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Jazz Band entertains with musical fusion

By Candise Montemayor

Two nights of University of Arkansas – Fort Smith jazz brought in over 900 audience members to the Breedlove Auditorium. Don Bailey, director of the Jazz Band, predicted the April 4 and 5 spring concert sellout following the large response the show received last season.

Stacey Jones, associate dean of campus center operations, originally built the Season of Entertainment program package around the strong audience attraction that the university Jazz Band draws from the campus and community.

It was “so nice to just hear some real good live music.” “There was a good mix of music, too, and Don’s interaction with the audience is very entertaining,” said Dianne Werthmuller, UA Fort Smith library staff member.

Several guest artists performed in the show, including former Miss UA Fort Smith Lauren Glensky, Choral Director Thomas Lippert and Dance est Joie from Grayce DeWitt Studio, as well as the UA Fort Smith Vocal Jazz, Gary Hutchison and Randy McFarland.

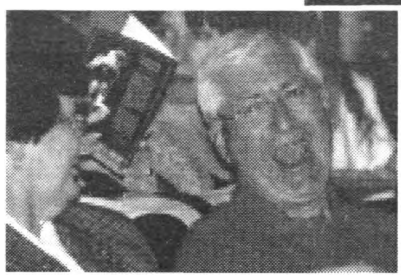
A fusion of selected music pieces varied from artists such as Aretha Franklin and Glenn Miller to Tower of Power, Woody Herman, Chick Corea and many more.

Julie Darlington, first time show attendant, was enthusiastic about the show. “I just loved *Respect* by Aretha Franklin,” she said. It’s one of my favorites and I always feel a real sense of woman power in that song.”

Favorite melodic hits that appealed to the spectators were a sweeping success, according to the audience members filling out after the show.

The musical support behind the show included Jazz Band members from Fort Smith, Greenwood, Heavener, Lavaca, Sallisaw and Van Buren areas.

The Concert was a part of the 22nd Season of Entertainment. Tickets for admission and information on upcoming shows are available through the UA Fort Smith Box Office, 788-7300.



▲ Audience members react to video images of Don Bailey throughout the decades of his musical career.

▲ Pouring her soul out as “an Aretha Franklin twin” is Lauren Glensky singing *Respect*. Glensky was joined by the other twin, Tammy Pollock, and accompanied by Gary Hutchinson on guitar.

▲▲ Jazzing up the stage, director Don Bailey also performed a saxophone solo as part of the Jazz Band’s Season of Entertainment performance.

▲ Choral director Tom Lippert sang *Georgia on My Mind* while Randy McFarland performed a saxophone solo.
Photos courtesy of Jamie Mitchell

Club Beat: Religious Clubs

By Laura Lovell

Many religions observe holidays during spring; four clubs represent the Christian faiths: Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Catholic Campus Ministry, Christ on Campus, and Western Arkansas Christian Students.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry hosts Rez week to observe the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Monday, April 14, care packages were given away to students from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at various locations on campus. Tuesday, April 15, a campus Easter Egg hunt took place all day. Some eggs contained gift certificates or cash prizes. Friday, April 18, there was an outdoor cookout at noon on the Campus Green and in the evening a concert was scheduled for Breedlove Auditorium from 7-9 p.m. with musical guests Pottersfield and Histemi.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) will be moving to a new building this fall. Student hosts will be chosen this fall to manage the BCM building. They will be able to live in the new building for free in exchange for handling some building management responsibilities.

Students interested in learning more about BCM may view their web site at bcmfortsmith.com. Students interested in learning more about becoming a student host may contact

Brian Matlock for an application at (479) 452-3195 or bcmfsmith@earthlink.net

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) listed in its constitution that some of its goals are to promote spiritual and moral growth of the individual student through a program that complements the values and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. To find out what the CCM members have planned for spring holidays, students may contact Michael Crowden at (479) 788-7150.

Christ on Campus (COC) listed in its constitution that its goal is to help students learn about Christ. To find out about upcoming events the COC members have planned, students may contact Michael Crawford at (479) 788-7717 or mrcrawfor@uafortsmith.edu.

Western Arkansas Christian Students (W.A.C.S.) states in its brochure that its mission is to spread the gospel, serve others, and help students gain knowledge about the Bible as "the Bible as the inspired, infallible Word of God

and uses it as a guide for every aspect of life." Three advisers are listed for this organization - Ron Orick: rorick@uafortsmith.edu, Terri Leins: tleins@uafortsmith.edu, and Jean Jackson: jejackson@uafortsmith.edu.

All of these organizations are open to any student that has an interest in learning about them. If students are interested in starting a club to educate others about their faith, the student(s) may go to the Student Activities Office and pick up a copy of the UA Fort Smith Student Club/Organization handbook. The handbook will provide information necessary to start a new club.

Administration Pushes Student Evaluations

By Laura Lovell

Students help improve the learning process by describing in the student evaluations the teaching techniques that worked best and what didn't work as well. When the instructor receives the summary of their students' evaluations -- after the students finals have been graded -- the student evaluations may assist an instructor by providing reinforcement of what worked and provide suggestions of what can be improved.

Associate Professor of the College of Applied Science and Technology Rebecca J. Timmons said, "This is the second semester that we are asking students to go online through their pipeline account to evaluate other classes as well as the faculty. Students will be sent e-mails through their pipeline accounts showing them the procedures to complete the surveys online."

Timmons said that last fall was a pilot program for the online evaluations -- there was a low student response of about 27%. The goal for this semester is to increase the student response rate to 60%.

The paper evaluations were replaced for several reasons: some instructors did not want to give up class time for the evaluations to be given, the administration was better able to evaluate the responses by having them evaluated electronically, and the personnel costs were reduced because the evaluation analysis was automated.

Computerized results protect students' anonymity and all respondents' e-mails from pipeline are complied electronically to prevent teachers from seeing student names by their comments. Timmons said, "Confidentiality has not been compromised in any way."

Student Evaluations began April 9 and will run through May 3.

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Sebastian Commons Near Completion

By John Wallace

The University of Arkansas - Fort Smith is ready to open the first on-campus housing facility in its 75-year history. Sebastian Commons, a 104-unit apartment complex, will be completed this May. Applications are already being taken for the fall semester.

Studies show college freshmen that live on campus their first two years have higher attendance rates and better grades than freshmen that commute to school. Traditionally college freshmen at four-year institutions spend their on campus years in high-occupancy dormitories and any apartments on campus were designated for older, nontraditional students. Ken Pyle, Dean of Student and Academic Support Services, explained how this university is turning that tradition upside down.

"Since we're starting from scratch, our emphasis is on getting and keeping our full-time freshmen," said Pyle.

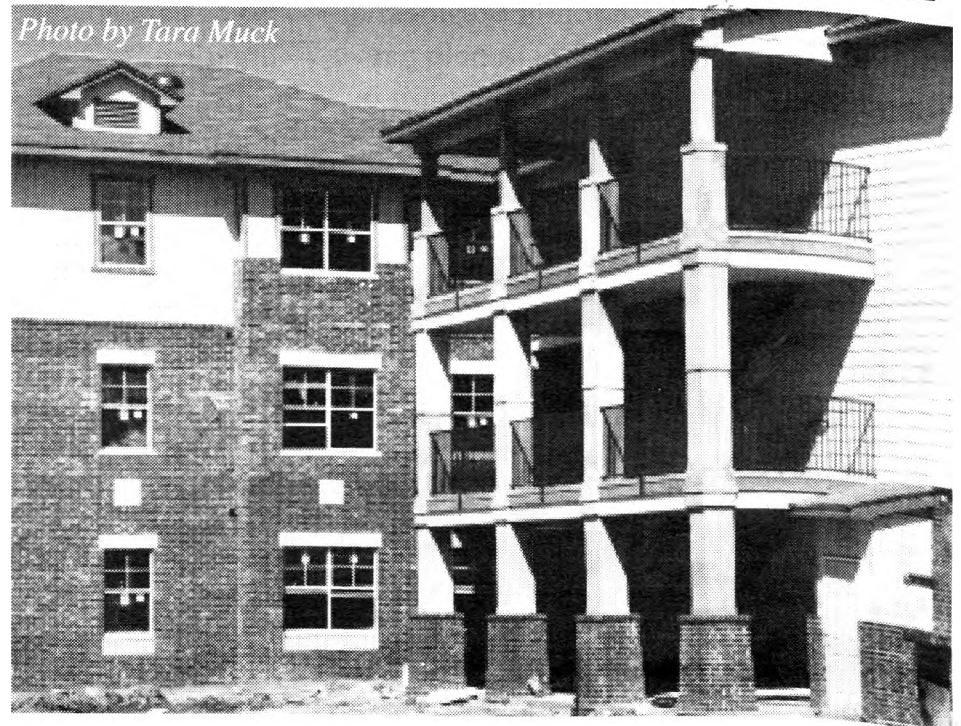
Sebastian Commons will have room for 296 students and initially will be offered only to first-time, full-time scholarship freshman according to Pyle.

Built and maintained by Madison Communities of Plano, Texas, Sebastian Commons will offer full apartments in one-bedroom, two-bedroom and four-bedroom configurations. All

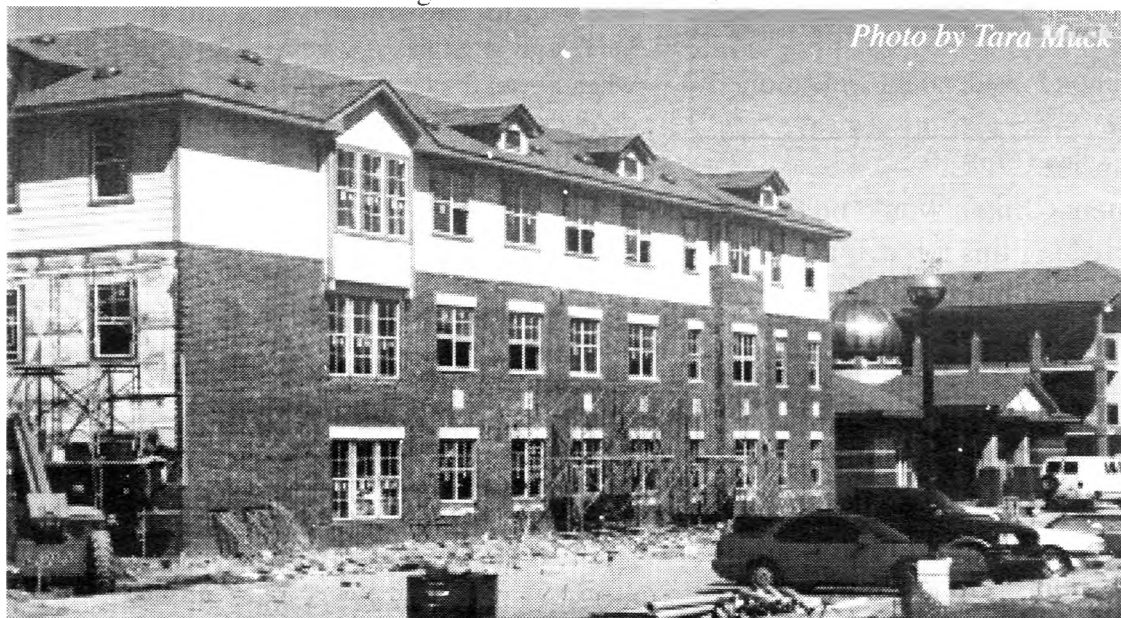
apartments will be fully furnished and will feature a fully equipped kitchen with full size oven, dishwasher and refrigerator. For security, Sebastian Commons will be a gated community giving access only to residents. Alarm systems will be in all rooms.

Rent is per lease per month and ranges from \$390 a month for the four-bedroom apartments to \$500 a month for the one-bedroom efficiency apartments. Monthly rent includes electricity, water, sewer and basic cable. Internet access and phone is left for the student to arrange.

Pyle urges interested students to visit www.sebastiancommons.com for more information or call toll free (877) 248-3795.



South end of the new dorms faces Kinkead Ave. The dorms will be part of a gated community located on campus.



East end of the Sebastian Commons will face the campus center allowing tenants easy walking access to the food court

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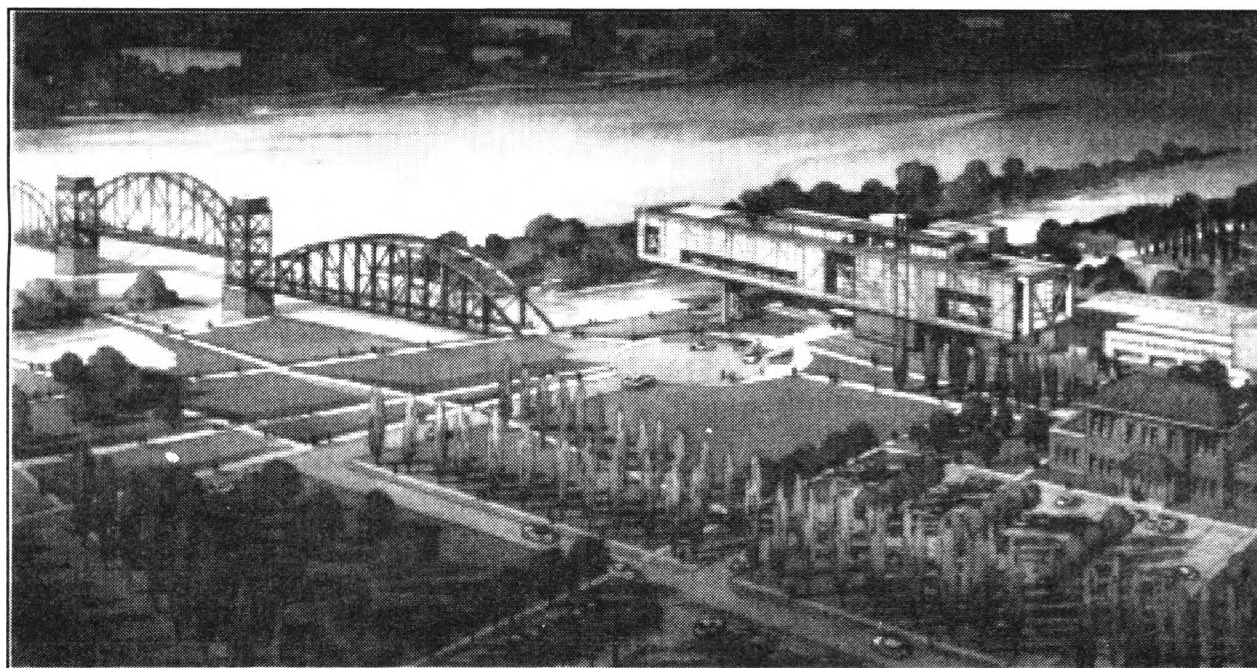
By Steve Friery

The William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation is raising money to help pay for the Presidential Library being built in Little Rock. Along with a letter from politico James Carville explaining the joys of being Clintonista, the foundation sends an artist's rendition of what the final product should look like.

Sitting on what looks to be a beautifully manicured landscape alongside of a

the austere company of other presidential libraries.

Indeed, the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta has an air of dignity and duty. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library overlooks the Pacific Ocean and has a hacienda style, befitting the terrain and historical environment. The Harry S. Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Mo., has one of the best Oval Office replications of



Polshek Partnership Architects rendition of The William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation

peacefully flowing Arkansas River, and right at the base of the "Historic Railroad Bridge," is a monstrosity that delves lower in taste than one would think even the Clintons could reach. The library has every appearance of a trailer house on blocks sitting at the end of a cul-de-sac.

Admittedly, the architecture is supposed to over hang a slice of the Arkansas River. A grand and thoughtful gesture, to be sure. Unfortunately, it fits better in the triple-wide trailer jokes made famous by Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee than in

all of the libraries.

President Clinton would be better served demolishing this tornado target and building something more befitting a president. Perhaps, considering days at the University of Arkansas through to his White House years, and keeping in mind his middle name, a facsimile of Jefferson's Monticello would be more appropriate.

It would certainly be more forgiving to his native Arkansas than a trailer park reminder.

Starbuckless

By Tricia Sitar

What is this world coming to when you can't even find a Starbucks in your own town? I come from a fairly large city in California where the staple of every block is a Starbucks packed with college students cramming for tests or discussing political issues. Many times you go to Starbucks just to cross the street and find another one. You can only imagine what a culture shock it was to me when I moved to Fort Smith. I mean seriously, there are six, count them, SIX Starbucks located in Israel and not one in the second largest city of Arkansas. Something is seriously wrong with this state.

Imagine a hot day. You need something to not only quench your thirst but also to provide that extra caffeine boost to get you through an afternoon class. An Iced Vanilla Latte, Iced Caramel Macchiato or an Iced Caffè Mocha just to name a few favorites. But you say don't like coffee? Well, neither do I. But when that sun is shining I sure do crave a Tazoberry. You may ask, "What the heck is a Tazoberry, and do I want to drink it?" Well, I'd be more than happy to tell you. A Tazoberry is a delicious refreshing blend of raspberry, other fruit juices and Tazo black tea blended with ice. Translated: icy goodness.

With so many choices, why would you not want a Starbucks nearby? When I tell my friends that Fort Smith has not a single Starbucks, they don't believe me, and when they finally do, they feel sorry for me. How do you people live out here? I go through shakes every once in a while when I even dream of my beloved Tazoberry. I just don't get it.

Another reason that Fort Smith should acquire a Starbucks franchise is for employment reasons. A dear friend of mine in California started at \$8.10 an hour to work at Starbucks. Can you imagine? Sure she has to get up at 4 to be at work at 5 to serve the caffeine addicted, workaholic, self-centered business men and women of Orange County, but it's a small price to pay for a satisfying job where you can get all you can drink Tazoberry frozen delights.

In conclusion, I ask you fair people to think about the children (translated: me) and bring Starbucks to the fair city of Fort Smith, Arkansas, where life's worth living (once it owns a Starbucks).

Building a UAFS Legacy

By Rob Moore

It was 1992 when my father first came to this campus, and he had one thing in mind -- to work hard. He showed up every morning ready to face the challenges of a college campus. I was proud to hear of his exploits and his long hours of work.

I soon followed in 1998 to pursue my academic studies here at then Westark College.

It was kind of exciting to be on the same campus that my dad had worked so hard on. Moreover, I was impressed with what he had accom-

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plished while he was on campus.

In 2001 my younger brother decided he too would come to the University of Arkansas -

Fort Smith to continue the working tradition of my family. It was hard work -- early mornings and late nights, but my brother worked through it and became very proficient at his work.

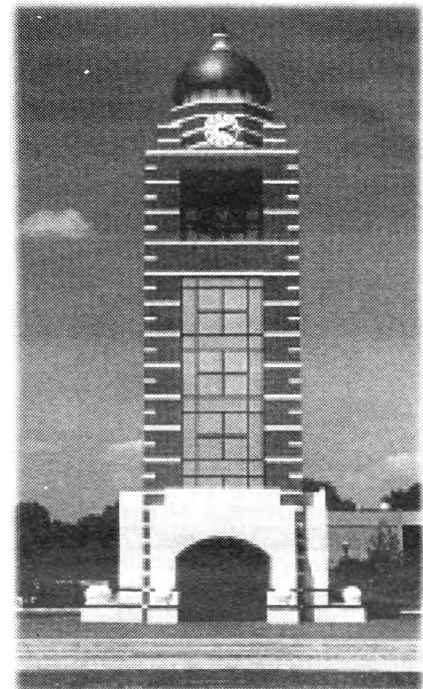
Over the years I am the only one left on campus still trying to get that piece of paper. When all is said and done, I will be the first one to receive a degree from this campus. But I

hope that my sons will continue the legacy of coming to UA Fort Smith and that they will make even better grades than I have.

If my boys do attend this college they will be able to see for themselves the legacy that their grandfather and uncle left

behind. It’s not an academic legacy or anything monetary -- it was work -- hard work and they were good at what they did.

You see my father built the Reynolds Bell Tower, and my brother was on the crew that built the new Campus Center. Their legacy is visible, and everyday when I pass those two structures on my way to class, I think about my family legacy at UA Fort Smith.



Sometimes, its not that piece of paper that sets you apart from others -- it’s the accomplishments and the things you leave behind that really portrays a special legacy.

Life’s Little Annoyances

By Tara Muck

The other day I was discussing all the things that really aggravate me. Okay -- it might have been just a bad day for me, because all the little things that really frost my cookies came out. And because we’re all stressed -- I thought I’d go ahead and vent.

First of all, I may be a bit behind the times, but I just now realized this whole pregnant Barbie doll bit. Her name is Midge, and she’s having a baby! All right, at least I’m glad to say that Midge is “happily” married to Alan and they are having their second child. This is good because the child can actually birth the baby. According to Barbie.com “Barbie doll’s friend Midge is having a baby! This fun gift set lets you play out the arrival of the adorable baby. With lots of sweet accessories, you can

help nurture and take care of the little one!” Oh boy! Let’s play doctor! But seriously, isn’t this just a bit too mature for little girls? Wal-Mart, the world’s largest retail store, believes so. With customer complaints rising, they yanked the doll off the shelves during the Christmas shopping season last year. I agree. If I had a child, there isn’t any way I’d let her have one. What’s next? Barbie’s third cousin New York City Hooker Barbie? How about Ken’s cousin Giggilo Johnnie?

I was driving down the road the other day and this person pulls out in front of me only to drive 25 in a 35. I looked in my rear view mirror and there wasn’t anyone behind me. How about these people on the cell phone who think they’re cool because they’re on one. Hello -- everyone

has one now. They’re replacing home phones. You’re not cool anymore! Only those people in the early ’90s with the massive brick-phone and 2-foot antennae were cool. And if you can’t drive in the first place, don’t attempt getting on your cell phone. Sometimes I think these people are just thinking about getting on the cell phone because they suddenly start driving really badly.

Speaking of bad drivers, I’m about to start something here, I’m sure. How about women who drive big Yukon’s or Tahoe’s. What happened to mini-vans? How many kids do you have in there? I’m not saying they shouldn’t have them, but if you can’t drive it, don’t buy it. That’s my new bumper sticker. That and my all-time favorite, “Keep honking -- I’m reloading.”

Campus Connection: College Life

By Tricia Sitar

The adjustment to college life can be a difficult one. Don't think that UAFS students are the only ones stressing over tests or trying to figure out exactly how to balance time for work and homework. College students across the country are trying to find answers to the problems college throws at them. "Campus Connection: College Life" invites readers into the minds of students from universities across the nation to let students know they are not alone in this experience we like to call college.

Work and College

By Monica Yepes
Saddleback College, Tustin, CA
Freshman Mathematics Major

When graduation day comes for a high school student, the main focus comes to be getting a career. These days a degree is almost an asset for a good career. However, a college education isn't cheap. You have the cost of tuition, books, and also supplies, not to mention the cost of personal living expenses on top of that sum. For those not inclined to stay at home

and be provided for by one's parents, working full-time is almost essential. I, like most, had to take on a 40-hour work load in order to make ends meet. The most difficult task for me as a full-time college student was creating a balance in order to achieve my goal of becoming a college graduate and maintaining economic independence.

In today's modern world, building economic stability while investing in a future through education is a somewhat formidable task. Although going to school full time really only requires that I go to class for a total of 13 hours a week, homework and

study time must also be taken into consideration. In order to be a successful student, much dedication is required.

Holding a position in the job market is something that also needs focus. Even though your current job may not be a planned career, staying ahead in any job field means commitment and development of job skills. All of this requires a lot of time. In order to do well, time management skills are highly important.

If you are unable to manage your time wisely, you are not able to provide your maximum capabilities. You must distribute your time where it is needed the most. I have come to learn that sometimes you

will not be able to do all the things that you would hope, but some things are more important and should be placed ahead of others.

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Upcoming Events

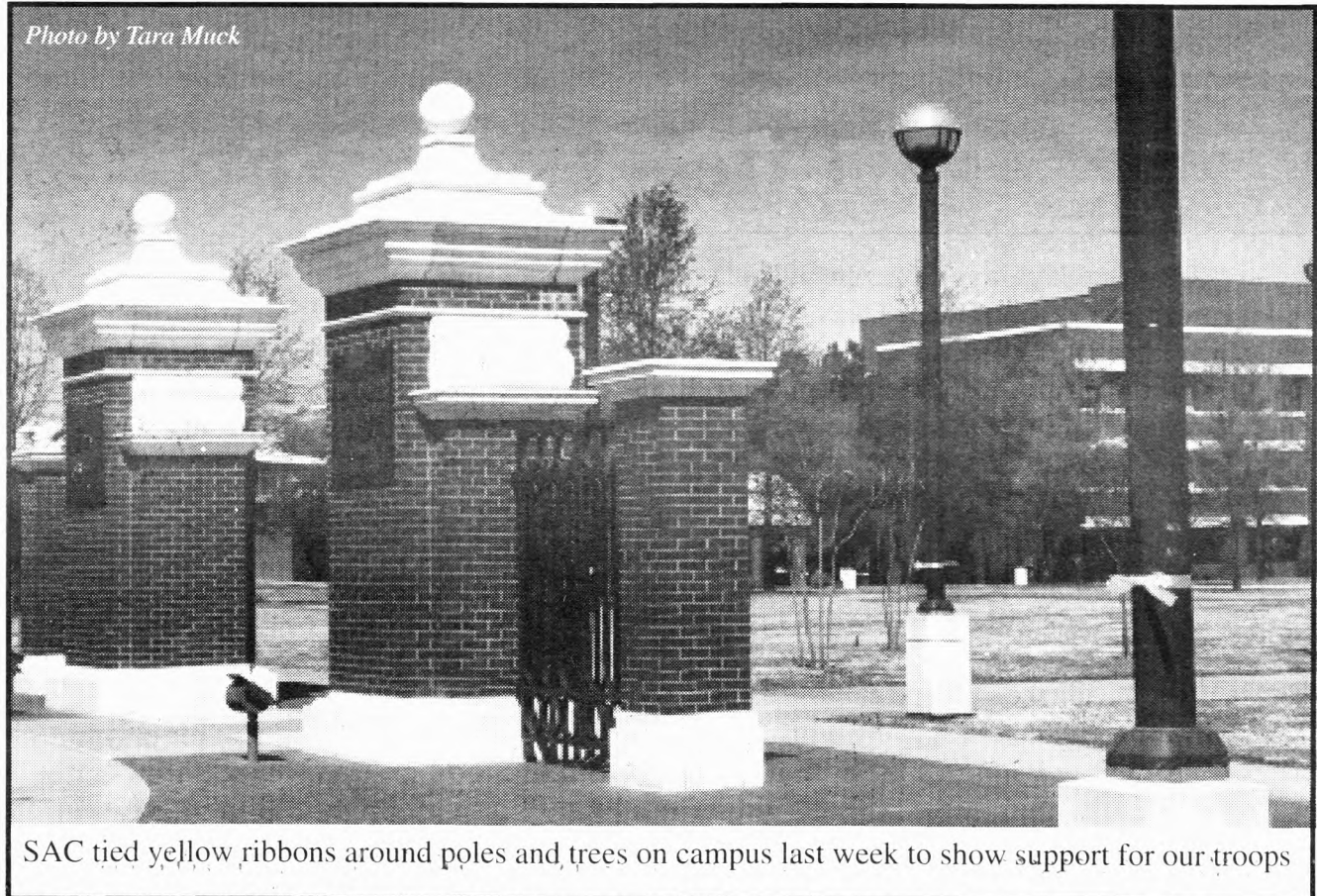
April 23 - Patents, Trademarks & Copyrights. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the Baldor Technology Center.

April 25 - Foreign Language Festival. Fun Food and Entertainment

April 27-28 - The spring concert of the UA Fort Smith Symphonic Band will include music of various styles, including classical, folk, marches and patriotic pieces.

May 2 and 9 - Pinning Ceremonies for the Surgical Technology Program, the Associate Degree Nursing Program and the Dental Hygiene Program at the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith.

Photo by Tara Muck



SAC tied yellow ribbons around poles and trees on campus last week to show support for our troops

UA Fort Smith Drama Club Presents Spring Showcase

By Laura Lovell

Acting, fighting, moving and performing poetry was bestowed upon the audience with youthful dedication to truth for two nights of four one-acts. The UA Fort Smith Drama Club establishes a pattern of growth; each theatrical experience seems more daring than the last. Starting with a program of one acts last year and continuing this year with the introduction of "Viewpoints" -- which seems more of an example of performance art rather than a student created improvisational movement piece to display theatrical theories. Shows that the ever-imaginative members of the UA Fort Smith Drama Club put on will likely draw a full house at their production next season, which may be a full-length show. The four one acts -- "Sure Thing," "Literary Suicide," "Viewpoints" and "English Made Simple" -- commenced March 20 and 21 at the Breedlove Auditorium

"Sure Thing" Technical Director and Instructor Bob Stevenson said, "Sure Thing is much more witty and comical. "English Made Simple" is a little more romantic and has a more difficult tie in than in "Sure Thing." I don't think there is ever any doubt that these two people are going to get together. It's just a question of a how much fun it is to get to that point together."

Bo Lashley, who portrayed Betty, said, "The best thing about the show is that it's not just one play. It's all of them, and you get to see four totally different ideas. So it's not like you have to sit through one thing the whole time."

Jon Flores, who played Bill, said, "I have been in other shows, and this one really has a lot of unity and stage presence ... it's just a shame we don't offer it (Drama) as a

major here."

When asked her advice to students interested in trying out for a performance next season, Lashley said, "It's a Blast. You have to dedicate after-school time, but you totally benefit from it. You meet new people and people recognize you, they'll come up and talk to you, it's great! (We) encourage everyone to come to the next play if they missed this one." David Ives wrote the comedies "Sure Thing" and "English Made Simple" -- Dustin Brewer directed the characters Betty and Bill.

Business and Professional Institute Computer Applications Instructor Micki Voelkel, director of Literary Suicide, said, "It is a compilation of non-theatrical works. It's some poetry, some prose pieces that have been combined together. We are essentially taking a Sylvia Plath poem, an Anne Sexton poem, a part of the book *Girl Interrupted*, and we are combining it and linking it with Greek tragedy ... by using masks. It is a discussion of suicide; it seems to be a theme in the works of many modern writers. It's a discussion on why people want to kill themselves." The cast included: Miquel Flemmings, Sarah Woods, Jacquelyn Harper-Morton, Lauren T. Cox, Krista Reese, and Nikki Hutchins. Harper-Morton said that though she does not like to define something as the best experience as an entire experience, it (performing) is completely fulfilling. "I get to exploit my passion and entertain people at the same time so every body wins."

Viewpoints Stevenson said, "It has no words at all, it's all based on stage movement and acting

techniques. It's abstracted to where it has no words at all. So, it is 20 minutes of nobody talking, it's really interesting! If you like Kung Fu and if you like love stories, you would have loved the pieces." The Cast included -- A.J. Scott, Nikki Hutchins, Ashleigh Robinson, Chris Pannell, Sarah Childers, Laura Schmutz, Heather Organ, Trey Clark, Zac Simon, and Alan Watts. About "English Made Simple," Stevenson said, "I like him (Ives) a lot because he deals with romantic relationships and interpersonal relationships in a way that I think is very easy for college students to understand. And is very relevant to college life because he deals with first love a lot of times. I think that's a point where a lot of college students are at even if they don't realize it." The cast includes Christian Jaworski, Monica Longoria, and Seth Lathrop. To help pay for royalties, admission was \$2.00 at the door. Upcoming events for the UA Fort Smith Drama Club during the summer are currently undecided. Stevenson said, "We'll be at the Fall Bash; we will have a coffee house the first week of classes again like we do every semester to welcome people to the school and let people know about the Drama Club. It will be open mic like it always is with free coffee. And in the fall we will be doing a full-length production of some type, our first ever full-length production that will probably be decided in the early summer. The backstage door of Breedlove where we centralize all the Drama Club information; we call it the call door."

Spring Choral Concert

By Candise Montemayor

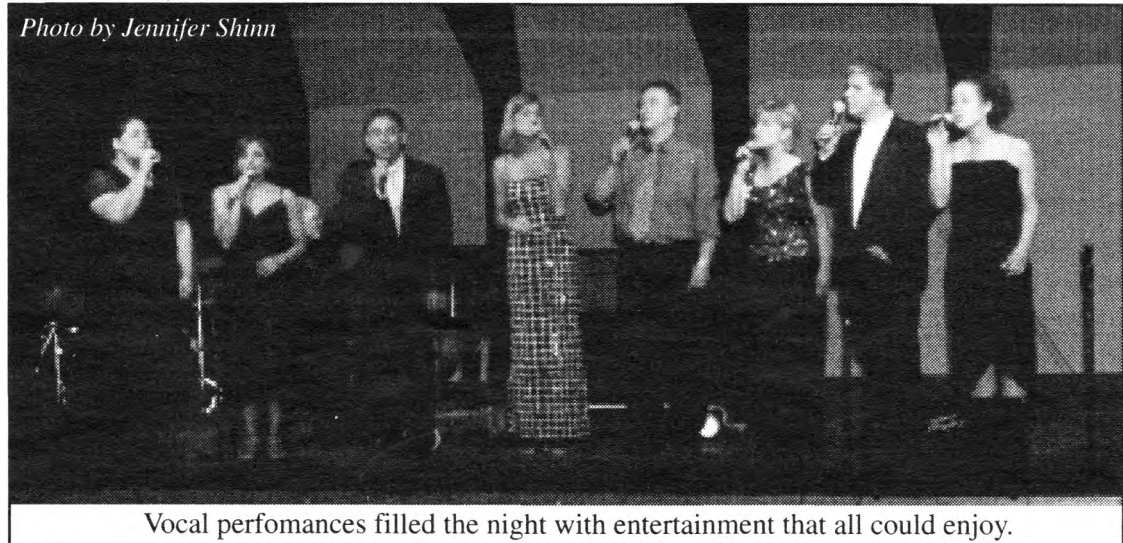
Thirty plus years of choral concert tradition was in full form on April 10, opening night at the Breedlove Auditorium. The spring concert featured The University Chorale, UA Fort Smith Vocal Jazz and selected soloists.

Opening the choral portion of the show, "Song of Triumph" charged the air with musical anticipation for the remainder of the program to come. Finishing off the first portion of entertainment, Choral Director Thomas Lippert provided the audience with a set of Broadway show pieces choosing the medley from "Big River." The Broadway selection was about Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn and provided a light and fun adventure for the audience.

Following the choral entertainment, soloist Christina Howard, soprano, performed "Deh vieni, non tardar." Sarah Blakey, mezzo-soprano, presented "Habenera" from Carmen, and former Miss UA Fort Smith, Lauren Glensky enchanted the audience with "Art is Calling Me."

Rising to a crescendo, the night ended with

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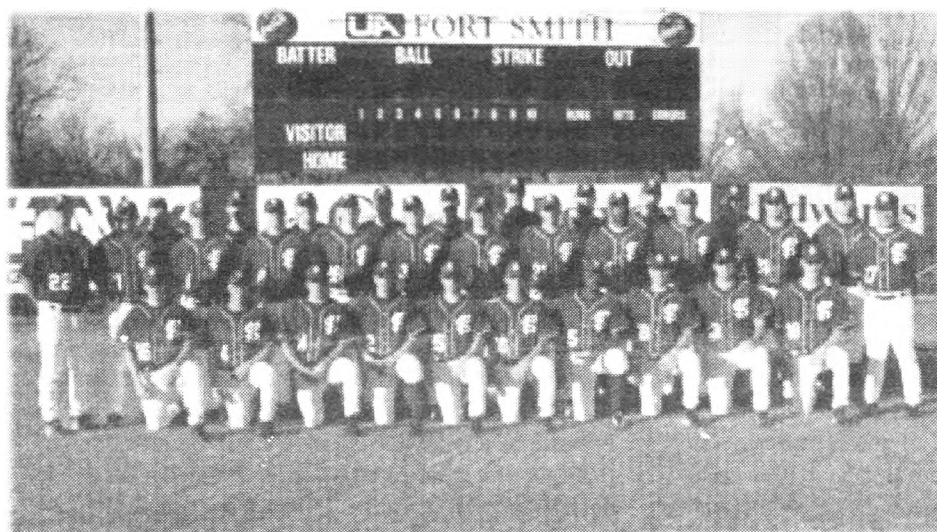
Vocal performances filled the night with entertainment that all could enjoy.

the Vocal Jazz portion. Musical choices included "Lullaby of Birdland," "Blue moon," "I'll Be Seeing You" along with many others.

Tom Lippert said he is really pleased "at how much better the choir is getting every year, were continue to lift our level of literature, that's

what we are here for."

Through out the year The University Chorale also performs at elementary, junior high and high school auditoriums to gain experience in performing and share with future music majors a glimpse of what they have a chance to become a part of.



**Support your Lions
Baseball! Admission is free
with a student pass.
The next home games are:**

April 24 vs. Carl Albert @ 5:00
April 26 vs. Northeastern Ok. @ 1:00
May 3 vs. Rose State @ 1:00

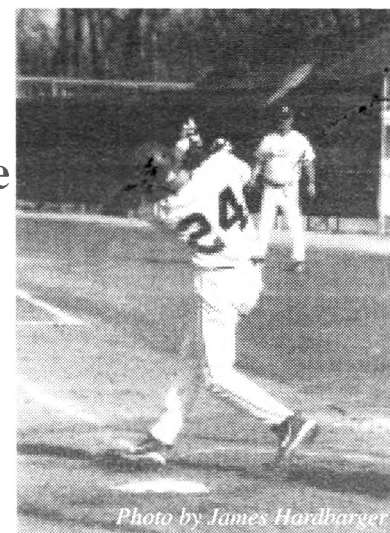


Photo by James Hardbarger
Toby Gardenhire. Shortstop
for the Lions Baseball team

The Real McCoy

By Steve Friery

What makes a quiet kid from Pine Bluff, Ark., come clear across state to attend the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith? Friendship.

Freshman center fielder and leadoff hitter Cory McCoy has the speed and ability to go to any junior college program in the country. When the major colleges get a look at him, he could possibly write his own ticket at that level. Even major league scouts thought enough of his ability to draft him in the forty-second round straight out of high school. Friends, however, convinced him UA Fort Smith was the place for him.

But, who is this speed demon of the diamond?

McCoy was born on Aug. 30, 1983 and raised in Pine Bluff, Ark. Growing up watching his cousins and friends play baseball, McCoy jumped into the game when he was nine. By the time he turned 13 he was playing year -- round baseball.

A three-sport star, McCoy played half-back in football and point guard in basketball as well as rotating at catcher, shortstop, and centerfield in baseball. In high school, McCoy

worked out with friend and current major league all-star Tori Hunter, also a Pine Bluff native. Hunter is still in contact with his protege through McCoy's brother.

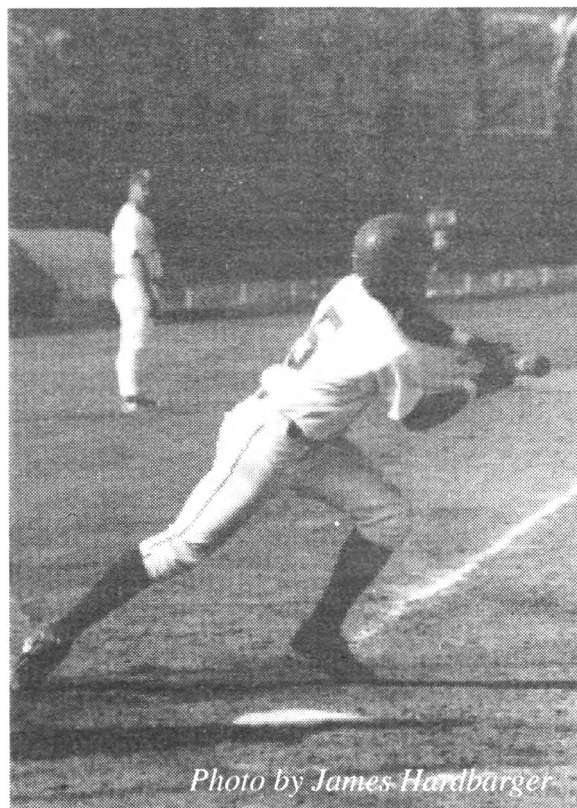


Photo by James Hardbarger

"He is a good kid that has stayed the course. That is a testament to his mom and dad and the type of people they are by the way he has dealt with things."

McCoy's deep affection for family and friends is readily apparent in his quiet demeanor and the fact that one of his hobbies is listed as "staying in contact with family."

"He has overcome a few things in the passing of his dad," said UA Fort Smith baseball coach Dale Harpenau.

Because he is a freshman, McCoy says he has not given much thought about his future and baseball. He has not listed any major colleges as favorites, nor has he given much thought to turning pro.

"I thought about playing football if I go to a four-year school," McCoy said.

"Stick with baseball," Harpenau said after hearing that. "At some point in time, he will get the opportunity to play professionally and possibly make a living at this game."

On the field, McCoy is the catalyst for a team many think should win the conference. As leadoff hitter, he sets the table for the big bats. Setting the table means setting the tone of the game as well.

"How he goes is a little how we go," said Harpenau.

In the outfield, he allows the Lions to play a little wider on the left and right. With his range and ability to get a good read off of the bat, McCoy is able to take a little pressure off of his outfield teammates.

"He is probably one of the best pure center fielders we have had since I have been here," Harpenau said.

"That's where he feels at home."

He wants in the future to be a kindergarten teacher and a coach, noble yet humble wishes from a humble yet intense competitor.