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**ATHLETICS TO EXPAND FOR WOMEN**

Intercollegiate athletics for women will begin next fall in basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, and tennis, if the Board of Directors approves, according to Coach Hugh Groover. "We've talked previously about such a program, but we were stopped, not knowing how to deal with the dress problem," Groover said. "But we're confident," he continued, "that our girls will be dressing modestly."

"We've been given the go-ahead to schedule games by the administration, yet the Board of Directors must okay it." As a result of Title IX of HEW, full compliance will be necessary within three years in having a women's athletic program in proportion to that of the men's program. The money for such a program is not immediately available," Groover explained, "but we're working towards that end."

A budget for the athletic program is under consideration, yet no figures for the expanding athletic department can be determined for next year.

Dr. Harry Otree, professor of physical education, recently attended a national meeting in which the implication of Title IX were discussed. In light of impending decisions, Harding has plans to place membership with the Arkansas Women's Intercollegiate Sports Association.

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Scholarships for women participating in an intercollegiate program will not be available for next year, Groover commented, due largely to lack of funds for the modification.

Interest in women's athletics was partially generated by the recent recognition of two teams of Harding women. The Searcy Parks and Recreation department sponsored a basketball team which captured runner-up position in state competition.

A volleyball team of Harding women, sponsored by Harding, took second place in an Illinois tournament.

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The expanding sports program will encourage many women to come to Harding, said Miss Wildfield.

"It will be hard the first couple of years," she continued, "but it will pay off in the long run."
Opinion...opinion...opinion...opinion...opinion...opinion... 

Editor envisions hope for next year’s leaders

This is the last Bison that the 1974-75 editorial staff will put out. Looking to the future, the Editor will be in charge of the last paper of the semester next week. As we conclude our duties, we can’t help but wonder what next year’s Bison will look like.

Here are a few things we would like to see reported in next year’s paper:

We’d like to read that the Student Association has become a vital part of the student body, that every student and administrator is considered an important component-making organization. We’d like to see that the S.A. is continually working to meet the real needs of students, including academic needs as well as personal needs.

When we get next year’s Bison, we’d like to read that the women’s intercollegiate sports program is flourishing, and that the problems involved in the program are being dealt with calmly and rationally, rather than emotionally.

We’d also like to know that the teacher evaluation program has been effective in helping teachers evaluate and improve their teaching methods.

The most important report we’d like to see is that the difference at Harding is still just that—a difference. That is to say, we’d like to see that the standards of behavior and dress which set us apart from other schools, are still being strictly observed.

We want to read that the emphasis is still on improving attitudes, but that set limits are being imposed without exception.

On the whole, the student staff will have at least some control over these matters; they’ll be able to report these stories only if the stories take place. Because we love this school that we’ve represented this year, we hope the stories come through.

Editor’s note:

Public “thank-you’s” are often trite and boring. They are also sometimes insincere and ineffectual. Realizing these pitfalls, we would, nonetheless, like to extend public appreciation to those of our readers who .have served in positions; they’ll be able to report these stories only if the administrator considers it an important improvement-making factor.

“Thank you,” you’re hearing me say, “for producing prominent, talented young men who develop into prominent, talented old men, who speak with a ready mind and carry with them the wisdom you’ve fed. In literature, Mark Twain believed in a position; in art, Thomas Hart Benton; in politics, Harry S. Truman. All three hold fast to their own interpretations of life until they die, with none of them leaving this world before reaching 75 years of age. Each of these Masons had the gift of plain speaking, a rare commodity in any grade, including the Show-Me.

Diversion

Truman biography plain talk

By Tim McNeese


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Merle Miller’s book Plain Speaking: An Oral Biography of Harry S. Truman truly extracts this quality from the ex-president. Miller talked to Truman in the early sixties for many months, recording on hundreds of hours of tape the dialogue between the two fellow mid-westerners. The result is a portrait of Truman speaking quite frankly and plainly on all the questions given him.

Miller’s timing of publication of this book is nearly perfect. With the whole question of presidential power taking a prominent position in American today, Truman’s opinions are refreshing and hopeful. He held the office of the president was given to him by the people to be used for good and then to be returned to them in as good a condition as before.

His philosophy of politics was that "the only way free government works is if the man in charge of it have got the welfare of the people in mind at all times. If a man loses sight of that even for a minute, you don’t have free government anymore." Ten years before Watergate.

Miller’s construction of this book is worthwhile. Written in question and answer form, it provides an adequate soapbox for the enlightened Truman. Obviously he researched this book many months, recording on hundreds of hours of tape the dialogue between the two fellow mid-westerners. The result is a portrait of Truman speaking quite frankly and plainly on all the questions given him.

Dear Editor:

I would like to see Harding make this perfectly clear, I made no secret deals with South Vietnam when I was President.

Editors, Assistant Editors, Associate Editors, Assistant Editor, Sports Editor, Photographer, Business Manager, Assistant, Podcast, Graduating, J. Neil Morgan, Terry Norris, Wayne Morgan, Jenny Beth Pendle, David Scoby, Dr. Neil B. Cope, Subscriptions, Magazine, Star News, Star Ad

THE HARDING BISON

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April 18, 1975

Feedback Problems in chapel persist

To: The Harding Bison

From: [Name]

Regarding: Problems in chapel persist

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the problems that have occurred during chapel services. As a member of the student body, I believe it is important to address these issues in order to ensure a more positive and inclusive environment for all attendees.

In the past few months, I have observed several incidents that have disrupted the chapel service. These issues include inappropriate behavior by some students, such as talking, laughing, or using electronic devices during the devotion. Additionally, there have been instances of disrespectful or distracting behavior towards the speaker, which has detracted from the overall atmosphere of the service.

It is my opinion that these problems are a result of a lack of understanding and respect for the chapel service. Many students may not fully comprehend the significance of chapel and its role in the spiritual and community life of the university. In order to address these concerns, I recommend the following actions:

1. Conducting a chapel etiquette workshop to educate students on appropriate behavior during chapel services.
2. Encouraging students to participate actively in the service, such as by singing or praying, to foster a sense of community.
3. Creating a small group discussion following chapel to allow students to share their thoughts and experiences.

I believe that by implementing these changes, we can create a more respectful and engaging chapel environment for all attendees. Thank you for considering my feedback.

Sincerely,

[Name]
Pizza Hut says, ‘‘Thanks’’

The best way we can show our appreciation to everyone at Harding is to reduce prices just for you only. So, the coupons below are good April 18-April 30 only at the Pizza Hut in Searcy. One coupon per item, only.

Big sisters to coordinate fall welcome activities

The main focus of next year’s Big Sister program will be “for the big sisters to be with their little sisters the first few weeks of school, introducing them to other people and integrating them into the campus,” said Jonnal Shackelford, director of dormitory activities.

Big Sisters, a program designed to help make new women students feel welcome when they arrive on campus, is executed by upperclassmen and is composed of various activities which these girls perform not only during the school year, but also during the summer preceding the fall semester.

These activities include writing letters to the new students during the summer, making welcome signs and having welcome parties for the little sisters, familiarizing the little sisters with orientational and registration procedures, and also familiarizing them with the campus and rules they need to know, said Miss Shackelford.

“Vicki Hill, who was this year’s chairman, will also coordinate the program next year,” stated Miss Shackelford.

Other than the opportunity of helping new women students feel welcome and making new friends, there are several benefits in being a big sister such as early registration and priority over rooms in dormitories, she said.

Applications are available in Miss Shackelford’s office, located in Pati Cobb.

Mission studies brings Worgan

Frank Worgan from Corby, England, will be the visiting professor of Missions next year, according to Don Shackelford, director of Mission-Prepare program.

Worgan began his preaching career in Aberdeen, Scotland, and has also worked in Germany and Holland. He is supported by the Northside Church of Christ in Odessa, Tex.

Coming to Harding with Worgan will be his wife, Isobel, and son, Stephen, who will participate in the preacher’s training program before returning to Oxford University where he has received a full scholarship.

The seventh missionary to take part in Harding’s visiting missionary program, Worgan is only the second who is a native of the country in which he performs his missionary work. His job, other than working with the Mission-Prepare program, will consist of teaching freshmen, sophomore, and upper level Bible courses.

This year’s visiting missionary, Everett Huffard, who has been a missionary in Jerusalem and Lebanon, will remain here another year as a member of the Bible department. He will, however, return to the Middle East the following year.

“I believe the real strength of Harding’s mission program lies in our visiting missionary policy,” stated Shackelford.

“It allows the students to learn methods from men from all over the world, and has proved to be so successful that two other Christian colleges have followed our example by establishing similar programs,” he added.
Cathcart adds TV lounge

A television is now in the second floor lounge of Cathcart, the last of the women's dorms to receive a television for the second floor lounge.

According to Beverly Jo Pryor, president of the dorm, the girls living in Cathcart suggested a television for the newly painted second floor lounge.

Although plans were first begun through WSRO, Miss Maribeth Downing, dean of women, took the suggestion to beg through the second floor lounge for the television.

The television was purchased at retail price from Nickols Magnavox for $500. Tucker pledged $50 to match a sum to be donated by the girls of Cathcart.

"We can hopefully collect the money from the girls this year, otherwise, Cathcart's president next year will have to handle it," explained Miss Pryor.

The television is a 1975 model with a 25 inch screen, Miss Pryor said.

Miss Pryor said that if each girl living in Cathcart could donate $1, "we could easily pay for the television this year."

Dorm director will assume new position

Mrs. Jo Choate, director of the American Heritage dormitory, will assume the position of director of housing June 1.

Mrs. Beth Hibbard, the present housing director, will be moving to Canada at the close of this school year.

Miss Maribeth Downing, dean of women, said that Mrs. Choate's new position will combine three jobs to help cut down in present expenses. In case of emergency, Mrs. Choate will aid Miss Downing in the dormitories at night.

Mrs. Choate will also relieve the dorm mothers on their days off. In addition to these responsibilities, she will be in charge of men and women's housing.

Mrs. Choate came to Harding in the fall of 1975 from Warren, Michigan. Before coming to Harding, Mrs. Choate was the supervisor of 15 girls in the travel department of AAA.

"I love being here and I have really enjoyed this year. I have made a lot of good friends. I will miss living in the Heritage, but I'm looking forward to getting to know even more girls by working in all the girls' dorms," Mrs. Choate said.

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"S.A. to revive '50 era"

The swinging '50's will hit the Hammond Student Center Sunday night as the Social Affairs committee sponsors an American Graffiti Coffeshouse from 8 to 10 p.m.

According to S.A. co-chairman Suzie Carey, decorations will center around the 50's theme with the waitresses and waiters in blue jeans T-shirts, long skirts, bobby socks, and pony tails.

The tables will be decorated with checkered table cloths and candles. The menu will consist of hot dogs, five flavors of ice cream, and lemonade, and according to Miss Carey, "We will not run out of food."

Tickets will be sold in front of the student center in David Oshin's 57 cherry for 25 cents. The tickets will cover 25 cents worth of food.

Miss Carey added that a band will be present to play tunes from the 50's.

Students voted with voting machines from Little Rock, Wednesday in the student representative class elections.

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Three couples announce plans for summer weddings

Miss Jeanne Glasgow will become the wife of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hammond of Washington, Penn., on Aug. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hammond of Washington, Penn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene, to Tom Williams of Oden, Ark.

Miss Hammond is a junior home economics major and a member of the Kappa Delta social club.

Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams of Oden. He is a junior physical education major and a member of the Alpha Omega social club.

The wedding will be held at the Houston residence Aug. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton William Whitten of Bay Minette, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Katherine, to Gregory Dean Blake, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Roger O. Blake of Sterling, Colo.

Miss Whitten is a junior psychology major and is assistant business manager of the Petit Jean. She is also a member of the Beta Psi social club.

Blake is a junior Bible major and a member of the Sigma TauSigma social club. He is also a two-year letterman on the track team.

The wedding will be May 10 in Shores Chapel.

Senior deviates from traditional Bixler transforms term paper

By Susas Bradley

Did someone mention term papers? To many students a paper represents weeks of procrastination, dread and anxiety. Then the inevitable drudgery of endless trips to the library begins, along with many headaches, crumpled pieces of paper hurled in the trash can, and final moments of sleepless agony while one puts the finishing touches on his creation.

One student has found an interesting means of fulfilling his term paper requirement minus the usual type of pain and work involved. As a result, the play Under Milkwood by Dylan Thomas, will be presented in the Little Theatre April 28 and 29.

The play, supervised by Organ and Dr. Jack Ryan, associate professor of speech, is an academic exercise which will be presented in corroboration with the Speech and English Departments. Voices will be Kathy Caldwell, senior; Robert Williams, junior; Debbie Geller, sophomore; and freshmen, Tom Lawrence, Gloria Shoop and Marty Knight.

Under Milkwood is a moving and hilarious account of a spring day in a small Welsh coast town, including dreams and ghosts before dawn and a bawdy night preceded by the rain of dusk. Thomas completed the play just before his death in 1953.

Bixler feels strongly that Thomas needs to be heard to be understood. He said, "Much of the criticism against him since his death has been due to the fact that what you see on paper is intended to be heard, not read."

Organ is pleased with the idea of the production. "Since Bixler is a Speech major," he said, "I feel he will benefit much more from this type of experience. It is a learning experience which is of practical value as well since he is interested in theatre."

"Bixler will learn lessons in directing also, which will be of more practical value than doing a paper. He certainly isn't getting out of any work, but is learning more," Organ said.

In addition to this production," Organ continued, "Bixler will be giving an oral report on Thomas poetry, as well as submitting an annotated bibliography which the other students are doing with their papers."

Bixler said, "The most rewarding part of this work is the recognition of the fact that it is a cooperation between two of the humanity departments. Also many English students and others will have an opportunity to hear and see a literary work as it was meant to be seen."
Netters shut out Ouachita Baptist, Henderson

The Bison netmen kept their sights on the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Tennis title as they cruised two more league opponents in double dual action last week in Arkadelphia. Henderson defeated Henderson State 7-0 before netting a shut-out of the conference challenger. Only Southern State and Central Arkansas have scored on the Bisons in dual competition.

The past victory improved Harding's standard to 16-5, the best since the Bisons won back-to-back titles in 1967-68. Although encouraged by his team's excellent showing that far into the season, coach David Elliot tempered optimism with the knowledge that "you can win every match of the year and it really doesn't mean anything in the ARC finals in May. We look pretty good for our record but how do we do in the conference tournament determines how we will finish for the year."

Against Henderson State, Brad Dell began the sweep with a 6-2, 6-0 victory as Mark Pelton, Tim Oldham followed with a 6-3, 6-0 decision over Craig Lard while David Cannon handled Kevin Jones 6-0, 6-3. Jeff Smith whipped Ray Stinnett 6-2, 6-4 and Charles Ganus destroyed Van Baker 6-0, 6-1 to complete the singles sweep.

In doubles, Dell-Smith rolled past Pelton-Stinnett 6-1, 6-3 and Cannon-Oldham cruised by Ward-Jones 6-3, 6-1. Although shut out 9-0, Ouachita demonstrated surprising strength as they appear greatly improved from their next to last place finish of a year ago. The Tigers pushed the Bisons into extra sets in half of the singles contests while the doubles competitors were forced into extra point sets.

Brad Dell again opened the Bison scoring with an opening victory, getting by Ed Danner 6-3, 6-7, 7-5, and 6-4. Oldman continued the string with a 6-0, 6-2 conquest of Jim Bob Hightower. Finishing out the sweep was Cannons with his 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 defeat of Ross Grant; Smith with his narrow 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 decision against Bill Vining, who plays quarterback for the Tigers in the fall, a position Smith also fills. Ganus as he smashed John Gibson 6-0, 6-1 and finally with Rick Adkins' 6-1, 6-1 defeat of Steve Halter.

Completing the whitewash in doubles was Smith-Dell as they edged Daniel-Vining 7-5, 6-4. Oldham-Cannon cruised by the decisive 7-3, 6-0 victory over Gibson-Hightower and Ganus-Adkins 6-3, 6-3 win over Grant-Halter.

Three Bisons are undefeated in Arkansas being on hand as well as the Bisons. In the final tabulation, Harding was declared Arkansas fifth with 25.14, Central Arkansas fourth with 23.14, Central Arkansas fifth with 21.04 while the University of Arkansas was sixth with 14.38.

"We hate to be 'name droppers' but..."

Harding College and Bill Rampton celebrated their first appearance in the Arkansas State Men's Gymnastics Championships with a successful performance as both the team and Rampton captured top honors in the team and individual divisions.

This was the first year that the state meet has ever been held and coach Karyl Bailey hopes it will be the start of better things for the sport for Arkansas. In the vaulting competition and Bruce Bailey's vaulting, Arkansas stating that "gymnastics is a booming sport among women and in thing that the sport's popularity is beginning to overflow into the men's interest. At the present the men are five years behind the women."

Three ARC schools participated with Southern State and Central Arkansas being on hand as well as the Bisons. In the final tabulation, Harding was declared the meet winner with 79.52 followed by Arkansas Little Rock with 78.38. Southern State was fourth with 75.14, Central Arkansas fifth with 71.04 while the University of Arkansas was sixth with 14.36.

"Opponents may be discouraged by Rampton's strong showing, Hendrix's known toughness and talented teams such as Central Arkansas and Southern State. This year's conference should be really interesting," Elliot reflected, "anything could happen."

The Bisons are in their last two weeks of regular season competition with the ARC finals scheduled for May 1-2-3 in Arkadelphia.

Rampton, gymnasts dominate competition, capture first Arkansas A&I championship

Bill Rampton was first places in the pommel horse, parallel bars, and the horizontal bar to receive the best all around award.
Lambda Sigmas defeated Mohicans to win the 1974-75 overall bowling trophy.

Lambda Sigmas came up with excellent performances by Richard Johnson and Fred Morgan to sweep all three games and post a 2,879-2,793 victory over Mohicans in the finals of the club roll-off championships.

Mohicans, the fall semester champion, had to face Lambda Sigma, who captured top honors this spring for the overall title. Lambda Sigmas held a 136-108 per game handicap advantage but managed to beat the Mohicans on scratch scores, 2,471 to 2,469. Although the small club champs won all three games in the overall roll-offs, the total pins alone determined the victor.

The '74-'75 champ took a 946-907 edge after the first game and then expanded the margin to 9,007-9,071 after two games. Fred Morgan led the way for Lambdas with back-to-back games of 184 and 211 with Richard Johnson rolling games of 167 and 178 to add to the surge. Mohicans kept close with Basford rolling 177-195, Byron Hagler knocking down 188-187 and anchorman Tens Jones tallying counts of 165 and 211.

Mohicans, although losing all three games, made a game of it in the last contest with a truple by Perry Been and a double by Doug While to keep the overall margin to a scant 40 pins with five frames left to go in the contest. Lambdas rose to the challenge however in the last five frames with Morgan and Greg McCubbin coming up with five straight marks while Robbie Harris, Don Belcher and Johnson opened the game and beat off the Mohican charge. Belcher had the high game for Lambdas in the final with a 183 while John was close behind with a 179.

Morgan led the high game of the evening with a 211 while Jones scored best with a 200.

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The Harding College linksters, led by rookie golfer Jeff Price, played their best match of the season in a triangular meet at the Searcy Country Club.

Although placing third behind Hendrix and Central Arkansas, the Bisons are hopeful of a much improved finish in the AIC golf tournament next week. Hendrix won the match with a 277 total followed by UCA with 291, and Harding with 299.

Price sparks linksters

Jeff Price continued his role as the number one Bison golfer, matching par with a 78. John Patterson of Hendrix was the medalist with a torrid 66. In head to head competition with Patterson, Price fell behind by five 32-37 on the first nine holes but birdied the 12th, 14th, and 15th holes on the return nine to stay close.

Other outstanding golfers were Greg Dunseath of Central Arkansas with a 69, and Les White of Hendrix also with an 18 hole total of 69. Bill Fowler was the number two Bison, finishing eighth overall with a five over par 73. Mike Emerson finished with a 78, and Rick Emerson with 78.

Harding, the heavy favorite to capture top AIC honors this season, recorded one of the best, matches that a college team has ever played at the county club. The team total of 277 was three strokes below par, quite a remarkable feat.

Although finishing in last, head coach Phil Watkins felt that "we've made a lot of progress this year. We've played these teams as close as we've ever played them and I expect a good effort from our boys next week in the AIC-NAIA 17 finals."

The Bisons will play in the conference finals next week in Benton.

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By John McGee

The Bisons retained their lofty standing in the AIC baseball ratings as they kept their record unblemished by virtue of impressive 14-0 and 7-4 victories over Arkansas College in doubleheader action last week.

Vince Adams picked up his fourth win of the year in the opener against no defeat. As well as swinging an effective bat, the sophomore from St. Louis fanned 10 batters while limiting the Scots to seven hits.

After going scoreless in the first two innings, the Bisons broke out on top in the third with a pair of runs to break the 3-0 deadlock. Harding expanded its lead in the fourth as the slugging Bisons exploded for five runs. All nine reached the bases via hits with runners on the bases.

The Scots managed to individual scoring.

The Scots came back in the bottom of the inning to end their ten inning scoring drought. The Scots' Mike Hagan stroked a single then slide second base, going to third on a subsequent wild pitch. James added to the pressure on the Scots as he walked and stole second with the attempt allowing Hagan to score. Ricky Robertson rifled a single to score James Andrews while cutting the Bisons advantage to 4-2. Arkansas College edged still closer sixth inning when a double off the bat of Herbert Casey drove in their third run.

Harding dashed all hopes the Scots were harboring for a victory with a three run outburst in the top half of the seventh inning. Dirk Allison started the last inning with a single and stolen base, followed by a walk to Brown. Butch Gardner entered the game as a pitcher runner and promptly ignited a double steal with both runners safely advancing. Tony Snead was thrown out on a grounder but drove in Allison from third. Ordis Copeland ripped a base hit to score Gardner from third then scored himself moments later on a safety to Chaffin.

Having one of the better days of his career, Chaffin picked up five hits in as many attempts while drawing three walks. In addition, the senior lefthander picked up five RBI's.

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Thincleds place at Tech

The Bison thincleds continued to improve in a number of events as they participated in the annual Arkansas Tech Relays recently. Although the team was limited with the absence of standouts such as Steve Platt, Steve Celen, Mark Galeazzi and Robert Harper who were in Knoxville, Tenn., competing in the Dogwood Relays, the squad managed to make a creditable showing.

Although finishing only fourth, Joe Shepherd ran perhaps the most outstanding race for Harding with a 4:16.8 clocking in the mile run. Shepherd's time made him the third mile runner in Harding's history with a number picked up fifth places in the mile run.

Willie Williams came close to the Bison 400 dash record as he stepped off the distance in a sparkling 49.3. His effort placed him in third place and ahead of all other conference entries. Leonard White set seasonal bets with his finishes in the 100 highs and 440 intermediate hurdles.

While recorded 15.3 in the highs for fourth while posting a 56.3 clocking in the intermediates for fifth place finish.

Tim Burd finished fifth in the discus with a 134-11 effort while Darryl Bassett picked up valuable points in the long jump with a leap of 21-11, good enough for third. Other scorers in the field events were Greg Blake with a runner-up finish in the triple jump with a 46-3½ performance.

Three-miler Kent Johanson recorded a 15:06.3 to grab the fifth spot to round out the Bisons individual scoring.

All three relay quartets turned in fine performances led by the mile relay's second place finish. The quarter milers blasted in a new seasonal best of 3:34.2 to finish behind Central Arkansas's record setting unit. Harding picked up fifth places in the 440 and 880 relays with efforts of 4:30.0 and 1:31.8. The 440 timing was the best Harding has had this year.

Next Saturday the Bisons will travel to Memphis to participate in the Southernmost University Relays in final preparation for the AIC Track and Field championships to be held May 1-2 in Arkadelphia.

Although Ouachita has won the crown for the past three years, Central Arkansas appears on the verge of retiring the title for themselves for the first time in several years. Although finishing a disappointing seventh last year, Harding will enter the meet with a much improved squad.

As Coach Lloyd puts it, "we should do much better."