Students vote today in SA presidential runoff

Ryan Cook  
Copy Editor

Harding students will decide between senior Steve Cloer and junior Marcus Moore today in a runoff to determine the Student Association president for the school year.

Cloer and Moore were the top vote getters in Wednesday's four-way race for president, but neither received the required 50 percent of the vote. Students can vote in the student center today after chapel until 4:30 p.m.

More than 1,200 students cast ballots for SA and class officers Wednesday.

In uncontested SA races, junior David Scharrf was elected vice president and senior Amanda Klasko was reelected secretary.

The following were elected SA class representatives for 2001-2002:
- Senior women: Jamie Kulild
- Junior women: Liz Balocchi
- Junior men: Jordan Collier
- Sophomore women: Starla Robinson
- Sophomore men: Gary Lasley

There were no candidates for SA treasurer or for senior men's representative. Those offices will be on the ballot along with the freshmen class officers in September.

Moore, a marketing and vocational ministry major from Searcy, stated that he plans to seek student input in areas such as chapel and campus building projects. He noted Habitat for Humanity as a potential project.

"It's about glorifying God and serving the student body as fellow servants and fellow Christians," Moore said.

Cloer, a math and Bible major from Searcy, outlined a platform based on Mark 10:45 — "To serve, not be served."

His proposed programs include dorm prayer groups and a Searcy-area carnival.

"I want to only serve the students and help them in their needs, but I want to lead the students in serving others and one another," Cloer said.

Campus to receive touch-up

Board will consider adding new dorm

Jalaina Tyree  
Staff Writer

Each fall, Harding students come back to a somewhat changed campus. From the small changes of new paint to the big changes of new buildings, fall 2001 will not be any different.

President David Burks said a new women's dorm is being considered and will be discussed at the May Board of Trustees meeting.

"It will be discussed, but no decisions have been made," Burks said.

If a new dorm is approved, it would be a twin to Shores and built to the north of the dorm, which was completed in August 2000. The parking lot on the east side would also be extended to Park Street.

Preparations are already underway for a $1.5 million addition to the Gano Athletic Center. This addition on the south end of the building will include a larger weight room and other facilities. Construction is scheduled to begin next month.

To many students' relief, there will be more parking added to the campus. The university has purchased land north of the science building, which will be paved this summer.

Two existing buildings will undergo major renovations as well.

The Mabee Business Building will get new carpet, wallpaper, paint and a new air-conditioning system. The building has not undergone major renovations since it was built 19 years ago.

The science building will also have some work done. According to Burks, it is a "big job," including a new heating/air-conditioning system as well as a new ceiling and a fresh coat of paint.

Finally, as is standard practice, two dorms will be painted. Graduate Hall and the West Apartments get their turn this summer.

In long-term plans, Burks said the university plans to build a new technology and education building. The new building would provide space for the School of Education and the Department of Computer Science. The traditional sciences such as biology and chemistry will stay in the current science building, but they will be able to spread out and create more classrooms or labs.

"We hope to do this within the next three years," Burks said.

The advancement office is in the process of making a proposal to raise the funds for the project.


Writer's Block
Sarah Terry
Editor

Kennedy Jr. was the most watched newlywed and Parting that was before school shootings were frequent occurrences — before Jonesboro became known around the world for its school shootout and before the Columbine massacre.

The past four years may have gone by in a blink, but it seems like lifetimes since I wasn’t a student here. For graduating seniors, the time has been long enough to change our lives and help define who we are and the people we strive to become. Perhaps no year has been so instrumental in preparing us for the future as our last one.

A DIFFERENT VIEW

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When you write columns during the year that labeled me a Democrat, feminist and cheerleader of Harding’s minority single population, I realized that there would be a discontent opinion.

I was proud to have an outlet to voice my thoughts, and because of the positive response I received, I know there was an audience for what I had to say, too — even if it wasn’t always the majority opinion.

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It’s a phenomenon of the college years that students can stay up all night talking with the same people they live with and see every day. I never realized how fast 4 a.m. comes when talking with friends.

Within six months, I will begin paying back the thousands of dollars I owe Harding. The money that I’m returning isn’t for the academics, although it did earn me a degree.

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As you open your e-mail and the excitement mounts, the last thing you want to see is that your box is full of forwards. And it is always the same people. The ones who believe everything they hear.

My solution to this problem is simple: www.urbanlegends.about.com. This web site goes back to the source of thousands of forwards to see where they originated and tell you whether they are true. Remember the ones from "Outback" and Abercrombie & Fitch that promise discounts? None are true. In fact, most were written by teens.

People are often skeptical of junk mail in their snail mail box, but are willing to believe every e-mail forward they are sent — even if it was sent in jest.

For example, one of the latest scares, especially in religious circles, is the story about Harry Potter and the satanic messages that the books supposedly contain.

Scroll to the bottom of the forward and there is a link that goes to the origin of the message, which was in "The Onion," a web-based magazine. The article was written as a farce. In fact, the whole site is a farce. Every article makes fun of important things happening in the news.

However, some forwards are true. In April 1999, the ABC sitcom "The Practice" had an episode in which one of the lawyers’ mother wanted him to go to court and help her get a marriage license so she could marry her lesbian lover.

A concerned citizen wrote to ABC and expressed his concern for the situation as well as irritation that homosexuality seems to be slipping into a lot of the station’s sitcoms. He didn’t really expect to get a reply, but the very next day he received a rude e-mail from a representative of the station.

The sender of the original letter was shocked and angry. He decided to publicize the letter for others to read. Hawaii was so much of my final year holed away the student center.

Tracie Hendershot, senior

Speak Out: What is your best memory of the year?

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Letters to the Editor

Mass campaigning lacks substance

Dear Editor:

I did not vote in this year's Student Association election, but before I graced by a Florida Democrat, I would like to explain why.

Monday in chapel I was pleased to see the four men who presented campaign platforms to the student body. I was impressed that the group looked and sounded serious. I then ducked to avoid a flying baby doll.

Later, I had burned biscuits in mind and walked to the student center, where the wall paper must have changed. Flyews adorned the walls, and I realized that this had turned into a high school election once again. Later in the week, I noticed seven flyers for one candidate and six on another on the same doorway. The tone of

Sears

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History of dash rallies participants to finish line

Saturday's annual race honors local man killed by drunk driver

Mac Bell
Staff Writer

More than 18 years ago, Harry Miller was tragically killed by a drunk driver. Miller, who attended the College Church of Christ and worked for Searcy Parks and Recreation, was liked and respected by many in the community. After Miller's death, Dr. Paul Pollard, professor of Bible, and several other concerned citizens decided that something should be done locally about drunk driving.

The event which Miller's death inspired, the MADD Dash, will take place at 8 a.m. tomorrow at the Carmichael Community Center, 801 S. Elm.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is a national organization composed of devastated families of innocent victims, surviving victims and concerned citizens who promote awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

"The purpose of this race is to buy video cameras for the White County Sheriff's Department so that they might be able to get more convictions on drunk driving charges," Pollard said. "We have been able to buy 14 cameras in the past few years."

Before his death, Miller detailed a plan for a race called the Searcy Scampers. The course that he drew is what is used today for the MADD Dash; the Harry Miller 10K race, the 5K and the half-mile fun run/walk.

The 10K is a 6.2-mile race up Skyline Drive. Pollard said it is a tough, hilly race that is designed with the top conditioned runner in mind. The 5K (3.1 miles) is a countryside run and the return is downhill. The conditioned runner/athlete will be capable of running this race.

The half-mile fun run/walk is designed for those young people and older citizens who prefer to walk to contribute to this event.

Following the race, there will be soft drinks and fruit provided for the runners. Runners may preregister today in the Bible office or at Pollard's office, McInteer 238. The preregistration fee is $10. Race day registration begins at 8:30 a.m., the cost that day will be $15.

Every runner in the 5K and 10K will receive a t-shirt. Also, runners who raise $25 or more in sponsorships will run for free and receive a free t-shirt.

Winners will be declared in six different age divisions. The overall winners will not be included in the age division winners.

Overall male and female winners get a three-month membership at Healthcorp; the top three runners with the most sponsorship money raise get prizes as well.

This year's event will feature a computerized finish line, provided by Arkansas Runner magazine. Results from the winners of each division will also be posted on the Arkansas Runner web site.

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Dr. Paul Pollard, professor of Bible, posts a sign promoting the MADD Dash on the second floor of the McInteer Bible Building. Proceeds from the 18th annual event, which begins at 8 a.m. tomorrow, help purchase cameras for the White County Sheriff's Department. Runners can participate in the Harry Miller 10K race, a 5K race or a half-mile fun walk.

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Harding opens LR campus for grad students

Sarah Madden
Staff Writer

After recently opening a branch campus in a shopping plaza near McCain Mall in North Little Rock, Harding is offering a convenient program for teachers in the Little Rock area to earn their master of arts in teaching degree without coming to Searcy.

"We chose to open the envelope further and do something a little different," said Connie Elrod, director of the Little Rock Professional Center and assistant professor of education. "We have tapped into the Little Rock market in central Arkansas, and there's a real need here. We offer weekend courses, something that other schools here don't have yet and something that all of our students have complemented us on. [Weekend courses are] something that they needed."

The facility is equipped with three classrooms and offers a professional feel which the students appreciate, Elrod said. "The center is geared to nontraditional students who already hold a bachelor's degree. Currently, the center in North Little Rock is only offering courses toward the MAT degree, but Elrod said they plan to offer more in the future."

"We feel we're at the tip of the iceberg," Elrod said. "Eventually we hope to expand to offer nursing and business courses."

Educators in the Little Rock area are excited about the opportunity of furthering their education without having to commute to Searcy.

"I have thought a lot about getting my master's in teaching; I just wasn't sure when I'd be able to do it," said Molly Burney, a teacher in Little Rock who graduated from Harding in Searcy. "I feel encouraged that I now have the option of going to Harding in Little Rock on the weekends to receive my masters in education."
Congressman highlights commencement plans

Preparations for Harding's May commencement exercises are being finalized. The ceremony is scheduled for May 12 at 10 a.m. in the Ganus Athletic Center.

In just 15 days, approximately 430 students will graduate, according to Neale Pryor, vice president for academic affairs.

That number is down slightly from last year, Pryor said.

U.S. Representative Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.) will deliver the commencement address.

Hutchinson, whose press agent said Monday he had not determined what topic he would address, has a son, John, who will graduate from Harding.

"It's going to be really neat to have my dad here as a part of the graduation ceremony," John Hutchinson said. "It'll definitely make it extra special."

Many graduating seniors are anticipating the big day.

"I can't wait for graduation," senior Mac Bell said.

"It's been a good four years, but I'm ready to move on. I do know that once I'm gone I'll miss it like everyone says you will."

Although May and August graduations are held in the Benson Auditorium, the number of graduates in May forces graduation to the largest venue on campus — the Ganus Athletic Center.

"May graduation has outgrown the Benson," Pryor said.

A pressman at Harding Press puts the finishing touches on graduation announcements.

Commencement exercises will be 10 a.m. May 12 in the Ganus Athletic Center. U.S. Representative Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.), whose son, John, is among the graduates, will deliver the commencement address.

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May grads head overseas for study

Moore, Yecke to pursue master's degrees at Oxford, Bristol

Chad Lawson

Staff Writer

Seniors Tim Moore and Tiffany Yecke grew up in different parts of the South, but both share a special fascination with another region miles away from their respective homes in Arkansas and Virginia.

Both love England — but their long-standing love affair with the small island has turned into much more than just a infatuation with a foreign nation. Moore and Yecke will both attend graduate schools there next year.

Moore has been accepted to attend Oxford University to study the 1895 border dispute between Venezuela and present-day Guyana and its impact on Anglo-American relations. He said his experiences during a semester abroad at Harding University in England furthered his interest in attending graduate school there.

"I developed a strong desire to go to England after studying the history of my family when I was still in junior high school," Moore said.

"No one has made great strides in my particular area of research since the 1940s. In order to fill in the gaps of time in the various studies done in the past, I hope to supplement that work and research in order to back it up with a modern approach."

Moore, who will graduate next month with a degree in political science, was also accepted to the London School of Economics. In fact, he was already finalizing his plans to attend LSE when his acceptance letter to Oxford arrived in the mail in early April. He also applied to Cambridge University.

"I have an English soul and an American spirit," said Yecke, who will study literary anthropology and mythology and classical literature at the University of Bristol. "I've always been an Anglistic.

Aside from her studies, Yecke said she was interested in experiencing small-town England. She said the backgrounds of America and Britain were linked through their interdependent roles in history.

"That's where we came from," she said. "As a Southerner, it will be exciting to make those connections."

Moore said his relationship with England has remained a constant force in his life, and he is confident that he will be able to adjust to the English culture. Originally from Wynne, Ark., Moore said the island nation was his adopted "second home."

"Being there over a year will change my habits, I'm sure, but my connection with home will keep me grounded," he said. "We all experience a special bond with certain places, and my love for my home state as well as the home of my ancestors has shaped my life and given me something to shoot for."

Moore and Yecke said they were both still toying with the idea of remaining in England for further study after they finish their preliminary graduate work, but neither one wants to make that commitment just yet.

"I'll first see how I adapt to the British way of life," Yecke said. "This is a big jump, a tremendous leap of faith that I'm making."
Faces in the Crowd
Random pairings form lasting friendships

Editor's Note: This is the final in a series featuring unique members of the Harding community.

Hannah Rhodes
Staff Writer

For most students, learning to live with a roommate is one of the most difficult adjustments to college life. Many students choose to be paired with a roommate, rather than living with a friend. However, roommate horror stories sometimes seem to outnumber the more positive experiences.

Few students go through their college career living with the same person.

In May, however, seniors Rachel McCuiston of Columbus, Ga., and Anna Westmoreland of Florence, Ala., will finish their fourth and final year as roommates. The pair met when they arrived on campus as freshmen in Aug. 1997.

"We got along so well," McCuiston said. "We have been very blessed.

The roommates say that having different groups of friends has helped keep their relationship strong.

"The only time we see each other is at night," Westmoreland said. "We have different personalities.

Spending time apart during the day allows them to bond at night, talking about friends and activities.

"Anna is a very encouraging person," McCuiston said. "She's always there to listen. Emotional support is very important.

Both McCuiston and Westmoreland acknowledge that it takes honesty and respect to stay together.

"You have to learn to tell someone when something hurts you ... in a tactful way," Westmoreland said.

"You have to learn people skills and how to deal with others on a more personal level," McCuiston said. "You learn how to deal with conflict, but you also get to enjoy each other's company.

Julie Sampley from Atlanta and Larena Baum from Fort Worth, Texas, have also stayed together through the long haul. The seniors had never met before arriving on campus their freshmen year.

"We've never really had a fight," Baum said. "We just know how to laugh together. We always have a good time. Our personalities are similar, so we know when to say something and when not to say something. It's been a blessing that I've been able to share so much with Julie.

Seniors Julie Nichols of Birmingham, Ala., and Lara King of Joplin, Mo., were also strangers when they were paired as roommates in the fall of 1997.

"We hit it off," Nichols said. "I was prepared for the worst. I walked in the room and quickly discovered that we had the same Beatles calendar and even the same hair curlers. Then I thought, 'Okay, this girl's going to be cool.'

Nichols and King had never even talked before they arrived that first fall semester, because both had been traveling during the summer.

"She is my best friend in the entire world," said Katie Nichols, who has spent all four years with her roommate, senior Lara King.

The roommates say that having roommates is a very encouraging part of college life.

"We're going to be roommates at Harding Place. We're just gonna reminisce about the old days and go to Heber.

Katie Nichols, senior

"And she's mine," King said. "We've really learned a lot from each other. We balance each other out, but we're also a lot alike.

The roommates say that living with the same person for a long time is the best way to get to know each other.

"Lara understands exactly how I am," Nichols said. "We finish each other's sentences.

Nichols and King have learned the characteristics of a good roommate.

"You learn to live together and accept differences. Patience is important," Nichols said.

"You change roles as needed," King said. "You take turns being the entertainer and the caretaker. Katie's made me a lot more fun. I've gotten crazier as the years have gone by.

The pair will remain roommates next year, moving off campus as fifth-year seniors.

"I can't imagine living without her," King said.

Although separation is inevitable, the pair already has plans to reunite in the future.

"We're going to be roommates at Harding Place after our husbands knock off," Nichols said. "We're just gonna reminisce about the old days and go to Heber. And we'll have a jet ski by then because we won't be poor college students anymore.

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I'll be the first to admit that when I saw the preview for Tom Hanks' latest Oscar endeavor, Cast Away, I hardly had to contain myself. I could just hear everyone talking about how great the movie was, and how stunning Hanks' acting was, how incredible the story was, and so on. I mean, how good can a movie in which you sit and pretty much watch one person for two and a half hours be?

See for yourself May 4-5 when Cast Away comes to the Benson Auditorium at 7:30 both nights as the last SA movie of the school year. Tickets are $2 or free with the pass.

Regardless of my lack of enthusiasm, I did want to see the movie for the simple reason of getting an idea of what this year's Oscar race was going to be like.

The result? To be honest, I was pleasantly surprised by the movie. I was not blown away by it, nor did I find it to be incredibly stunning as far as special effects, level of acting or anything else.

What I did find was a very enjoyable, easy to watch movie. Tom Hanks' reaction to finding himself stranded on a deserted island after a plane crash. On the island, Chuck must figure out how to provide his basic needs. The real story, though, begins when he must find a way to return home. One of the great things about the movie is that it can be enjoyed by everyone. It can be enjoyed by people of all ages and experience levels. It is not only entertaining but educational as well.

The movie is easily one of the best of the year. It is a great way to end the school year. The message of the movie is that you never know what life has in store for you. The movie is a reminder of the importance of perseverance and the value of hard work. It is a reminder of the importance of learning from our mistakes and the importance of not giving up on our dreams.

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Staff Writer

Lady Bison coaches sign new players to Harding

Kennedy plays for the state championship team at New Braunfels High School. In July she will play for the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Game. Kennedy was named the state tournament MVP and earned All-State accolades from both the Texas Sports Writers Association and the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

Both Morrison and Lackey presently play for region one champion and state semifinalist Chuburne High School. Morrison is the two-time district Defensive Player of the Year. Lackey is a two-time first-team All-District honoree.

Kellum is the Lady Bisons’ new setter from Southlake Carroll High School. She led her team, the Lady Dragons, to the regional quarterfinals.

Foster comes to the Lady Bisons with honors including first team and second team All-District honors. She carried the Red Oak Lady Hawks to both the regional and state semifinals during her career.

The Lady Bison volleyball team is not the only Harding team to sign players recently. Women’s basketball coach Brad Francis announced the signing of guards Kendra Beard and Julie Wright. Beard, a senior from Otak High School in western Arkansas, averaged 12 points, four rebounds, four assists, and three steals per game in her career as a Class AAA State Champion Lady Hawk(s). She was named All-State by the Arkansas Activities Association, honorable mention All-State by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, and to the All-State Tournament team.

Wright, a Texas native, will transfer to Harding after two seasons as a Lady Eagle at Oklahoma Christian University. As a sophomore, she averaged 6.7 points and two assists. She was second on the team in both three-pointers and free throw percentage.

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Unless you've been living under a rock for the past few months, you've heard the rumors of a possible return of his Airmess, Michael Jordan.

"Will he or won't he?" It's all beginning to sound like a sitcom cliffhanger rip off. However, whether or not you like him, Michael Jordan is simply the best who has ever played the game. He is a championship factory. Hence the reason for all the buzz.

If he comes back, can he lead the lowly Washington Wizards to the championship, or at least to a winning record? The Wizards don't have a Scottie Pippen or a Dennis Rodman. In fact, their best player, Mitch Richmond, plays Jordan's former position.

Amid all of these questions, most signs are hinting that he will return. In the past six months, Jordan has been working out with the Wizards, trying to lose some weight to get back to his younger, more fit frame. He was behind the recent hiring of Doug Collins as head coach. Collins was Jordan's head coach for three years early in his career. One of the owners of the Wizards said that Jordan would probably come back, and Jordan himself said the challenge to see if he could still play at the top level was a major motivating factor.

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Several weeks ago, some rule changes were voted in. Players now only have eight seconds to get across the half court line instead of ten. Also, illegal defense is gone, so now teams can run a zone defense. How could this effect Michael? Will he still be the tops of the league? Shug has gotten more dominating, as have Tim Duncan, Vince Carter and Kobe Bryant. There are players in the league that are half Jordan's age.

Still, he would be the best player on the Wizards, but in the NBA?

Jordan shouldn't do it. Sure it would be great for business: ratings would soar, Wizards' games would sellout and his team would win at least 20 games. But would it be good for Michael?

Jordan retired on top in 1993, after winning his third NBA Championship. He made baseball a rock for the past few months. But he did. And he needed to. He was still in the spotlight, and the fact that he couldn't play baseball very well did not help his ego. He had something to prove back then. He had to make people's minds off of his batting average and force them to respect his scoring average.

The only ego threat for MJ is his Wizards. This team is so horrible. Hopefully, Mike will realize that we all still want to like him and that he will never be forgotten. We don't blame him for his Wizards' play.

Stay away Mike. Let Lamarcue have his glory and don't embarass yourself. For the country and for the fans, leave us with that almost perfect record. Jordan may be getting ready for the NBA, but is the NBA ready for Jordan?