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Bulletin

Harding College

Where Christian and American ideals go hand-in-hand

Intercollegiate Sports Double PE Majors

Three years after Harding College reinstated intercollegiate athletics its physical education majors doubled. Classes in scouting and camping tripled. Interest in physical activities reached an all-time high.

If you don't know the difference between a strained or a pulled muscle, ask a Harding student. All college students are required to carry four hours in physical education.

In addition, about 300 students crowd into activity classes each semester. Once required, these courses are now optional and more popular than ever.

Why the sudden flare for physical education?

"Intercollegiate sports, mainly," explained athletic director M. E. "Pinky" Berryhill. "Generally, though, people are more interest-

ed in out-door activities than they used to be."

Balanced Program

Aside from academics, Harding is proving that intercollegiate and intramural sports can work together.

When the school dropped intercollegiate competition in 1939 skeptics predicted it would dry up. They were wrong. Student enrollment increased and intramurals took up the slack with 90 per cent student participation.

Then when Harding resumed intercollegiate sports in 1958 skeptics again expressed pessimism. This time, they said, intramurals would be irreparably damaged. Again they were wrong. Students enrollment jumped forward — to about 1,000. The intramural program held its own.

Today, approximately 75 per cent of the men students take part in intramural activities, which are divided into two phases, team sports and athletic skill sports.

Top Athletes Selected

As before, a point system based on participation and excellence ferrets out the year's top athletes for recognition at the end of school.

All-star games still rate high, especially the basketball game, an all-time favorite.

Harding resumed intercollegiate athletics in 1957, beginning with basketball, baseball and track. Football was added this year, following completion of Alumni Field.

The Bisons, a nick-name retained from pre-war days, finished 1-5 in football last season under coach Carl Allison, a former All-Big Seven end at Oklahoma University. The team returns virtually intact.

Track Record Set

In basketball the Bisons went 7-16 under veteran coach Hugh Groover, an alumnus who formerly coached the Academy. Harding ended 7-7 in baseball, which is coached by Allison. The Bison track team recently broke the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference mile medley record with a 3:40.9 time. Groover's team placed fifth in total points.

Harding's star trackman, Gaston Tarbet, holds the AIC mile record, 4:32. Berryhill predicts the gangling junior will run a 4:20 before he graduates.

GRADUATION TIME AGAIN

Diplomas will be awarded to 137 students on the morning of June 2, with 29 receiving the Bachelor of Science, 102 the Bachelor of Arts and six the Master of Arts degree. The baccalaureate sermon is being delivered on May 29 by Dr. Donald Sime, Professor of Christian Education of the Graduate School of Bible and Religion in Memphis.

J. Wayne Poucher, Radio Minister of LIFE LINE, will present the graduation address, Poucher's radio program, like Harding's American Studies efforts, stresses the inter-relationship of Christian and American ideals.

The Academy is graduating 22 seniors on May 28, with Delmar Owens, minister of the East Side Church of Christ, Tulsa, Okla., presenting the graduation address. Dr. Joe Spaulding, Assistant Professor of History, preached the baccalaureate sermon on May 22.

SUMMER SCHOOL JUNE 6

Summer School opens with counseling and registration on June 6, with the first session ending on July 9. The second session runs from July 11 through August 12. Many alert students have found the advantages of summer school and are cashing in on the educational bargain that comes through accelerated efforts that are possibly only during the summer. Harding's many air-conditioned buildings remove the discomfort found in so many other schools, making summer school at Harding close to ideal.

TUITION PREPAYMENT PLAN

Those wishing to start early toward providing a college education for their children may now do so in an easy and comfortable manner through Harding's Tuition Prepayment Plan.

The plan is a simple method whereby parents may begin making regular deposits with the college while their children are still young, drawing 3½% interest, compounded semi-annually. As an example of how easy it is to accomplish, \$10.00 monthly will provide \$2,364.93 in 15 years and \$15.00 monthly will produce \$3,547.39 during the same length of time. Should any participant decide later not to attend Harding, all accumulated deposits will be refunded, without interest.

For further information, write to Harding College Educational Expenses Prepayment Plan, Station A, Searcy, Ark.

Bisons track team posts a 3:40.9 for new AIC Mile Medley relay record



Gridders Open Nine-Game Slate Against Millsaps College, Sept. 17

Harding College's big sports news this year was the entrance of intercollegiate football last fall. And with that story came full standing in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and the return to athletic grant-in-aids.

Until this spring the Bisons competed for championships in basketball, baseball and track. Next year, with a full schedule of AIC football games, Harding will have completed its return to intercollegiate sports — a return which started in 1957 with basketball after a layoff of nearly two decades.

Harding took the gridiron under coach Carl Allison, former Big Seven star end from Oklahoma University. Fifty men turned out for the first intercollegiate team in 28 years.

Harding spent most of its time supporting Allison's prophecy that the year would be "one of experiences." College football wisdom was soaked up for six games, one of which the Bisons took by a 7-6 score for the single win of the season.

Twenty-five of the 29 that lettered last year will return. Along with these 25 will be 35 newcomers from Arkansas and surrounding states.

To Give Athletic Aid

Attracting more athletic talent is the return of athletic scholarships. Starting next fall under AIC rules, Harding will grant scholarships to qualified men who meet Harding's academic and character standards.

Although Harding is allowed to grant 40 full scholarships, the Athletic Committee will probably grant only partial aid in many cases this year. Under AIC rules scholarships may be given only in football and basketball with about a 28-12 ratio practiced.

Four Home Games

Football begins Sept. 5. Allison says, "We haven't

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much time to find a team, so we're starting off in high gear." First game for the Bisons is Sept. 17 at Jackson, Miss., against Millsaps College.

Following Millsaps Harding tangles with all eight AIC teams — one year ahead of the proposed 1961 date for a full schedule.

Games, places and dates are as follows: Arkansas Tech at Searcy, Sept. 24; Southern State at Magnolia, Oct. 1; Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, Oct. 8; Arkansas State Teachers at Searcy, Oct. 15; Arkansas A & M at Searcy, Oct. 22; Hendrix College at Searcy, Oct. 29; College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, Nov. 5; and Henderson State at Arkadelphia, Nov. 12.

Freshman Sign

Freshmen from Arkansas who have signed letters of intent for next season's football are Ray Hall, all-state halfback, and Tommy Clark, all-district tackle, from Forrest City; Luther Honey, honorable mention all-state center, and Stanley Miller, honorable mention all-district halfback, from Newport; Kenneth Phillips, all-district center, and James McRae, all-district end, from DeQueen.



Nearly 300 students crowd into popular activity classes each year

Which Way To Go? Most Like To Teach

Like most college majors, Harding's 60 physical education students will eventually come to a fork in the road.

Which way to go?

Most PE majors choose one of four directions — teaching, coaching, YMCA work or scout instruction.

Harding students seemingly favor the first two routes. While it might not be suspected of a relatively small liberal arts college, Harding turns out its fair share of successful coaches.

To wit: Bill Brumley, head football coach at Columbus, Miss., high school; Raymond Vaughn, head coach at Oklahoma Christian College; Leonard Hall, assis-

tant coach at Oklahoma Christian; Colis Campbell, head coach at York College, York, Neb.; Lehman Hall, coach at Portland Christian College; Hugh Rhodes, athletic director at Lubbock Christian College and Hugh Groover, basketball and track coach at Harding.

There are, of course, others. Headed by M. E. "Pinky" Berryhill, Harding today employs six full-time staff members — Carl Allison, Harry Olree, Cecil Beck, Eddie Campbell, Groover and John Prock, who reports this fall from Clinton, Okla.

Courses include coaching, skills, physical education theory and methods and intramural and intrascholastic athletics.

Cage Team Rebuilds After Taking Hard Knocks; Scholarships Added

Basketball brought intercollegiate sports back to the Harding campus in 1957 after nearly two decades.

This year for the first time Harding receives support from athletic scholarships, giving the Bisons a more equal footing in AIC basketball. According to AIC rules a school may offer 40 scholarships, 12 of which may be in basketball.

After a 4-17 year in 1957, the Bisons startled AIC opponents with a 13-13 season the second year of intercollegiate competition. Six straight wins sparked 1958.

Last year the Bisons virtually started rebuilding the team, having lost two top scorers at graduation. Three of coach Hugh Groover's top cagers last season were freshmen.

Even though the Bisons closed the season shooting a full percentage point ahead of 1958, competition proved keener in the

improving AIC league. Height hurt Harding for the third year in a row as the Bisons won only seven games while dropping 20.

Next season the Bisons again lose their top scorer, but they expect help from newcomers and returning lettermen. Leon "Hank" McQueen, captain of the squad for two years, will be graduated this spring.

McQueen led the Bisons with a 14-point average, followed by Jim City with 11. Among returning upperclassmen are Jim Redding, Gerald Casey and City. Top first-year men back will be Larry Brakefield, David Simpson and Steve Smith.

Three newcomers Groover is counting on for aid are James Watson, 6'4", Columbia, Mo., Vernon Rogers, 6'5", Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Calvin Towell, 6'1", Leachville, Ark. Towell rated all-state his senior year, and Rogers will play in an upcoming Florida high school all-star game.

Tarbet Leads Onslaught On AIC Mile Medley, Bisons Break Record

Harding's Gaston Tarbet is a Texan and, naturally, he doesn't like to be beaten. But he had been beaten twice in the mile run, his specialty, by Jewell Steinbeck of Teachers.

The real showdown, though, came at Conway, site of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference track meet May 7. As it turned out the tall, muscular Texan won handily in 4:34, two tenths off his previous best time of 4:32.

The victory, however, was only anticlimatic. Before the night was over Tarbet and his hungry mates were to astonish everyone by breaking the mile medley record set by Arkansas Tech in 1953.

Lewis Walker, the Bisons' disappointed hurdler (because of recurrent injuries) ran an even 440 in the opening lap. Wayne Gaither, then John Flint carried the 220's, and when Flint handed off to Tarbet the Bisons lagged about 15 yards.

New Medley Time

The junior from Shamrock, Tex., covered the anchoring 880 in about two minutes flat to finish well ahead of the field in 3:40.9. The old mark was 3:41.8.

AIC champ Bill Melton of Teachers shaded Walker in the hurdles and Harding took third in the mile relay race to place fourth in the final standings.

Harding started the season a bit tepid, finishing last in its first two meets. The Bisons then tacked on two second places behind Tarbet in the mile and 880 and Walker in the hurdles. At the College of the Ozarks. Tarbet ran the 880 in 2:02.5.

An easy win over John Brown University and a scant loss to Henderson State brought the Bisons to the Tiger Relays in Little Rock, a yearly showcase.

But it wasn't much of a show by the Bisons. Walker, injured again, didn't run. Steinbeck lunged at the tape to beat Tarbet.

First Harding Relays

Then came Harding's first Invitational Relays. This time Tarbet easily took Steinbeck. But Walker didn't run and Harding placed fifth.

Two weeks later the Bisons reported to the Arkansas State Teachers three-team meet refreshed and ready. As expected they finished last but it turned out their most rewarding meet next to the AIC showdown.

Tarbet logged the mile in 4:32, the year's best mark, leaving Steinbeck flagging at third. To ice the cake, Walker ran the 220-yard low hurdles in 25.1 to beat Melton.



Distance man: Gaston Tarbet

Bisons Close 1960 Diamond Season At 7-7; Stone Leads Hitters With .431

Baseball was erratic this year with the Bisons closing the season exactly even at .500. Harding divided 12 AIC games and split a double-header with Arkansas College.

Three of the Bison losses were by only one run, and one was against Arkansas A & M, a team that had lost every game until its victory over the Bisons.

Stone Top Hitter

Top hitter for the Bisons was Jim Stone, center fielder, who at one time during the season led the AIC with a lofty .550. Closing the season with a slight slump, Stone held a .431 average, hitting 22 times in 51 trips to the plate.

Cliff Sharp, last year's leading

Bison batter, chalked up a .352 season and led the RBI department with 12. Catcher Steve Smith hit four out of five times in the final game of the year to boost his season to .340.

Smith, a freshman, tied for second in runs-batted-in with Stone at 10. Doug Ingram was the other top hitter with .333.

Mayfield Fans 22

Steve Mayfield led Bison hurdlers with a 3-2 record, striking out 22 men for the season. Mayfield appeared in nine games, pitched 43 innings and compiled a 3.11 earned run average.

A double win over powerful Arkansas State Teachers College was the highlight of the year. ASTC was slated to battle Ouachita College for the title.

Coach Carl Allison's club opened against Teachers, edging the Bears 1-0. Mayfield went nine innings, giving up only three hits. Harding's big run came in the seventh inning when George Treadway made first base on a Teacher error.

Treadway stole second, sliding under the peg, and catcher Steve Smith singled to right center to bring Treadway home with the winning run.

In the second clash between the two teams late in the year Harding cashed in 10 Teacher errors for an 8-7 victory, knocking ASTC out of the fight for the AIC pennant.

Leading 6-0 after the first two innings, ASTC erred three times for three Bison runs in the third inning, and four times for four more Bison runs in the fourth. Harding scored only one earned run when Gerald Casey came home on Smith's single in the seventh.

Athletic Layout Rates High in AIC

Harding's physical education facilities improve every year.

With the near-completion of Alumni Field, Harding's physical education plant ranks with the top in the AIC.

Gym Seats 1,000

On the main campus is Rhodes Memorial Field House where nearly 1,000 persons may watch basketball. Intramural use of the gym through winter months is tightly scheduled.

Other facilities on the main campus area include a baseball diamond, flag football field, horseshoe pits, archery range, tennis courts and indoor swimming pool.

Alumni Field, located southeast of the field house, contains a cinder track, football field, baseball diamond and practice football area. A feature of the

new field is a modern athletic building.

Lighting Rates High

In addition Alumni Field has one of the best lighting systems for night football and track in the state. As a four-year project local businessmen are backing a drive to pay for the construction of the \$10,000 lighting system and \$40,000 athletic building.

Each intercollegiate athlete receives the best equipment available in his chosen sport. Coach Allison rated last year's new football uniforms equal to those he used in Big Seven football.

Intramural athletes also use top-flight equipment. During certain hours students check out equipment for free-play periods.

Equipment is far-removed from 1931, the year Harding played its last intercollegiate football.

Coaches Hugh Groover and Carl Allison talk over next year's plans in front of new athletic building.



Bisons struggle with Itawamba Indians in first Intercollegiate game

Intramurals Complement Intercollegiate Athletics

Harding College's intramural "Sports skill contests have nearly doubled in participation, a good indication of increased interest in intramurals."

Interest is motivated by an up-to-date picture board where current winners of events are registered and where permanent pictures are posted of school record-holders. Another feature of the program is the intramural handbook, which this year was the most complete in the history of the program with 36 printed pages.

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Interest Remains High

In spite of a record student enrollment this year the percentage of men participating in the program is still high. Volleyball showed a 25 per cent increase in the fall, more teams competed in basketball than ever before and keen interest was seen in the recent track and field day.

Cecil Beck, director of intramural athletics, gives much of the credit to "Pinkie" Berryhill for the success of the program. Berryhill says, "We consider the intramural program a distinct and important feature of our total athletic program."

Morale is high this year as seen in the number of records that are falling. Beck says,

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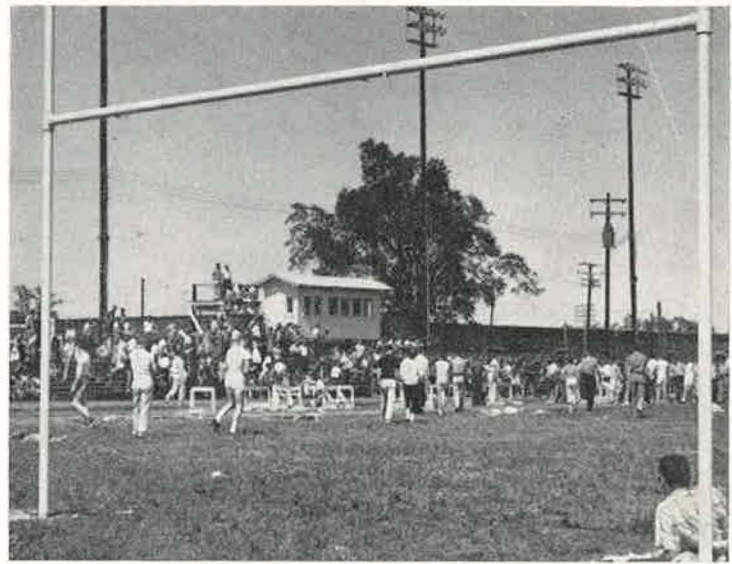
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Intramural activity begins during fall registration week with softball, followed by volleyball when nets cover the floor of Rhodes Memorial Field House until late at night.

Basketball takes the spotlight just before Christmas holidays with teams working toward the All-Star clash. Supplementing team basketball are individual basketball shooting contests, swimming and badminton.

In sports where the quality of play is influenced by the player's ability, a major and minor league are formed. At the end of each season a playoff is held to determine school champions.



Track and field day participation highlights intramural activity.

Jackets Awarded

At the close of the school year the 15 men with the highest points are awarded jackets on the annual Recognition Day. Sweaters are given men who already have won a jacket. During the year little "Oscars" are awarded teams and individuals for their victories.

Participants receive points in all sports with fewer points being given for minor league activities. In team sports points are given for sportsmanship. The Circle K service club annually presents a Sportsmanship Award.

Competition is intense, rivaling enthusiasm for intercollegiate sports. "Our minor league teams sometimes show as much spirit

as intercollegiate athletes," Beck says. "Of all the things I enjoy about the program, watching minor league play is tops," he says.

Learn Organization

Beyond the immediate physical development the individual obtains he also learns organization. Men learn to be integral parts of a working unit; they develop higher levels of sportsmanship.

Intramural athletics hold a unique position at Harding College, a position the athletic directors feel equal to intercollegiate sports. A strong dual program coupled with adequate physical facilities give students the benefit of a total athletic program.



When spring comes a young man's fancy turns to—baseball, naturally. At least that's the way it is at Harding College. The school now has an intercollegiate baseball team, plus two intramural leagues. Over 75 per cent of men students participate in intramurals.

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