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**John Major to speak on the next millennium**

by Ryan Cook

Staff writer

The American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series will continue its tradition of bringing world-renowned speakers to the Harding campus when the Right Honorable John Major, former British Prime Minister, speaks in the Benson Auditorium rest at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25.

His speech is entitled "Into the Next Millennium." Rob Reely, associate executive director of the American Studies Institute, said he expects the presentation to last around 45 minutes, followed by a 45-minute question and answer session.

"We're right on the verge of the turn of the century," Reely said. "He'll give his perspective, I'm sure, as a professional and as a world leader."

"It will be an exciting evening. He'll give a great presentation," he said.

In a break from past big-name speakers, tickets will not be passed out for Major's lecture. There will be open seating the day of the presentation for students, faculty, staff and the general public.

"Tickets are a very labor-intensive effort to distribute," Reely said. "We feel that in respect to the show of interest that we had in Major, which was not as intense as we had in Gorbachev [that we did not surprise]."

Still, Reely said he expects a full house for the former Prime Minister's speech.

Today Major represents Huntingdon as a Member of Parliament (MP). He has held his seat since 1979, serving as Prime Minister for several years early in this decade. In his 20 years in Parliament, Major has held many offices including Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled, Lord Commissioner of the Treasury and Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Prior to becoming an MP, Major was a bank executive. He married Norma Johnson in 1970. They have a son and a daughter.

The third and final ASI Distinguished Lecturer for 1998-99 will be James Dobson. Dobson is the founder and president of Focus on the Family and the author of 17 books.

His speech is set for Thurs., April 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson. Students will get priority for tickets to the Dobson lecture, with more than half of the seats in the Benson allocated to students.

Tickets for students will be available from 4 to 7 p.m., March 8, in the Benson lobby. Faculty and staff can pick up their tickets March 9, with the remainder being offered to the public March 18.

"There is a lot of interest in James Dobson on the part of the public and groups that are very family-oriented," Reely said.

Reely said that Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee is making plans to be here to meet with Dobson and attend his presentation.

The Distinguished Lecture Series brings several notable speakers to campus each school year. Usually, however, three names as notable as Gorbachev, Major and Dobson would not come during the same year.

"This is our 75th anniversary year and Dr. Burks wanted to do some special things in American Studies," Reely said.

"We've had some very distinguished lectures over the years—like Margaret Thatcher and George Bush, but we wanted to ensure that we had a number this year."

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**Spring Break destinations include tour of Supreme Court**

by Elizabeth R. Smith

Staff writer

For many university students, a break in the semester means more than a week of complete rest and relaxation. Yet, many Harding University students have already begun to make plans for the upcoming spring break that range from tours of major cities to campus trips.

Erin Harrington, a senior, plans to spend her spring break visiting the sites of Washington D.C. "As a graduating political science major going on to law school, I thought it would be a good idea to have some basis of the nation's capital," Harrington said.

Accompanied by senior Trudy Payne and junior Tiffany Fox, Harrington plans to see all of the major tourist attractions of the area. "We will probably see all of the main stuff like the Smithsonian and the Kennedy Center," Harrington said. Yet, Harrington's trip is not one the usual tourist is likely to embark upon.

According to Harrington, she has an appointment to spend an afternoon with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, a long-time friend of Harrington's family. "I will receive a password and be escorted in to meet Starr by a security guard," Harrington said.

Harrington will also enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the Supreme Court. Justice Antonin Scalia is scheduled to lead the private tour.

Harrington, Payne and Fox will be staying in Fairfax, Va., located outside of Washington D.C., for the week, and plan to spend one day in Baltimore, Md., as well.

Other students will make the trip, as many university students do every year, to the beaches of Florida's coastline. Junior Meredith Hlasta, graduate student Renda Pratt and junior Darla Dilkes plan to spend their spring break in Destin, Fla.

"We chose Florida for our spring break because it is sunny, warm and we could make the entire trip for under $200," Hlasta said. The three will be driving to Florida, enduring an approximately 18-hour car ride, and staying in a condo of the Pratt family.

Hlasta, Pratt and Dilkes have no definite plans for the trip other than to "enjoy the beach, hang out and appreciate being away from school," Hlasta said.

Theatres, one of Harding's Christian drama groups, will make use of the upcoming week break to travel throughout Missouri and parts of Oklahoma. The group plans to visit several Christian schools, churches and youth rallies, performing for mostly adolescent audiences.

Junior Darren Knowles looks forward to the trip. "The trip is about more than performing; it is about getting to know the kids," Knowles said.

Still many other Harding students will spend their week enjoying the comforts of home and recuperating from a hectic semester. Whatever the plan, students obviously welcome the break.
I say, I say...

April Mouser

I was not one of the millions of people who tuned in to Barbara Walters' "interview of the year" with Monica Lewinsky Wednesday night. I am tired of the drama that has unfolded like a trashy soap opera and, frankly, I don't care if Lewinsky is still in the limelight. But apparently Walters did find a new angle. According to this week's Newsweek, "Lewinsky remains sensitive about her appearance. She hated how her hair (combed forward over her cheeks) looked in the video of her Senate appearance last month. So, Walters says, before their interview was taped, she asked a stylist to slick her hair back."

I think it is unfair that the media has been so critical of her appearance, her weight and her fashion choices. I would be parked in front of the television with the rest of the United States if I thought this interview was a chance for her to buf your nose at critics who made such attacks. But from what I've seen, this interview is just one more in the long line of sleaze propagation.

As journalists, we must find a way to balance what people want to know with what they need to know. Sometimes it is a fine line. Other times the answer is quite obvious. I believe the issue of "the cigar" falls into the latter category; it is obviously something they need to know.

Unfortunately, the information people need to know too often gets pushed into the background.

Newsweek's 1998 year-end issue devoted a whole page to a yearender, quiz entitled, "All Monica, All the Time," which included such irrelevant questions as: "What was Monica's euphemism for menstruation?" and, "What singer does Monica find so annoying?" Topics such as the meltdown of Brazil's economy and the ongoing Eastern European conflicts were glossed over.

I wish that I could breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that this interview meant that the end of "SEXgate" (as it has been termed) was within sight. But Lewinsky has a book on the way. So I guess I'll just keep changing the channel.

I missed the 'interview of the year'

Matthew Miller

With the unification, Robbie is the son of former stuntman spectral Evil Kneivel, who made his reputation by jumping over things on a motorcycle. Evil was a huge icon, and nothing was impossible. They also needlessly yelled, "RAMPS!". Apparently what would cause a person to jump over cars, cargo airplanes, canyons, small island nations, etc. Apparently whatever chemical imbalance would cause a person to want to do this can be transferred genetically, as Robbie has gone into the family business.

I watched some of this program, and it was seriously flawed. First of all, they had the most spectacular announcing team in the history of television calling the event. Fox must have told them to emphasize the whole "Robbie could die" aspect of the death jump, as hardly a sentence went by without being mentioned. They also needlessly yelled, "foot drop. The announcers tried to make everyone understand this, even sound bites are the aspect of the death jump, as hardly a sentence went by without being mentioned. They also needlessly yelled, "foot drop. The announcers tried to make everyone understand this, even sound bites are

Anyway, these shows are big hits for Fox, even though they are lowering the overall quality of TV. Fox is dedicating many hours a week to shows based on death jumps and car crashes. In fact, there's a lot of trash like this on TV. If these shows are popular, how long can it be until all TV shows try to emulate it? I have a nightmare in which PBS, in a attempt to raise funding so they can continue to show fine programs such as "In the Grouch's trash can you'll see the Grouch's trash can be blown up, Fraggles shot out of giant slingshots or (heaven forbid) view Snuflafalrugus finally get fed up with all of this kindness and sharing junk and eat Big Bird.

But fear not, readers. I have seen the salvation of television and its name is "Blue's Clues." It is a children's show on Nickelodeon that stars a guy named Steve and a cartoon dog named Blue (who, surprisingly, is blue). Since it is a children's show, Steve has to stay on a child's level, so much so that he makes Mr. Rogers look like a NASA scientist. A typical "Blue's Clues" episode will feature Blue losing something, like a bone. They will then look for the bone by using clues, which are about as complicated as the instructions to the game of tag. Often, the bone will be right in the middle of the room so that Steve has to step over it to continue his search, but of course he does not realize this. Steve just keeps on looking ("What do you think, Blue? Could the bone be... under the chair?") Either Steve is one dumb guy or he doesn't know that little Emmys for pulling this show off.

Okay, this is kind of a simple show, but it's educational, harmless and think, just plain brilliant. It makes me feel good to know that, while all of the grownups are rotting their brains watching people get run over by jeeps in police chases, at least our kids are watching some good programming. We need more shows like "Blue's Clues," for no other reason than to offset all of the gratuitous violence and hatred displayed on TV day after day. Maybe we can raise a new generation that will recognize trash TV for what it is. We can only hope it happens before any innocent Fraggles get hurt.
**Bridge reminds visitors of Christ's power**

The first painting I remember being conscious of is one that my grandmother created; it now hangs on my family's living room wall. It is an almost life-sized rendition of Jesus walking on water. The painting is, and has always been, an important part of our home and an obvious conversation piece. If I stare at it long enough, sometimes I can imagine myself right there with Jesus in the sea. However, these moments fade quickly, for the painting is two-dimensional, not incredibly realistic looking, and it is becoming discolored and beginning to crack in a few spots. It is perhaps for these reasons that I was excited when I heard the following news blurb: according to the Associated Press, Israel's National Parks Authority has approved a plan that was proposed by an independent contractor to build a bridge in the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum; it will allow tourists to "walk on water," simulating Jesus' miracle.

I doubt if I'll ever make the pilgrimage, like some four million visitors who are expected to visit during Israel's year 2000 celebration, but it gladdens me that such an option will exist. The participants will be walking on a 13-foot wide, 28-foot long crescent-shaped floating bridge submerged two inches below water. The bridge is expected to accommodate up to 50 people. Because there will be no rails to make the experience more real—there will be life guards and boats surrounding the area—anyone in a case will slip off the "narrow path."

I suppose, to some, this development may seem a bit off the deep end (par don the pun). Have we become kitschy with our "W.W.J.D." merchandising? Have we gone too far, to the point of risking blasphemy? These are good questions to ask. To each of these, I would answer no.

The bridge is starting and outrageous, no question, but it was Jesus' miracle. It astonished the apostles in the boat so much that they thought Christ was a ghost, and they were filled with terror. Later, after he climbed aboard the ship, the miracle brought them into confession, and they said, "Truly you are the Son of God." Drawing people's attention can be good, and the bridge certainly has been doing that already. However, the bridge isn't intended to bring us to Christ's level. We could never compare ourselves to him. Christ didn't use a bridge, and he didn't have lifeguards and boats surrounding to protect him. When we take a closer examination of the bridge experience, we will--like in my family's painting back home--discover other cracks and discolorations. For one, we know from the Gospel that during Jesus' superaquatic stroll, a "strong wind was blowing and the waters were rough." Surely, those in charge will see to it that the simulation is very safe and very different from Christ's walk.

We should, therefore, be able to agree that the bridge isn't an attempt to duplicate Christ's miracle; rather, it is an attempt to bring us into a remembrance and better understanding of his power. When guests at my house see my grandmother's painting, they think about Christ's majesty. Likewise, visitors to this display will be able to ponder and visualize one of the greatest stories recorded in the Bible.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Wadia Abu Nassar, director of 2000 celebrations for the Roman Catholic Church in Israel, said the bridge "will lead to various interpretations," meaning nobody knows what to think about this issue. (I'm surprised that the bridge wasn't built a long time ago.) Despite the bickering, I'm sure no Christians would begrudge a soul who was fooled by this incredibly silly tourist trap, a soul who, like the apostles, might realize the power of God and make the same confession, "Truly, [he is] the Son of God."

**Facing the Issues**

Israel's National Parks Authority has approved a plan for a transparent bridge to be built below the surface of the Sea of Galilee, allowing tourists to simulate Jesus' miraculous walk on water. Is this a good way to get people thinking about the Bible or another way of cashing in on the new millennium?*

**Bridge trivializes, commercializes Jesus' miracle**

According to Time magazine, the Israeli National Parks Authority has approved a 262-foot-long transparent bridge to be built below the surface of the Sea of Galilee so visitors can simulate Jesus' miraculous walk on water. The Associated Press differs and claims that the bridge will be 28 feet long by 13 feet wide in a crescent shape and designed to hold 20 people. Without further mention of these varied estimations, it is the principle behind the simulation we must discuss.

The contractor of the bridge, Ron Major, was quoted in Time as saying, "We have no intention to try and recreate the divine miracle that happened to Jesus." What is the point in building the bridge if it is not a recreation? Workers are building the bridge at the site where the Bible says Jesus walked on water, yet they claim that it is a recreation. If the purpose of building the bridge was not to re-create the event, I guess they could have built the bridge at Disney World.

The true purpose of building the submerged bridge in the Sea of Galilee is to bring in tourists and make money. That is the bottom line. The bridge is one of many projects approved by Israeli authorities for millennium celebrations next year, when four million people are expected to visit the country.

The problem with this re-creation is that the four million people will not receive the true message because it lacks Peter, a storm, a boat and Jesus walking on water. This ticket to walk on water discredits Jesus also did not buy a T-shirt at the souvenir shop after walking on water, which most of the tourists will probably do. This bridge is trivializing one of the most amazing miracles of Jesus, and people will perpetuate the commercialization of the event when they buy their ticket to walk.

Soon there will be a huge line to walk on this bridge. People will pay their hard-earned money and stand in line for hours to walk for a few minutes on a clear bridge. The only real difference between this bridge and every other bridge around the world is that it will be two inches under water instead of above the water.

Is commercializing Jesus' miracles the approach to save the world? The only true re-creation of the experience would be to swim in the water in the dark during a storm and see why an apostle like Peter would feel the need to reach to Jesus. The Bible does not make the event sound like a fun tourist stop. I am sure that Peter was scared. Peter did not have a clear bridge in a crescent shape to walk on when he was scared. He did not have lifeguards standing by. The only one that saved him was Jesus, and Jesus did not have a bridge to stand on.

**PHOTO OPINIONS**

What do you think of the bridge? Has Christianity become commercialized?

*Vicki Cupper, sophomore

"Pathetic. The crucifixion was not a Vegas act."

*David Haustein, junior

"It's hokey and stupid. More and more we are becoming outwardly Christian, but inwardly shallow."

*DeAnne Tomassen, junior

"It is a way to experience what it would have been like, but you shouldn't make money off of it. It is probably more meaningful in the imagination, anyway."

*Russell Ashby, freshman

"Christ should look good to others, but he shouldn't be packaged into a bright package with a ribbon and sold to people."

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ASI students travel to Dallas, tour Cowboys’ Valley Ranch

by Sara Hardesty
Staff writer

Should today's college graduates apply to graduate school or head straight into the workforce? Did a single assassin kill President Kennedy, or was it a conspiracy? What was the impact of the Cold War on the United States? Was it a conspiracy? What was the impact of the Cold War on the United States?

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Speakers share advice on ethics in field of communication

by Brian Chestam
Staff writer

David Goodnow, an anchor for CNN Headline News, presented the keynote address for an ethics seminar last Thursday, hosted by the Communication Department.

Goodnow, who has worked with CNN since 1982, spoke on ethical television journalism. Goodnow has been a pilot and war historian, a reporter and news director and has owned and operated public relations and advertising agency.

Goodnow now travels across the country speaking and doing commercials. He still anchors occasionally, although he retired from CNN last year.

Goodnow discussed responsible journalism in television. He accused many journalists of practicing "lazy journalism." He said that journalists today tend to rely on sensationalism rather than insightful journalism.

The seminar, which began with a special chapel in the Reynolds Center Auditorium, lasted until after 6 p.m.

More than 150 students choose to serve on campaign trips during spring break

by Alva Liimatta
Staff writer

While many members of the Harding family will be resting over spring break, more than 150 students and volunteers will be traveling across the country and around the world with churches and sites that need the help and influence of God's love.

Eleven spring break campaign are planned this month. The destinations include Jamaica, New Orleans, Houston, Chicago, New York, Arkansas, and Europe. Around half of the campaigns are new, originating only this year.

Senior Angela Berend is leader of the group of 28 going to Fort Worth to work with the First United Church of Christ.

"We'll be doing a VBS for four days, and we'll be helping on Sunday morning's Bible hour worship service and the Wednesday Bible hour," she said. "There is a ministry program with a food and clothing pantry, tutoring and mentoring. Primarily, we will help out at the building, doing yard work, getting the pantry organized -- manual labor activities.

"This is our first year, so many things are new. We'll just see what happens. We are going to leave it in God's hands." Berend said that she thinks that campaigns are a very important part of Harding. "They impact older students as well as some have a bad image of college students -- that they are all self-centered. By going on [the campaigns] we show them that we want to help, to serve and to be an important part of the church."

Junior Troy Sidle is in charge of the group heading to Jamaica.

The morning chapel service featured Jim Woodroof as the guest speaker. Woodroof, a former minister at the College Church of Christ, spoke on Christian devotion to ethics.

Woodroof, who has written seven books, began by comparing any job to preaching. He said that some work for money, some for fame or power and others work to serve God and their fellow man. He said any job, no matter the pay, should be motivated by the need to serve.

Jerry "Boo" Mitchell, an investigator reporter with the Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, Miss., spoke on ethics in investigative reporting. Mitchell is a Harding alum whose investigations led to the arrest of the conspira­ tors in the Medger Evans murder. This murder was the basis for the movie, "Ghost of Miss­issippi."

Mitchell addressed the negative image of journalists today. He said the only way to report is to seek the truth.

"There is absolute truth and not an ever-shifting truth," he said. He said truth is not the twisted versions that the tabloid press tries to present.

Mitchell said that a newspaper should be on the topic of ethics in advertising and public relations. Watson, also a Harding alum, is the director of Media Services for TCBY, one of the state's largest companies.

He objected to the claim that all advertising is bad. He said when a person is confronted with an ethical dilemma, he should already be prepared.

"When you train and train and train, and when the emergency comes, you're ready to act," Watson said.

After the lunch break, Rex Nelson, executive director of policy and communications for the state of Arkansas, spoke on ethics in political advertising. Nelson represents Arkansas in guiding policy and communication issues for the governor's office.

Nelson worked on Gov. Huckabee's last campaign and was responsible for the negative advertisements used. He also blamed the press for exciting the morals of politicians. Specifically, he cited the recent Clinton scandal.

"Clinton has saved many politicians from their own personal faults," he said. He said that the saturation of the scandal on the news has caused Americans to not care about the ethics of their politicians.

Charles Marlar spoke on ethics in community law. Marlar is professor of journalism-mass communication at Abilene Chris­ tian University. Marlar, who is the former chair of that department, has taught law for more than 20 years at ACU.

There are 19 people going, which includes students, adults and alum." While not attending this year, Myhan is still helping the group prepare.

"The team will be teaching health-care, walking around the villages and talking to the people about a biblical story, and then working on trying it in with physical health care," Myhan said. The team will also go into the schools to teach the teachers and children about basic health care.

One of the adult men will preach in a gospel meeting each night.

"It will be good if they learn to take better care of themselves physically, but if we don't share the message of Christ, we will not have fixed what they really need, the Gospel. By helping them physically, we open the door for the Gospel," he said.

The group has been meeting every Sunday night for two hours to learn language basics, songs and how to apply health to spiritual concepts.

"For example," Myhan said, "millions of children die each year from dehydration. After we treat them, we talk about Jesus and tell how he has the water of life, or if we give them food, we tell how Jesus is the bread of life." Myhan's favorite aspect of the trip is seeing those who attend grow and develop. "I've seen the difference it makes in the lives of the people who go. It shows them how 80 percent of the rest of the world lives. It makes you appreciate what you have. I've seen people change their whole life and devote it to mission work. If not to that extent, they usually become better supporters of mission work."

If you have one person come to me and say they wish they hadn't gone. Everyone is always touched," he said.
"Shepard's Prayer" by jonathon david

Dear God, we burned markings into his skin just because we couldn't find the 6-6-6 already there - was he not the evil one?

Dear God, we smashed his head in and laughed, dancing in circles like hornets, cheering his brains out as they tried to run helplessly away.

Dear God, we tied his bloody hands down to a wooden post and, dear God, we crucified All for the sake of silencing a servant suffering, oppressed, frightened, lonely, All for the sake of upholding those "Old Laws" prescribed by our fathers - but what about love?

Dear God, in your name we oppressed expressions and acts of lovingkindness, those who loveoneanother, blind to color, creed, materialism,

Dear God, in your name we abused the poor, the meek, the ones you love, the heirs to your kingdom come, this earth, your lovingcreation.

Dear God, in your name we killed your lovingcreation and all forms of its love, its hope, its faith, its joy, its spirit,

Dear God, in your name we hate to do what it is you commanded us to do, which is love, loveoneanother as we loveourselves, love our neighbors, love our sisters, love our brothers, loveoneanother

And though he was silenced, I hear the rocks cry out in great pain, their cries traveling across this empty universe, bouncing back from its ends, pulsating through our ears, Saying: "Because they hated me, they will hate you too. Because they hated me, they will hate you too. Because of me, they will hate you!

Why don't you just loveoneanother as your lovingking so commanded? Why don't you just loveoneanother? Your laws, your being, hang on this one command!"

O, be with us Lord, for we cannot even begin to love without thee,

Your love alone will wipe away every stain, bleach every smear, mend every tear, sew where can your peace be found if your lovers hate your love?

In these desperate times when black men are driven crosscountry facedown in the dirt, and blueboys are pistolwhipped under a starrynight canopy as you prepare for your kingdom come, this earth, your lovingcreation, across this empty universe, bouncing back from its ends, pulsating through our ears, their cries traveling...
Basketball teams say farewell
by Lindsey Fielder
Staff writer

The Bison and the Lady Bison basketball teams both ended the season with winning records. The Bison placed fifth in their conference; the Lady Bisons lost in the first round of the conference tournament.

The Bison ended with a record of 15-11. Coach Jeff Morgan said that this was a good year and that he's proud of the improvement the team made. The team made the most improvement from November to January. "From the first scrimmages to the end of the season, we improved defensively the most," Morgan said.

Morgan said the Bison were a well-rounded team. No one player stood out more than the others. Each player made his own contribution to the team. "The guys all accepted their roles on the team and played them well," he said.

The Bison's season ended Feb. 20 as they defeated Southwestern Oklahoma State University 72-61. The Bison had a 10-point lead with five minutes to go in the game. The Bulldogs had a run on the Bison after that. Senior Steve Meadors and Brent Adams both made clutch shots to help the Bison secure the win.

The biggest disappointment for the Bisons this year was when they lost the chance to advance to the conference tournament. The Bisons' fifth-place finish fell one place short. Only the top four teams move on to the conference tournament.

The Bisons will return all of their players next year except Meadors and Adams. Adding new post players in the absence of the two seniors is the only foreseeable change the Bisons will make. "This team just started feeling comfortable with what we've been teaching them," Morgan said.

Next year, Morgan hopes the team will have the confidence to use the lessons they have been taught this year.

The Lady Bisons ended with a record of 19-8. Overall, the season was a good one with a few disappointments at hand. Coach Brad Francis said, "We lost a few close ones toward the end of the season that lowered our standing in the conference." One game that stood out was the win on the road over Southeast Oklahoma. That win was a big boost for the team. "It helped us achieve one of our main goals for the season, and that was to play well on the road," Francis said.

Francis said senior Molly McPherson stood out this year more than in past years because of her consistency. "Molly came ready to play every night," Francis said. "We could always depend on her to score at least 20 points a game for us."

A loss to Abilene Christian University in the first round of the conference tournament finished the year for the Lady Bisons. The Lady Wildcats won by a score of 72-61. Francis said that the team didn't have a good shooting night. "We were only down by three at halftime," Francis said. "After that, we missed a lot of shots when they made them." Foals also got the Lady Bisons in trouble at the end of the game.

Results are favorable after club basketball season
by Angie Green
Staff writer

Since a couple of weeks after Christmas break, Harding's social clubs have been competing in club basketball. After playing for more than a month, this week brought it down to the wire. The winners? For the guys, A team went to Titans for the large division and to Delta Chi Delta for the medium division. Delta Chi Delta's athletic director Brian Jobe said of his team's victory, "It was really good to win a championship and to also be able to have a good attitude at the same time. That's what it's all about. I'm really proud of the guys and of the attitudes they displayed." For B teams, the win went, once again, to Titans for large, and Omega Sigs took the title for the medium.

For the girls', A team, the winner was Zeta Rho. In fact, Zeta Rho won across the board—A, B, and C. Lauren Bailey, the athletic director for Zeta Rho, said of her team, "We have a lot of talent in Zeta Rho. Our A team worked really hard and proved to be the best team out there."

Her statement proved to be true. Zeta Rho—played Shanti in the A team championship. After losing their first game, the girls pulled together and charged ahead for a win in overtime of the second game.

For B team, medium division, Kappa Gamma Epsilon came out on top. Pasco Howard, one of Kappa Gamma's athletic directors said, "B team has been together for two years now. I think we've really had time to learn each other. We played as a team. There is no I. We're only a we. We always worked together, every single time we stepped onto the court. That's how we accomplished what we did."

But, what is being said by the people who actually got out there and played on the teams who did not finish in first place? "It's a lot of fun. Sometimes you have to play against your friends. That's kind of tough. But, they are usually good sports. At the end, you all circle up and you say a prayer. People are always helping each other get up when you fall down. People always encourage each other across the boundaries of teams. There is usually a lot of competition, but everyone does a good job of remembering how much fun it is just to play," Rebekah Scott of Delta Gamma Rho said.

The greatest thing about club basketball, perhaps, was the atmosphere in which it was played. The members of the teams did a great job of showing Christ-like sportsmanship even under the heat of competition.

An example was set, and it was noticed. Freshman Amanda Killian, who is not a member of a social club, was just one of the people who noticed the attitudes of the players. She said of the girls' teams, "I was very, very impressed by what went on out there on the courts. The girls had a lot of pressure on them to perform, especially in the final games of the championship, but, still, they had wonderful attitudes. It was really exciting to watch the clubs interact with one another and to watch their club spirit. It really made me excited about maybe pledging a club in the fall!"

The social clubs are now fully involved in potluck tournament play. Potluck takes large and middle-sized clubs and places them in the same tournament. Potluck began last week, and it will continue until a winner is found in each letter division.

March 5, 1999
'March' is guaranteed to bring some 'madness' to campuses nationwide

by Landon Horton
Sports writer

Well, it's finally here - the biggest month in the sports world. Spring training starts up, placing 64 teams in line for the NCAA tournament, bringing home the nation's best player, and making college basketball that is to sports fans what Christmas is to kids.

It is a time when "Cinderella" and "big dance" take on a whole new meaning - a time when even Central Southwest Idaho State A&M College has the right to compete for the NCAA Championship - when Thursday and Friday classes on collegiate campuses nationwide are half empty.

Non-stop excitement. So make your predictions, and fill out your brackets; hey, even skip class to watch your favorite teams (just don't tell Dr. Burks I told you to), and enjoy the madness.

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Meet the Bison

Karla Müller
Classification: Junior
Hometown: Schweicheln-Bermeck (Herford), Germany.

Favorite Team: Timberwolves
Most Admired Person: It's either my parents or Ghandi.

Thoughts on season: "I hope that we will be really good this season."

Dream after college: "I hope to become a good biologist. I also hope to improve people's attitude toward the environment."

Most embarrassing moment: "In a local tournament, I threw my racket over two very high fences during play, and my parents made me go and get it."

Comments to the student body: "Harding University has some pretty nice people. We hope to have a crowd to watch us - even though it won't be as interesting as basketball."

Top seeds are not the only teams that could do some damage. UCLA is one of those teams. The three smaller schools mentioned above have a good chance, especially Charleston. Other Cinderella hopefuls include Creighton, Evansville, Southwest Missouri State (if they make it in), Pennsylvania, Siena, Murray State and Valparaiso (can they do it two years in a row?)

Selection Sunday is March 7. The speculations of who will get the bid will then cease. Then, the teams will have less than one week to prepare for their first two games in the tournament as the first round begins March 11 and 12. The final four games will be held on Sat., March 27, and the big dance will be Mon., March 29.

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Well, it's finally here - the arguably the most exciting event in all of sports. It is a time when "bubble," (remember Kentucky's rally to the Final Four appearance to win the 90s). They are a very deep team led by possibly the nation's best player, Elton Brand. Cuban, Connecticut and Michigan State are other potential top seeds.

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