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The Pickwick Puppet Theatre will present "Arabian Nights" to the melodies of Rimsky-Korsakov's " Scheherazade." Tuesday, November 16 is the major auditorium.

The performance will begin at 8 p.m., sponsored by the Fine Arts Lyceum program of the Student Affairs Committee. Tickets will be sold in the Business Office beginning Wednesday, November 10, and tickets are $4 for adults, $2 for children, and only coins will be sold the night of the performance in the ticket booth of the Administration building.

The show will run approximately 95 minutes without an intermission, with the possibility of a demonstration of how the puppets are operated, according to Dr. Erie T. Moore, chairman of the Fine Arts Lyceum program.

The cast will include about 40 hand and rod puppets ranging in size from under a foot high to more than nine feet tall, and will perform on stage with "colorfully exotic settings" representing the different locations of the story. The life-size rod puppets, Scheherazade and the Sultan, will be narrating the story from the side of the stage. The characters, settings, and situations are all taken directly from the stories of the "Arabian Nights," but the plot performed by the Pickwick Puppets is original, and is performed without dialogue.

The Pickwick Puppet Theatre is widely known for its compilation of puppets and classical music in the production of classic stories. "Arabian Nights" is the most popular of the stories performed by the Theatre.
Involved student body lifeblood of campus

Harding College is certainly a unique place in many ways, and one of the more noticeable aspects of the campus is the optimistic, outgoing, get-involved type attitude of the student body. This student body, or "student association," spends hundreds of hours each week with all kinds of campus and community projects. Personal and group involvement of sick or elderly people in hospitals and nursing homes around the community, personal and group evangelism in and out of Searcy, and service projects and campus organizations are a few examples.

Last Saturday, Circle K community service organization sponsored a trash-a-thon near Searcy, with the help of social clubs and several interested individuals.

During Homecoming recently, the Nursing Club bided a blood pressure check drive for students, faculty and visitors.

Today, Sigma Sigma social club will sponsor a bike-a-thon for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, with an estimated 150 students and teachers participating.

Some are always crying "apathy, apathy," but a second look will show our student body to be energetic and involved far more than a first glance shows.

The thousands of people who make up the staffs of KHCA, the Petit Jean, the Hot Line, the Student Association and the Bison, who give from five to 40 hours each week for a part of the students' needs.

Without a doubt we have the most involved students of any institution in the state. Bust, as Christians, how could we help but get involved with life and people?

On the other end of the rope are the faculty and administration. They, miss countless hours of television and sleep, giving their extra time to work with clubs and organizations, campus and community projects and evangelism and personal work. This is one college where you can do something or be someone any time of the day or night and know you will be welcome, and that he or she will find time for you.

Active, energetic involvement with and for the people and community as you and I, that is what it is all about.

Rand Kemp

Phenomenon hard to explain.

Moore relates keen interest in UFOs

by Keith Brenton

Dr. Erle Moore, chairman of the music department, isn't worried about invasions from Mars or little green men, but he does take a look as serious an interest in the subject of UFOs — unidentified flying objects.

"It began in 1966," Moore recalls, "or perhaps as early as 1965. In 1966 I was perusing the backpapers in the old Headlee dir. of the college called 'Flying Saucers Are Real.' That is what convinced me that the phenomenon was legitimate, and stepped up my interest in it."

In three or four sightings myself, that fit into the category of UF0's, Dr. Moore says, "One starting one occurred in the daytime, when I saw a silver object in the sky, which had the ability to disappear instantly."

"In addition to that, I've seen several night sightings — lights in the sky which were not expllicable by normal standards."

"A lot of UFO's sightings, including newspaper clippings that I have, I have testified to to a small library of books written on the subject."

One of the more interesting testimonies came from a club about ten years ago, when the club and its sponsor went to see a movie in Little Rock.

"They were coming back from the movie on the old highway, approaching Cabot on a curve. Moore says, "They noticed a light in the western sky which seemed to be coming on Cabot and their path as well. It swung low over town and stopped just above the treetops."

"The girls pulled into a driveway... and stepped out, I guess it shook them up."

"This thing was authentic, whatever that may mean. It made no sound, was hovering, larger than an auto. They couldn't exactly agree on the shape of it, later, when one of the girls, at my request, wrote about it, I asked the sponsor to write down her impressions too, and it hit into it. Those stories lived in every major detail."

Moore says he hasn't drawn any conclusions from his 5-year hobby-study of the phenomenon, for lack of information. "The simplest explanation is that there are superior beings with physical ships from other parts of the galaxy... it's pretty much ruled out that they could come from sister planets in our solar system."

He agreed that distance and the time factor in traveling was difficult to explain. "They may be beings to whom a hundred or two hundred year journey would not be a thing to be shunned. And the speed of light, as many physicists are discovering, may not be the ultimate."

"From that explanation on, it boggles the mind. If it is a 'spiritual' phenomenon, perhaps explaining why people see ghosts and why UFOs often seem to disappear — it may simply be that an interdimensional existence penetrates our own universe, maybe vibrating at a different rate... and these beings can change their rate."

The phenomenon's possibilities do not disturb Dr. Moore's fundamental belief in the Bible. "In fact," he admits, "I think the Bible leaves room for the phenomenon in it. There are lots of unsolved questions, like the 'giants' of Genesis 6 and angels, and Ezekiel's visions. What are they?"

Perhaps it doesn't matter, he feels. "The Bible was written for one purpose, Christ came to the world for one purpose: to seek and save the lost. Not to educate us scientifically."

Moore cashes in his hickory nuts

by Doug Henneman

An American legend has died. After 36 years of faithful service in the wilds of America, Smokey the Bear has been invited to edible "Tree Barks," for that great hunting season.

A mourning America turned their weary eyes from the chaos of national problems and turned to the open spaces of New Mexico where he was snatched from a blazing forest fire many years ago.

America remembered him as one who hunted to keep forests safe, and hoped that his ideals, or something close, would remain to remind us of his noble character.

Well, the Fifth Column is now a reality, largely due to Smokey's work. In his memory we offer a taped interview with Smokey when he was just beginning to shine. We provide here a complete transcript of that interview:

Fifth Column: Mr. Bear, you could describe the present state of American forestry in

Smokey: Bibbiddittttttttttt.

Fifth Column: Rather cold, huh? Some areas in the West might have been a little warmer. Do you remember what the ranger said when they first rescued you from the blazing fire?

Smokey: Grorrrooo... oswwwwwwwwwwwwwww.

Fifth Column: Ow? You don't mean to say that you, to quote a phrase, "hit the bot in the face with a rock," well, I guess you were under a great deal of psychological stress. I see it has had a certain effect on your speech habits. Tell me, when were you first encouraged to carry out the public relations design for the U.S. Forest Service?

Smokey: Ummm, we are always on alert for new ways to cope with illness, and includes working with all kinds of folks, men, women — as well as traditional, open to women, and includes discussions on handling sexism, assessing favorable working climates, and starting a business.

New ways to cope with illness, in addition to the latest in information on nutrition, family planning, mental and physical fitness, and the care of infants, are provided in the section on "Taking Good Care of Yourself." While yet another part deals with a personal relationship open to women today, from living in the woods to coping with life as a single parent.

Fifth Column: Options J" the final section, features discussions on such professional resources for women as assertiveness training, financial management, continuing education, and retirement.

Dean of Continuing Education at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, Rosalind Hering developed one of the United States' first women's studies programs.

She coauthored Breakthrough: Women's Rights and Women's Studies programs.

Smokey: Who's going to take care of us now that Smokey's gone?"
Another Harding Day?

Dr. Robert Kelly, assistant professor of business education and secretarial science, pumps gas at The Pantry market and station for Harding Day. Kelly was one of several professors who volunteered their work there Monday. All profits for the day were donated to Harding’s building fund.

Four represent Petit Jean, Bison at Chicago convention

Two members representing the Petit Jean and two representing the Bison traveled to Chicago for the third annual NCCPA-ACP convention held there last weekend.

Kim Moss, editor of the Petit Jean and Tom Buterbaugh, associate editor, Randy Kemp, Bison editor and Peggy Kemp, associate editor, attended the three-day national Associated Collegiate Press workshop conducted in the Palmer House hotel.

The convention included seminars, lectures, question-and-answer periods and critique sessions headed by sponsors of colleges and universities and staff members of some major national newspapers.

Some of the sessions included yearbook, newspaper and magazine short-courses, writing, editing, photography and design sessions. All-American rated newspapers and yearbooks were also displayed.

Information Day for all students (cont’d, from page 1)

Attempts by government agencies to provide students with information and brochures which can be of help in formulating career goals. The representatives will also be providing information about summer employment with various agencies.

“Harding students are fortunate to have this opportunity to talk with representatives from so many different agencies,” said David Crouch, director of placement at Harding. “Most agencies hire graduates from all college majors, therefore every student should avail himself of the opportunity to explore the possibilities of job placement with federal and local government.”

“Government Career Information Day is for all students, not just seniors. The national job market is such that college students at all levels should be investigating all options available for employment,” Crouch said.

Further details about Government Career Information Day may be obtained at the Placement Office.

S.A.’s aid asked for holiday season (cont’d, from page 1)

and social affairs chairman Suzie Carey asked for S.A. cooperation and leadership for an exceptional Christmas season on the campus, including building decorations, Christmas music through the campus public address system, and a Toy and Dolly Drive in conjunction with the party. The tentative date for the party is Saturday, Dec. 4.

“Scrooge” has been selected as the dead week feature to be shown Dec. 3, according to Rob Freels, Movie Affairs chairman.

Organ presents ‘Hard Times’

Dr. Dennis Organ, assistant professor of English, presented his paper recently at the South Central Modern Language Association meeting in Dallas.

Organ’s paper, “Compression and Explosion: Pattern in ‘Hard Times’” may be part of a session in 19th-century British literature.

Organ also read a paper, “Faulkner’s and Organized Religion,” on October 2 at the Region IV meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature in Nacogdoches, Tex.

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**Media specialist plans television evangelism**

Alumnus returns as studio director

by Wayne Robertson

When Louis Butterfield enrolled as a freshman at Harding in the fall of 1966, he thought never occurred to him that one day he would be the director of Harding's own TV studio. For one reason, Harding didn't even have one then.

Butterfield served his four years at Harding, earning his B.A. in Bible and minoring in music. After his graduation in 1969, he put his education to use by teaching in Arkansas and Indiana. It was during that time that Butterfield began plans for a TV studio to be used by the Bible department's Christian Communication Program. The bulk of the planning was done by Dr. Joseph Hacker, now President of LaBock Christian College and Dr. Jerry Jones, now Bible department chairman.

While Butterfield went on, after obtaining the title of media specialist, the work toward the studio continued. In 1974, a majority of instruction in systems technology, the TV studio was opened in 1974 by the EUBANKS AGENCY.

When it was opened, it was run by a member of the Harding staff, David Hurd, videocasting CCP students, lecturers, and serving other departmental needs.

In 1974 Clifton Gannas, Jr., president of the college, contacted Butterfield, asking him to return as the director of the TV studio and develop its use. Lacking only his dissertation, he interrupted his doctoral work and turned down a like opportunity at Indiana University and came to Harding to assume the position.

The studio itself is located in room 112 of the Bible Building, complete with special lighting, stage, set and control room. Three cameras, monitors, and still adding. The studio is capable of producing anything from cable TV to quality color programs in videotaping football games.

His first goal for the studio is to produce a 100-tape library of 30-minute adult religious programs.

**Federal summer jobs filing deadlines set**

Filing deadlines for 1977 summer jobs with federal agencies were announced recently by the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

Those who file by Dec. 9, 1976, will be tested in January and those filing by Jan. 13 will be tested in February. No test applications postmarked after Jan. 13 will be accepted, the Commission states.

Announcement No. 414, Summer Jobs in Federal Agencies, contains complete instructions for filing. It may be obtained from the Federal Job Information Center, most College Placement Offices, or from the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D.C. 20415.

The Commission urges students to file early for the test to enhance their chances for employment. Each summer about 10,000 positions are filled from a pool of more than 100,000 candidates who qualify in the test. The majority of the jobs filled are clerical, but some are aides in engineering and science occupations.

The Commission will not automatically send forms to those who qualified in 1976. Applicants must update their applications by submitting a form enclosed in the summer employment announcement by January 13, 1977. Applicants who qualified for summer employment in 1976 are not required to retake the written test, but they may if they wish to.

Beginning with the summer 1977 employment program, a summer employee selected from the previous summer employment examination may be reappointed in the same agency without reapplying for a position.

The presence of photographer Mike Paterson sparked a moment of clowning around for these students at open house in the women's dorms Tuesday night. Above, from left, are junior Jamie Bailes, senior Keith Gunterwald, freshman Rheda Adams and Academy senior Anthony Effendi.

These would be used by churches all over to air on their local cable TV stations. "I feel we can have a greater impact on the world for Christ by producing these programs to be seen by thousands than by preaching to one or two hundred," Butterfield says.

After that is accomplished he plans to produce a series of "Sesame Street"-type Bible programs.

Each of the programs would be put under the oversight of an elder/ship such as that of the College or Downtown congregations.

Although Harding's TV studio is still considered in its infancy, it may not be in that state long. Under the qualified directorship of Lou Butterfield, along with his excitement for the future, "the world will soon find Harding a major player in television evangelism."
List of fall student teachers announced by Dr. Sewell

Dr. E. G. Sewell, chairman of the education department, has released the list of student teachers for the fall semester. Teachers at McRae Elementary are Cynthia Alsabrook, Greg Baker, Chris Brewer, Leah Formby, Steve Herrington, Melinda Howell, Dr. John Howell, Diana K. Kelly, Tamara D. Long and Sheila Simpson.

Those teaching at Sidney Decen Elementary this fall are Yulon Bastinger, Beverly Bucy, Susan Campos, Casey Carey, Gayle Caley, Coleen Clark, Ruth Ann Corbin, Kimberly Curtis, Kristy DeWitt, Charli Elliott, Lyle Ensminger, Sankey Ky kendall, Margaret McKay, Mickey Ponders, Ann Tabor, Sue Ellen Verner and Carolyn Watts. Harding Elementary Teachers are Jane Graves, Julie Grubmyer and Iva Lenderman.

Angela Robertson is doing her student teaching at McDermott Elementary in Little Rock.

Griffithville Public School is using Deborah Thompson. Joy Lynn Brown, Susan Krumri, Rachel Olbright and John Searcy are teaching at Augusta School System.

Heritage night desk work 'uneventful'

by Doug Hemmens

Wanted: Late-nighter to fill dull, boring job. Little or no equipment. Apply Heritage Desk.

That's the way a "help wanted" ad would probably read for a night desk writer at the American Heritage Center. Jay Lemmons, a senior Bible major, and Steve Leavell, a senior journalism major, both applied for the job, but neither of them, "rather uneventful," and "not the most exciting job in the world."

Both had a different aspect. Leavell, who works the desk from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Friday night and from 10 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. on Saturday night, said it was an opportunity to read and study. Lemmons, who works the desk from midnight to 7 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday nights, wished "someone more into the fray," a job that "keeps you on your toes," and "one that I'd have to be in shape for, the job has a physical side."

Leavell said if he wasn't working the desk, he'd be in the library reading. Both men said they had the right kind of personality for the job, and enjoyed the nature of it.

In addition to handling the familiar extension 230 information number, they are in charge of operating the 10 to 12 off-campus lines, the six on-campus or service lines, a doctor's answering service that operates from Mayfair Hotel during the day, a one-way radio pager for those doctors in case of emergencies and the security guards' CB radio base station.

"Most of the usual happens to him via the security guards, who use the desk as a headquarters and also for a 1:30 a.m. coffee break."

There was the time an upset wife called security at 1 a.m. reporting her husband had run from the house. The phone was traced to Ludwig, and Leavell found that the wife had probably been wrong in thinking her husband had a problem.

Leavell and the guards figured the couple had fought and he had stayed away to cool off and study.

There was the time someone's horn got stuck and blew for almost an hour. And the time a drunk driver ran off the road on Park Avenue.

Both Lemmons and Leavell said a lot of the calls for security come from girls living in college-owned houses. They call in reporting "strange sounds" upstairs boards and so forth.

Leavell said some call changes to the job. Leavell noted the time he complained to the switchboard operator that he had never received any foreign calls. No sooner had the operator gotten off when Leavell received a call from Australia. Assuming it was a prank from the operator, he was almost hung up but luckily the phone was answered.

A Japanese operator called Lemmons seeking one of the foreign students. He couldn't understand her, so she began spelling the name of the student, using a word that began with the particular letter she had difficulty pronouncing. Lemmons never learned what this word was, so he dictated it to his friends. They located the student in the Admisions office and gave the foreign students are.

There aren't a lot of visitors to the desk — mostly guys needing change for a Coke. However, a parcel service does stop about 4 a.m. on the way from attempts to pick up the S.A. films.

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Student at Pangburn High School is Donna Turner. The Sunshine School is using student teacher Debbie Bryant. The Harding Academy in Searcy is using Steve Ricker, Gordon Smith, Sammy Stewart and Velda Jane Swain.

Student teaching at the Harding Junior High School in Memphis are Dixie Smith, Robert Anderson and Susan Amy Myers.

The Cabot School is using student teachers Nancy Blackwell and Sharon Ellis.

The Beebe Public School is using several student teachers. They are Natalie Dooley, David Ensminger and Raymond Hanks.

Teaching at Landmark Elementary in Little Rock is Dee Ann McClain.

At Bald Knob Junior and High Schools are Charles Gann and Handy Miller.

The Searcy Middle, Junior and High Schools are using several student teachers, including Esther Henson, Darrell Mount, Barbara Myslawiec, Cynthia Alsabrook, Thelma O'Keefe, Brenda Paul and Mona Prewitt.

Two dumptruck loads of litter were picked up Saturday in a trash-a-thon sponsored by Circle K, with the help of some members of Theta Psi and Alpha Tau social clubs. One purpose of the trash-a-thon was to "develop campus and community awareness of the hug amount of litter people throw out of their cars," according to Coach Arnold Pyftaks, sponsor for Circle K. About 25 people participated on a two-mile stretch between Race Avenue and Highway 307. The two trucks were furnished by the Arkansas Highway Department.

Rounding out the top ten were:

1. Doug Hemmens
2. Ron Neary
3. John Nyren
4. Bob O'Neill
5. John O'Neill
6. Jim O'Neill
7. John O'Neill
8. John O'Neill
9. John O'Neill
10. John O'Neill
Bisons grab sixth straight AIC title

by Jim Warren

Led by the brother combination of Matt and Marshall Grate, the Harding College cross-country team coasted to its sixth consecutive AIC championship at Magnolia last Friday.

The Bison harriers scored a team low of 38 points to easily outdistance nine other AIC competitors. In cross-country scoring, Magnolia team up with Southern Arkansas - 142, Monticello- 143, Hendrix - 166, University of Arkansas at Arkansas Tech - 268 and Arkansas College - 282.

Individually for the Bisons, freshman Matt Grate finished second against AIC competition over the four-mile course with a time of 19:01. Junior Marshall Grate finished fourth in 19:19 and senior Mark Galeazzi finished sixth in 19:19. All three captured all-conference honors.


The meet was run concurrently with the District 17 NAIA Championship with non-conference opponents University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and John Brown University also competing.

Under the district scoring system, the Bison harriers also captured top honors by a margin of 37 points over their nearest competitor in Ouachita.

Individual medalist for both District 17 and the AIC was Mark Sergovis of UCA with Willie Coleman of UAPB finishing second ahead of Matt Grate in District 17 competition.

The meet was cast into confusion because a number of teams, including the Bisons, had expected the course to be five miles instead of four and had not previewed it prior to running.

As a result, a number of runners were running a slower five-mile pace while others were running a four-mile pace.

"I think there is a good chance both Matt and Marshall have finished beating Coleman had they known the race was only four miles," said Ted Lloyd.

The Harding harriers in-conspicuously snuck away from campus last weekend and for the sixth straight time did exactly what was expected of them. Like a precision machine, the Bison harriers marched to Magnolia and continued their phenomenal dominance of AIC and District 17 cross country by ousting all comers for the 12th time in 14 years.

Because of success it becomes easy to take the cross country team for granted and count out all-sports points before they are hatched. But behind success lies a hard working team which operates in relative obscurity in respect to the rest of the campus.

Team members can be seen scampering about Searcy around 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, logging in their 10 miles — but only if one watches carefully and looks quickly.

A good crowd at a cross country meet is sometimes only 30 people counting the coaches. It takes a unique crew of athletes to perform with so much dedication and so little outside encouragement.

A Grate, Grate Year. And this crew has been unique among the unique, led by the first brother combination the Bison harriers have ever had, Matt and Marshall Grate of Waterloo, Ind.

Marshall, a junior, was the individual medalist in the 1975 AIC championship and was expected to lead the team again this year.

Matt, a freshman, upended him however and was number one in this year’s championships.

Team Depth. The team suffered a serious blow when all-conference performer (second on last year’s team) Kent Johnson was slowed by a bout with mononucleosis. Freshmen came to the rescue again however as Cliff Betts filled the void in the top fifteen.

This depth is perhaps the deepest and most talented group of harriers in Harding College history. Certainly no team has shown so much potential since the mid-sixties says head coach Ted Lloyd.

And being a young team, the future looks bright for many all-sports points to come.

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Bison Bowlers aim at 12th title

The Bison bowling team is cracking up for a bid at its 12th AIC title and its 13th straight NAIA District 17 and Area 4 title, using "more of a team effort," in 1976 according to coach Ed Burt.

"You take a Pearl Watzon off, and it makes a difference," he said, referring to last year's two-time AIC champion and a member of the 1975 national doubles championship team.

"But," he continued, "we have a stronger team than last year. I'm pretty happy. We have five, possibly six (members) who could make it (individual high scorer) any given day."

Last weekend Harding lost by four pins to Southwest Baptist from Springfield, Mo. in an invitational meet held at the Bison lanes. Southwest Baptist had a total six-game pinfall of 5890, followed by Harding at 5860.

Harding's second team placed third with 5124, ahead of UCA with 5023, Southwest's second team at 4702, Ouachita Baptist with 4603 and the UCA second team at 4602.

Senior Charlie Howell, junior Bryan Davis and sophomore Mark Cramer took three of the top five positions with respective pinfalls of 1105, 1105 and 1108.

Davis and 1976 AIC Kevin Fisher (junior) are three-year veterans. Howell, a two-year man, is joined by two other seniors, Rick Work and 1976 All-AIC Tim Baur. Work and Baur are also two-year lettermen as is sophomore Mark Cramer.

New teammates are juniors Danny Petrillo, Brent Wilson and Danny Gaylock and sophomore Ron Wheeler.

Burt noted that the AIC teams Harding defeated in the tournament were the potential contenders for the title this year. The qualifiers will travel to Arkansas College Dec. 11 for another match against OU, UCA, Arkansas College and Southwest Baptist.

Burt plans on taking the team again to the Associated College Union International tournament in Ft. Worth, Texas, near the first of February. Harding competed last year. The tournament last year.

Burt was hesitant about making any predictions for the national tournament. The NAIA divides the United States into eight areas, and so there is little chance a team would know its opponents before it got to the tournament. Burt recognized only "two or three teams last year that had been there before."

"You stub your toe up there and already somebody's ready to walk over you," he said.

The Bisons have been practicing every day since the second week in October, but the team will begin in earnest right after Christmas break, according to Burt. The bowlers usually bowl three games a day.

Burt, who formerly managed the lanes in Batesville and is in his ninth year of coaching at Harding, determines his first two teams by averaging games before invitational tournaments. In AIC tournaments, however, everyone bowls but he takes the top five in a series to determine the teams. Averages are taken from scratch, which means no handicap is figured in the point total.
Turnovers continue to plague Harding

SAU stuns Bisons as herd title hopes grow dim

by Jim Warren

Inspired by key Bison turnovers, South Arkansas University put together a methodical offense and a staunch defense to stun Harding 2-4 at Magnolia Saturday and dim Bison AIC title hopes. Harding came into the game needing a win to tie with Central Arkansas (4-0) for the league lead. The Bison stopped them short of the second place Herm­ders 3-1. The Bisons are 5-4 overall.

Harding, leading the AIC in team offense with 345 yards a game, saw two scoring opportunities go by on the board in the first quarter as kicker David Eskridge missed a field goal attempt and fumbles.

The second miscue, SAU put together a 10 play 89-yard drive which saw the Muleriders run the ball nine times and pick up six first downs. Running back James Meadors capped the drive with a two-yard plunge with 13:45 left in the first half. The PAT was good giving SAU its first lead.

On SAU’s next possession Meadors broke a 34-yard yard line, giving the Bisons another chance to score. On the ensuing play, however, quarterback Jeff Smith was stripped of the ball and SAU recovered.

The Muleriders then marched to the Bison five yard line where they had first and goal. From there the Harding defense came alive, halting SAU on four straight running plays to regain possession.

On third and one from the Bison ten yard line, Jeff Smith fumbled again giving SAU another first and goal. Once again the Harding defense held and Terry Cunningham booted a 27-yard field goal attempt to make it 10-4. Following the kickoff, the Bisons saw another scoring opportunity garner nothing. Starting from their own 35 yard line, the Bisons put together a 48-yard drive behind the passing of Jeff Smith who ended on a John Orr fumble at the SAU seven yard line.

The second half saw SAU quarterback Steve White fumble to the Bisons on the second play from scrimmage at the SAU 30 yard line.

The Bisons then marched to the Muleriders 10 yard line only to have fullback Allen Grieb fumble. Grieb was playing with two broken bones in a band. With 14:50 left in the game, Meadors broke away on a 59-yard touchdown scamper to increase the SAU lead to 17-0.

The final SAU score came on a one-yard run by Don Hawkins with 9:46 left capping a 48-yard drive.

"We just didn’t play a good football game," said Bison head mentor John Prock in retrospect.

"We were the top dog and everyone is out to knock off the top dog," he said, "they were inspired.”

"We had our opportunities," Prock continued. "We couldn’t capitalize on those two field goals and we also lost two scoring opportunities with fumbles.

"Then our defense just couldn’t hold their offense. They were able to get drives going that consumed the clock," he concluded.

For the game, Southern Arkansas netted 347 yards rushing led by Meadors who picked up 153 yards on 14 carries. White gained 81 yards on 28 carries while Hawkins added 82 yards in 28 attempts.

Fullback Allen Grieb led the Bisons in rushing with 40 yards on 14 carries.

Tailback Joe David Smith, who was leading the conference in rushing with 826 yards, could manage only 14 yards on 10 carries, as the Muleriders keyed on him most of the day.

One bright spot in the game for Harding was the passing of Jeff Smith, completing 13 passes in 23 attempts for 152 yards.

Smith is currently leading the AIC in total offense with over 1,000 yards and is expected to break former Bison great Alan (Snake) Danz’s record for most total yards in a season of 1,406.

The win for SAU pushes their season mark to 5-3 and 2-2 in conference play.

John Paul Orr (sophomore) heads upfield on a kickoff return against SAU.

Bisons wary of UAM talent

The Harding Bisons will be taking nothing for granted when they travel to Monticello to battle the young but talented UA-Monticello Weevils tomorrow night.

Despite a meager 2-6 record and several lackluster performances, Bison coach John Prock feels UAM is capable of beating any team in the conference.

“They’ve got a good football team,” he said, “They are capable of beating Henderson or anyone else in the AIC.”

Last week the Weevils dropped a 29-0 decision to Henderson, but prior to that they registered an impressive 27-7 victory over Arkansas Tech.

“We actually saw them play three times this year,” continued Prock, “and I’ve seen them play all-Americans on one week and then play like we did the week before.”

The Weevils were hard hit by graduation last year, losing 28 lettermen, but boast a talented backfield featuring quarterback Robbie Jones, tailback Terry Alexander and slot back Eddie Denton.

“They’re a basic option ball club and that Jones boy is a good quarterback who can throw,” Prock said.

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