Vikings draft Dixon; Browns take Gooden

Harding's "gold-dust twins," Tom Ed Gooden and Alan "Snake" Dixon, have been drafted by the National Football League in the recent player draft. Gooden was chosen by the Cleveland Browns and Dixon was picked by the Minnesota Vikings.

Gooden, Harding's All-American quarterback, received a call Jan. 30 around 1:30 p.m. from the Browns' office. They told him that they were planning to draft him in the next (eleventh) round, if he was interested in playing professional football.

After he assured them that he was, the Browns' office called back an hour later, saying that he had been drafted and that they were pleased to have him in the organization.

When asked if he thought he might be drafted, Gooden said, "I thought there was a chance, but I wasn't positive." Gooden, who was drafted as a defensive back, said he would rather play only as a kicking specialist. He will, however, get an opportunity to show his kicking talents.

Gooden's future plans are to report to the Brown's rookie camp in May, then to the regular training camp in July. If he fails to make the team, Gooden says he will get a job wherever he can.

So far, no contract has been signed, but he and the Browns are still talking.

Dixon, all-star tailback, received his phone call at 6 p.m. Jan. 30, but it wasn't from whom he'd expected. Earlier that day, the Kansas City Chiefs had called and told him that they were planning to draft him. However, the Vikings got first choice and picked him before the Chiefs could. So the call was from Minnesota instead of Kansas City.

When questioned if he had expected to be drafted, Dixon replied, "Well, not at first, but about a week before draft, Kansas City called and told me that I was listed in their top fifty.

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Convocation agenda slated

A schedule of Harding's fiftieth anniversary convocation, Feb. 15, at 10:00 a.m. in the main auditorium, was released according to Dr. Jimmy Carr, assistant to the president.

The Processional by the A Cappella Chorus will begin the service. President Clinton L. Gannus, Jr. will preside. Dr. George Benson, president emeritus, will give the Invocation, and Scripture reading will be by Dr. L. C. Sears. The A Cappella Chorus, directed by Dr. Kenneth Davis, will then perform with Mrs. Jack Evans, wife of the president of Southwestern Christian College, at Terrell, Tex., as guest soloist.

Then, greetings to Harding College will be given by various people. Richard Burt, DDS, chairman of the Harding Board of Trustees will speak on behalf of the Board. Dr. Daniel R. Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University, will speak on behalf of colleges and universities. Leslie Carmichael, mayor of Searcy, will speak on behalf of the community. Dr. Harry Ollon, president of Harding College Alumni Association, will speak on the behalf of the Alumni. Speaking on behalf of the faculty will be Dr. Joseph Pryor, dean of Harding College, and speaking on behalf of the students will be Mike Justus, president of the Student Association.

The address will then be given by Honorable Dale Bumpers, governor of Arkansas. This will be followed by the benediction to be given by Dr. Harold Hanelip, dean of Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis. The recessional will be sung by the A Cappella Chorus.

At noon, the Fiftieth Anniversary Luncheon will be held in the American Heritage Cafeteria. The speaker here will be Batsell Barrett Baxter, chairman of the Department of Bible, David Lipscomb College. Presentation of the 50th Anniversary Medalion will be made, and the Belles & Beaux will provide entertainment.

Invocation will be given by Dr. John Stevens, president of Harding Christian College, and the Benediction by Dr. Shelby Breidlove, President of Westark Community College in Fort Smith.

WSRO makes plans for women

Beverly Chaste, WSRO president, leads the executive council in planning amendments and proposals for improvements for women on campus. Their new office, located on first floor of Stephens, is open from 6:30-8:30 Monday through Thursday.

New musical group preparing for 1974 season

Soundstation, a relatively new musical group in the area, is in rehearsals recently in preparation for an upcoming show, according to Steve Holder, one of the group's directors.

Soundstation was first organized last spring and spent the summer performing at Dogpatch, U.S.A. Under the direction of Steve Holder, Warren Casey, and Phil Showalter. They have since changed some of the personnel with tryouts held during the fall semester.

Members of this year's group include five female singers, Sena Stacey Elmore, freshman Peggy Bunting, sophomore Julia Willard, sophomore Ann Ulrey, and junior Jenny Peddle. The other musicians are junior Jim Cox and sophomore Brad Dell on trombone, freshmen Mickey Cox and Steve Ricker on trumpet, junior Warren Casey and fresh-
From the Editor's desk

...The time is at hand this year to bring comprehensive, high quality health care within the reach of every American. I shall propose a sweeping new program that will assure comprehensive health insurance protection to millions of Americans who cannot now obtain it or afford it, with vastly improved protection against catastrophic illness. This will be a plan that maintains the high standards of quality in America's health care. And it will not require additional taxes.

The preceding is a direct quote from the partial text of President Richard Nixon's Jan. 30 State of the Union address.

"In early 1970, President Nixon announced to a press conference that we face a massive crisis in this health area. Unless action is taken within the next two or three years... we will have a breakdown in our medical system."

The preceding is a direct quote from Geoffrey Hodgson's article on the national health insurance bill proposals, which appeared in the October, '73 Atlantic Monthly.

It sort of looks like we're getting the run-around, doesn't it? Tuesday night President Nixon had announced on national television that he would bring his new health insurance bill, which will require the least government intervention and will be more on the individual level, blah, blah, blah.

Seems like we've heard that tune before, but maybe it'll work if we keep our fingers crossed.

Realistically speaking, according to Hodgson, the Nixon administration has encouraged the spread of the Health Maintenance Organization, which endorses the pre-paid group health idea: "Instead of paying medical bills when they fall due, you pay a flat annual sum to join a group which contracts to provide all you may need.

In his speech last Wednesday Nixon said, "The right way is to build on strengths of the present system, one based on partnership, not paternalism."

Well, the "present system" more or less is operated around the idea of little government intervention, with the individual being left to pay high insurance premiums or have no coverage at all. Would "building on its strengths" be pulling federal aid out completely? There never was much "partnership" anyway.

We suggest the Kennedy-Griffiths bill (introduced by Sen. Edward Kennedy, Rep. Martha Griffiths, demo. from Michigan) as a prime example of what could be done in the area of health care. According to Hodgson, this bill "offers the fullest range of benefits with the fewest co-insurances, deductives and other snags." It also is the firmest on the principle that if government financing is to be made available to the health care system, it must be used as a leverage to secure government control; a leverage to ensure that rising costs and make the health care system more accountable to the government in other respects.

We can only presently submit that we get the ball rolling whereby health standards are concerned and instigate a system more universal, like social security, where everyone benefits, instead of trying to recover the old frizzled wrapping.

By Cylla Merriman

Women's Liberation is usually a movement of which I'm in favor. Of course, this doesn't include allowing a woman to be castrated, burned or abortion, but what woman could be against equal pay, decent day-care centers for her children when she must work, 'equal' treatment choice or necessity, and the chance for equal job opportunities. A woman's place may be in the home, but let me see that choice is given, who pushes the idea make do for one month, within their secretaries, businesswomen, waitresses, teachers for his children and nurses for his illnesses. He would also be in bad shape if all professions were open to men, doctors, executives—walked off their jobs.

But there is one thing about being liberated that really bothers me. It's the hyphenated-name business. Picture the scene.

In a first generation hyphenated family, the problems would be slight. There isn't anything hard to remember or write. But when we have children who marry other hyphenated name children, the fun begins.

"Miss Millie von Rachel Merriman-Rodgers" announces her marriage to Mr. Sebastian Arnold Smith-Kilpatrick. The Smith-Kilpatrick-Merriman-Rodgers will reside in the city after a short honeymoon.

By the fourth generation things will begin getting really ridiculous. Teacher to small boy: "Randy, I want you to introduce Miss Mary von Rachel Merriman-Rodgers, this had better be the last time you come to class wearing that thing.

Maybe the time gets to the point where children are forced to read names by initials. The headline in the Morning News: "New J.A.N.M.C. S.L.B.J.R.S.K.M.R. Elected Mayor.

A little hard to pronounce? Well, probably.

But there is really no need to worry. Computers will never let the problem get out of hand if a name is longer than 21 spaces, the way I see it, necessity, become non-existent.

Dixon and Gooden

Continued from page 1. We proposed yesterday that this Congress I would be drafted. If not by them, then probably some other team would pick me up.

Dixon plans to go to the Virginia Military Institute in July. Dixon was drafted as a running back and that suits him just fine. "I'll play running back, on the special teams, anywhere as long as I get on the field."

Dixon said that the phone call he received from Minnesota was "about the most exciting thing that has ever happened in my life. Even Belinda (my big sister) was jumping up and down."
Kay Gowen writes Harding's 50-year history

By Terry Barnett

Whether you remember the past or you are just now learning the past, Harding's 50th year anniversary celebration is certainly built around the edifice of times gone by. One of the key figures in bringing back the last 56 years of "Harding's" life is Mrs. Kay Gowen, editorial associate for the publicity department, who has compiled an historical tabloid on Harding College.

The publication consists of 48 pages, including the inside front, back and cover. It is a magazine-type tabloid that serves as a summary of the past 50 years of the college.

"We have attempted to go back through the whole history of Harding and touch on just about every area of concentration that we could," Mrs. Gowen related. "That includes social life, administration, people who serve the schools; we have articles about teachers, social clubs, social organizations; just about everything you can think of..."

Mrs. Gowen started to work at Harding in September with the specific job of compiling and writing the history for this year's anniversary emphasis. She has written most of the copy, and has gathered much information about the school's past. The first six weeks to two months of her employment at Harding Mrs. Gowen did research by reading past issues of the Bison, the Petit Jean, and college bulletins.

Kappa Pi inducts new pledges at annual banquet

Kappa Pi, the international honorary art society, held its induction banquet for new members in the art gallery last Friday, Feb. 1. Those honored at the banquet were Jenny Lester, Debbie Webster, Mike Posey, and honorary member, Ken Kendall-Ball, making a total of twenty-seven members.

Kappa Pi is the oldest art fraternity in the United States and members have to keep at least a 3.0 in art and 2.5 overall grade average. Officers this year are president, Arni Anderson; vice-president, Mark Fitzgerald; secretary-treasurer, Karen Lough; and Hilda LaVan, reporter. Sponsors are Elizabeth Mason and Mrs. Stanley Green. Dr. Doran.

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also read such books as A. S. Croom's Early History of Har­
ding, Dr. L. C. Sears' Freedom, which is a biography of John N. Armstrong, first president of Harding, and M. Norvel Young's book on colleges supported by the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Gowen related however, that her major source of in­formation was The Bisons. "These books I mentioned quoted The Bisons very frequently."

A 1960 graduate of Harding with a degree in Journalism, Mrs. Gowen certified to touch in '63-'89 with a degree in music. While completing her teaching requirements, she was editor for The Bisons and taught part time at Harding Academy, where she instructed the junior high band and chorus. Mrs. Gowen has not been actively involved in Jour­nalism since her days as L. C. Sears' "Screamer", but she has done some writing on her own. Presently she is in the process of having a booklet published for Quality Printing, on music for young people's music and singing classes.

The tabloid will be presented Feb. 15, the day of the convocation. It will have to be purchased but the price has not yet been set.

The tabloid will serve as a reminder of Harding's heritage and will certainly be an in­spiration for the future. Mrs. Gowen's main objective in editing the historical tabloid, she has been "to give an overall picture of what Harding is and has been over the past 50 years."

Belle's and Beau's practicing for spring tours, programs

The Belles and Beaux are on tour. The Belles and Beaux plan to spend most of the month preparing for a short tour March 23-30. Included in the itinerary for that trip are Dumas and Gainesville, Ark., and Lufkin, Tex. The group will probably be present for the opening of the new high school in Dumas. A program is also scheduled for the Searcy Garden Club on the 31st.

The group's schedule for April includes two programs. On April 2 the Belles and Beaux will travel to Aberdeen, S.C., to present a spring high school performance. The showcase's last engagement of the year is planned for April 20 in Texarkana.

The Belles and Beaux spend two hours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in order to improve their performances as much as possible, according to Dr. Ken Davis.

Bands schedule good-will tour for next week

A good-will tour of three Christian high schools and three Christian colleges will be presented by the Harding College concert, stage, and pep bands, Feb. 19-20, according to band director Eddie Baggett.

Baggett will direct the concert band and the stage band will be directed by Steve Holder, band president.

The tour will include stops at Freed-Hardeman College, David Lipscomb College, Alabama Christian College, Lipscomb Academy, Huntsville, Ala., Mars Hill Bible School, Florence, Ala., and Harding Academy, Mem­phis.

While on tour the sixty-member band program will include such pieces as "March Slave," "The Screamer," "Dizzy Fingers," and "The Toy Trombone."

The Harding Band will perform for the Harding College audience Friday, Feb. 22, 8 p.m., in the large auditorium, Baggett said.
In the fog, a strumming, plucking light gently grasps our sleeves. Delicate fingers tie and untie knots in the fringes as the spotlight sitting on our shoulders throws circles on the stage. Priests and congressmen cringe in the fog, wearing earplugs and sunglasses to hide their fake noses and mustaches.

The water beneath our feet becomes sand, then mud. A rope is thrown, but becomes lost in the clouds of smoke rolling in on swiftly beating wings. Cannon balls roll down mountainsides, plopping in the mud and disturbing doves nesting in the rushes near the water’s edge.

A fringed carpet floats below the clouds. A green neon light blinks “Grabs Here,” and we are carried to the shore.

Marie stands on the hillside, locked behind a gate. The train runs past her house, but never stops. Her face is held together by pieces of used chewing gum, which is becoming hard from the sun. Her trumpet throws melodic notes to the five white horsemen riding by. They do not stop. She does not look like them.

An old man sits on a rock near the cross roads. He has been told to make a choice. His weak legs, not yet thirty, support him as he stands, but he falls at the feet of the Khan, who turns his motorcycle aside.

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Two couples plan March weddings

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bennett of Searcy announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Peggy Lou, to David Ryan Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Smith of Ft. Worth, Tex. Miss Bennett is a senior elementary education major at Harding and is a member of Theta Psi social club.

Smith is a senior history major planning to enter law school in Texas in the fall. He is a member of Alpha Chi, Phi Alpha Theta, the American Studies Program and Knights social club.

The wedding will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Westside Church of Christ. They invite their friends and relatives to attend.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will live in Searcy until spring graduation.

Alpha Phi Gamma sends invites

The Delta Eta Chapter of Alpha Phi Gamma, the journalism fraternity, will hold its induction ceremony this spring, according to Dr. Neil B. Cope, professor of journalism at Harding, and president of the chapter.

Invitations were recently sent from Dr. Joseph Pryor, dean of the college, to students involved in working on student publications. The letter stated that the purpose of the fraternity is "to recognize individual ability and achievement in collegiate journalistic pursuits, to serve and promote the welfare of the college through journalism, to promote better relationships between college students and professional journalists, and to establish a closer bond between students interested in journalism."

The Delta Eta Chapter was established at Harding in 1967. Dr. Cope, senior, is this year's president. Induction of new members for this year will consist of initiation ceremony and a banquet.

Cheryl Willoughby, a junior communication major, describes the music as folk rather than straight country-western. Current recording is being played by major radio stations in the surrounding areas. KWCK and KHCA now have covenants.

After having taught herself to play the guitar, Goudreau states that Mrs. Hill often entertained at various club functions while at Harding and currently teaching P.E. and English in Mt. Dora, Fla.
Harding’s Water Buffaloes second in conference swimming standings

The Water Buffaloes faced five swim teams this past week and returned to Harding each time with an impressive record. Judging from the dual-meet standings, Harding is now second behind Hendrix College and just ahead of Southern State.

“Striving for the all-important aspect of good physical conditioning, the Buffaloes have been severely hampered this season with a lack of water space,” according to Coach Pykas. Nevertheless, the Buffaloes have overcome this difficulty and have proven to be in top contention for the A.I.C. crown.

In a triple dual meet Tuesday, Jan. 29, the Bisons returned are: Harding-75, St. Louis, and Westminster College. University of Arkansas, Henderson, and Ouachita.

The Water Buffaloes traveled to St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 1 to compete against two teams: the University of Missouri at St. Louis, and Westminster College. Results of the Westminster meet are as follows: Harding-79, Westminster-37; 1st-400 yd. medley relay: Rutter, Nelson, Carter, Duclos; 1000 free style: 1st-Knarr, 2nd-Demnan; 200 free style: 1st-Hughes, 2nd-Finke; 50 free style: 2nd-McInteer, 3rd-Carter; 200 Individual Medley: 2nd-Linge, 3rd-Rutter; required diving: 2nd-Trotter, 4th-McKinney; 200 butterfly: 1st-Finke, 2nd-Demnan; 100 free style: 2nd-McInteer, 4th-Carter; 200 breast stroke: 2nd-Duclos, 3rd-Rutter; 500 free style: 1st-Hughes, 3rd-Knarr; 200 breast stroke: 1st-Eastland, 2nd-Linge; optional diving: 1st-Trotter, 4th-Bixler; 400 Free Style relay: 1st-Finke, Linge, Hughes, and McInteer.

Coach Pykas mentioned the following swimmers who had done an especially outstanding job during the last several meets: Tim Hughes, Mark Trotter, James Bixler, Dale Linge, John Eastland, David Demnan, Danny Duclos, David Rutter, and Paul Knarr.

By Matt Cemotto

Daniel-Kirby air hockey alliance dominates this school year’s ratings

By Matt Comotto

The dashing air hockey duo of Dan Daniel and Randy Kirby once again are leading this week’s air hockey ratings. It appears that these two air hockey greats will hold onto the top two spots in the air hockey ratings indefinitely. To watch Daniel and Kirby play is to watch air hockey at its very finest. Both handle their paddles with professional flair and style; the marks of truly outstanding players. It is a very even match whenever the two meet but it is Daniel that holds the slight edge. Dan Daniel and Kirby are definitely candidates for the Air Hockey Hall of Fame presently under construction at Syosset, New York. The documentary “Striving for the All-important Air Hockey Ratings” is currently being filmed by renowned New York director, Thomas Meservy.

To Daniel, Kirby and Meservy’s air hockey ratings, the world is narrowed down to only two names: Dan Daniel and Randy Kirby. Their dominance in the world of air hockey is impossible to match. It seems that no one can ever come close to their level of skill.

The World Air Hockey Association has only two divisions: Pro and Amateur. But it seems that the only division that matters is Pro. Because the Pro division is for the only two names that matter: Dan Daniel and Kirby.

In Intramural athletes of the week, Men’s—Dave Hawley, Mobican (large university); Dennis Davenport, TNT (small university). Women’s—GATA social club.
Bisons whip College of Ozarks

Roundballers upset SCA Bears

Never count 'em out. That's what other coaches are saying in the AIC after Harding nipped State College 82-81, SCA was fresh from their 86-80 win over conference leader Henderson last Thursday. The Bisons also whipped Ozarks 97-69, in other league action last week.

The Bisons up and down season has seen them topple front runners like Southern State and SCA, while taking other AIC kingspin all the way down to the wire before losing. However the Bisons are still in the second division with a 5-6 record, good for seventh place.

Sophomore Gary Baker sank two free throws to decide the outcome of the SCA game after Junior Tim Vick hit two straight field goals to wipe out a 56-55 lead. With Harding in control of the ball with 27 seconds to play, the Bisons decided to play for the last shot and protect at least a tie in the event the Bears controlled the rebound. Baker was fouled driving in for a layup, setting the stage for his clutch shooting.

Harding led most of the first half and went into halftime holding a 44-39 margin. SCA caught up with five minutes to play and it was a see-saw battle the remainder of the contest. The Bears managed to slip out a four point lead with two minutes remaining but Vick's two shots plus the Bisons tough defense tied it back up with 1:30 left. SCA wasted a minute before, then attempted a shot which was off the mark thus allowing the Herb to post one of their few victories on the Bear homocourt.

Offensively, Vick and Butch Gardner led the way with both landing seven points. Gary Baker chipped in with 16 and Freddie Dixon and Lester Davidson both added 12. On the boards, it was all Gardner and Dixon with Gardner picking off 20 rebounds.

College of the Ozarks made a game of it in the first half before falling as a result of the Bisons superior shooting in the second period. The opening period was tightly played with the Bisons holding only a 41-37 lead at intermission.

The Herb got rolling in the second half as Dixon scored sixteen of his twenty-one points. Harding developed leads by as much as 20 points, allowing several Bisons to see action.

Gardner led Harding with 24 points, followed by Vick with 21. Dixon also had another good night as he picked up 21 counters. Others scoring were Les Davidson, 8; Baker, 6; Larry Aggas, 2; Steve Kent, 2; Randy Reynolds, 2 and Tom Booth, 2. Harding will play Southern State at Magnolia Monday and then will play host to defending champion Henderson State Thursday night.

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Butch Gardner (28) scores on a fast break as Tim Vick looks on. — photo by B. J. Pryor

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Survival of the feminist

By Jenny Beth Peddle

They came from Atlanta, Ga., and got it together at Harding College. Pam Butt, Ann Tabor and Cay Chapman have combined to make one of the hottest three-women basketball teams on campus. These girls attended Greater Atlanta Christian Academy and played on its Spartanette basketball team for three years. Together they shared a State championship along with a 56-game winning streak.

Pam Butt is a sophomore home economics major. Her best year as a guard was in 1972. This was the year they took the state championship in class "C" basketball. Miss Butt remarked, "If there was intercollegiate basketball at Harding I could recruit some fantastic players. Like Cindy Broglin, an ex-teammate who was featured in Sports Illustrated recently." Miss Butt is a member of Shantih's "A" basketball team.

Ann Tabor, a freshman secretarial science major commented, "As a Christian team we made a good influence on our opponents." When sophomore Spartanette, Miss Tabor received the Most Valuable Player award. Her senior year she was named the Best Offensive Player. A moving forward, Miss Tabor made All-State for three consecutive years. "Coach called me the quarterback," said freshman elementary education major Cay Chapman. Miss Chapman was the point man for the Spartanette team and received the "Coaches Award" for her leadership ability. She was a member of the All-State team her Junior year. Miss Chapman and Miss Tabor play for the Ko Jo Kai "A" basketball team.

Misses Chapman, Tabor, and Butt for three previous years have learned to work as a unit. And now they are together again, playing the game they know best.