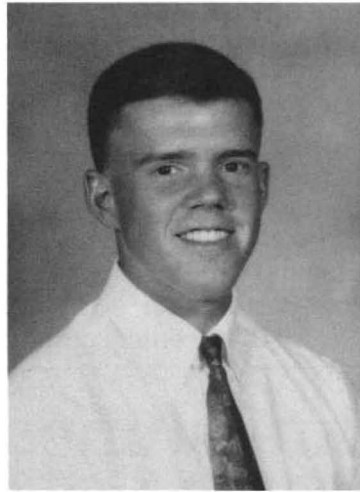
by Zachary Blake
Bison staff writer

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 have this goal in mind.

Steed, who is pursuing a double major in accounting and economics, is very excited about the elections. "I want to be the SA president because I love Harding and the people who go here. I want to have a great year next year, and I feel that I have the leadership to provide that."

Steed was very enthusiastic about his plans to improve Harding. "Throughout the three years I've been at Harding, I've gotten to meet a lot of different people. This has given me a good idea of the different groups on campus," he said.

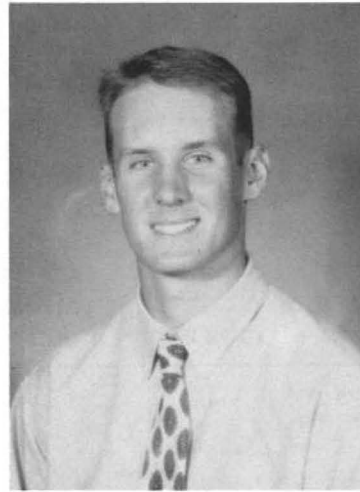
Because of this knowledge, Steed said he feels that there is a need for a senior-and-freshmen-only retreat, which would give freshmen the opportunity to ask questions and learn from the more seasoned college



Ben Kerr

students. Steed also said he saw a void needing to be filled in the way of campus activities. He believes the student body desires an occasional alternative to country and western concerts.

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



Zach Steed

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."

These 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 new support network for Christian women is being kicked off tomorrow with the first WINGS seminar. WINGS, which stands for Women In God's Service, is sponsored by Harding's Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic. The seminar will focus on the theme, "Sister to Sister."

Under the direction of Dr. Sherry Pollard, Harding and the Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic have established an e-mail forum and an 800 number for Christian women seeking peer counseling.

The network is the brainchild of Cheryl Ginnings, one of the seminar's guest speakers. She said she realized

there was a need for a support system that would enable women who were feeling alone, depressed or in need of encouragement to talk to other Christian women who had had the same life experiences.

She initially started by putting as many people in touch with each other as possible, but that arrangement didn't fulfill her expectations.

The new network will allow women all over the world to write in on e-mail or call the 800 number to receive free, confidential peer counseling. The e-mail system, set up and directed by Suzanne Spurrier, will allow women all over the world to write in to a forum to give and receive advice.

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 others' lives.

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

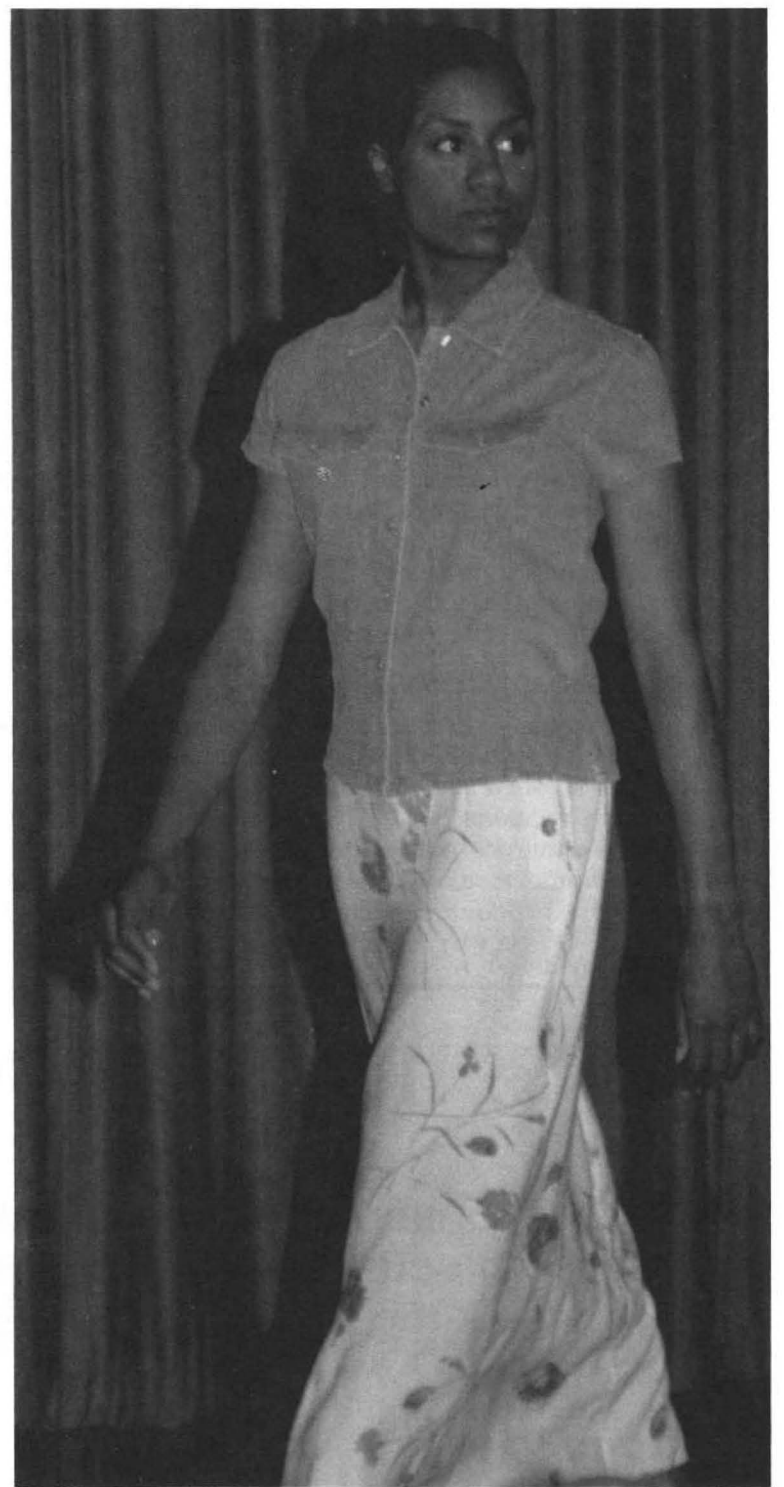
The other guest speaker for the seminar will be Sandra Humphrey, the editor of *Christian Woman* magazine. She is from Higley, Ariz., and she will address the fact that, "We can't make it alone. As you mature, you realize that you need each other for support."

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.

"Someone out there has been through it..."



Strike a pose. Students turned the Benson stage into a runway, modeling a line of fashion Tuesday as part of an American Marketing Association (AMA) project. Enigma was organized by Anabella Ruiz. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

just one **OPINION** They say you've earned it

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 in the elements. Kick 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.

Not that every "earned" possession is inherently bad. But, I think we receive a message from our fronting, entrepreneuring society (and maybe our friends and our parents, etc., etc.) that what we can earn is what life is all about.

We all earn our grades, for instance – we've all been down this road lately. I've seen the people restlessly loitering in the computer labs, unfinished project in hand, sighing and

shifting in hopes to make some early-comer nervous enough to abandon his precious computer.

And I've waded through the tension that has flooded the library this last week. In fact, I stood in a 20-minute line for a copy machine that, to the dismay of some harried nursing major, was out of paper and toner. The way she kept punching the coin changer – using her whole body, a mass of unkempt hair bouncing with every thrust – I thought the girl was about to break down.

I really can't claim immunity. I'm weaving around today, still hung over from a cram session last night that allowed me two hours of dreamless sleep.

The fact is that it's tough to pull away from grades when we know that someday we'll trade the GPA in for cash. That's why we're here, isn't it?

On a small scale, I think that's true – we are earning an education so that we can earn money later so that, some blessed day, we will

earn a Buick Park Avenue.

But, I want to look beyond all that. I want to remember the things I can never earn.

Unconditional love, like my parents and friends offer. Sunshine. Green grass (though keeping off of it these days requires all the ethical fortitude I can muster). A good game of volleyball.

Just reading over this little list, I feel like I'm being trite, like if I keep going I've got a career with Hallmark looming in my future. But, that feeling is exactly the problem. We are programmed toward admiring what our hands can get us and ignoring what's free.

I happen to believe that the headaches and the frustrated outbursts would fade if we all started looking at what our IQ's can't bring us and money can't buy.

"You haven't earned it. Enjoy it." jlo



facing **ISSUES** Capital punishment – realistic or reckless?

by Kristy Williams
Bison guest writer

While our government is trying to balance our budget and trim the deficit, prisoners are getting free room and board with a few luxuries on the side. The cost of keeping violent repeat offenders in prison is taking its toll on the American taxpayer.

In 1979, Lawrence Bittaker and Roy Norris abducted 16-year-old Cindy Schaefer. After repeatedly raping her, they twisted a coat hanger around her neck and threw her body over a cliff, never to be recovered. Four more victims were brutally beaten, tortured and/or raped before the two were brought to trial.

Bittaker was found guilty and sentenced to die in the gas chamber but, through appeals, got his sentence postponed. Thirteen years after the sentencing, in 1992, he filed a formal complaint charging prison officials with subjecting him to "cruel and unusual punishment" – his sandwich was soggy and his cookies broken in his sack lunch.

On top of the cost of being housed each year, prisoners clogged the courts with more than 63,000 frivolous lawsuits. Prisoners are not required to pay filing fees, other court costs, postage, photocopying and research fees, and their attorneys are appointed at no charge. In Michigan, one case cost taxpayers more than \$250,000.

Six killers and one rapist sued for metal coat hangers and ceramic coffee mugs – items known to be coveted in prison because of their usefulness in making deadly weapons.

If violent criminals are looking for ways to manufacture weapons in prison, they are obviously not rehabilitated. This is why I support

the death penalty. I believe we should clear out the prisons and make room for offenders who do not deserve the death penalty and can be rehabilitated into productive citizens.

I know there are the non-violent offenders who are willing to turn their lives around. Some of these knew no other way of life, and it is up to society to help them. Just for example, take the average \$130 court filing fee and multiply it by the 63,000 frivolous cases filed each year. That \$8 million could put hundreds of underprivileged young adults through college, teaching them the necessary skills to be productive citizens.

I also believe the prison system has set a faulty precedent for young people. Our society is losing its ability to understand time and eternity. Eternity is forever. But criminals see only that our prison system has changed "for life" into 25 years, 10 years into two years, and six months into "you are free to go." Our comprehension of forever has been distorted, leading us to expect God to relent as does society.

I believe the judicial system in this country must show potential criminals that it is serious. If criminals know they will be let off the hook, what is going to stop them from becoming repeat offenders? The system must show that committing a crime has consequences – and if it takes the death penalty to convince them, then so be it.

by Claudia Cordera
Bison staff writer

The question of capital punishment has been the subject of endless discussion and will probably never be settled as long as men believe in justice. The arguments for and against capital punishment are many; although some consist of little more than emotional appeals, others reflect considerable effort to collect and analyze the relevant evidence. Those

defending capital punishment believe it is legitimate and necessary. I, on the other hand regard it as unjustifiable, impotent and outdated. Life imprisonment is a more viable option.

The issue of money in this instance is the most widely-used argument for capital punishment, but I happen to think it is irrelevant – we will pay a much higher price for putting more prisoners to death.

The price is our sense of security. Other nations have proven that fear of a rash government is an evil master, resulting in reduced nationalism and contempt for authority.

Many people can agree with my premise, but they argue that the penalty of imprisonment for life does not work in practical application; the criminal often does not actually serve a life sentence. Their frustration stems from the fact that, over life's course, the convicted is often paroled.

This, to me, seems like the best reason to spare a prisoner's life.

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.

He said to her accusers, "Let him who is without sin among you cast the first stone." Then he disciplines the woman, telling her to sin no more. 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.

His was a discipline of love – ours is too often one of hate. People who push for the death penalty desire to kill the one they hate, and I don't believe good can be accomplished through hatred. God freely gave us all life, and I do not believe that we have a right to take it away.

Some claim that capital punishment reduces the amount of crime, and they call on the low-crime bliss of third-world countries in which flogging and public torture are still practiced. While there is evidence of lower crime in these countries, there is also evidence of high anxiety and government abuse.

Capital punishment is morally and ethically 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 murderers by itself becoming a murderer.

"There are only two possible penalties for capital murder – death and life in prison without parole."

– Donnie Sewell,
Searcy Daily Citizen
April 17, 1996,
concerning the murder trial
of Jack Harold Jones, Jr.

INSPIRATION *etcetera*

Conventionality is not morality.
Self-righteousness is not religion.
To attack the first is not to assail
the last.

– Charlotte Bronte

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today in HISTORY



One year ago today, a car bomb exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 167 people, 19 of them children. Timothy J. McVeigh and Terry L. Nicholls, both army veterans angered by the attack on the Branch Davidian compound at Waco, were accused of the crime.

English novelist Charlotte Bronte was born 180 years ago Sunday.

At the foot of the stairs

by Andrea Stark
2nd place, Jo Cleveland Writing Contest

She captured my attention as I hustled down the steps of the London Tube station. Lingered at the foot of the stairs, she wore a faded sun dress, inappropriate for the harsh November weather. Her dull, brown eyes were rimmed with dried sleep and old tears. She had pulled back her dark hair in a half-hearted attempt at a ponytail, but rebellious tendrils escaped about her small, dirty face. She was no more than nine years old, yet her mouth revealed aged lines of tension and pain.

Her brown eyes found mine among the surging crowd; her grubby hand caught my shirt-tail as I tried to squeeze by. "Spare some change please?" came her quiet plea. Groaning inwardly, I tossed a few coins produced from my pocket into her teeth-marked, styrofoam cup and allowed the flow of people to sweep me away. Mysteriously, no lump came to my throat. No tears burned in my eyes. In fact, the only emotion I felt at that moment was self-pity, stemming from the thought that I'd been conned by a little imp.

Wasn't there some sort of automatic "Christian Compassion" switch, complete with burning tears, that should have activated itself when I looked into her eyes? 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 granola bar stuffed into my backpack? Why wasn't I affected by her?

Two months prior to seeing the little girl at the foot of the stairs marked my first time to see a person begging for money. The beggar, a young woman holding a toddler in her lap, sat on the grimy, cement floor of another Tube station, amongst discarded beer cans and cigarette butts. The sight made me nauseous. I remember staring at the pair for a long moment while the torrent of people pushed by me on either side.

Peace for the travel-worn

to maintain balance.

When the labyrinthine system cannot confirm the input from its sensory colleagues, the symptoms of motion sickness are expressed. This mismatch of information occurs when one is confined in a closed ship's cabin. Visually, the body decides it is stationary in the cabin, but the labyrinthine system detects the accelerated and angular motion of the ship. The discrepancy results in motion sickness.

Reducing the mismatch of sensory information is critical for controlling motion sickness. Symptoms can be minimized if adequate peripheral vision is maintained during periods of accelerated movement. Riding in the front seat of an automobile offers unobstructed frontal and lateral vision.

However, riding in the back seat with a more restricted view often results in increased symptoms of motion sickness. Fixing the eyes on

Inspired by emotion, I emptied the contents of my pockets onto the baby blanket where a few, random coins had been tossed. With tears welling in my eyes, I walked away, a terrible ache gripping my chest.

At some point during my three month stay in London, I stopped feeling sick to my stomach when I encountered such a sight. I no longer choked on a lump in my throat or blinked away salty tears. At some time my emotions turned themselves off. I stopped feeling. I don't know if there was one specific moment when the empathy ended. I think it was simply a gradual wearing down, a numbing of that nerve in one's soul that cries out, "This is wrong! This is pain!" No, I can't say when my heart became seared to the point that it no longer felt.

However, I can pinpoint the moment when I fully realized its calloused condition. As I walked away from the begging child, opposing forces collided within my soul. A voice that had been silent for too long... screamed. I saw how hard I had become. I turned in desperation to get another glimpse of the little girl, but the deluge of people pushed me farther away from her. When I finally broke free, I hurried back to the foot of the stairs. She was gone.

I often see her face in my mind's eye. I feel the tug of her hand on my shirt-tail. I hear her soft voice echo in my ear. Hebrews 13:2 speaks of strangers being angels. I often wonder what I would have done differently had I seen an illuminated halo hovering above her head.

Accidentally meeting the gaze of a young girl with dull, brown eyes forced me to look into my own soul. What I saw there brought me to my knees with pleas for forgiveness on my lips. My Christian walk has been littered with hurdles; I've experienced hate, prejudice and pain.

But the most challenging obstacle I've had to cross, I placed in my own path. The hurdle that sent me crashing to my knees was the act of looking at the hardness of my own heart.

points of VIEW

Life's traumatic episodes

by Leedy Smith
Bison columnist

I am an exhausted, stressed-to-my-utmost-limits, sick-of-school senior. Worse yet, I'm not even graduating. Tonight, I sat in my room for three hours and still lacked the first paragraph of my term paper. Not only did I not have a paragraph, I didn't even have an idea. I had a bunch of sentences that didn't relate or connect - fragments. It seems that, no matter how hard I try, I can't keep up with all the work I have to do. My motivation to try falls with each passing day.

It's that time of year when the end of school is too close and too far away all at the same time. It's too soon to finish all my work on time and not soon enough to get it all done and be outta here! How do I react to the demands of my job, school work and active social calendar? Let me tell you, it's anything but cool, calm and collected. It's more like crazed, confused and crying.

For example, last night I had been busy all day and didn't have the time to stop and eat. At seven o'clock, I still had several more hours' worth of work ahead of me. All I wanted to do was get into my car, drive to Taco Bell and order some food. I searched and searched but could not find my keys. I looked under my bed, in my jean pockets, through the stacks of papers piled on my desk, and in my backpack. I even searched my suitemate's room. After all that, I still could not find them. What did I do? Did I call a friend, borrow a bike or walk? No, I took the most logical option. I sat on my floor and cried. I know girls are more emotional, but this borders on the ridiculous.

Something about this time of year causes people to act in strange ways. Girls quit wearing make-up and start wearing pony tails and ball caps. Guys start wearing slacks to class because they've worn all their dirty clothes - twice. Pizza delivery companies see a substantial rise in profits. People really do study in the library. Weekends become the time to work on homework instead of forget about it. Upperclassmen laugh when freshmen complain about their work load. Caffeine and Vivran become basic food groups.

What causes such odd behavior from otherwise normal college students? In a word, professors. Sometimes I catch myself wondering, "Do they think that I am here to study, to educate myself? Do they think that their class is the only one I am enrolled in? Have a little compassion! I can only complete so many projects and read so many pages! Hey, I have other, more important, things to do: club softball games to watch, dollar movie night to attend, and student center tables to sit at for hours on end."

Then my not-so-brief moment of self-indulgent pity ends and I realize that it is not unreasonable for my professors to expect well-written term papers. And, perhaps if I organize myself, I can even read the book I am supposed to write my term paper on. In the last several weeks of school, we all feel the stress and pressure of college life. We might even allow little problems like missing car keys to become traumas that cause us to cry like babies. Don't despair, in a few short weeks we won't have eight o'clock classes to attend. We'll have eight o'clock shifts at our summer jobs that help us pay for that those eight o'clock classes we attend.

professional HOUSECALLS

by Dr. Mike Justus
Bison guest columnist

"In the event of an emergency landing, please use the exit door nearest you."

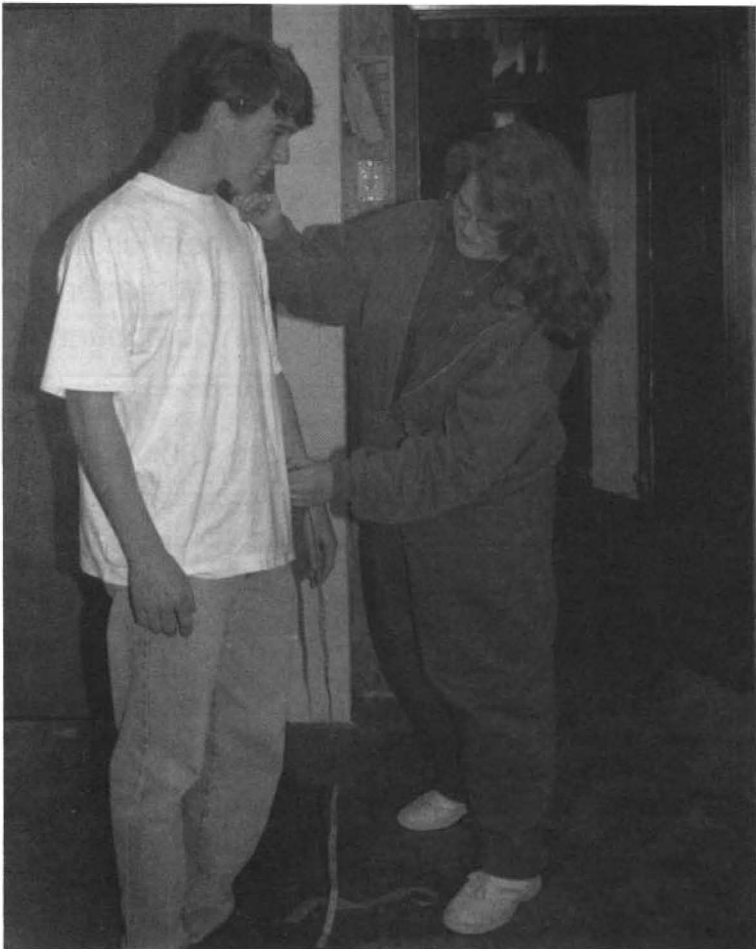
If you are a frequent flier, you know that safety spiel goes on and on *ad nauseum*. For those of us already nauseated at the thought of take-off, the location of the nearest exit is not nearly as important as the location of the nearest in-flight emesis bag.

These days, food service on airlines is rarely more than pretzels and soft drinks. For the traveler with motion sickness, the absence of airline food is no great loss. The risk of losing it greatly increases when the guy in the next seat pulls out a sack of sardines with guacamole dip and considers it his altruistic duty to share.

The distress of motion sickness is not confined to air travel. The rhythmic rolling of waves in an open

body of water can generate the same feeling of nausea. An avid watcher scanning the horizon with binoculars and a seasick whale watcher hanging limply over the gunwale of the ship attach different significance to the announcement, "Thar she blows!"

Motion sickness refers to a syndrome of symptoms which includes dizziness, loss of appetite, nausea and vomiting. The condition develops when the brain receives mixed signals from the surrounding environment. The labyrinthine system of the inner ear detects changes in the position of the body. 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



"Exclusive Model." Janis Williams measures Chris Zember for his costume in this domestic comedy directed by Jerry Morgan. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

Honored professor urges pursuit of dreams

by Ray Carter
Bison staff writer

Humility and academic excellence color the life of Dr. John Fortner, Alpha Chi's Distinguished Lecturer Award recipient.

"I'm very honored and humbled," Fortner said, adding, "I don't think I deserve it, but I'm very honored and flattered that they would look my way and consider me."

The recipient of the award is chosen by the membership of Alpha Chi, the student academic honor society. Each member of the organization is sent a ballot and given the chance to nominate one teacher who they feel has best exemplified scholarship in the classroom.

"We instructed the students to nominate somebody who they felt was an example, someone who's modeled himself or herself as a Christian scholar and encouraged the development of scholarship in students," Alpha Chi president Craig Gustafson said. This year, as many as 38 teachers were nominated, with Fortner receiving the majority of nominations. The award "reflects the respect and admiration of the students," said Dr. Paul Haynie, a faculty sponsor of Alpha Chi.

One of the duties the recipient of the Distinguished Lecturer award faces is to give a lecture to the membership of Alpha Chi. Fortner's speech, given on April 16, was entitled "The Implications of the Incarnation for the Christian University." The speech focused on

God's desire for us to become all that we can become, for us to use our talents in his service. "Each human endeavor is a sacred thing, a holy thing, a God-ordained thing," Fortner said.

Fortner said he hopes that the speech will help emphasize the role of Christianity in non-Bible majors. "No matter what our major, it's something that God has said, 'That's good, do it, pursue it.'"

Fortner, an Alpha Chi member of long standing, has taught at Harding since 1990. His area of emphasis has been the Old Testament and Hebrew. He taught at Lubbock Christian before coming to Harding.

Fortner's distinguished academic career began at Harding, where he attended from 1967 to 1972. He then went on to the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, and later to the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati for his graduate work. In addition to teaching, Fortner has served as pulpit minister.

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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 rap to country to comedy and instrumental music," sophomore co-host Carol Birth said. Co-host Bobbie Cox agreed, "The show really helped introduce everyone to different styles and tastes."

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, Kenny Collins, Micah 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

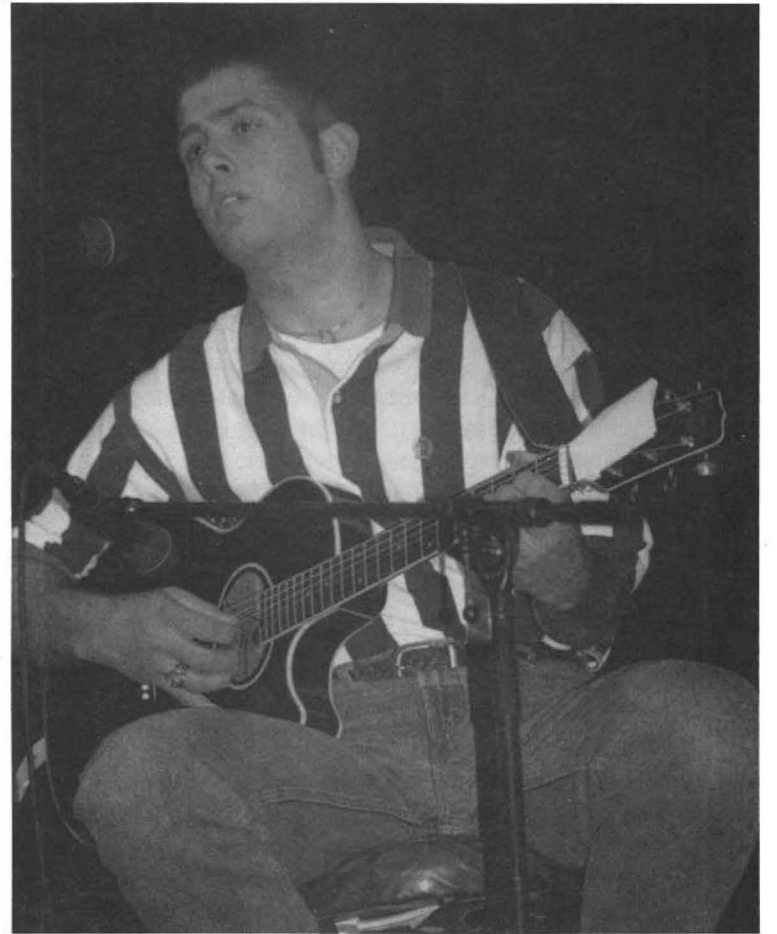
members would increase attendance.

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-4-

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.



'Interesting variety.' Logan Cates strums out "Father and Son," an original tune. A variety of talent was showcased Tuesday. Photo by Brian Hendricks.

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Eyes open to rape danger; victims focus on rights

White County Rape Awareness Week

by Holly Latimer
Bison staff writer

Arming 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, Lori Kumpris, assistant Attorney General of the Outreach Division, spoke about victim justice and resources available to victims. Gene Hartsfield 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 20 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.

Quick look at **EVENTS**

The Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) invites you to sign the big card for Carlos and Jose outside room 103 in the Business Building.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is sponsoring the MADD Dash Saturday, April 27, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Carmichael Center in Searcy. Entry forms may be found in the Bible office.

Hospice Home Care, Inc., of Jacksonville, will conduct a volunteer training workshop Monday, April 22, at Rebsamen Region Medical Center. The training will be held every Monday and Wednesday for four weeks. For more information, contact Millie Hinkle at 666-9697.

Today is the last day to view the senior art show, "Three Years of Me," by Kimberley A. Smith in the Stevens Art Gallery.

"The Castle of Perseverance" and "The Man in the Bowler Hat" will be performed tonight in the Administration Auditorium. Paul Huebner and Anthony Taylor are the senior producers.

"Exclusive Model" and "Riders to the Sea," the senior theater projects of Jerry Morgan and Ben Howe, will be performed in the Administration Auditorium April 22 and 23.

Facts about Rape...

- One in eight rapes is reported.
- A rape is reported every five minutes.
- One in every four women and one in 10 men in the United States will be raped or sexually assaulted in their lifetimes.
- Most rape victims are female.
- Approximately 75 percent of all rapes are committed by someone the victim knows.
- About one-third of all reported rapes involve youth, aged 10-17 years.
- In a recent survey of college-aged students:
 - * One in four women reported they have been raped;
 - * Eight out of 10 of these knew their attacker;
 - * One out of 12 men admitted committing acts that meet the definition of rape or attempted rape;
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SPORTS

Olree's departure ushers in new era for Athletic Department

by Jeff Krinks
Bison staff writer

It's a good thing the Ganus Athletic Center is a sturdy new building because a tornado of sorts is heading its way. And the Athletic Department will not have any shelter from the storm.

In fact, the building may be the only evidence of the past when all the personnel changes are complete.

When the shuffling ends in August, Harry Olree, athletic director, will have retired, and Ted Altman will have taken his place; Lady Bison Coach Greg Harnden will have added responsibilities as assistant athletic

director; Brad Francis, head coach for the Harding Academy girls basketball team, will be serving a dual role as assistant women's basketball coach and NCAA compliance coordinator; and Shane Fullerton will have replaced retiring baseball coach Jess Bucy.

Olree has been at Harding for 39 years. He attended the school as a student and then served in the military for two years. After a couple of years teaching in Missouri, he returned to Searcy to work for the college.

"I really like the association with the coaches and the athletes. I get to see them mature and grow," Olree said. As director of athletics, he decided

budgets for the department and arranged game schedules for Harding's sports teams.

Olree described one of the highlights of his career as a basketball play-off game against the University of Central Arkansas in 1987. Harding was picked to lose, but by the last five seconds of the game they had the lead. At the time, Scottie Pippen was playing for UCA and only had to make one basket to win the game.

"He brought the ball in," Olree said, "shot it, missed, and we ended up going on to the finals."

Altman has been at Harding for 34 years. He coached five teams for the

school, served as vice president of student affairs for 17 years, and has been assistant athletic director for seven years.

As athletic director, Altman said he wants to continue to upgrade Harding's sports program, noting that "we need to add another women's sport." He is looking into soccer and softball 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.

Altman said he is proud to be working with Harding athletes and coaches. "We have a tremendous, close-knit group of dedicated Christian coaches."

Francis' 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.



Mud Ball! Jake Eby, a member of Pi Kappa Epsilon, fires a shot past two Kappa Sigma Kappa defenders in the club soccer tournament. Kappa Sigma Kappa won the rain-soaked two-day event held last weekend. Photo by Mike Figgins.

Tennis teams gear up for regionals, spank OBU and Hendrix College

from staff reports

The Harding University Bisons and Lady Bisons swept Hendrix College and Ouachita Baptist University Monday at the Harding tennis courts.

In the men's matches, Arturo Rodriguez, Guillermo Hernandez, Daniel Velasco, Andrew Garner, Oscar Andrade and Nathaniel Israel all posted victories in singles matches. Rodriguez and Hernandez, Garner and Israel and Andrade and Juan Hernandez teamed up for wins in doubles matches.

"Arturo is playing well. Our team is one of the best we have had at Harding despite our record (7-8). We are looking forward to postseason play," Coach David Elliott said.

Alicia Rojas, Claudia Cordera,

Christina Rodriguez, Claudia Navaro, Lety Diaz and Shelly Schaefer won singles matches for the Lady Bisons. Rojas and Jessy Ruiz, Beatriz Arvizu and Schaefer, and Diaz and Navaro posted victories in doubles.

Both the men and women play in the NAIA Regional this weekend in Oklahoma City.

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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 fell short in an almost identical comeback bid, 5-4.

In the fifth inning of the first game, Shane Pharr singled before Darryl Johnson belted a home run to cut the margin. Harding loaded the bases in the sixth as Pharr received a free pass to force home the winning run.

Tim Lacefield was the winning

pitcher, improving his record to 6-5 for the season.

The Bisons attempted another come-from-behind feat in the second game. Todd Miller hit a two-run single in the seventh and brought his team to within one run. But Harding left the tying run stranded at third base, sealing their fate.

Jeremy Pharr, whose record dropped to 4-5, was the losing pitcher. Matt Wilson singled and doubled for the Bisons while Johnson had two hits and an RBI.

In Saturday's doubleheader at Arkadelphia, Harding swept two games from Ouachita Baptist, 5-4 and 3-1.

Miller contributed three hits and an RBI while Ryan Rana had two hits

and an RBI. Wilson also collected two hits and an RBI, while Lacefield knocked a run in in a pinch-hitter role.

The NAIA Southwest Region east division playoffs will be held April 25-27 at Conway, either at the home field of the University of Central Arkansas or Hendrix College.

Coaches will meet Friday to determine the tournament teams. In case of a tie for the final berth, those two teams will play a one-game playoff.

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Club track and field: Not a thing of beauty

from staff reports

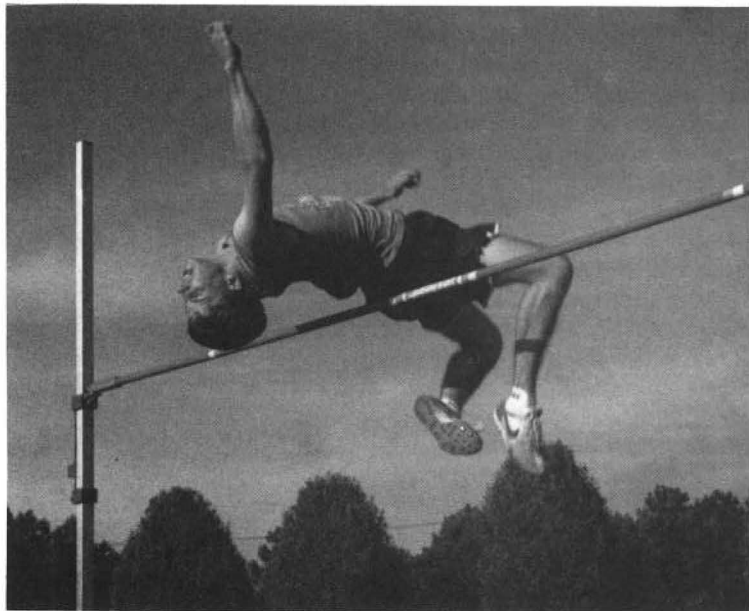
Track and Field usually conjures up images of pristine athletes in tip-top condition battling down the pavement towards ultimate victory.

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 its 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 Latimer race towards the finish line (above right). Meanwhile, Chris May, Tyson Ledgerwood and John Alexander gracefully clear the high hurdles (right).

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POINTS

Killers still loose while O.J. tees off

O.J. Simpson led his golf team to victory in a celebrity golf tournament at Nassau, Bahamas, which raised \$43,000 for the International Sickle Cell Foundation. He teamed with his daughter Amelle, Detroit Lions cornerback Ryan McNeil and three others Sunday to win the 36-hole tournament.

Apparently, the suspects he vowed to track down for the murder of his wife, Nicole, were seen in the area.

'Zo, Riley plan on permanent suntan

Alonzo Mourning wants to hook up with Pat Riley for the long haul in Miami. On his pending free agency, Mourning says, "My foot is in cement in Miami, but it's not dry yet."

Riley, on the other hand, looks to be well on his way to sinking his roots deep into the Florida soil. He purchased a five-bedroom, eight-bath home - complete with waterfalls, fountain, pool and boat dock - for \$6.3 million on Biscayne Bay.

Boys of Summer? Not this season

Baseball is off to a cold start - the Indians' and Red Sox's home openers were actually snowed out.

These are the home openers this season with the coldest game-time temperatures:

Seattle at Detroit (April 9) - 34 degrees; Boston at Kansas City (April 5) - 37 degrees; NY Yankees at Cleveland (April 2) - 38 degrees; San Diego at Chicago Cubs (April 1) - 38 degrees; Kansas City at NY Yankees (April 9) - 40 degrees.

Baseball America Top 15 poll

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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 (36-9)
11. CS Northridge (37-10)
12. Alabama (29-12)
13. South Florida (32-9)
14. UCLA (23-15)
15. Georgia Tech (25-12)

From the Bleachers

First the adventures of Cedric Ceballos, 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."

Bison Sports Challenge

Who is the only wide receiver to be taken with the first pick in the NFL draft?

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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. Sawe has achieved much in the short time he has been 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 make virtually 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 God has been a driving force throughout my life. I view 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 back home wish to come 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 thrived 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 school record in the 3,000-meter steeple chase. "I didn't realize that I 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 me," 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 8:36:03 and 13:54:00, 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 Tish [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 being 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."



Record stride. Simon Sawe breaks the oldest school record for an individual event.

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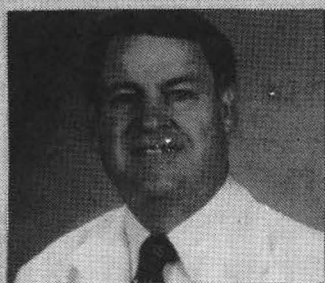
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