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Ju Go Ju, Ko Jo Kai and friends win Spring Sing. See page five.

Intercollegiate and intramural track teams keep running. See page seven.

News Ticker...

* Marty Sanchez, owner of a San Francisco restaurant, put up a sign offering a lifetime of free lunches to anyone willing to get a tattoo of her eatery's logo - a sombrero-wearing mariachi boy riding a blazing corn cob - and so far 30 people have gone under the needle to get free meals.

* Kreese Nance, 59, of Trotwood, Ohio, accused in the shooting of his pastor after a Bible class in an apparent dispute over the Book of Revelation, pleaded guilty to aggravated murder and will get a mandatory life term when he is sentenced April 26.

* Greg Cordell, 28, and Carla Germaine, 23, of Birmingham, England, who met for the first time at their wedding Jan. 25 after winning a blind-date radio competition, are splitting up because they say intrusions from the news media have put the relationship under unbearable pressure.

* Dennis Kovac of St. Joseph, Mo., whose 17-year-old daughter, Rachel, got her second speeding ticket a month ago, put a bumper sticker on her car that reads, "If I'm Speeding, Call My Parents," and lists the family's phone number, but there have been no calls and no more speeding tickets so far.

* David Blaine, 25, a magician who said he practiced by spending four days a week living in a coffin in his living room, was buried alive in a coffin near the Hudson River in New York and vowed to remain in a coffin for a week.

SA hopefuls announce bids for offices

Elections for SA president, vice president, treasurer and men's and women's class representatives will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wed., April 28, in the Student Center. Turn to page 5 for the complete story.

Vice Presidential Candidate
Jasmine Flagg

Treasury Candidate
Wesley Duncan

University students feel effects of war in Kosovo

by Elizabeth R. Smith
Staff writer

A quiet morning in Kosovo was shattered April 14 as North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) jets briefly but unfortunately bombed a Serbian military convoy. The air raid, part of NATO's involvement in Serbian affairs in Kosovo, occurred as the convoy traveled down a stretch of road utilized by military convoy. The air raid, part of NATO's involvement in Serbian affairs in Kosovo, occurred as the convoy traveled down a stretch of road utilized primarily by peasants. Although NATO officials reported that only military vehicles were targeted, Serbian video footage revealed lifeless bodies scattered along the road as survivors began the process of clearing away rubble from damaged buildings.

Thousands of miles away, in Searcy, Ark., not even a rumble was felt from the bombs that struck Kosovo on that Wednesday morning. Damaged buildings and injured civilians were not in sight to explain the air strikes and their consequences. While students of Harding University were not physically confronted with images of the war in Kosovo, it - along with other international conflicts such as the crisis in the Middle East - has not left students unaffected.

According to Dr. Mark Elrod, professor of political science, the war in Kosovo is essentially a struggle for an area of land approximately the size of Connecticut. "U.S. involvement is partly humanitarian," Elrod said. "The U.S. can't stop every incident of human rights abuses, but when we have the opportunity we should." Junior Sokol Hashiu, a native of Albania, has kept close watch on military actions in Kosovo for humanitarian reasons.

"NATO's actions are necessary. The Serbians are treating the Albanians like the Germans treated the Jews," Sokol said.

Hashiu's family resides in Vlora, Albania, located in the southern region of Albania. More than 5,000 refugees have already migrated to Vlora, a city with a population of more than 80,000 inhabitants.

Yet, as Albanian refugees from Kosovo continue to cross borders, escaping what the United Nations Security Council labeled in its Presidential Statement on Jan. 19, 1999, "the massacre of Kosovo Albanians," Americans also continue to cross borders. One Harding student, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently became very aware of the war in Kosovo when her husband, a member of the Air Force National Guard, left the country for Aviano, Italy. Although stationed in Italy, he will be working directly with NATO pilots who are involved in air strikes in Kosovo.

"We were given two days' notice before he had to leave," she said. Due to the technical nature of his job working with Air Force Intelligence, the length of his stay is unknown.

"There are only five or six people there [Italy] that can do his job, so he will be gone until it's over. It could be one month, five or six months or maybe longer," she said.

Similarly, Michael Morrison, a senior who is a member of the Army National Guard, is leaving his post as a Harding student for a new station in Kuwait.

"I was planning on graduating in May," Morrison said. "Since I will be gone until December, this is going to put me back a whole year.

While several students have been directly affected by the military action abroad, many Harding students know very little regarding the political welfare of the world.

"Because it is so far away, it is hard for students to understand what is going on," Morrison said.

Senior James Turk recognized the need for student awareness at Harding. "We should all be aware of what is going on because it is our country and because a possible draft could involve many of us," he said.

In order to increase student involvement and subsequently awareness, Turk suggested student-based action. "Because we are a Christian school, we could have a school prayer, put together care packages for the refugees and encourage letter writing to American soldiers," Turk said.

Whether students choose to become involved or even aware is not something that can be school-mandated. However, the international crisis will not disappear and could possibly escalate to involve all Americans on a much broader scale.

"We [Americans] have forgotten what war is like. We expect that all of our enemies from henceforth are going to roll over like Sadam," Elrod said.
On-line fairytales: Don't believe everything you read on the Net

Neil Chilson

"Jessica Mydek is 7 years old and is suffering from an acute and very rare case of cerebral carcinoma... The doctors have given her less than six months to live." So begins an e-mail I recently received. The message then goes on to describe Jessica's wish to have a world-spanning company letter to inform people of her condition. In addition, the letter tells of the very generous offer of the American Cancer Society and several corporate sponsors to donate three cents for every person who receives this chain e-mail. It concludes by noting that since it is so easy to forward this e-mail, it would be incredibly selfish not to do so. I deleted it.

Now, I am not a callous, cancer-lov­­ing monster -- the truth is, little Jessica Mydek doesn't exist. The American Can­­cer Society has never made such an offer, as they state in a press release (http://urbanlegends.miningco.com/­­library/blacks.htm?pid=27336­­&ecg=home). The Jessica Mydek story is simply one example of a new family of urban leg­ends -- the net hoax.

Urban legends are those fascinating, incredible stories that spread like rumors and are sworn to be true. You have prob­­ably heard many of the more popular ones -- the guy who washed his kidneys ste­­len, the woman who accidentally microwaved her cat, etc. You might have even been fooled by some of the more plausible ones. For the longest time, I thought that flashing my car lights at drivers with their turn signal off was the fastest way to receive the unpleas­­ant end of a gang initiation rite. The Internet has be­­come a haven for these sorts of rumors because there is one expert who calls "the largest rumor mill in all of history." The technology that makes it so easy and cheap to send useful infor­­mation to tens or even hun­­dreds of people at once also makes it possible to misinform thousands.

Of course, one person's useful information is another's junk e-mail, and perhaps many people love to scroll through their inbox and read e-mails a day. Some forwarded e-mails are interesting reads, and I see little wrong in critical reading of such e-mail. But reading junk mail is one thing -- believing it and sending it onward is another. There are several reasons I feel that forwarding chain e-mails is a bad idea.

First, I don't want to alienate my friends. I hardly have time to send real, personal communications of my acquaintances. Sending them a chain letter would be like forwarding a Kmart flyer to your friends. I would know it was a reminder that I don't care enough to really talk to them. Time spent forwarding clever untruths written by someone else is time that could be spent sending clever untruths of my own making to my nearest and dearest friends.

Secondly, I find it offensive that there are people out there who wish to use others' sense of compassion or fears to perpetuate something false. When I read through the attached comments of chain mail I receive, it is obvious that there are a lot of well-meaning people out there who are wasting their time. My own slightly cynical theory on this is that, for most chain mailers, forwarding a chain mail is an easy way to feel like they are doing a good deed without actually having to do anything -- a kind of placebo for a real act of charity. Finally, I don't send chain mail because it can damage people's reputations and images, even if false. Tommy Hilfiger may understand this harmful effect of chain mail better than most. A recent chain mail accused him of stating on CNN that his clothes do not look good on Asians. The e-mail then asked everyone to boycott his clothing lines as well as to send the message out to others to do the same. And like most widespread rumors, the damage is not only unmeasurable, but unrepairable.

Perhaps you share my opinion that chain mail is a time-wasting perpetua­­tion of untruths. If only recognizing un­­true chain mail was easy, many users could save themselves and others a lot of time. Well, recognizing chain mail is easy. If an e-mail asks the reader to forward it, it is chain mail. And it is very likely untrue, even if the story is well-written and heart-wrenching. As Jan Harold Brunvand said, "The truth never stands in the way of a good story." If you want to ensure that the message you are deleting really is worthless, or if you just want to find out more about these odd stories and the gullible souls who ensure their existence, check out http://urbanlegends.miningco.com. And next time, exercise your critical thinking skills for a couple of seconds before you hit that "Forward" button.
Earth Day has lost its effectiveness

At the time of its conception in 1970, Earth Day was a relevant, even necessary, movement to promote environment in 1970, Earth thought to the effects of their then, Americans gave little and industry was thriving, and thus the Earth Day movement was born. It worked - perhaps a little too well. Today, the environmentalist movement has reached fever pitch. The political correctly cor is no longer considered a mass demonstration of concern for environmental problems and put the issues on the political agenda. It worked - perhaps a little too well. Today, the environmentalist movement has reached fever pitch. The political correctly cor

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Student lecture series gives students chance to bond spiritually

by Robert Henson
Staff writer

As the school year winds down, students look for an excuse to miss class. One was provided to them last week as the Student Lectureship series returned on Wed., April 14 and Thur., April 15. As has been the case over the last few years, students were permitted to miss class if they attended a lecture scheduled at the same time.

The lectureship began with Michael Cooper giving a talk in chapel on Wednesday morning. In his speech Cooper entertained the crowd with stories of his youth and brought home an important message regarding humility. After chapel, the lectureship broke up into separate series. Four times during the day the speeches were given by students, one female and one male each time. These discussions focused on topics such as finding peace in our lives, maintaining unity in the church and showing humility toward others.

Thursday the program resumed with a chapel speech by Eli Perkins. In his presentation Perkins talked about how God gives our lives order when many times it seems that there is only confusion around. The day progressed with more talks by both female and male students about being ready to serve, developing our faith and facing temptation. The program concluded with a presentation at the Time Out Devo by Marcus Neely on moving on in life despite failures in the past.

There was a special effort to link the mid-week Student Lectures with the weekend religious conferences, Men of God and WINGS. There was a desire to set up a continuous theme for the students throughout the week. The special set-up allowed students to smoothly move from one conference to the next without losing their focus on getting closer to God.

The lectureships were a time of growth for those involved in making presentations. Michael Cooper, who made the presentation in chapel on Wednesday, said he spent a lot of time on his speech so that it would be relevant to the students. He said that, although he had been preparing the speech for quite some time, things seemed to fall together for him the night before he spoke. "God just put the words in my mouth that He wanted me to say," he said. Rocky Wyatt expressed a similar feeling of appreciation for the role God had in helping the series to unfold.

Students also enjoyed the lectures. A common sentiment among them was that it was refreshing to hear from people they know and can relate to. "It was a great opportunity to hear from my fellow students about the ways they have dealt with their struggles of faith," junior Bob Henson said. One of the strengths of the lectures is the opportunity to promote students getting closer to God.

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National Bible Bowl participants to test knowledge of book of Luke

by Ryan Cook
Staff writer

Students taking a class involving the book of Luke this semester will have approximately 450 potential tutorials on campus this weekend as Harding hosts the National Bible Bowl. The gospel of Luke is this year's subject.

Most participants will arrive tonight for registration, with the competition taking place in the Gannus Athletic Center beginning at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Students in both junior high and high school divisions, plus adults, will take written tests (mostly Scantron, with some short answer) about the book of Luke until noon.

"It's several tests," said Associate Director of Admissions Glenn Dillard, who is in charge of the event. "There are ones on 'name the chapter,' 'name the verse' and 'quotes.' For 'name the verse,' it will actually have the entire verse written out there and they will have to tell us which chapter and verse it is in. These kids will know Luke frontwards and backwards."

The day will conclude with the presentation of awards at 3 p.m. In addition to plaques and ribbons, six high school students will earn Harding scholarships. First, second and third places will earn $500, $300 and $100, respectively, in both the experienced and inexperienced divisions.

This Bible Bowl is one of four in the annual National Bible Bowl series. They coordinate topics so that youth groups can focus on one book each year and compete at several different competitions.

"Harding usually has about the largest Bible Bowl among the Christian colleges," Dillard said. "It's called National Bible Bowl [because] it consists of Bible Bowls at Abilene Christian, Harding, Lubbock Christian and Oklahoma Christian."

"It's an eight-year cycle - so after eight years, we'll be doing Luke again."

Dillard said that Harding hosts this competition for two reasons.

"[Harding does this] to promote students getting deeper and encourage them to study more," Dillard said. "A lot of congregations do this year-round, and if they're not getting ready for our Bible Bowl, they're getting ready for someone else's. It's a fun way for teenagers to learn different books of the Bible."

"The reason that the admissions office is involved is that it brings a lot of teens to come visit the campus too. Hopefully, they'll come and visit at Bible Bowl and love it and want to come back as a student."

Youth groups from near and far will be on campus for the competition.

"We'll have a lot from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kentucky and Texas," Dillard said. "Usually we even have some from as far away as Colorado or New Mexico come too."

Dillard said that the Admissions Office is looking for volunteers to help with monitoring, grading and other tasks.

Bryan Jobe / The Beacon

Junior Ted Bowsman presents a lecture entitled "God says, 'I want you,' and I respond, 'What do you want me for?"' The Student Lectureship series gave men and women the opportunity to share their views on topics that affect college students.

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Ju Go Ju, Ko Jo Kai, friends sweep Spring Sing categories

by Misty Mathews
Staff writer

Ju Go Ju, Ko Jo Kai and friends teamed up as beauticians to win all four categories in Spring Sing this year. Their theme title, "Just Curtain' Up," fit right in with the entire show's theme of "Comedy Tonight."

"The theme was an idea we had tossed around for last year's show, and we decided to try it this year, and it worked," Ko Jo Kai director Sean Adkins said.

The high-pitched screams of excitement after Saturday night's show filled the Benson Auditorium when the winning group was announced. The directors of "Just Curtain' Up" said they were surprised to do so well. "We thought we had a good chance of placing, but we didn't think we'd win in all four categories," Adkins said.

"The excitement of winning is incredible. I'm so fortunate to be able to help direct this show and work with the great cast," Ju Go Ju director Whitney Leach said. "We could not have done it without the help of Dr. [Steve] Frye and [Renee] Calkins. It is so much. It's just awesome when almost a year of working on a project finally pays off."

For senior Kim McKinnis of Ju Go Ju, this was a last farewell to her four years of participation in Spring Sing. "It was amazing to win every category and the John H. Ryan Award. The show was action-packed and so much fun. It was incredible to work so hard and to form lasting friendships. Every moment was full of energy. I loved being a part of the show," McKinnis said.

Much time and money is spent on costumes for each club show. Director Codie Edwards' mother volunteered to make all the costumes for their show. "My mom and her friend worked long and hard to sew all the costumes for our show," Edwards said. "She bought every sequin in Mount Pleasant, Texas, and there still were not enough sequins. I bought some in Searcy and Cabot and mailed them to her so she could finish all of our costumes."

The songs of the Spring Sing show go through everybody's head before, during and after the show. Remembering the lyrics was not a problem for the directors who wrote the lyrics and heard them during practice almost every day. In fact, they had a hard time forgetting the words.

"I can't get Spring Sing songs out of my head. I memorized other shows' songs that I wasn't even a part of," Adkins said.

Clubs from different shows also grew closer. "The cast of 'Chivalry isn't Dead' [was] always so supportive and very encouraging to us. We really respected that," Adkins said.

Those involved said the friendships made during Spring Sing grew strong because of so much time spent practicing as a group. "Making new friends and strengthening other friendships was the best thing about being a director. I think it has made the bond between Ju Go Ju and Ko Jo Kai stronger too because we all had so much fun together," director Laura Riley said.

"Chivalry Isn't Dead," by Chi Sigma Alpha, Regina and friends tied with Ju Go Ju, Ko Jo Kai and friends for the participation award. Sweepstakes award winners were 4th Runner Up: "Spring Cleaning; 3rd Runner Up: "A Hole New School of Thought;" 2nd Runner Up: "Summer Daze;" 1st Runner Up: "Chivalry Isn't Dead."

SA candidates share traits that will help them lead University into next millennium

by Alva Liimatta
Staff writer

Campaign elections, to be held Wed., April 28, will determine who will lead Harding into the new millennium. Brian Bush, a pre-law public administration major, and Brian Jefferson, a social science major, are seeking the office of president.

Bush has been involved with the SA every year, as the freshman and sophomore representative and as treasurer this year. He has been a Spring Sing director for the past two years and has been an energy group leader for Students of Excellence, a well-structured team leader for TNT sports. He helped in the tornado relief effort and said he is excited about the possibility of becoming the student body president. "I've wanted to do it since my freshman year. I am really into student government and enjoy leadership positions. This would be a great opportunity to make a difference, to make an impact on the school."

"I need the ideas from the students. I see the office of the president as a catalyst to when someone has an idea, to bring it to me, and I do everything in my power to get it done. Whatever it may be, if it will benefit the students, I want to get it done."

"I'd like to see some chapels that specifically address things that are going on in our lives right now. The Struggles with the Faith was something that I could really relate to because it was things that I have dealt with," he said. "I really want to make sure that we aren't just filling time, but actually affecting people and helping students."

Schwieger is president of Pi Kappa Epsilon and among other things — has been an impact energy group leader. "I feel like I am a pretty good leader and I just want to do something, I want to represent the students, their voices. I want to be the students' liaison between Dr. Burks or the deans, and I'd give it all for that."

"One of my top goals is to improve administration/stu dent relations. I hear complaints and in some way, I feel that the morale here is down and not what it should be. If just a few more things were taken into consideration, maybe looked at, maybe just revisited, I think that would really help people's attitude toward the University."

"I want to see things done the way that God would want them to, and I just feel like I am a real guy... I am easy to talk to. What you see is what you get, and I don't think anyone would be intimidated with me."

On the topic of leading Harding through the year 2000, Schwieger said, "Now we have a chance to put behind some of the old bad negative problems of the 1990s and the 2000s and start building the bridge, help carry the new attitudes on. There are a lot of big plans that I know Harding, has for the next hundred years."

Former SA secretary Jasmine Flagg is seeking the office of vice president. Flagg said she wants to "get the students more involved in bringing about a better campus, having everybody be a leader." A member of Zeta Rho for three years and past sophomore class president, Flagg feels she can bring her positive qualities to the office. "I am organized, I like to get things done. I am always encouraging people to do the best that they can; I encourage people to get involved."

Wesley Duncan is running for treasurer. Better known as "Chugg," a nickname from childhood, Duncan decided to run "just because some of my friends wanted me to, and we thought it would be cool if a football player ran — somebody who has good leadership qualities too."

"I think I would be somebody students could easily relate to," Duncan said. Also running for treasurer is Rocky Wyatt. "Besides the fact that I budget my money extremely well and I believe I could do the same for the school, I want to be in a position that I can represent the whole school."

Kelly Lutterbach is the lone candidate for senior women's representative. Dustin Lowery, Marcus Moore and J. D. Edrinn are running for sophomore male representative. Megan Wiewora is seeking the position of female sophomore representative. The offices not filled at this time will be filled in the elections held in the fall.

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by Matt Prince
Staff writer

Some ancient professions haven't acclimated very well to our modern economic system. For instance, how would you suppose a chivalric class of samurai makes a living today? Maybe some take the noble route — protecting small villages from bandits for a handsome fee — while others go for something more lucrative, hiring themselves out as hit men (Alain Delon in Le samourai) or mercenaries (Robert De Niro in Ronin). But the more pacifically inured, these code-following warriors make use of their blade-twisting skills at some of our very own Japanese steakhouses. At least, that's the impression you'd get from watching the chefs at Shogun's in Little Rock as they prepare a heavenly meal right in front of you.

Shogun isn't the type of restaurant to go to if you want to stuff yourself. The portions are merely sufficient. However, don't let this discourage you from going. Dinner at Shogun's is multi-course — soup, salad, rice, vegetables and meat. Even though they don't gorge you here, each course is allotted perfectly so as not to spoil the rest of the meal. I don't know how many times I've called myself on this myself and consequently ruined my enjoyment of the entire thing.

Because the meal comes in courses, appetizers aren't available a la carte. On the menu, you're basically limited to type of meat and an option for fried rice (it's $1.50 extra but make sure you get it; you'll be glad you did). The variety of choices is standard (e.g. New York strip, filet mignon, grilled chicken breast, lobster, shrimp) but the quality is certainly not. Prices range from $9.95 to $29.95, so it isn't Ryan's Family Restaurant. Each dinner begins with a light soup that will get your taste buds in shape. Next is the salad, which is rather basic except for the choice of dressings — ranch, Thousand Island or ginger. I'd recommend the ginger since it's unusual and adds to the whole foreign dining experience thing. After the salad, the chef wheels his little cart of goopies out to the table while the whole time you're thinking: how is he going to feed six Americans with that amount of food? Maybe they'll bring more out later. The chef does out the tangy sauces for the red and white meat in individual containers and the show begins.

The most impressive trick that I saw was when the chef flipped and then cracked the eggs for the fried rice with his spatula. It was intense. Once the fried rice is taken care of, the chef begins stirring squash, onions and mushrooms — the vegetable course. I'm not sure if you're supposed to hold off on eating the rice and vegetables until you get your meat (I didn't and neither did anyone else at the table); they taste great by themselves.

Finally, the meal is prepared. Each person gets three pieces of juicy shrimp (or more if that's what you picked) and their respective meats. I know what you're thinking. How am I going to eat a steak with chopsticks? Well, the chef cuts up each entree into bite-size pieces — you don't even get a knife. Incidentally, I had the filet mignon, and it was so tender that I had a hard time penetrating it with my fork. As for atmosphere, there's lots of Japanese art on the walls, and the staff doesn't speak English very well. However, they're very friendly and have quite a sense of humor if you listen carefully. It's also very dark, which can be nice and intimate if you don't mind sitting next to a few total strangers.

I admit that the prices are a little steep for college wallets. But if you haven't had a good meal in a while, it's probably just what your body needs to resupply it with all those essential vitamins and minerals. It's also a good place for special occasions. In fact, I know a guy who proposed to his girlfriend at a Japanese steakhouse, and she said yes. I hope you go. It was definitely one of the best meals I've ever had.

Shogun's is open 5 to 9:30 p.m. on weekdays and 5 to 10:30 p.m. on weekends. You could probably get in without reservations, but it's a good idea to make them anyway.

The Spencers to perform in Benson tonight
by Brian Cheatham
Staff writer

Lights, mirrors, smoke and illusion. No, it's not the morning routine that Dr. Burks uses to stay young, it's the Spencers, performing in many of the widely recognized as the #1 illusionists in the world. The Spencers to perform in Benson tonight to an appreciative audience in the Benson Auditorium. Tickets are $3.

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According to their press release, Kevin and Cindy Spencer weave senses and emotions into memories. They present a release, Kevin and Cindy Spencer combine many ele­ ments of drama, comedy and illusion. We want the audi­ ence to experience our perfor­ mance, not just watch it. We want the audience to feel the tension of suspense with elaborate illu­ sions as well as some dra­ matic and suspenseful ones. We are also very audience in­ teractive. We want the audi­ ence to experience our perfor­ mance, not just watch it. "We combine many ele­ ments so the effect is more than just a magic trick," he said.

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Track team looks back on season as some make preparations for the nationals

by Julieta Gil

Staff writer

The track team, which began its season at the end of the fall, admits that they haven’t quite lived up to their expectations. On Sunday, April 18, the team had a meet in Abilene, Texas, that made the team realize that probably not all of them will make it to the nationals.

One team member, junior Lee Shirey, said that he had good results in the individual events during the season. “I got first place in the meet at Arkansas State, which was on April 10. This was the best performance I’ve had during the season,” Shirey said. “I got first place in the 100-meter dash, breaking the old record of 10.85 by 0.2 seconds. Chi Sigma member Daryl Johnson held the previous record, set in 1995.”

Zach Beavers of Seminoles came within 0.25 seconds of the old record.

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Club track results are in with close margin and a narrowing race for the ‘All-sports’

by Remie Beaulieu

Staff writer

Seminoles and TNT split the first place big club wins at the track and field competition last Tuesday.

Fred Frazier of Seminoles set a new record for the 100-meter dash, breaking the old record of 10.85 by 0.2 seconds. Chi Sigma member Daryl Johnson held the previous record, set in 1995.

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Kappa Sigma Kappa took most of the wins for the middle club division, but the first place positions for the different events were evenly spread among the other participating clubs.

Other first place wins for the middle club competition included Sub T-16 for the 110-meter high hurdles, discus and 1600-meter relay; Kings Men for the 400-meter relay; 300-meter low hurdles and 400-meter dash; Theta Tau for the 1500-meter and the 800-meter dash; and Delta Chi Delta for the long jump and the 800-meter relay.
Football team prepares for fresh start next year

by Lindsey Fielder
Staff writer

No announcements have been made in chapel regarding the Bison football team lately, and no football games have been played on the Alumni Field. However, the Bisons are still hard at work.

As during the regular season, the Bison football team practices every day in the off season. Training gets serious for the team during the first six weeks of the spring semester, as they remain within the boundaries established by the NCAA.

The team works out 4 or 5 days a week. The NCAA allows teams to work out eight hours a week during the off season.

Coach Roddie Moat is in charge of the strengthening and conditioning of the team. Moat put together a combination of drills to improve speed, agility and strength in next year’s Bison athletes.

Head Coach Randy Tribble said, “This is the time that really improves a player’s chances to be a successful college player.”

Following the six weeks of training comes four weeks of actual spring practice. The NCAA gives teams 15 days to begin regular practice.

Twelve of those fifteen practices can be in full pads. The Bison football team finished that practice regime April 2.

The rest of the semester brings the team back to the same type of practice of the first six weeks of the semester, with concentration this year on speed development.

The fall of 99 will bring new players to the roster for the Bisons. Right now, Tribble said he has 25 new players committed for next season. Seven of those are scholarship recipients from Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas playing a variety of positions.

The team will end up with 35-40 new players by the time the season starts in the fall, Tribble said.

Two signees to watch for next year are Willis Britton and Bershard Tillman.

Tribble said that Britton has great speed and balance which will be useful next season for the offense to improve upon last season. Tillman is a defensive back from MaGee, Miss., who was recruited from a junior college.

The entire team has been improving in the off season. “All the players have shown great effort and attitude,” Tribble said. “They know they must work year-round to be successful during the regular season.”

Tribble has high expectations for the team in their upcoming season. “We will definitely be a stronger ball club than last year,” Tribble said. “I think we’ll compete for the championship.”

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