Spring semester registers high of 2,005

By Jeanne Preslar

Fully 2,005 students have enrolled this semester to peak a record-breaking year’s attendance, according to Virgil Beckott, registrar. This is only a slight drop from the fall enrollment of 2,095. Last spring there were 1,908.

The freshman class has the largest total number with 563 students, while juniors follow with 328. Sophomores number 424 and seniors total 390. The remaining number includes graduate and special students.

The freshman class has the largest group of newcomers to Harding College. There are 27 new sophomores, 25 new juniors and 12 new seniors.

The spring’s enrollment figure represents 45 states. Arkansas leads, with the most students enrolled, with Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi following.

Twelve countries are represented this spring.

Lyceum brings Brazilian duo of guitarists

By Susan Bradley

"Their virtuosity is amazing enough to carry any show. Both fine musicians and superior guitarists-technically among the best-everything they tackle turns out to be a small masterpiece." This describes the Indios Tabajaras, tomorrow night’s 8 o’clock lyceum.

The two brothers from Northeastern Brazil accidentally found Western guitar and discovered the fascinating sounds this unusual instrument could make.

They had a primitive ability to play harmonics, which curiosity led them to Rio de Janeiro where they took jobs for a living and to pay for music lessons. After seven years of diligent study and practice they were rewarded with an RCA Victor recording contract and a hit record "Maria Elena."

Len Tabajaras has "developed stunning programs blending the classical, popular and jazz styles."

Mckinney, Richmond, Shackelford to run

By Evelyn Jones

Have you ever dreamed of being crowned queen twice? Well, it is now a come true for one of three lovely club queens.

The three candidates representing Sub-T, TNT and Gata were voted on by the student body. The winner will be crowned Thursday at Pettit Jean Queen on Pettit Jean Day in May.

Representing Sub-T is Beth Richmond, a junior from Levelland, Texas, majoring in art. Miss Richmond is a member of the Ju Go Ju social club.

Senior Diane McKinney, an elementary education major from Euless, Tex., is TNT’s queen. Miss McKinney is a member of Kappa Phi social club.

Jocelyn Shackelford, a junior English major from Alexandria, La., represents Galaxy. She belongs to Gata social club and is active in intramural basketball and in support of WSRO.

By Mackye Simpson

The months of February through November, 1974, have been designated to celebrate Harding’s first 50 years of “Christian service,” according to Dr. Harry Olree, chairman of the anniversary steering committee.

In addition, Dr. Olree said that the celebration will also be planned to honor Dr. George Benson, retired president of Harding, and to publicize the college, especially on the state level.

In the steering committee’s first meeting plans were set forth to schedule three major inclusive, campus-wide activities, a historical pageant and frequent academic-department programs.

This program was outlined by Dr. Ganus Monday in chapel. In other action, the committee passed a recommendation of committees and committee chairmen, to plan and carry out the specific activities of the ten-month long celebration.

After approval of Dr. Ganus, the committees will begin immediate action. The list includes an academic committee headed by Vice President of Academic Affairs, Joseph Pryor. This group will work with the various departments to plan programs of interest to student and alumni with major and minors in their fields.

A lecturership committee, chaired by Dr. Joe Hacker, head of the Bible department, will make the Thanksgiving lectureships encompass the anniversary celebration. Dr. Billy Ray Cox will head a committee to form a “speaker’s bureau” which will work all year to let churches in Arkansas and surrounding states learn about Harding and her contributions to the field of Christian education.

Dr. Jimmy Carr, alumni (See story...p. 4).

Business team passes Emory half-way point

By Cylla Merriman

Harding’s five-man Emory Business Team is midway through this year’s competition, of vacuum cleaner sales, and computer decisions according to David Burks, sponsor.

Members of the team are Ron Coleman, Randy Brewer, Sam Yeager, Phil Harrington and David W. House. Last year Harding won the Emory Team Competition, so this year’s team is defending its championship.

For the competition, the team manages a company, making all business decisions for a simulated period of approximately three years. The company sells standard vacuum cleaners and a new patio vacuum cleaner, said Burks.

Decisions are turned in through a TWS computer located in the placement office each Monday and Thursday. This machine transmits the team’s decisions to a computer and receives the results after they have been analyzed.

Harding comprises one industry division of the computer-simulated game with seven other schools. Included in the competing seven schools is Notre Dame University, Harding’s closest rival.

Thirty-two other schools in the nation also compete. They are divided into four groups of eight teams each. The four industries do not compete directly against each other.

The men on the Harding team, who returned early after the semester break to lay groundwork for their competition, have been working more than 60 hours a week planning their decisions, according to Burks.

The entire simulated process of three years will take only about two and one-half months, and will be completed March 2-3 in a national conference in Atlanta.

There they will present a defense of their strategy and winners will be announced.

"Last year a team was made up of seniors, so this year we have an inexperienced team in reference to the competition," said Burks. He explained that the members are individually capable and desirous of achieving a winning effort, though.

Burks said industry this year has been unpredictable and that all firms have consistently lost money prior to and throughout the competition. "Women just aren't buying vacuum cleaners," he said.

"Because of the consistent loss, decisions have been different this year in that it was necessary to reorganize the firm to build a base for future profitable operations," Burks explained.

He concluded that it is too early at this point in competition to know what the outcome will be since all firms are still losing.

Harding is the only school in the United States to win five major gaming competitions, said Burks. She won the Michigan competition on three occasions, but retired the Crissy Cup on the third time.
Senior editor frets over limited grad seating

Last week's Feedback... was headlined "Senior editors over limited grad seating." Retaining that continuity of thought this copy is headed "Senior editor frets over limited grad seating."

Danny Blucker brought home the piercing, emotional trauma that is soon to come to each of us seniors as we make the momentous 2 hour effort of "Which four of my loving writing will get to sweat through the rigors of my three-and-a-half college graduation in the main auditorium on a Sunday afternoon in May."

I know the main auditorium is air-conditioned. But with all those flash bulbs popping, parents breathing proudly and seniors fearing mightily that they'll trip as Dr. Joe reads out their whole name, there'll be enough heat to float each faculty member and grad and set of four ticket-holders out of the Land of Oz.

True. I am fretting about more than the lack of loved ones who deserve to be present at our graduation. During last spring's finals I fell asleep twice and fainted from heat exhaustion once — revived only by the icy stares of other suffering spectators.

Maybe there's only hundreds and I feel quite certain that my parents would have to hang me up like a poster after getting hit by a lunatic who imagines himself to be A. J. Foyt.

Besides, that football field should be pretty nostalgic after our No. I in the AIC fall season. Just think — my friends cheering us on to the 50-yard-line to our diplomas — with Billy Ray Smith announcing.

Seniors, this is our graduation. We are the class of '73 graduating. Where do WE want it to be? Main or auditorium? Sponsoring editor.

I never know when the administration will decide to listen. If worse comes to worse, Albert Aardvark can always hijack the parade of the penguins to Alumni Field.

Feedback... Siberian escapes with life

Dear Editor,

I live in Siberia (Harbin Hall) and am reporting on the road between Grad Dorm and the Gym. Specifically, a day after Christmas is a point that I would like to not have to see from which I stay for the sake of the few days that I have left to stay in the road.

For all of you poorly informed people out there — there is a crowd of six there. and I feel quite certain that my parents would have to hang me up like a poster after getting hit by a lunatic who imagines himself to be A. J. Foyt.

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T. Barnes reveals
Treadway identity

Martha Treadway was among those of the graduating class of 1969. There were eleven in that class. Her name is at the bottom of the list in concrete that is located in the little shelter-like-structure (the belltower) that is west from the Lily Pond and beside the sidewalk that runs in front of Pattie Cobb.

My name is Terry Barron. I am a freshman transfer from the Dallas campus of Abilene Christian College. I live in Harbin 301. The $10 could come in handy.

Thank you.
Terry Barnes

Editor's note:
Your powers of observation merit the $10 prize money. There are over 300 seniors who have never noticed Martha's name engraved on the bell tower.

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By Allen Black

Can God intervene in our modern world, in our human affairs? Didn't He pray for His own physical well-being in the garden? The teachings of the apostles affirm the Church's anxious for nothing but, in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Phl. 4:6. "Is any among you suffering? Let him pray,

James 5:13.

These passages only leave us three possibilities. Either they don't apply to us or they advise to do something useless or they advise to do something that is real and has power. I think those who inspect the passages will conclude they do apply to us and those who believe the scriptures have no all answers but to believe prayer has power even in physical, temporal matters.

My doubts of this power have always been sort philosophical questions that I applied to the scriptures without any real knowledge of what they said. The mere realization of this fact is a great deal of the cure and a boost toward real faith in prayer.

For further reference you might check James Hasting's The Christian Doctrine of Prayer (Particularly ch. XI) and the last chapter of Francis Shaeffer's Deals in the City which is entitled "The Universe and Two Chairs."

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JIM WHEELER of the Island of Cyprus croons the theme from "Exodus" to last Friday's audience at the Concert Managua. The gate receipts totaled $170 for the earthquake victims.

MINORITY'S Ann Ulrey and Steve Davis blend their voices just like Carly Simon and Mick Jagger to sing the popular single "You're So Vain."

Brad and Oscar combine for comedy
By Beth Tucker

The M.C. flashes a smile and introduces "Brad and Oscar!" The audience responds with hearty applause, for this unique comedy team never fails to draw roars of laughter with every line.

Brad Davis (he's the tall one) plays the straight man for Oscar (he's the handsome one). On stage Davis is confident, poised and barely tolerant of the arrogant little man seated in his lap. Off stage he is different and comfortable to talk with.

Ventriloquist has been a passion with Davis since his fifth grade days, back when he teamed up with a dummy named Ricky, Oscar's Sears and Roebuck predecessor. "Shari Lewis was my heroine in those days," Davis confided. "She's the greatest!"

Asked how he got started in the comedy business, Davis related the story of his musical family in which only he couldn't sing. "I had to have some kind of talent!"

The depth of feeling between Davis and his plastic partner (yes, you read right Oscar isn't mother nature's wooden son) is plain for all to see. "He's really my alter ego," explained Davis, "the devilish part in me. He has his own personality so much that I seem to actually be talking with a second person on stage."

However, even the closest friendships have their little problems. "Oscar is good enough when he's asleep." Davis allowed graciously, "but he is a mischievous little rascal. I get a little jealous at times, because everyone always asks how good old Oscar is doing. Nobody ever wants to know how good old Brad is doing!" Occupational hazard, no doubt.

What does Oscar think of all this? "I know who the real dummy is!" he says and smiles on.

50th...

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director, will chair both the committee on special events, which will plan the three major programs, and the students committee, which will involve the students in the actual participation in the celebration.

Since most of the programs will feature entertainment, Dr. Ken Davis has been selected to head the entertainment committee and Stan Green, publicity director, will work with the publicity and public relations committee to publicize and promote the celebration and Harding.

Lett Tucker, vice president of finance, will lead the committee for housing and facilities and the committee for the city of Searcy, which will seek to involve the whole community.

The committee appointed to plan the historical pageant is to be under the direction of Dr. Evan Ulrey, chairman of the speech department.

In closing, Dr. Olive said "we hope not only to celebrate Harding's first 50 years of service, but also to look forward to her future service. Perhaps the dates should read 1924-1974."

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Ganus Student Center still breathing at 20 years

By Ken Beck

The absence of people in the still and quiet room is almost haunting. One can easily imagine ghosts of students from years past going by walking to the counter for a cola or a hand full of bubble gum.

The College Inn is now 20 years old and yet her purposes serve today as much more as it did in the early fifties.

At the hour of 3:30 in the morning no lights are on and no laughing female voices can be heard. No loud, boisterous male students are to be seen roughing one another up near the Coke machines. It is just simple silence. Nightwatchman Mr. Lomax walks by and peers into the window and after checking the door to make sure it’s locked, he walks away in the direction from which he came.

The hands of the clock unob­
served continue their rotation; and with the big hand arriving at twelve and the little one at four, a key slips into a hole and unlocks the door.

The ever-gentle Mrs. Lomax has entered and is about to prepare for the busy day to come. This begins her third year at the Inn, and hundreds of those who have popped one of her doughnuts down their throats will swear that they have never eaten any better, any place.

Whistling to herself and win the homemade receipe etched in her mind, Mrs. Lomax lays the ingredients before her and the batter for the doughnuts and cinnamon rolls.

Time has passed slowly for the lady with the magic smile, but students who were asleep in their beds minutes ago are now awake and stirring.

By now the doughnuts and rolls are out of the oven and on the counter, although more are ready to be cooked for those too late for the first batch.

At 7:30 a.m. Nelson Earlyboy trots into the Inn and with a hearty hello to and from Mrs. Lomax, he peels down exactly thirty cents on the counter for two doughnuts and a cinnamon roll. Hastily devouring them, the cleancut lad goes back to his room to await chapel.

This is not the case for many of those college pupils who are guilty of such a deliberate crime as sleeping in. A senior man forced to get up at 10:30 because of fear of four chapel cuts groggily stumbles from bed and throws on his t-shirt, jeans and sneakers. Still in a stupor he makes it miraculously to the place his growing stomach has led him. Pulling a greenback from his wallet he points toward the dough with the holes and grunts. Not waiting to count the change he drops into the nearest empty seat and consumes a huge mouthful from the sweet biscuit.

The hubbub of student life was at its zenith the several minutes before chapel. One after the other, students, male and female in rapid succession, entered the doors and ordered their orders. For most it was drink (milk or cola) and bread (roll or doughnut). Craving the sweet bits of bread, dozens, yea, hundreds, tossed the delicious tidbits down cavernous throats.

As chapel draws near they leak out of the Inn, and the calm before the storm of lunch is now here.

As a pastor behind the counter reads: "As soon as the rush is over I’m going to have a nervous breakdown. I worked for it, I love it to myself and nobody is going to deprive me of it." And Mrs. Lomax quietly relaxes in a chair as she so richly deserves.

At lunch the Academy crowd come in strong and hungry. The bunch of high schoolers and younger order their burgers and cola as the grease is soon popping and cooking the beef for their appetites.

The doldrums stay for most of the afternoon but near 3 p.m. their appetites.

And with the big hand arriving at 3:00 it is time to close. The ladies talk and enjoy their leisure moments gingerly. Few students are to be seen in the room.

Supertime and darkness come at the same time and most students go to Cobb or Heritage for their evening meals. The nonconformists who are fed up with cafeteria foods order their meal and await their new style of eating in a chair or booth. They munch their meal methodically and leave contented and full.

With supper over the Inn is quiet for the next two hours as few students come in and go out of the place. Most are just checking for a familiar face and most are unsuccessful in their search. At around 8 p.m. life perks up for the eating hall once more as students come to talk over the day and enjoy a soda or chocolate bar. Joe C. College walks in alone checking for chick action, and seeing none, he makes his move toward the library.

The time to close comes too quickly for many, as the ringing bell reminds them, and some make their last-second order as the partition curtain is locked up. Empty coffee cups, coke bottles, straws, messy napkins and other trash is now picked up by the mashbacked boy who works nights in the Inn.

The door is locked at 11:00 p.m. as the custodian has cleaned the place up. Somewhat it seems that she has observed being eaten are only memories to be relished for the coming years when she will try to be office space.

She realizes that times must change, students must graduate, she knows all this. She is ready for deep, for tomorrow will be another busy day. Her mind images over the day’s happenings still, and she smiles. She sleeps.

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Senior debaters Roger Castle and Tom Estes accompanied by Dr. Evan Ulrey last weekend to Harvard University for tournament competition. While there they visited the Old North Bridge in Concord from which the first shot of the Revolutionary War "round the world" was fired, the Old North Church where Paul Revere saw two lanterns which signified "by sea" and Old Ironsides the fighting vessel of the War of 1812.

"Presidential" honors given director

Baggett wins awards for Optimist Club work

By Markye Simpson

Harding band director Eddie Baggett has been awarded the Distinguished Presidential Award and a Presidential Citation Award for his work as president of the Searcy Optimist Club during the last club year.

Dr. Jess Coker, governor of the Arkansas District Optimists, presented the awards Saturday in Pine Bluff ceremonies. The Distinguished Presidential Award is the highest award a local president can receive and only 135 were presented among the over 3,000 clubs in the United States and Canada.

Baggett was a charter member of the Searcy Optimist chapter founded in 1966. In addition to his band duties, he teaches six music classes and a few private lessons. A 1950 graduate of Harding, he received his master's degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City and is presently a candidate for the doctorate at the University of Oklahoma.

Baggett is an elder at the West Side congregation and he and his wife, Jannette, are the parents of two children, Mrs. Larry (Rosemary) Wilson, a senior, and Robert, an all-state football player at Harding Academy.

The Optimist Club is a civic organization which sponsors fund raising drives for worthy projects. As a sponsor of both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, they constructed the Searcy Scout Building and annually sponsor Bike Safety Week in April.
Round ballers break loose on Trojans

By Doug Shields

Jubilant enthusiasm broke loose on every hand of the Bison crowd as the Bison ballers beat the UALR Trojans 79-75 in overtime last Thursday.

Leading Bison scorer Tim Vick was forced to sit out the contest due to a fractured nose suffered in a one-on-one workout with Steve Kent. Luckily though, help was waiting.

Junior Lester Davidson, Pylkas announces new hours for swimming pool to public

Harding's swimming pool is open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. with the exception of Tuesday and Thursday class periods, according to swimming coach Arnold Pylkas.

Women may swim on Sundays from 12:25 - 1:15 p.m. and from 8:15 - 9:15 p.m., on Mondays, women may swim from 12:25 - 1:15 p.m. and from 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. Swimming hours for Tuesdays and Thursdays are from 8:15 - 9:15 p.m.

On Wednesdays, women may swim from 12:25 - 1:15 p.m. and from 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. Friday's hours are 12:25 - 3:15 p.m. and 8:15 - 9:15 p.m.

On Saturdays, the pool is open from 10 - 10:30 a.m. for girls' elementary swimming instruction class, and from 2:25 - 2:15 p.m. for junior high and senior high girls. Open hours for men on Saturdays are 3:25 to 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 - 9:15 p.m.

Men may swim on Sundays from 2:25 - 5:15 p.m. and from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., on Mondays from 8 - 9:30 a.m., from 7 - 8 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 - 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday hours for men are: elementary boys, 9:00 - 9:30 a.m., junior high-senior high boys, 12:25 - 1:15 p.m.; open, 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. and 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Runner paints marathon race up
By Tim Geary

Quite a change from last year’s icy weather, the sky was clear, the sun bright and the day crisp and lovely as 44 runners waited to begin the annual Arkansas A.A.U. Marathon at Petit Jean mountain.

A colorful menagerie of uniformed runners from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas began stretching and warming up. For those who knew each other there was the usual assortment of jokes on what lay ahead. Others seemed edgy and tense, not a good sign for this long a race.

The official called everyone to their mark and fired the starting gun. Early marathon pace is always so deceptively slow, to a mile it feels about like the pace of first chapel to American Heritage Cafeteria. Yet with 30 miles to run, one can hardly begin to comprehend what is ahead.

The pack soon divided into two groups: the leaders begin the better and the foolishly and the followers begin the slower and the wiser. Striding down a country road on top Petit Jean State Park with three hours of running ahead makes any person reflective.

In this winding, beautiful terrain it is hard to imagine the trek of the original Greek soldier speeding from Marathon to Athens to tell the people of their glorious victory. It was a feat that, although the course was just 22 miles long, cost him his life.

Perhaps coaching techniques and basic conditioning were sadly lacking in 490 B.C. It remained only for the British to standardize the distance at 26 miles and 385 yards. This was the distance of the course starting from the royal box in the London stadium.

To all but the best it seems impossible that a man can run 26 back to back miles at a five minute pace, and yet this is the equivalent of Derek Clayton’s world record. To the Harding runners in this race it is simply a combination of running well and running sensibly.

The course winds gently throughout the table top of Petit Jean. On one side there is shade and gentle hills. On the other side of the ten mile loop there was the sun and an merciless head wind. By the finish of the first loop, Richard Bellis was securely in fourth, Robert Mead in ninth, Rock Meservey farther back and Tim Geary brought up the rear of the pack.

At 15 miles Bellis had slowed down somewhat, Mead doing much the same. Meservey was still moving up through the long line of runners. By now Geary was soaking his feet in the Rockefeller pond.

In a marathon the last six miles are pure pain. No one can “kick” by then it is a matter of who is slowing down the least. The winner from Oklahoma finished in 2 hours and 22 minutes, just 10 minutes off the Olympic gold medal time.

Next place was some 16 minutes behind. For the Harding runners the last six are disastrous. Rock Meservey finished 15th in 3 hours and 5 minutes, next was Robert Mead in 17th and then Richard Bellis in 18th.

Part of the group of 44 leave for the three hour trek across hill and vale.

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Richard Bellis is timed by John McGee midway through the marathon.

Water Buffaloes wash A.C., 58-14
By Fred Finke

Tuesday, the Harding Water Buffaloes continued their tidal wave as they swamped the Scots of Arkansas College. Because of the lack of depth on the part of A. C. the Buffaloes of Arnie’s Army easily defeated the Scots 58-14 in a duel swimming meet.

Gilbert Melson in his second college meet downed the Scots in the 50 and 100 yd. freestyle with times of 25.3 and 1:0 respectively. The 200 breaststroke was completely dominated by freshman John Eastland as he swam away from the rest of the field in a time of 2:45.0.

Fred Finke won the 200 yd. butterfly in a time of 2:46.6 as Dave Denman took second in the event.

One of the more exciting events of the meet was the 200 yd. individual medley as freshman sensation Paul Knarr took first and as Harry Miller lost to Knarr in the last 25 yds. of the race.

The 300 yd. backstroke saw a win for Harding as Dan Duclos defeated his A. C. opponent and Dave Rutter took third in that event.

Mark McIntire dominated the 200 yd. freestyle in a time of 2:14.7 as Pete Nelson came in first in the next event in the 500 yd. freestyle.

Other winners for Harding was medley relay composed of Dan Duclos, John Eastland, Dave Denman and Siong Ng. The meet continued this afternoon at 4:00 against Southern State.

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