A committee of students, cafeteria managers and college administration is being formed by the S.A., to meet regularly and discuss grievances and make suggestions concerning the cafeteria services.

The following reports deal with activities of committees appointed by the S.A. after the cheerleaders revealed that many of their activities were paid for out of their own pockets.

In addition to the $1,500 allotted by the school for travel and uniforms, the council will budget $50 per year for "paint, paper, and other decorative materials used in advertising the Bison sports activities," according to recommendations passed by the council on Nov. 29.

The committee also suggested that each cheerleader be given a $50 scholarship each year, and that the Bison Booster provide $150 each year for use in "activities designed to boost spirit and morale among participants in Bison sports activities." The S.A. executive council agreed to lend their names and, if necessary, financial resources to the committee of students, cafeteria managers and college administration.

A chapel committee last week sent to Dr. Ganus and Dr. Pryor suggestions recommended by the Student Association Executive Council which was prompted by a student's charge of "the worst of the present meal ticket system; college's daily meal ticket was a misnomer and said it was the result of a few specific complaints by students of the food quality and the meal ticket systems.

To meet the need for funds for travel, uniforms, the council decided to adopt a $1,200 Senate fund at $4 for each student, with the result that each individual student would contribute $10 for additional travel and $5 for travel and uniforms.

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The committee is the result of a month-long investigation by a special committee established by the Student Association Executive Council which was prompted by a student's charge that "the high standards of the college are not reflected in the food services."

The committee is composed of two to three students from each cafeteria, cafeteria managers Dadie Warren from Patti Cobb and William Curry of American Heritage and Lott Tucker, vice-president in charge of finance. 

Susan Brady, junior women's representative and head of the special investigating committee, said the liaison group had possibly met together once a month and that each individual cafeteria group would meet once each week.

Miss Brady said a major concern of the investigating committee had been the cafeteria's profit margin. They investigated, however, that price changes could only be effected by the Board of Directors, according to Tucker.

The committee also investigated the use of partial meal tickets based on a study on the program at Abilene Christian University which has been in use for many years. Tickets would be issued on a 10, 15 and 30 meal program and would be determined by fixed set prices on each food item.

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Improvements sought for cafeteria service

For all of you who sometimes feel you're being ripped off when you pay for a whole meal ticket and then only use half of it, or if you wonder why the food to be a lower quality than it should be, help may be on the way.

Upon this complaint by a student at a recent Student Association meeting, the S.A. Executive Committee acted by forming a special committee to investigate the charges made, talking with cafeteria managers and Lott Tucker, who determines and oversees the budget framework for the cafeterias.

These problems are especially valid because the cafeterias, like the Bookstore and College Inn, operate on a profit basis. Although the profit margin is probably not large, the exact figures have not been disclosed by Mr. Tucker, but he did say that the Board of Directors would have to approve giving out this information. Any price changes would also have to be approved and effected by the Board.

On the quality of the food, there is obviously no way the cooks can prepare three gourmet meals a day when they are cooking for almost 2,000 people at a time, however, the students determine what the lowest quality the situation allows, and I hope we can see some improvements.

I especially hope that some form of partial meal tickets can be introduced here. Abilene Christian University has successfully used such a program for many years. This would especially help the program of students living in apartments on campus, as well as many who live in the dorms.

I hope that this issue will be the pet project of the Student Council, and that we can work with the administration to bring about some improvement.

The administration, I believe, wants to be as fair to us as they can, and that we can work with the administration to bring about some improvement. After all, what would Harding College be if it were any other way?

Randy Kemp

Senator Walmsley praises Harding's athletic program

Dear President Gossus:

It was a distinct honor for me to have the pleasure of presenting to the Legislative Council the enclosed Interim Resolution 75-66, commemorating Harding College and the students of Harding College for the outstanding athletic program maintained at the College throughout the years, and to especially note that the Harding College Football Team, during the 1976 football season, tied for the A.I.C. Football Championship, and that administration was submitted to the Legislative Council by me on Tuesday, November 23 and was unanimously adopted by the Council.

Again, may I extend my congratulations to the Football Team and the Student Body of Harding College for their outstanding efforts which led not only to the accomplishments of this year, but also the outstanding record of accomplishments during the past years.

Very truly yours,

Senator Bill Walmsley

Interim Resolution 75-66

COMMENDING HARDING COLLEGE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC PROGRAM AND EXPRESSING THE EXACT PRECISION TO THE STUDENTS AT HARDING FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Harding College has throughout the years maintained an outstanding athletic program designed to instill in students a keen sense of competitiveness, sportsmanship and fair play; and

WHEREAS, a sense of competitiveness and fair play is an essential in the proper growth and development of the intellectual capacity of students who are essential in the field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the outstanding athletic program of Harding College, and the unusual athletic ability and the admirable sportsmanship displayed by the members of the Harding College football team during the 1975-76 football season, the teams tied for the 1975 A.I.C. Football championship and since the Harding team defeated the University of Central Arkansas in the A.I.C. Championship game; and

WHEREAS, Harding College is deserving of public acclaim and commendation for its outstanding athletic program, and the Harding football team has been praised by Harding students who participate in and who support the very successful athletic program at Harding College, should be given public recognition for their part in making the athletic program a success, therefore, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

The Legislative Council and the individual members of the Council hereby commend Harding College and the students of Harding College for the outstanding athletic program maintained at the College throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill R. Walmsley
Senator, District 22

Filed: November 22, 1976

by Steve Leavel

From the Fifth Column

Dear Fifth Column:

What I’d like to know is, where do you get all those great ideas for columns? The wellspring of creativity evidenced by the skillful selection and execution of essays on such a diverse spectrum of subjects points to a creative imagination of the highest order.

I sure wish I could write real good like that.

William F. Buckley

Dear Fifth Column:

I’ve had some experience in the column writing game myself. And as much as I’d like to make it seem as if were, I’d just like to ask if you have any good material that didn’t quite measure up to your high standards that I might be permitted to borrow.

Jack Anderson

Dear Fifth Column,

You should be ashamed of yourself! Just because you can’t make a column go for a column right away, there is no excuse for making such obviously phoney letters. You should just admit you never get any material.

William F. Buckley and Jack Anderson

We wrote those last two letters as I wrote this one.

Art Buchwald

Fifth Column - Column reveals mailbag's comments

Guest opinion policy

The BISON encourages letters to the editor, essays, book, movie, and record reviews, guest opinions and relevant comments dealing with campus, city, state or national issues.

Letters should be submitted by noon Tuesday to the editor’s office or noon Monday to box 1192, campus mail, and should be typed (double-spaced). We reserve the right to edit the length of letters or other material to meet space requirements. All letters must be signed; however, the name will be withheld upon request of the editor.

We cannot accept material that is libelous, or which is intended to be a personal attack on individuals or organizations. Criticism or accusations must be valid and factual, and must be in good taste.

Sincerely,

The Editor

Feedback

Concerned student focuses comments on chapel program

Out the many facets of Harding which directly or indirectly influence our lives, let us focus on one facet in particular — chapel.

Ideally, the student body meets together daily as an act of devotion. It is frequently very difficult to change one’s frame of mind that day, and to a song and “let us pray.”

Certain aspects of the jumble are inevitable. Granted, it is the only available time for announcements to get to the students yet it seems we often “miss the forest for the trees.” Would it not be possible to put announcements at designated areas on campus? It would allow interested students to make announcements for themselves, which many do now even because they can’t hear them being read.

May I also ask what is the intended educational impetus of chapel programs specifically? Is it more than just a catch-all for whoever happens to be in town lecturing for a seminar? There are many Harding professors who would jump at the chance to make a presentation. One in particular that comes to mind is the Dr. Wyatt Jones. Recently in class, he mentioned to passing his desire to speak in chapel. It is a sad comment that the best are often bypassed. I feel state or national many teachers who could give us the attention that sparks that chapel programs originally were meant to give.

Hopefully this article will serve as a catalyst for constructive thought and remarks in regard to chapel.”
Belles and Beaux schedules spring tours

The Belles and Beaux will audition for a chance to go on U.S.O. tours in late January, according to Dr. Clifford Gans. A director of the group. "Competition will be tough," Gans explained. "U.S.O. is primarily looking for disco, rock, or country groups, none of which fits with the 'soft rock and easy listening' style of the Belles and Beaux," Gans explained.

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An economist looks at America in 1776

Used by permission of Dr. Don Othrine, from The Entrepreneur, Oct. 1976.

The comfort most Americans enjoy today might make life in 1776 seem like hardship. Yet closer study shows that the colonists generally were prosperous and contented people--turning America into one of the "land of opportunity." Tour 1776, there were only 2.5 million Americans--excluding Indians--about the population of the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area today.

We were a different kind of people in 1776. Nearly half the citizens were 15 or younger. Most people farmed the land for a living. Life was rigorous and tough. Work was a monkey to sun-down regimen six days a week. Little wonder that the average male would look forward to only 30 years of life, compared with almost 70 years today. For those that wanted it, there were two companies that sold life insurance; there are about 1,800 now. Today's emancipated women would be horrified by the status of women in Revolutionary times. An eligible young maiden belonged to her father until she was wed. Then she became the chattel of her spouse, who was legally entitled to beat her if she disobeyed him. The average household was twice the size of today's.

Here are some other often­ forgotten aspects of life 200 years ago:

Inflation. It was rampant during the war. By 1780 paper money authorised by the Continental Congress was practically worthless and was replaced by a new currency at an exchange rate of 40 to 1. Hence the expression "not worth a continental."

Price and wage controls. The ceiling price on turkeys was 5 cents a pound, on milk 9 cents a quart, on eggs 1.6 cents. Lodging at local taverns was free. Two examples of typical wages were a maximum of 75 cents a day for carpenters, 42 cents a day for tailors. Barbers were prohibited from charging more than 3.5 cents a shave. Top pay for a soldier or sailor was $1 a month.

Education. Only one in 1,000 had completed college in 1776, compared with one in 11 today.

The economy. Average yearly income per person was $634 in 1776. That's double the average yearly income in some Third World countries today! It's about $5,800 now. And the gross national product (the value of all goods and services produced) came to 1.6 billion dollars 200 years ago, a tiny drop in the bucket compared with today's 1.6 trillion.

One aspect of daily living wasn't any changeable in these days. It cost 16 cents to mail a letter, but that was roughly a penny only within a radius of 100 miles. The fee rose to a maximum of 25 cents for a letter going 450 miles or more.

Dean announces Jan. 18 meeting for R.A. prospects

There will be an orientation and selection meeting Jan. 18 for students who would like to serve as resident assistants in the men's dorms during the 1977-78 school year. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint all prospective resident assistants with the job responsibilities, application and selection process, qualifications and benefits, according to Eddie R. Campbell, dean of men.

All men who are considering the job must attend meeting, including those who are presently serving in R.A.'s, he said.

The meeting, which is scheduled for 6 p.m., will include the process of selection that will be involved and announced by March 1.

"The resident assistants are a very important front line factor in our housing system," Campbell commented. "I am proud of the quality of young men who serve in this respect and am amazed over the fact that through the years they continue to improve." Qualifications for men and women R.A.'s include that they maintain at least a 2.5 GPA, be a junior or senior, and meet certain personal, social and emotional characteristics.

The library? What's that??!

Junior Sylvia Pectol begins an afternoon of part-time work in the library, which has become a familiar place to many students lately who have been doing last-minute research for their term papers or spending extra time studying for final exams, which begin tomorrow.

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Everyone has probably entered a contest sometime hoping to be the owner of a new car, a color TV, a C.B. radio or maybe even a pizza. But how many of us ever really have our names drawn?

And that's what freshman Rhonda Wallace thought when she just happened to be in Magnolia, Ark., for the Bison football game. While at Colonel Sanders', she noticed the contest and decided to enter. She thought no more about her entry.

According to Rhonda, she had never won much of anything in her life, so she did not think that there was much chance her luck would change. The drawing, sponsored by the Magnolia radio station, was offering a $2,000 Campbell electric organ as the prize.

Wednesday, November 24, Rhonda received a phone call from the Magnolia disc jockey informing her that she had won. Thus a brand new $2,000 Campbell organ was delivered to Rhonda's home in Star City, Ark.

The only problem now is that no one in the Wallace family can play the organ.

When asked what she will do with the organ, Rhonda said "At first I thought about selling it, but when I saw it, I liked it — so now I think I'll learn to play it."

It only goes to show that there really are winners to those contests. So keep entering them and don't be too skeptical. Who knows what the future of random drawings has in store for you!

S.A. ends year with party

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of 4,000, if everyone gave 25 cents the goal could easily be reached.

The effort helps to send orphan children to Camp Wydewood for one session.

A slide presentation will be made in chapel a week prior to the game and on Feb. 1, queen nominees will be presented.

Harding plays UCA at home, beginning at 7:30. In other business, final plans were set for tomorrow night's Christmas party. Beginning at 6, there will be Christmas caroling around the Lily Pool. At 7, the party will move inside the Main Auditorium to hear Santa Claus read the letters-to-Santa and for a concert by December graduate Kathy Curtis and her band. At 8:30 the movie "Scrooge" will be shown free. Doughnuts and hot chocolate will be served in Patti Cobb.

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Couples announce approaching weddings

Miss Prince—Mr. Wrye
Miss Prince, Mr. Wrye
Mr. and Mrs. George T. Prince of Salinas, Calif., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Joyce Elizabeth Prince, to Jon Mark Wrye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Wrye of Ruidoso, N.M. Miss Prince is a junior elementary education major and a member of Shanti social club. Mr. Wrye, a junior majoring in music, is the secretary of TNT social club and works part-time for KWCK-RSR radio in Searcy.

Miss Blackwell—Mr. Wheeler
Miss Blackwell and Mr. Wheeler
Nancy Blackwell to Douglas Wheeler have announced the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Sue, to Keith Gregory Medford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Medford of Houston, Texas. Miss Blackwell graduated from Cameron High School in Shreveport, La., is currently enrolled in the Christian Communications Program here. He is a junior majoring in music education. The prospective groom, a 1975 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, is currently enrolled in the Harding School of Music. The engagement and forthcoming wedding are announced by the couple. They have been married at the Church of Christ in Oxnard.

Miss Blank—Mr. Medford
Miss Blank and Mr. Medford
Pamela Blank and Mr. Homer H. Blank of Norman, Okla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Blank, to Douglas Wheeler. The couple plans to return to Harding in the spring school, and the wedding will be exchanged at 2 p.m. in the recording studio in the music building.

Miss West—Mr. Cameron
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All friends are invited to attend the wedding at the Church of Christ in Salinas, Ca., Dec. 30. The couple will reside at 609 N. Locust St. and plan to move to South Dakota to do mission work upon Mr. Wheeler’s graduation from the OCP next August. They invite their friends to attend the wedding next Saturday. The wedding date has been set for Dec. 18.

Miss Wallace
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George H. Wallace of Ruidoso, N.M., announces the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Prince, to Mark Wrye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith of Calhoun, Ga. Miss Wallace graduated from Whitis High School in Star City, and is a member of Shantih social club. Mr. Wrye is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wrye of Ruidoso, N.M. The engagement and forthcoming wedding are announced by the couple. They have been married at the Church of Christ in Oxnard.

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Congratulations to the Harding Bisons and the Academy Wildcats for their football successes this year.

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Bison track captures second

by Larry Nossaman

A two-mile dual between Marshall Grice and Coleman's Joe Shepherd set the pace at Pine Bluff and highlighted the Harding Indoor Open Track meet last Saturday.

Marshall beat Coleman by only 4 of a second in the time of 9:36.4. Coach Ted Lloyd said that the two-mile runners stayed bunched in a pack for about the first mile.

"After that, the field spread out behind Marshall and Coleman," with Marshall pulling away near the finish line.

Harding, with 54 points, placed second behind Ouachita, which won the total team standings. UAPB and UAM placed third and fourth in the nine-team meet with 49 and 35 points.

In other events, Steve Platt won the shot put with a heave of 47'9". Bruce Gaither leaped 6'0" to win the high jump.

Joe Shepherd won the 880-yard run in a time of 2:06.15. The mile and two-mile relay team each placed second with times of 4:36.4 and 8:12.2. Al Greenus also finished second in the 600-yard run in 1:17.3.

Coach Lloyd said that he was pleased with the overall performance of the team this early in the season. "This was just a preliminary warm-up meet to give the guys a chance to compete," he said.

Five tentative meets are presently scheduled before the nationals at Kansas City, February 25-26.

Ouachita 100
UAPB 94
Harding 84
UAM 49
HSU 19
UCA 15
SWCC 11
PSC 2
S. Western Mo. 1

Five place on All-AIC squad

by Larry Nossaman

Defensive end Adrian Hickman and wide receiver Joe Smith, two of the three seniors that have been named to the All-AIC squad, according to official conference reports, are Harding's points leaders this season.

Hickman, who was Harding's high point man in last year's meet with Ouachita, looks to help the Buffaloes in the conference championship meet last February. Hendrix, with a ten-year reign as the champion, holds most AIC records.

The Water Buffaloes have two practices, morning and evening, and Pylykas builds his team around a core of veterans — individuals "consistently dedicated to wanting to swim," he said.

"It provides a constant challenge between freshmen and seniors," he said.

Three seniors to lead tankmen

The 1976 graduation hit this year's swim team hard, as only three seniors will lead a 15-member squad into the 1,500-yard freestyle, a second straight AIC title, according to water buffalo Coach Arnold Pylykas.

"There will be a very close margin (for the championship) this year. The 15-point margin (of last year) will not be there. The team that wins will win by 10 points," he predicted.

Swimming will not be the Buffaloes strong event as a four-time AIC champion, McCall Trotter graduated. Pylykas is building a nucleus around sophomores Brad Watson, Rick Blevins and Jim Ericson, who has the potential to qualify for the 1977 national championships. Jay Totten is expected to provide help next season.

Captain Dale Lingle, whose Pylykas termed as "very versatile," is expected to provide strength in the 1,000-yard freestyle, the 50-yard butterfly and the 200-yard butterfly, although a girl swimmer from Hendrix is expected to give him competition in the 1,000-yard event.

Pylykas also looks to versatile soprano singer John North, who was Harding's high point man in the last two meets, and Scott Basinger and freshman Tim Hoyle for additional support.

Stevens Cade and last year's freshman sensation Joe Watson, who will return to school next semester, are potential candidates to compete in the national championships, according to Pylykas.

Khal who comes from a strong high school background in Dear Park, Texas, should lead in the 1,500-yard, freestyle and in other distance events.

Pylykas said it was ironic how his general change from junior to senior had speed it had last year, to the depth in the distance events it has this year.

The times turned in this season have been a surprise and an encouragement for the team. According to Pylykas, the times are close to if not equal to the times turned in at the championship meet last February. Hendrix, with a ten-year reign as the champion, holds most AIC records.

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Bison cagers to rely on board strength in 76-77

by Jim Warren

Led by All-American forward Butch Gardner, the Harding College Bisons will field their most physical basketball team ever in quest for the AIC crown in 1976 according to head coach Jess Bucy.

"We are a more physical team right now than we have had since I have been here," he said in an interview Tuesday.

"This is the first time since I've been here that we can match all the other teams in the conference on the boards," Bucy continued.

Heading the list of big men for the Bisons is Gardner, a 6-4 senior from Searcy. Twice named NAIA All-American, he comes into the season as the all-time leading scorer for Harding with 1730 points. In addition he lead the AIC in scoring last year with a 23.3 point scoring average.

Other frontliners which make Bucy optimistic are 6-6 junior centerman James "Slim" Winston and junior college transfer David Baker (6-8). Winston was honorable mention All-AIC last year while finishing second in the league in rebounds averaging 10.2 caroms a game. Baker is scoring at a 11.5 point clip, hitting 46 per cent of his shots after the first six games and giving the Bisons much needed muscle on the boards.

"David Baker has come on so rapidly in the last few weeks that now he has moved into the starting lineup," Bucy said.

One key to this year's team, according to Bucy, will be the rebounding of Bison guards Jerry Morgan (6-3) and Stanley Eckwood (6-2).

"We have some good rebounders," he said, "but our guards are getting almost as many as they (the frontline) are."

In reserve, the Bisons will be counting heavily on the services of 6-5 guard Monte Hazelbaker, 6-5 forward Bruce Binkley and 6-7 center Jim Sperr.

"I really don't like to use the term starting lineup," Bucy cautioned, "We have a great deal of confidence in seven or eight players right now and in my opinion a team needs at least seven or eight healthy basketball players."

Hazelbaker, a sophomore, is currently scoring at a 7.8 per game average with Sperr (a junior) averaging 3.4. Binkley, a freshman honorable mention all-stater from Oklahoma, is averaging 3.5 points a game.

One weak spot this year was expected to be the graduation of star playmaker Tony Good, who led the AIC in assists last season with 187. Instead, it has afforded an opportunity to show off the ball handling talents of a number of other players, according to Bucy.

"We have a different type team than we had last year," said Bucy. "As far as taking Tony's place, we don't have the key point man anymore. We have to now put the responsibility on a number of people."

Overall, Bucy is optimistic about the Bisons chances against AIC competition, but notes improvement in virtually every conference opponent this year.

"Our team has improved - there's not any question in my mind," he said.

"Excluding our team, you have to go with those big three (Henderson, Ouachita Baptist and Southern State)." Bucy continued, "but realistically, there's as many as eight teams that could have a championship team."

Bucy noted Arkansas College's one point upset of Ouachita Tuesday night and Texas Tech's 75-65 upset of Jackson State (the number two team in the NAIA in one poll) earlier in the year as examples of the conference depth.

Senior forward Craig Reid drives a layup attempt in Tuesday night's 95-71 Bison victory over College of the Ozarks.

Bisons blast Ozarks 95-71

Utilizing 23 points by All-American forward Butch Gardner, Harding College jumped to a 34 point halftime advantage and coasted to a 95-71 victory over College of the Ozarks here Tuesday night.

Throughout the game, the Bison used their superior height to dominate, pulling down 63 rebounds and hitting 58 per cent of their shots, mostly from the side.

Prock named top coach

In District 17 football

For the third time, Harding College Football Coach John Prock has been named NAIA District 17 Coach of the Year. Prock led the Bisons to a share of the AIC crown by defeating top ranked teams such as Henderson State, Ouachita and Central Arkansas.

For winning the AIC, the Bisons played in the San Jacinto Shrine Bowl in Pasadena, Texas against Abilene Christian University.

Prock said, "I think that it should be Coaches of the Year since it was a joint effort by all. We have an outstanding staff and I can't give enough praise to them."

"The seniors were also a great asset to the team," Prock said. "They never gave up and they really mean a lot to me."

Prock won the award in 1969 and 1972 when the Bisons played in the Cowboy Bowl of that year. The award is voted on by the coaches in the district.

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by Buzz Ball

The Harding College Bison went into the pane-AIC Shrine Bowl as the underdog and came out with a defeat but scores can be deceiving.

The Abilene Christian University Wildcats passed their way to a 22-12 victory over the Bisons. Signal caller Jim Reese was 26-36 for 311 yards. Scott Mayes was 2-4 for 67 yards to bring the total to 378.

But the Bison's defense was awesome as the front line would not let any runners through. Led by All-AIC Adrian Hickmon, the Bisons sacked the Abilene quarterbacks several times.

The Bisons, who were the top offensive team in the AIC, netted only 180 yards on the ground due to the staunch Wildcat defense. In the air, the Bisons completed 13-34 for 109 yards.

Both teams started off like gangbusters as they both scored on their first possessions. Abilene received the ball on their own 43 after Harding kicked off. In 11 plays, Reese passed the Bisons to the Harding one. Jeff Pickett bulled over for the score. The PAT failed making the score 6-6.

ACU quarterback Jim Reese gets off an unorthodox left-handed pass before being sacked by Bisons Gary Brown (56) and Robert Bridges (on ground).

The second half did not have any scoring due to the tough, staunch defense put up by both teams. Bison coach John Prock said, "We are just real proud of the effort that our men put out. They kept their poise at all times and did an outstanding job."

Concerning the senior Bison members, Prock commented, "They were the secret to our season. I just can't say enough about them. Their leadership was just fantastic and they kept their poise at all times."