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Do you think we will have a female president in our lifetime? See pages two and three.

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**Spring Sing 1999**

Dress rehearsal to benefit summer campaigns

by Amanda Jones

Staff writer

Year after year at this time, club members and friends rush to perfect their performances for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday Spring Sing shows. For those who participate, this time of year becomes one of the most stressful due to all of the practices. Although stressful, it is also exciting because the result of all of their hard work will be seen on April 8, 9 and 10.

Dress rehearsal is the most important practice for the clubs because it prepares them for the upcoming competition. In the past, many students have watched the dress rehearsal performance instead of one of the "real" performances because it has always been free. This year is different.

The dress rehearsal, which will be on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m., will cost $2 per person at the door. "The shows are never completely ready for viewing at dress rehearsal, but we have never gone to the trouble of keeping people out of the Benson as it was going on," Spring Sing producer Dr. Jack Ryan said. "Since the dress rehearsal doesn’t benefit anyone, we decided to make it a benefit performance.

"We decided that the people that could most benefit from the money were people going on campaigns for Christ this summer. Some haven’t been able to raise all their money yet, and we thought this would be a good opportunity to help them do that," Ryan said.

Although $2 is not much, some may still opt to go to one of the regular performances because of the special deals offered. "Our basic goal this year is to really push the Thursday night performance," Ryan said. "It has consistently been the lowest selling performance, and we are trying to get a lot more of the Searcy community and students in for that night’s performance."

The Thursday night performance is already cheaper than the Friday and Saturday night shows, but to those who would rather have something to do on the weekend, the Friday and Saturday night shows provide an outlet.

The price for the Thursday night show is $7 this year or $5 with a Harding I.D., as opposed to the $10 or $8 with a Harding I.D. on Friday or Saturday night.

Even more is being offered to those who buy a Thursday night ticket. "For each Thursday night ticket that is bought, that person may receive one free ticket to the Theater Department’s production of Tennessee Williams’ ‘The Glass Menagerie,’” Ryan said. The tickets for “The Glass Menagerie” can be used on April 9 or 10 or the following weekend of April 16-17.

Those participating in the production promise a terrific show, no matter what night is chosen.

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**Cast and Crew**

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Junior Katie Meeks makes a bagel pizza for dinner in the cafeteria. As the end of the semester draws near, students get more creative with their culinary skills.
I say, I say...

April Mouser

I cannot remember the last time I wrote a letter. I mean a real letter, complete with inked-out words and a stamped envelope. On the other hand, neither can I remember the number of e-mail messages I sent out this week alone.

According to the feature story in last week's U.S. News & World Report, Americans send 2.2 billion e-mail messages a day, compared with just 293 million pieces of first-class mail, or “snail-mail” as we now refer to it. Asked the writer, “Can anyone remember, in the time before e-mail and FedEx and fax, what it was like to wait for a letter to arrive in the afternoon post?”

Well, I can. I remember watching out the window waiting for the mailman, hoping he would leave my letter to me. I remember that letter from that friend I had met at summer camp or my best friend who lived two states away. I could not wait for the familiarity of their handwriting. It’s hard to believe this is even happening.

The many talented, qualified women who are running for local and state legislative seats have grown from 4 percent to 22 percent in the last election. In our state, it is 41 percent. They also report that the number of women who are running for House and Senate is an all-time high. If I didn’t know better, I might conclude that, like the old cigarette ads say, “You’ve come a long way, Baby.” (By the way, this has always bothered me. If I’ve come so far, why are they still calling me Baby?)

Looking at the candidates, we have an all-time high for women in Congress. Women in Congress now amount to one in ten for the Senate and 35 percent for the House. A total of 39 women are running for House seats and two for Senate seats. I know that there are no women on the White County Quorum Court or on the Searcy City Council.

As things get closer to home, they begin to bother me even more... I know that I have had untold numbers of male students inform me that they intend to run for public office and at least three male students tell me they hope one day to be president, but I have had only one female student say that she might run for state representative one day.

This is my concern: State and local politics often function like farm team baseball. You move up through the “minor leagues” gaining irrepressable experience, honing your abilities and making impressions. I do not intend to disparage this level of government; on the contrary, I think that state and local government is by far our most important and most responsive political arena, which is entirely my point. Just as many people feel that farm team baseball is the pure, unadulterated form of baseball, I believe that state and local government is the core of the democratic process. It is also the place where the vast majority of national leaders first learned how to govern. If women are not taking full part in city, county or state government, they are missing opportunities for which, if we are at all important, we are all likely to receive the representative form of government which we hold so dear. I do care about whether or not we will one day have a woman as president, but I care much more about how many women we have representing us at levels much closer to home.

Lori Klein

Women have potential to lead our country — more importantly, our county

A few weeks ago the Border’s Bookstore’s on-line “Daily Byte” was all about women in politics. They’re getting noticed. They’re getting involved. I thought of all the wonderful women who have been involved in my life. I thought of all the talented, qualified women who are proving that the future is female. I thought of women who are rising through the ranks, from clerk to career. I thought of women who are running for state and local government.

Of course, there are always those people who are afraid of women. They worry that we will put them out of business. They think that we might not be able to handle it. They think that we might be too emotional. They say that because of that we are not strong enough.

It is good that we are beginning to think about what we are missing by not voting for women. Women do not intend to be the second class. They are not intent on being denied opportunities. They are intent on working for us, and for each other.

So what are you going to do about it? There are a number of practical reasons for a smart young woman to think positively about becoming a political candidate. A recent Gallup poll found that “all other things being equal,” 41 percent of those polled would prefer a male candidate, 31 percent a female candidate and, for 22 percent, there is no difference. In other words, more than half either desire a female candidate or are not evaluating candidates by gender.

If women are to become absolutely equal, they need to be seen as potential candidates. They need to be seen as leaders who can work with men, and can work with women. They need to be seen as capable leaders. They need to be seen as strong leaders.

Women have potential to lead our country — more importantly, our county.

from our files...

Practical jokers are indiscriminate!

"D.J.", in March 11, 1965, Bison

Sometime before chapel Tuesday, some pranksters put an explosive chemical on the floor of the auditorium stage and covered it with tape. Fortunately, it was discovered before chapel, and most of the chemical was removed.

But patches still were left, and as Dr. Benson returned to Bison after a brief visit, he took a look at the tape. To his surprise, he stepped on a blob of it. The sharp crack which resulted startled him. The surprise soon turned to laughter as his students gleefully watched him as he was escorted from the auditorium. All agreed that it would have been much better if the pranksters had removed the tape. As Benson exited, he dropped the tape, causing little more than a minor discomfort for those who stepped on it.

This certainly inconveniences the victims, but it is no longer considered just a joke. The nature of the prank and the pranksters is beyond the joke.
Brain power not affected by skin color

We all remember that day we tension around the No. 2 pencils. The day we took the SAT and/or ACT. And we were Hammers, so we must have scored fairly well. Funny thing, though, the standardized test didn’t tell us who we were. We earned our scores; they were not in any way based on sex, race or any other factor.

On March 8, however, U.S. District Judge Ronald Buckwalter, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, struck down NCAA Proposition 16, which sets the minimum requirements for incoming freshmen student athletes at NCAA Division I institutions.

Proposition 16 has several components, including 13 core courses in high school and a sliding scale for SAT/ACT score and high school grade point average. For students with a GPA of 2.5 or higher, the SAT requirement is 820 combined, or the ACT equivalent. The scale descends to those with a 2.0 GPA, who must take the SAT.

The suit, Cureton et al. vs. NCAA, was filed by two African-American student athletes from the NCAA violates Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 when they were denied initial eligibility because they did not meet the requirements of Proposition 16. They claimed that they were illegally denied educational opportunities because of these requirements.

Specifically, Buckwalter found that the standardized test score requirement is racially discriminatory. Specifically, Buckwalter found that the standardized test score requirement is racially discriminatory. "...The bare statistics themselves plainly evidence that African-Americans are being selected by Proposition 16 at a rate disproportionately lower than whites," Buckwalter wrote in his decision.

This assertion is ludicrous. While some studies have shown that, on average, African-American students achieve a lower SAT score than whites, this cannot be termed discrimination.

Let’s say that students from Alaska average a lower SAT score than those from other states. Do we then reject the SAT because the Alaskans are being discriminated against? Of course not! In the same way, the fact that African-Americans average a lower SAT score does not necessarily mean that they are victims of discrimination.

For those who do not know the SAT scoring system, the minimum combined score is a 400. Leaving an answer sheet totally blank would earn a slightly higher score. The NCAA’s standard of 820 is thus very reasonable, less than 600 points above a blank answer sheet. Harding’s minimum admission requirement (900) is even higher.

Finally, if the NCAA is forced to quit using standardized test scores in decision-making processes, where will it end? Will state colleges, which receive massive governmental funding, be required to abandon the "racist" SAT and ACT at admission requirements? The NCAA has been defending the use of test scores since the procedure was established in 1984. Groups like the Big Ten Coaches Association and many student athletes and coaches have joined forces to overturn these "unfair" rules. The requirements were revised just three years ago in an attempt to reduce complaints, but to no avail.

One such coach, Texas Tech women’s basketball coach Marsha Sharp told USA Today, "The best man doesn’t necessarily mean that you work ethic and ability to work hard. Most of the time, the players who are trying hard understand work ethic or they wouldn’t be at this level athletically."

If they have such good work ethic and work hard, how can they not manage to earn a 2.5 GPA and get an 820 on the SAT? It is incomprehensible that one who is adequately prepared for undergraduate study cannot manage to meet such incredibly low requirements. And those who believe they are prepared need only to prove it by earning good grades during their first year in college, after which many student athletes can still have four years of NCAA eligibility.

Intelligence, as measured by standardized test scores and in many other ways, is color-blind. Brain power is not affected by skin color. If it were, then claims that the standardized test scores as racist would be valid. Indeed, however, that “all men are created equal” and that applicants to college, in order to compete for potential student athletes, should be judged by fair measures such as standardized tests rather than be allowed to cry "racing."

This is a case of politically correct government regulation gone too far, plain and simple. In this era of the victim mentality, this blatant excuse-making must be rejected.

Facing the Issues

A U.S. District Judge in Pennsylvania recently struck down NCAA Proposition 16, which sets minimum GPA and SAT/ACT score requirements for student athletes at Division I schools on the basis of racial discrimination. Has politically correct government gone too far, or was it a necessary step to ensure that all students have equal educational opportunities?

SAT requirement discriminates against skin color

Recently, a U.S. District Court Judge ruled that the NCAA’s eligibility requirements for student athletes were unfair to minority students. This decision arose after four black students filed a civil rights suit in 1997 after they were barred from competing in athletics.

At first, this seemed to me that now anyone could get into college and play ball. This could be a little disheartening to those of us without any skills. However, when I really looked into this, I saw that the judge had a point.

Two studies in Massachusetts called the National Center for Fair and Open Testing. They found that 43 percent of black students who take the SAT do not meet the NCAA’s minimum requirement, which is 820 out of 1600. Only 10 percent of white students did not make it.

To add to that, the NCAA itself found that 20 percent of black student athletes did not qualify for Division I sports in 1998. Only 4 percent of white students did not make it. In addition to that, 17 percent of low-income students did not make the cut.

So, I now have a problem with the SATs as a whole. While this may be a good testing tool for middle to upper-income kids from the North who have the money to buy a good high school education, the lower-income students — many of whom are black — simply cannot afford to attend a better school, and, therefore, cannot make a decent score.

So it comes down to this: the SATs are based on what schools you can afford to send your kid to.

So let’s consider a scenario. A young black man attending high school in the inner-city of Urbania, USA, makes decent grades in school and is a state All-Star basketball player. He is being heavily recruited by several major universities. Then it comes time for the SATs. He’s a good student, but the high school he’s attending simply did not provide him with the education he needed to pass the exam.

This guy could have had a 4.0 GPA, but, oh well, the world doesn’t need any more scholars.

So, we consider the alternative. Now that the U.S. District Court has seen
ICF’s Center for Christian Broadcasting to provide new outlet for religious media

by Amanda Jones
Staff writer

Few people are able to accomplish their dreams, but that is exactly what Dr. Louis Butterfield of the communication department is doing with the Center for Christian Broadcasting. "This is my lifelong dream," Butterfield said. "If you asked me if I had one thing to do with the rest of my life, what would I want to do, I would want to do religious media. It's what I've always wanted to do, and now I'm going to be able to do it. I've had this idea in the back of my mind for years."

A division of the Institute for Church and Family, the Center for Christian Broadcasting seeks to produce quality religious broadcasting material to distribute to churches and homes. "We are going to produce quality religious programming and market it through Church and Family," Butterfield said. "I've done religious broadcasting on a part-time basis before, but now we are going to be able to reach others worldwide and make a difference. That is exciting."

After making three or four proposals over the years to first the president, their last was approved. "I talked to Mike James and Dutch Hoggatt about it, and they were both excited," Butterfield said. "We decided to make a pitch, and Dr. Burks approved it."

The Center for Christian Broadcasting plans to begin its first series at the end of this semester. "We’re going to put out a whole series of information from Adrian H Hickson," Butterfield said. "The subject will be purity with relation to marriage, and Adrian presents that so well. Then we will spend a lot of the summer editing it and getting it ready to market. It is going to be absolutely tremendous."

Students and volunteers will also be able to participate. "We have approval from the president’s office to be able to use kids in our classes like in Religious Application of the Media or Broadcast Advertising," Butterfield said. "A lot of kids are going to be involved. They will also be involved in taping and shooting and [generating] ideas. We want to use them as much as we can.

"We are going to need good people to help us. I think every kid that has come through Religious Applications has come to me at one time or another and said, ‘Man, I love that, let me help you,’ and so we have people all over the country who will give us ideas, write scripts and donate their time to help with this,” Butterfield said.

Butterfield said he is optimistic about the future of the Center for Christian Broadcasting. "We hope to make enough money off the first series to be able to do another one," he said. "We hope it is self-perpetuating so we don’t have to raise funds. We are going to charge for the first seminar, and that is actually going to pay for production costs on that video. When it is marketed, we’ll use that money to market the next one."

"We hope that, in the future, this gets so huge that everyone in the brotherhood wants it. We're going to cross over and get a lot of the Baptist bookstores to carry a lot of this stuff because it is cross-over stuff," Butterfield said. "Whatever the Lord wants to happen with this, it will. We could turn into a multi-million dollar Dobson-type setup, and that would thrill me. That is not necessarily my goal; my goal is to help people, and however the Lord decides is the right way for us to do that, it is fine with us."

Although Butterfield will begin with video, they plan to expand with other things as well. "We're not going to stick with just video. We're talking cyberspace, internet, CDs; we're not limited to the media," Butterfield said. "Five years from now, who knows what is going to be available out there. The medium isn’t important— the message is."

Butterfield said that Harding’s influence will also benefit the Center for Christian Broadcasting and its purpose. "I’ve always wanted this project to be connected with Harding," he said. "I think Harding is considered to be biblically very sound, and we have a good people here that the whole influence of Harding will help the video series."
Major makes predictions about global community in new millennium

by Sara Hardesty
Staff writer

When students go to hear a distinguished former world leader give a speech, they might expect a serious, dignified, perhaps even stuffy address about some lofty political topic. Chances are, they expect to be informed, not entertained.

Those who attended the March 25 American Studies lecture in the Benson Auditorium with such expectations were in for a surprise. The speech by former British Prime Minister John Major was peppered with witty one-liners and anecdotes about his political experiences that had the audience chuckling regularly.

"His speech was very personal, humorous and well-presented," Dr. Bob Reely, associate executive director of the American Studies Institute, said.

Major began his speech by discussing the relationship that has developed between the United States and the United Kingdom during the 20th century. He compared the political, economic and social systems of the two countries and concluded that the nations are "two countries separated by a common language." His observations highlighted the ironic elements of the relationship.

"I think there's definitely some irony there," Reely said. "We rebelled against Great Britain, and now they're our greatest ally. But, if there are two countries that will hang together, it will be Great Britain and the United States."

As Major continued his lecture, he broadened his focus to examine the way in which relationships within the global community will change in the new millennium. He predicted that five countries in particular will have the greatest impact on the rest of the world over the next 25 years. The list included Russia, Indonesia, Brazil and India.

"I think his main point was that we can't be an island," sophomore Marc Sherrin said. "The change in the economies all around us will influence us greatly, especially in the five countries he mentioned. The flow of money will change a lot in the next 25 years."

Major also spoke about the dramatic changes in international relations that have occurred due to the fall of communism. Communist countries were once a unifying world force, giving nations a common enemy against which to rally. Now these countries are struggling to find their place in the free market, Major said.

"Before, we had a bipolar East-West paradigm," Reely said. "In the end of the millennium, that world view is crumbling."

After about 45 minutes of lecturing, Major opened up the floor to the audience for a 30-minute question-and-answer session. Major offered his thoughts on a diverse array of topics, from the present situation in Kosovo to the new euro currency. In stereotypical politician style, however, he deftly dodged a question about his relationship with former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

"I didn't get as much out of the Q and A session," freshman Bryan John of the Bison said. "I guess that's what he's supposed to do."

Rebecca Terrill said, "His answers weren't very concrete. He went all around it but didn't really answer the question. But I guess that's what he's supposed to do."

Major left all political pretensions behind when he wasn't on stage, according to Reely, who led him on a tour of the campus earlier that day.

"He was a very relaxed personality—he was genuine the whole way," Reely said. "We went backstage in the Benson and found some Spring Sing costumes. He was trying them on and was walking around wearing a chicken hat. I just can't imagine Lady Thatcher doing that."

International campaigners reach fund-raising deadline, continue preparations

by Elizabeth K. Smith
Staff writer

Every summer, many of Harding's students choose to spend their break as a participant in an international campaign. Although the campaigners spend six weeks intensively seeking out those who have not yet learned of the Gospel in countries that lack a well-established church, the work of a campaigner begins long before he or she sets foot in a foreign land.

In fact, most of the campaigners participating in international campaigns for the upcoming summer spent several months in efforts to raise sufficient funding for the March 24 deadline.

This summer the College Church of Christ—under the direction of Dwight Smith, director of International Campaigns and Campus Ministry—is sponsoring 16 international campaigns, including an African immersion group and two nursing groups that will be based in West Africa and Togo. In addition, Ava Conley, professor of Spanish, will be taking a group to Venezuela.

Each participant is expected to raise his or her own funds, which vary from campaign to campaign and can range from $1600 to $2800. The majority of the differences are in airfare," Smith said. However, depending on the group's sources, some groups are responsible for funding other expenses. For example, the groups being led to Hungary are not provided housing facilities, and therefore, must pay for hotels and restaurants.

Students are encouraged to raise funds through letter-writing and personal visits on behalf of their campaigns to individual congregations. "Most of the money is raised through letter-writing," Smith said. Phone calls and follow-up visits are also encouraged.

Junior Matthew Ensor decided on a less traditional avenue for raising his campaign funds and made a video that could be sent to his home congregation.

Ensor, who is from New Mexico, could not return home to make a personal presentation to his congregation, so he designed the video to explain the campaign itself and his need for financial support.

As a participant in the Brisbane, Australia, campaign, Ensor included on the video Dr. David Burks, who led the campaign to Brisbane last year, and Rich Little, assistant to the president, who is leading the campaign this year.

"My church liked it. They thought the video was personable, and they were able to hear from more than one person and capture different angles of the campaign," Ensor said.

However, many students raised their funds through the more traditional method of letter-writing. Junior Nicole Moreland, who is part of the campaign to the Philippines, wrote letters to members of her home congregation in Houston, Texas, relatives and friends of her parents. Although she did not earn all of her funds from letter-writing, Moreland said she "raised about $1,000 in three weeks."

Regardless of the method, many students receive more money than necessary through their fund-raising efforts. "If a student receives extra money, he or she has three options: he or she can help another student, the money can be left for a campaign the following year or it can be returned to those who have donated it," Smith said.
Song, film, literature: A rambling review

by Jeremy Brown
Staff writer

Despite never getting anything done, I find something profoundly satisfying about procrastination. Example: you're probably reading this on Friday. I started writing this Wednesday at 5 p.m. with the full knowledge that the editor was under deadline and probably wouldn't have time to tinker with something as trivial as a review. So, I can write pretty much what I feel like and she won't have time to tinker with something as trivial as a rewrite.

All this is pretty good since I don't have anything earth-shattering to review for you. Sit down with me anyway and I'll talk to you for a while. Afterwards, you're most welcome to call it trash and move on.

I'm listening to my roommate's copy of Studio by Cowboy Junkies as I write this. Considering what the radio stations have been pushing lately, I'm glad it's whirring around in the CD player right now. It just occurred to me that the current song (an excellent Blue Moon Revisited) is the only one whose title I really know. CD's have developed in me the habit of learning songs by track number rather than title.

At the moment, I'm struggling to remember any of the titles off REM's Up and can only come up with "Daysleeper." For some reason that embarrasses me, as does admitting that today I turned the volume up in my car and did some errands with tracks 9 and 4 playing at high-school levels. It was fun.

I started reading a Clive Barker book last night. I think he's beginning to cultivate that author's tendency to write the same thing over and over, like Stephen King or Dick Francis. I guess I shouldn't complain this early in the book. After all, it could be worse. I could be reading Rush Limbaugh - which reminds me, I want to get the new Al Franken book.


I can recommend a few good books if you're interested. Try A Confrontation of Dunes, The Master and Margarita, or something by Kurt Vonnegut or James Morrow. I can't say I'd recommend the Lewinsky book, although it seems inevitable they'll be working on the movie as soon as the president's out of office.

Maybe I should tell you about a movie while I'm at it. I saw "Life is Beautiful" over spring break and I'm recommending it to as many people as I can. Not wanting to spoil the plot, I'll just say it's worth the money if you can find a theater playing it.

I heard a discussion of the movie on National Public Radio the other day. Art Spiegelman was complaining that a light-hearted movie occurring in a concentration camp was irresponsible. This from a man who wrote a comic book about the holocaust and used mice to represent Jews. I suppose it's permitted for Spiegelman to give us a new perspective as long as no one else tries it.

One more thing, I saw the Melrose Pizza delivery taxi parked on Race street today. I miss Melrose. Come to think of it, I even miss Papa John's. I think I'll make a pizza tonight, watch some formulaic TV and put off studying for another day.

Higher Learning

by Cathy Businelle

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Track season getting underway with high hopes

by Misty Mathews
Staff writer

Spring has sprung for the men and women's track teams, with their first competitions on March 3 and 26. The teams have two more meets before the Lone Star Conference meets in Abilene, Texas, April 16-17.

"I'm optimistic about our teams this year, even though it is early in the season," Coach Bryan Phillips said. "Our strength is the same as last year. We should do best in the middle distance events," Phillips said.

Junior Albert Tabut won the 800- and 1500-meter races at the March 26 meet at Southern Arkansas University. "My goal right now is to run under one minute and 50 seconds to break the Harding record for the 800," Tabut said.

"We have a bigger team this year and that has been good, but we also have mostly freshmen on the team," Tabut said. "We are all working as a team, and that is the most important thing, and we are focusing on scoring points at the Lone Star Conference," he said.

One freshman proved the benefits of having a younger team. Distance runner Scott Penick won the 10,000-meter run at the March 26 meet.

The women's team ran well at Northwest Louisiana University on March 3, particularly in the 3,000-meter. The first, second and third places were all Harding runners: Cheri Scharff, Elizabeth Lucas and Britney Copeland, respectively.

Junior Diane Grubbs placed third in the 800, 1500 and 4x4 relay at the same meet. "Diane has performed the best out of our distance runners. All of the ladies have been doing well and Diane has been leading the way," Phillips said.

"Each meet I want to do the best I can, and we are all concentrating on doing well at the Lone Star Conference," Grubbs said. "I am focusing on the 800 this year, and I just want to run as fast as I can and do well," Grubbs said.

A few injuries and illnesses have slowed the women's team down, but they are recovering quickly. Sophomore Tia Tarole is recovering from mono, but she is picking up speed, Grubbs said.

Sprinter Calister Ubah is suffering from a back injury and Kelly Lauterbach is overcoming a hip injury but is still running hard, Grubbs said.

One addition to the team is freshman jumper Meredith Garner. Garner competes in the long jump, triple jump and short races.

"This year I came out knowing it would be my growing year. So far, I have surpassed my personal goals, and I broke all my personal records at the first meet," Garner said.

"We have only had one woman triple jumper in the history of Harding, and it was about 10 years ago. Hopefully, I am going to break her record this year," Garner said.

Duke...What Happened? 'March Madness' brings joy and pain to sports fans everywhere as favorites become upsets and Huskies become champions

by Landon Horton
Sports writer

And the madness ends. The season closes for the Blue Devil, the Huskies and the Blue Devils. The Golden Hurricane, Golden flashes as well as the Golden Geckos have been eliminated.

We said our goodbye to the Red Storm, the Red Hawks, the Purple Aces and, of course, the Orange men. Defeat surrounded the Rattlers, the Terrapins, the Owls, the Badgers (who would ever want to be a Badger, anyone?), the Leopards, the Razorbacks and the Roadrunners (Beep! Beep!). The Spartans and Titans were not even strong enough to hold on this year. And wouldn't you know it? In a tournament of so many bizarre mascots, not even the Huskies could survive undefeated. Sure, the Connecticut Huskies won it all, but the Wisconsin Huskies were out in the first round.

The mascots weren't the only bizarre part of the tournament. What about the upsets? Never before have so many lower seeded teams advanced in the first two rounds of play. People across the country were shredding their picks before their friends could see that they had North Carolina and Utah in the Final Four.

After the first week, fans soon learned the correct way to pronounce names such as Gonzaga, Sacsberiach and Arowous.

But while upsets were plentiful in the opening rounds, games went pretty much according to the "norm" in later rounds. Three of the four top seeds advanced to the Final Four, with North Carolina watching on T.V. What followed was one of the most closely contested championships in this decade.

Many people believed that Duke and Connecticut were the best teams in the nation. They were the only two teams this entire year to have been ranked number one in the nation. They also had the two best records of all Division 1 teams. So, the "Monday Night Fight" in St. Petersburg, Fla., was truly a championship-caliber match-up.

Dorm rooms across America were packed with fans as they filled the halls with sounds of joy and excitement throughout the game. And, if you happened to be near the Student Center, you noticed that it was also full of some pretty loud, trash-talking fans. The game went back and forth the entire way. Neither team could keep the other one down, so the excitement lasted until the final buzzer.

The game was future NBA stars making plays worthy of NBA recognition. It was full of emotion and suspense, and it was also full of numerous (too many to count) comments on the relationship of William Avery and Ricky Moore. The two had grown up together, played together and they were now facing each other in the "Big Dance." And the senior Moore proved to be stronger in this match-up as his team, the Connecticut Huskies, walked away with the national title, upsetting the picked favorite Blue Devils.

So, college hoop fans, it is time to throw out those picks that are full of scratches and frustration as we await the match-ups in 2000. And, if you hurry, maybe you can still catch some of the NBA season. (I know that it is a distant second, but it is going to have to do.)
The golf team had a few tournaments during the fall semester, but their regular tournaments during the fall; now, the guys are working hard for what is to take one step at a time, and to do better than what is next. Boyd said that the Bisons have a good standing in their NCAA division. They are in a decent place, but if they played to their full potential, they could end up in the top half of all the teams in the nation," he said.

Boyd said that the team needs to qualify for regionals to try hard, and practice a lot, We end up in the top one, and get to the first regional. Powell and Sobottka lead the team by setting fine examples for the others. "Paul is a good player; I guess both of us lead the other guys by example. [The team] is young, and they work really hard," Powell said.

Powell said he loves one day at a time instead of thinking about what could happen in the months to come. "I don't know if it's possible to get to the nationals, but one thing for sure is that we need to work hard and see what happens later," he said. "The future looks good for the program."

Powell said he tries to support the other guys by encouraging them instead of pressuring them. "We are all young and there's a lot of talent, and in the future, the team can do a lot better, but we don't want any pressure of any kind," Powell said.

"My dad was looking for a place in Searcy to work on my car and thought that Charlie's would do the best job," says Marc.

"I noticed that everybody else has said about Charlie's, that it was a nice place, with friendly people. The secretaries were very helpful and took time out to make sure that everything was taken care of."

"I would recommend Charlie's to everyone."