By Lesa Schofield

It was the culmination of plans, hours of rehearsal, and combined talent that brought Harding College to the final stanza of its Fifth Year celebration. "It was a tremendous finale to our celebration," expressed Dr. Clifton Gannus, president of the college.

The Harding A Cappella Chorus and Chorale, along with the Harding Academy Chorus, sang three selections with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra this past weekend. Since October, the choirs have had three rehearsals a week with concentrated practices the week before the program. However, explained Dr. Kenneth Davis, Jr., the A Cappella director, the chorus had only one full rehearsal with the orchestra before the program.

According to Dr. Davis, Mr. Kurt Klippstatter, conductor of the Arkansas Symphony, was very pleased with the performance. "Mr. Klippstatter said that the chorus was very responsive," relayed Dr. Davis.

He would like to perform again next year with us," plans are being shaped for a performance next year with the orchestra playing Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony."

Klippstatter has conducted the orchestra for the past two years. Since then, says Dr. Davis, "the orchestra has made great strides."

Dr. Davis recalled furnishing choruses in the 1950's for such operas as "Carmen," "Norma" and "Rigoletto." "It was as pleased as I could be," said Davis. "I believe Davis has written music that is suitable for such events."

"The choirs and chorale were the chorus and also the stage crew. The chorus put so much hours into it," and said, "the stage crew was really tremendous. They worked practically all night and day to get the stage ready."

"The soloists," commented Dr. Davis, "also did a very fine job."

Dr. Davis sang with the college choirs in the first two pieces, "The Testament of Freedom," by Randall Thompson and "For the Gettysburg Address," by George Lynn but sat out for "The Sea Symphony," by Ralph Von Williams. "I was good experience for them," said Dr. Davis about the academy chorus.

"It was such a tremendous program," related Dr. Davis, "as far as the music is concerned." He continued, saying, "I was pleased that England's foremost composer was several years ago, the A Cappella traveled to sing to his home in Cambridge, Mass. "That was really a high point," explained Davis.

Dr. Davis is also recognized as an outstanding choral composer in the United States. And the third of the trio, George Lynn has composed for quite popular pieces, stated Dr. Davis. "He was also my teacher years ago,"" he revealed. As a token of appreciation, the chorus presented Dr. Davis with a Spanish Frigate model ship after the program, "signifying the 'Sea Symphony.' It is really beautiful and was a complete surprise," expressed Dr. Davis.

Overall, "the chorus, the orchestra, and the conductor gave a superb performance. It was a tremendous," concluded Davis.
Driving defensively means happy holiday

No one is trying to play "Momma," but we of the Bison hope that the Harding students will use caution as they make their way home for the holidays. Too many times people are in so much of a hurry to get home that they forget the rules of safe driving.

A safe driver should be aware of not only his own responsibilities, but also of the caution he should exercise in relation to the "other guy." Defensive driving is an important aspect in preventing serious accidents.

Since the national speed limit has been lowered to 55 m.p.h., traffic deaths have been greatly reduced, however, many students fail to obey these laws. A professional driver said that the lower of the speed limit only increased the driving time from coast to coast one hour.

The National Safety Council urges drivers to make frequent stops to insure driver alertness. A five-minute stop for a coke or something to eat could be the very thing that keeps a person alert, and it would not add much time to the total trip.

Although driving safely should be a concern all year long, national holidays always pose a serious threat to highway travel. Moderate speeds, driver alertness, and a special caution for the "other guy" are important rules to remember this holiday season.

Be responsible to yourself and to other travelers by practicing extra care while driving home this Christmas.

We hope that you enjoy the happiest of holidays seasons and we're looking forward to your return in January.

Accidents don't care who they hurt
Drive carefully, return safely

By Paul Robison
To the Editor

Dear Editor:

First, I commend you and thank God, my sisters, for your Godly influence. "Nothing is more admirable than a truly Godly woman, for living as God directs takes more actual strength and courage . . . than anything else in the world." Every girl's life is noticed by her manners observed, her actions weighed, and thus thought about her are formulated.

A good woman plants her own life of strength and beauty in the hearts of those about her by making the environment around her a fitting medium for the power of righteousness.

Second, I commend you and thank God for your support. Every Christian man needs the support of Christian women. "Sharing our joys as well as our sorrows with someone we love makes life worth living. Our happiness must be shared with someone if it is to fill our hearts with satisfaction." Provoking me to righteousness, studying and praying with me, inspiring me, listening to my complaints and problems, giving me advice, accepting me at face value, and having faith in me to succeed - these are the needs that a Christian woman can fulfill. Christ also had these needs. One author has suggested, "That Christ needed most of all was communion of mind with mind. Mary of Bethany was giving him that." "David tells us in an expression of love and tenderness how much of these three things - friendship, happiness, and security of the world is dependent upon the woman. He says, 'That our daughters may be coetere to be seventeen after the fashion of a palace' (Psa. 144:12). Co-

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Biblical women exemplify priceless beauty

By Paul Robison
To the Lord's handmaidens and my beloved sisters in Christ - "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies" (Prov. 31:10). A virtuous woman - yea, Harding has many. To praise you, the Christian woman of Harding, is the purpose of this letter. "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:30).

The Bible places great emphasis on the woman. The Bible mentions at least 280 women, 49 daughters, over 35 sets of wives and mothers, about ten widows, and Christ himself came into contact with about 25 women during his public ministry. Since the Bible sanctions praise for the Godly woman and places emphasis on her, I would like to forget the human side of woman, that part that has to do with her appearance, manners, and action, and extol the angelic part of her nature, that part that has to do with her character.

I (as well as other Christian young men) can thank God for three areas in my life where you, my Christian sisters play a vital role - for your influence, your support, and your dedication to God.

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Letter stresses sportsmanship

Dear Editor:

I once read about a young preacher who was playing basketball in a city league. He got so excited that he went down court, knocked over a smaller opponent and applied his elbow to the mid-section of another defender. Because of this, he incurred a foul, which made him very angry. During his argument with his referee a voice arose from the opponents' bench. "Hey mister, you dropped your Bible." Being Christians should not hinder us from being strong competitors, but it should keep us from being offensive and instilling to our opponents and the officials. I seriously doubt that our poor sportsmanship encourages the referee to make more calls in our favor. I further feel that the sportsmanship on the part of the faculty, students and fans leaves a lot to be desired.

Will you join me in positive support of our athletic teams and not negative insults of our opponents and officials?

Sincerely,
Eddie R. Campbell
Dean of Men

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Dr. Bill W. Oldham, associate

professor of mathematics, was

elected vice president of the

Arkansas Council of Teachers

of Mathematics for 1976-77 at a

meeting of the organization in

Hot Springs Nov. 26.

At the meeting, he read a paper

on Applications of Algebra.

As vice president he will serve

as editor of Mathematical

Magazine, the official journal for

ACTM.

Dr. Oldham, 46, is listed in

Outstanding Educators of

America. A native of Paris,

Texas, he is a 1966 graduate of

Abilene Christian College and

holds the Master of Science in

math from Oklahoma State

University and the Ed.D. in

Mathematics Education from the

University of Northern Colorado.

He formerly taught high school

math in New Mexico and

Oklahoma public schools.

He is a member of the National

Council of Teachers of

Mathematics, the Arkansas

Academy of Science, Arkansas

Educational Research Council

and the American Mathematical

Society.

Also at the meeting, held at

Jones High School, two others

from Harding made presenta-

tions. Mrs. Jimmie Clark of the

School presided at a general

interest section on Relevant

Mathematics for Non-College-

Preparatory Senior High

Students. Dr. Dean Priest,

chairman of the mathematics

department, read a paper

entitled "Yet, Too, Can Make

Fibonacci Discoveries."

"We are quite pleased with this

honor given to Bill, and I am

certain he will be an outstanding

vice president," Dr. Priest said

of his colleague's election.

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Miss Elsie Crick releases seminar date

The first retreat of 1976 for all

Bible majors has been scheduled

for Jan. 10 and 11 at the Camp

Wyldewood Retreat Center.

Events for the weekend will

begin Friday night at 7:30 when

Terry Smith will discuss the

topic, "That I Might Know Him."

A devotional led by Everitt

Hufford will follow the lessons.

Saturday's events will begin at

9 a.m. with a devotional led by Ed

Warren and will be continued

with a panel discussion of 1


members will include Neale

Pryor, Ed Sanders, and Jack

McKinney. Andy Ritchie will

direct the singing.

The retreat will conclude

Saturday afternoon with talks by

J. D. Bailes on "Communism

and the Christian," and Paul Pollard

on "Challenge of Liberal

Theology."

Miss Jennifer Rhodes

Harding couples plan winter vows

The engagement of Miss Elsie Crick to

James William Stewart, son of Mr. and

Mrs. John A. Stewart of Harrison,

Ark., is announced by her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow D. Crick

of Lepanto, Ark.

The couple will marry December 29 in the Shores

Chapel at 3 p.m.

Miss Crick is a member of Beta Tau Gamma

social club and is a junior Home Economics major.

Mr. Stewart is a sophomore Bible major and is a

member of Kings Men social club.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rhodes of Hope, Ark., an-

nounce the engagement and approaching marriage

of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to David Hays

Hurd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hays Hurd of

Pangellida.

Miss Rhodes is a 1971 graduate of Hope High

School and is a senior elementary education major.

Hurd is a 1970 graduate of Crowley's Ridge

Academy and a 1971 graduate of Crowley's Ridge

College.

The wedding will be Jan. 18 in the West Side

Church of Christ in Searcy.
The Hardin basketball team suffered through a cold shooting evening last Monday, falling to the College of the Ozarks 58-46 in the opening game of the All-round robin schedule.

After falling behind 27-22 at halftime, the Bisons battled back to knot the contest at 44-44 in the second half. Harding was down 48-44 when a jumper by Tony Sneed, a lay-up by Randy Reynolds, and a long jumper by Butch Gardner enabled the Herd to catch up.

The Bisons were short-lived, however, as the Mountaineers poured in four points to take the lead. Another basket by Gardner put Harding within two 44-44, but Ozarks reeled off seven straight baskets to take a commanding 54-44 lead with less than a minute remaining.

Gerry Morgan and Gardiner made a pair of baskets as time was running out but the Bisons failed to score.

Alpha Tau roll past all

Large club volleyball revealed another year. The four team representatives in Baber, Long, Brown, Crawford, Hopkins, and Jerry Chism. Alpha Tau roll past all defenses disposed of Mohicans in the semi-finals to reach the championship round. They faced them again in the finals after Mohicans got past Galaxy in the loser bracket. The defending champs disposed of the Mohicans once again, this time by the score of 15-9, 8-15, and 15-6, featuring the outstanding play of Steve Color.

While Alpha Tau was crushing past Mohicans, Knights were capturing their first club title of the year by defeating Theta Tau in a thriller. Theta Tau had slipped past the previously undefeated Knights 17-15, 15-9, and 15-0 to force an extra play-off but the green and white bounced back to beat off the challenge.

It was a storybook season for Alpha Tau breezed past Galaxy 15-4 and 18-14. Alpha Tau posted 17-15, 15-4 and 15-0 in the contest, respectively, for the large "C" and "D" titles.

Carried them to the wire in the finals before falling 15-6, 15-4 and 15-4. Alpha Tau posted 17-15, 15-4 and 15-0 victories over Galaxy and Sub-T 16, respectively, for the large "C" and "D" titles.

The club championship was completed by the seniors Jack Barber, Barney Crawford, and Bobbi Hopkins, head coach of the Harding College football players honored for outstanding play in 1974 by selection to post-season All-AIC teams.

On the coach's All-AIC team the Harding Bisons are represented by Barber, Crawford, and Hopkins on the first team and Perry Brown, Rock Long, Steve Ross, Mike Black, David Cook, and Ted Walters on the honorable mention list.

On the All-AIC team as announced by the Arkansas Democrat, Harding has six first team representatives in Barber, Long, Brown, Crawford, Hopkins, and Jerry Chism. Jack Barber, a 5-11, 200-pound senior defensive back from Portage, Min. Long led the Bisons in interceptions with four, as well as being in on 55 tackles.

At fullback, Ted Walters, a 5'11", 205-pound junior from Dallas, led Harding in rushing with 504 yards in 128 attempts for a 3.9 average.

The three final Bisons, who received honors were members of the offensive line. They were JerryChism, a 5'11", 200-pound senior tackle, Steve Ross, a 5'11" sophomore guard, and Mike Black, a 6'1", 220-pound sophomore tackle.

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