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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 Beckett, 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 583 students, while juniors follow with 528. Sophomores number 434 and seniors total 395. The remaining number includes graduate and special students.

The freshman class has 47 new students, the largest group of newcomers to Harding College. There are 27 new sophomores, 25 new juniors and 2 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." That describes Los Indios Tabajaras, tomorrow night's 8 o'clock lyceum.

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

They had a primitive ability to play and their musical 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."

Los Indios Tabajaras have "developed stunning programs blending the classical, popular and folk."

McKinney, Richmond, Shackelford to run

Finalists chosen for P.J. Queen

By Evelyn Jones

Have you ever dreamed of being crowned queen twice? Well, this dream will come true for one of three lovely club queens.

The three candidates representing Sub-T, TNT and Galaxy were voted on by the student body. The winner will be



Half of Harding's record spring enrollment was captured momentarily Tuesday as they rushed from first chapel to dining halls.

—Bison photo by Estes

H.C.'s golden anniversary set for 1974

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 lectureship 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 lead 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 50th... p. 4)

Business team passes Emory half-way point

By Cylla Merriman

Harding's five-man Emory Business Team is mid-way 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 Burk.

Decisions are turned in through a TWS complex 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 40 hours apiece per 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's 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 unprofitable 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 Crissey Cup on the third time.



Diane McKinney



Beth Richmond



Joneal Shackelford

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From the Editor's desk:

Senior editor frets over limited grad seating

Last week's Feedback... was headlined "Senior frets 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 decision "Which four of my loving clan will get to sweat through the rigors of my three-and-a-half-hour 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 hot air to float each faculty member, 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 rites I fell asleep twice and fainted from heat exhaustion once — revived only by the icy stares of other suffering spectators.

Maybe there's only one gripe in that last sentence. Despite the longevity of the ritual I could have drifted noddily away because of the intense heat anyway. One point at a time.

Arguments in favor of moving the culminating ceremonies of our four or more years of degree pursuit out of the sweltering main aud. to the lush and green spaciousness of Alumni Field's new stadium:

1) There are so many grandparents, brothers and sisters with spouses, cousins, aunts, uncles, roommates, undergrad friends... who have been a part of our college years and want desperately to view that last little bit of pomp and circumstance which will mark our entrance into the working world. Four tickets apiece will not cut it. Inter-family feuds have been sparked by less.

2) The nostalgia of the main aud. where we each will have spent at least 312 hours of chapel attendance (that's counting one drop slip per semester) is not great enough for me to compensate for the overwhelming high temperature. If we have to breathe hot air, I had rather breathe fresh hot air than stale hot air.

Besides, that football field should be pretty nostalgic after our No. 1 in the AIC fall season. Just think — myriads of our fans cheering us on to the 50-yard-line to our diplomas — with Billy Ray Cox announcing...

Seniors, this is our graduation. We are the class of '73 graduating. Where do WE want it to be? Main aud. or stadium? Speak up now. You 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.

— K. B.

Feedback...

Siberian escapes with life

Dear Editor,

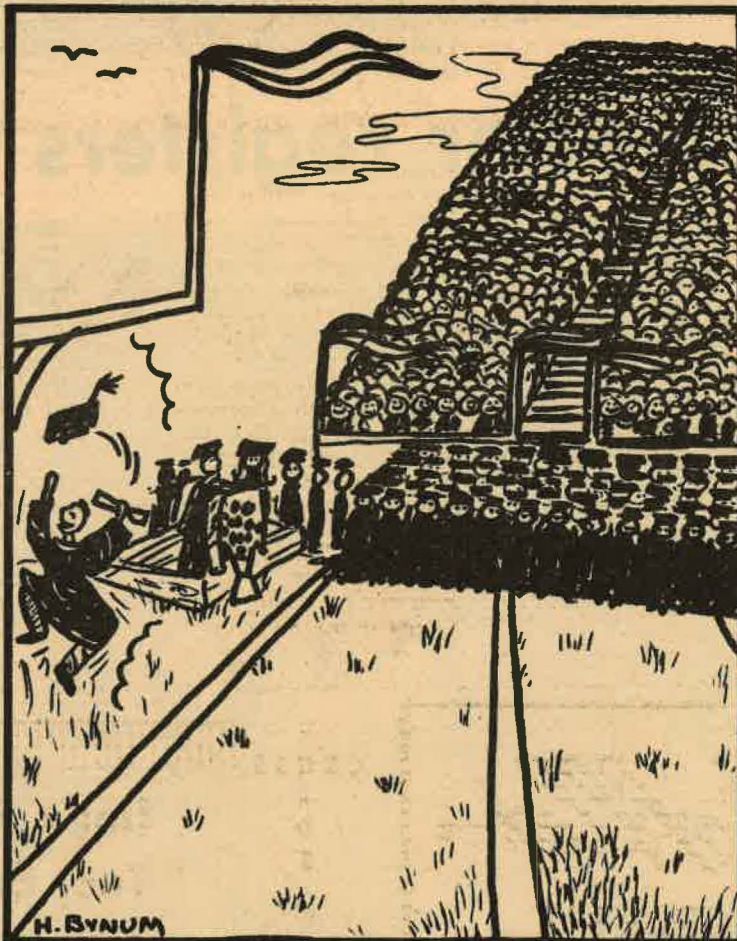
I live in Siberia (Harbin Hall) and as a result must cross the road between Grad Dorm and the gym at least 12 times a day. My point is that I would like to not have to dodge cars from which at times I barely escape with my life.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to express dissatisfaction with the negligence of the maintenance department for leaving on the solid sheet of ice from one end of grad's sidewalk to the gym road.

As I also crossed this 12 times a day, I quite frequently ended up on my posterior which is quite uncomfortable for me. Perhaps the incident with Mr. Beck will serve to encourage the maintenance department to react to the situation at hand. A little salt or sand would have alleviated the entire problem.

Fred Finke



H. SYNUM

To read or not to read

A Christian View of Origins
By Dr. Don England

By Doug Heimburger

"Existence of life on earth is an enigma without the supposition of God," concludes Dr. Don England of Harding's chemistry department in his new book, *A Christian View of Origins*.

Dr. England states his purpose on the first page of the book as being "to show that it is not reasonable to ignore the theological alternative in respect to the problem or origins." And I would submit that his purpose is very well realized, as he approaches it from his field of interest, biochemistry.

However, Dr. England's treatment is not biochemical alone: he begins from a philosophical viewpoint in the first chapter, "Man's Concepts Concerning Origins." Here he shows different views of the nature of the origin of the universe which men have held throughout the centuries.

Probably his most significant statement in this chapter is that "if science cannot speak authoritatively regarding the origin of a part of the universe, it certainly cannot speak authoritatively regarding the origin of the whole universe."

The second chapter deals with "The Probability of a Spontaneous Generation of life," showing that, though the ancient theory of spontaneous generation has been proven untenable, modern scientists have merely replaced it with one which seems more scientifically compatible. Dr. England also shows that many scientists accept spontaneous generation by blind faith, because their materialistic presuppositions force them to.

In the third chapter, "The Complexity of the Simplest Living Things," Dr. England hypothesizes what "would represent the absolute simplicity of the smallest and simplest living thing. 'yet,' he says, 'it is utterly complex. It is inconceivable, except to the most persistent materialist, that probability and chance factors alone could slowly and spontaneously bring together the component molecules necessary

to construct such a cell."

The fourth chapter is really the heart of the book, and contains the strongest argument in favor of the creationist viewpoint. Entitled "A Critique of the Three-Stage Mechanistic Hypothesis of the Origin of Life," the chapter is a discussion of the actual chemistry which would be involved in a spontaneous generation of life from non-living substances.

Dr. England includes quite a lot of material to help the person not acquainted with chemical terminology to understand. The crux of the argument is essentially that the same conditions which are supposed to have produced the bio-organics are vastly more effective at destroying, or decomposing them.

"Observations and Reflections on Genesis 1," the last chapter of Dr. England's book, includes discussions of such things as the age of the earth, the age of life on earth, and radioactivity. His conclusion contains his thoughts on how Genesis 1 should be interpreted, with reference to all that has gone before in the book.

Dr. England's book is very welcome, I believe, in our day and age, when we are being told on all sides that we are the products of time and chance alone. Not much has been published from the Christian point of view which deals with the origin of life biochemically; and yet this is where the battle of evolution vs. creation is being fought today.

So let me invite you to join with me in applauding one from our own midst who has put forth such an effort to help us understand that the signposts of science really do point to the God of the Bible.

"... and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

Thomas Jefferson

Fifth Column



By Robyn Smith

"The ants go marching one-by-one, hoorah, hoorah..." Remember that song — we used to sing it in our earlier years?

Well, friends, my childhood years have caught up with me and all the ants have marched to my room and are living on my desk!

I tell you I must be awfully sweet or something, because the ants around here seem to have a passion for congregating in my presence.

The minute I sat down here at my desk this evening, at least 17 ants rushed out to greet me from various and sundry places. I've tried everything to make them go away. I've quit feeding them; I've quit speaking to them; in fact, I've even mashed them real hard with my fingers whenever they get in my way. But it's been to no avail. They persist in staying on my desk.

No one else seems to have this problem. Friends (?) tell me to use insecticide, but my ants have apparently grown immune to poisons — they hide in the plug-ins until the fumes are gone.

Last semester when I had this problem, I decided that the ants were living in my potted plant — a ceramic lady's head with ivy growing out of it — because several times I caught a couple of armies coming out "one-by-one" of her hair and down across her left ear, going over to sit under the stereo.

So I took the potted lady's head home for Mother to cope with. But they (the ants) must have unearthed my plans beforehand, because they were back in my room on my desk hovering around my lamp when I returned to school sans pot plant.

The ants finally drove me out of that room. All through Christmas vacation I rejoiced at the thought of having an antless room when I came back to school — But alas!!

It has all been in vain. The ants found out my new room number (from the dorm mother's ants?) and have again inhabited my desk!!

"Why me?" I ask. What have I done to deserve this fate? They don't bite me or anything — they just gather round my personal belongings on my desk and investigate them.

If it's my food, after they've had their gritty little bodies on it, I consider it humanly inedible and therefore give it to them to do whatever they wish.

If it's my books or papers, I simply brush them off and scold them severely.

If it's one of my many scented candles, I burn their little segmented bodies in the hot wax, in an effort to make examples of the guilty ants.

I've tried every trick in the book, but they're too smart. I've taken to sitting at my roommate's desk occasionally to try to confuse them, but they know the difference. I've made verbal threats to move to another dorm to try to fool them, but they haven't made any efforts yet to migrate, so I know that didn't work either.

I've tried counseling — but the ants won't listen to reason. They disperse immediately upon sight of *Lessons in Animal Psychology* and stay hidden for hours.

I've brought others into the room to see my epidemic, but the ants won't come out when they recognize strangers. I think I'm becoming paranoid about my ants.

What am I going to do? Nothing, I guess. You've heard that old saying "train up your ants in the way you would have them go and they will never desert you?" Well, I must have done an excellent job in training mine. I'm convinced they're never going to leave!!

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But it's like bein hungry
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to reach up for
Just like fallin you're a baby
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screamin for Daddy help me
Father of my security

i need you to take this dread
far away
I'm a fallen, fallin
That's bad but real sad
is now nothin
nothin to hit
now nothin stoppin this nighttime
fatherless feeling
Like just bein in a room
late
alone
your one constant companion
that sleepless prowling tiger
hungry
Fighting is heroism riding
astride
insanity's horse
sleeping is sanity but resting
on suicide's bed
To me it's strange
our neighbors never hear
our harmony
fanged cats snarling over
baby cryin
Odd neighbors never wonder why
or even think how
one can be alone
in such a crowded world
Name withheld

T. Barnes reveals Treadway identity

Martha Treadway was among those of the graduating class of 1909. 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 Barnes. 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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**Does God intervene today?
Yes, but then again maybe**



By Allen Black
Can God intervene in our modern world, in our human affairs, to heal a sick man? Will He? Does He? Most of us will answer "Yes" but deep inside there's often a gnawing "Maybe?" that's fed by a lack of concrete verification and a lack of understanding why evil persists in spite of the prayers of the saints.

Week before last I suggested the answer of Job as one that has been helpful to me. God taught Job that myriads of events have occurred which are totally beyond his understanding. Surely Job's lesson should teach us that even though we find difficulty in working out a theory of how prayer fits into what we know about the universe, we must still believe in its power because God has told us it is powerful.

What I'm suggesting is this: given the fact that we believe the scriptures are correct, we must merely attempt to understand what they say is so and then accept it. We can't read our philosophical ideas into scripture so as to doubt prayer because of some philosophical answer we've worked on for the problem of evil or because naturalism's deterministic ideas have invaded our thought.

I chose to ask if God can heal a sick man because it seems that doubts are more numerous about what we delineate as physical things. But the scriptures do teach that we can pray not only for spiritual, but also for physical blessings. After Christ said to "Pray, then, in this way," one of his petitions say, "Give us this day our daily bread." Matt. 6:11. Did He not teach that our

physical problems were important to God when He said the very hairs of our heads are numbered? Didn't He pray for His own physical well-being in the garden?

The teachings of the apostles affirm the same thing: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Phil. 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 us to do something useless or they advise us 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 alternative but to believe prayer has power even in physical, temporal matters.

My doubts of this power have always been sort of crudely 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 chp. XI) and the last chapter of Francis Shaeffer's *Death in the City* which is entitled "The Universe and Two Chairs."

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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.

Ventriloquism 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.

Lott 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. Olree 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. 1974 —."



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."

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Brad Davis, of Tulsa, Okla., and his red-headed dummy Oscar bring ventriloquistic hilarity to the Harding stage at talent and variety shows.

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Ganus Student Center still breathing at 20 years



Mrs. Lomax, manager of the College Inn, takes a pastry order and chats with an early morning repeat customer. Photo by Estes

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 gone 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 or more as it did in the early fifties.

At the hour of 3:45 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 007 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 unobserved 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-genial 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 with the homemade recipe etched in her mind, Mrs. Lomax lays the ingredients before her and fixes 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 plops 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 growling 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 chomps 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 poster behind the counter reads: "As soon as the rush is over I'm going to have a nervous breakdown. I worked for it, I owe 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 colas 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. for their break. The ladies talk and enjoy their leisure moments gingerly. Few students are to be seen in the room.

Suppertime 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 mustachioed boy who works nights in the Inn.

The door is locked at 11:00 p.m. as the custodian has cleaned the place up. Somehow it seems that the Inn herself realizes this is her last year as a rendezvous for friends from many lands. The smiles she has seen, and the hundreds of thousands of Mrs. Lomax's specialties she has observed being eaten are only memories to be relished for the coming years when she will simply be office space.

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



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Johnny Clark, freshman, observes the thrice daily ritual of checking the mail on his knees. — Bison Photo by Estes

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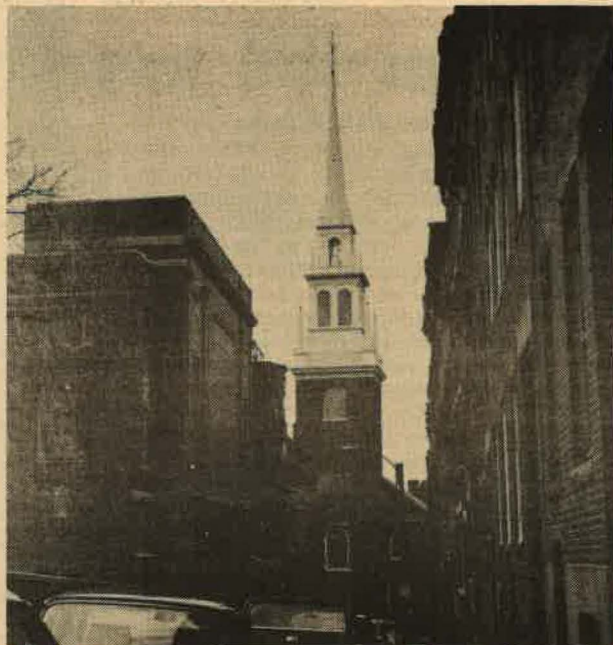


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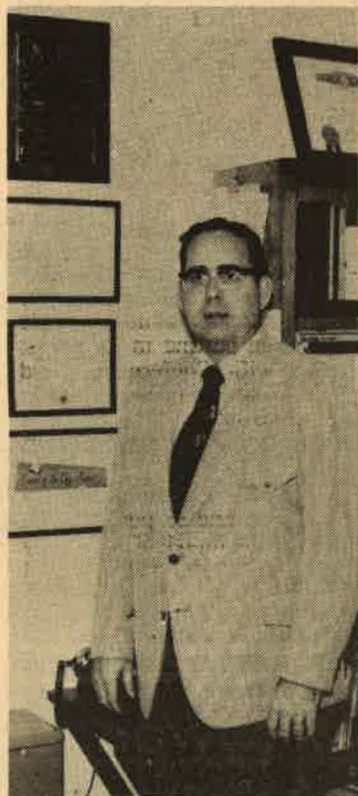
Debater shoots historic Massachusetts sites

Senior debaters Roger Castle and Tom Estes accompanied by Dr. Evan Ulrey flew 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

heard '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



Eddie Baggett, Harding band director, has won two awards for his outstanding work as president of the Searcy Optimist Club during the last club year. — Bison Photo By Estes

By Mackye 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.

A past president of the Arkansas College Band Directors Association, Baggett has served in many capacities in the music department, including director of the chorale for six years and director of the Academy Chorus for 11 years.

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.

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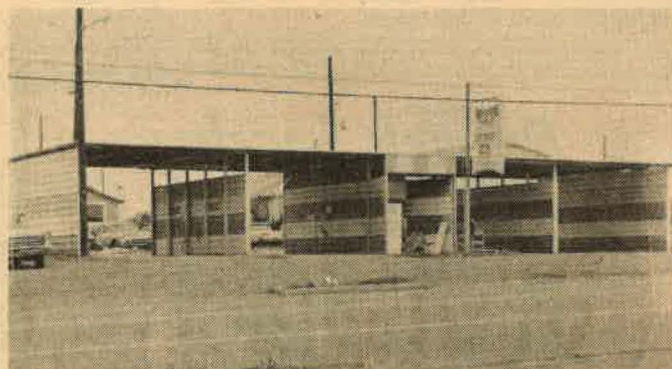
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Round ballers break loose on Trojans

By Doug Shields

Jubilant enthusiasm broke loose on every hand when the Bison roundballers 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,

making his first varsity start and only his eighth appearance this season, led scoring with 22 points. Davidson was called on to start after a 30-point junior varsity performance against Crowley's Ridge Junior College. He stands 6'1" and is from Corning.

Freddie Dixon played his usual outstanding role with 21 points and 10 rebounds as ball control played a big part in the Bison victory. Larry Aggas led

rebounding with 12 while scoring 16 points. Although UALR was ranked fifth in the NAIA in rebounding coming into the game, Aggas, Dixon and Mathias competed well on the boards. Harding showed a more balanced game both offensively and defensively than before.

On the sidelines, there was a great turnout and enthusiasm manifested itself in a number of ways. Two UALR fans brought along some kind of horn to inspire their team with. Because of the loud nature of the horn, there was allegedly a heated exchange in the second half between a Harding football player and one of the UALR fans.

The win was the first for the Bisons in four games.

On Monday the Bisons did not fare so well as they lost to the Henderson State Reddies 90-71. Trailing only 31-33 at the half, Harding suffered a rash of turnovers against the Reddies' full court press defense and fell to a 14-point deficit in the first five and a half minutes of the period. The Bisons had some 22 turnovers for the game.

Dixon put on a tough offensive show under the basket and led scoring with 26 points. Despite his injury, Tim Vick returned to the lineup to score 18 points. Freshman Gary Baker pulled down 10 rebounds and scored 8 points.



Lester Davidson, leading all Harding scorers in the ACLR game, makes two points in his second start of the year against Henderson.

— Bison photo by Sewell

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 — 2:15 p.m. and from 8:30 — 9:30 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 Thursday 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 — 10:50 a.m. for girls'

elementary swimming instruction class, and from 2:25 — 3:15 p.m. for junior high and senior high girls. Open hours for women 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 — 9:50 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 — 9:50 a.m. and from 7:00 — 8:00 p.m.

Saturday hours for men are: elementary boys, 9:00 — 9:50 a.m., junior high-senior high boys, 12:25 — 1:15 p.m.; open, 1:25 — 2:15 p.m. and 7:00 — 8:00 p.m.



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Sportsverein

By King Buchanan

It is really an experience to watch the ferocity exhibited at the men's intramural basketball games. So far 54 games have been played with about 250 men participating and in every game something unusual happens. Intramural basketball is probably the most individualistic sports activity at Harding, for no one is held by club bonds or usually even a definite leader or practices. The result is often then two groups of men running pell mell in every which direction with each man trying to make most of the points himself. Sometimes this is not true and

the team that takes advantage of unity can take advantage of the other team.

The men's intramural program is divided into two leagues: a major and a minor league. In the major league is the Southwest Conference and the Big 10 Conference. The irony is that there are only nine teams in the Big 10 Conference. In the minor league are the Atlantic and Pacific Conferences.

The Buckeyes and the Wolverines are tied for first place in the Big 10 Conference. Joe Myers led the Wolverines in scoring with 89 points and Don Phillips followed with 51 points. The Buckeyes sports converted pass receiver Edd Eason, who has scored 88 points with Rod Summers who has 60.

The Owls in the Southwest Conference are in top position winning four out of four games, and in one game racking up 7 points. Ken Beck and Ron Allison

are the "hot doggers" for the Owls with Beck making 62 points and Allison putting in 57 points.

The Pacific Conference is led by the Trojans who also have won four games out of four games and have a high point game of 96 points. For the Trojans Jim Berryhill and Will Roberts have collected 75 and 66 points each.

To keep the image of constancy the faculty has lost one game out of three in both the major league and the minor league. The major leaguers boast McKeil as high point man with 46 points in two games. Zartman and Daniels follow close behind with 41 and 40 points in three games for each of them.

Elliot, Jones "The Hook" and Mote are presently leading the faculty in the minor leagues. Elliot has 30 points in three games, Jones has hooked his way to 21 points in two games, and Mote made a big 20 points in his only game as of yet.

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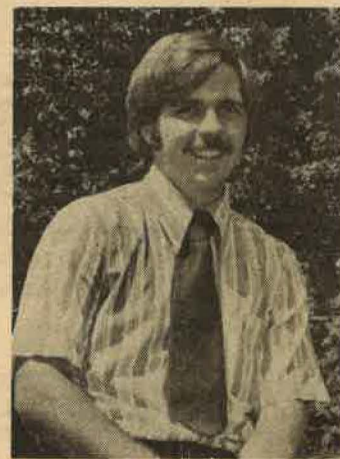
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COLLEGE MASTER

Runner paints marathon race up Petit Jean mountain

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 miler it feels about like the pace of first chapel to American Heritage Cafeteria. Yet with 26 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 foolhardy 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 their 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 unmerciful 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. Merservey was still moving up through the long line of runners. By now Geary was soaking his feet in the Rockefeller pond.

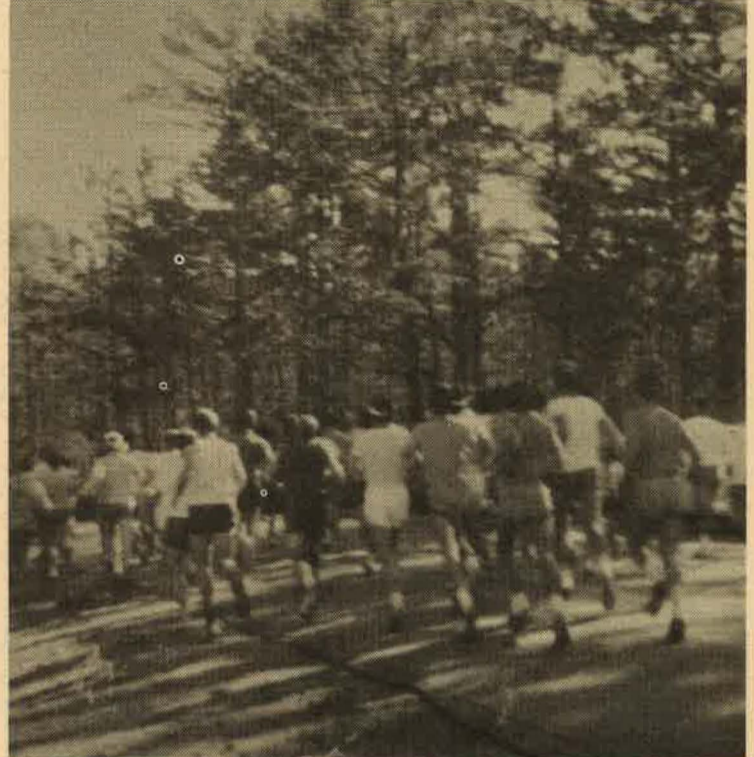
In a marathon the last six miles are pure pain. No one can "kick," by then it is a matter of who is slowing down the least. The winner from Oklahoma finished in 2 hours and 22 minutes, just 10 minutes off the Olympic gold medal time!

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

These are the memoirs of one runner's first marathon: the beauty of the day, the pain of throbbing feet and the gentle manners of an Arkansas trooper saying "you people get off this road right now!"



Richard Bellis is timed by John McGee midway through the marathon. —photo by Alice Geary



Part of the group of 44 leave for the three hour trek across hill and vale. —photo by Alice Geary

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 25.2 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 2:46.0 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.

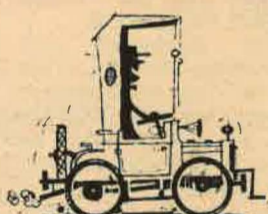
The 200 yd. backstroke saw a win for Harding as Dan Duclos defeated his A. C. opponent and Dave Rutter took third in that

event.

Mark McInteer 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 400 medley relay composed of Dan Duclos, John Eastland, Dave Denman and Siong Ng.


The next meet is this afternoon at 4:00 against Southern State.



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