Girls wear pants to class, "temporarily," Ganus rules

Five minutes before chapel started Wednesday, Dr. Clifton Ganus decided to permit female students to wear pants and "warm clothing" to class and to chapel until the end of the present cold snap.

In chapel, President Ganus described the plea made by several girls, reiterated the compliments he had received recently on the neat appearance of female students, and asked: "Can we please not make a big deal of this for awhile and be responsible?"

The vocal answer, feminine in pitch, was: "Yes."

"It has some heads shaking "no," too," he later recalled in his office. "And some of them belonged to girls."

"It is a temporary suspension of the rule," Dr. Ganus added. "There are times to make exceptions, just as when a student is excused from class for being sick. Well, these are sick times! I've never seen this kind of weather in Arkansas before."

"I don't want our students to get sick; I know they're cold," we're ruling for a temporary change, that the girls may dress as warmly but as neatly as they can dress," Ganus said.

He announced in chapel that the ruling would be in effect until tonight.

Tonight's concert in main auditorium stars 'Fresh' band

"Fresh," a "contemporary rock group playing a wide range of popular songs," will perform in the main auditorium tonight at 7:30.

Formed in early 1975 by pianist Willy Lanton, the band brings a total of 20 years of playing experience and numerous televised and public appearances to the stage.

Vocalist Kathy Vincent and keyboard-vocalist Allen Burke have had professional status in addition to their experience. Miss Vincent received a degree in voice from Ball State University and Burke studied at the Jordan School of Music.

Percussionist-vocalist Doby London has appeared with groups including the Spinners and Light of Days while bassist-vocalist Ray Petronio has shared his talents with The Beaches and Grand Funk.

Individual members have appeared in Concert, Midnight Special, and the Mike Douglas and Steve Allen shows.

General admission tickets are $2.
Press freedom shows administrators' trust

Since this is the beginning of a new semester and a new year, it is especially appropriate that we mention the editorial policies that we follow in producing the Bison each week. Since the owner and publisher of the Bison is Harding College, we are logically expected to respect and reflect the basic policies of the college, as every newspaper or magazine reflects the policies of its publisher. This is perhaps the most significant influence shaping our guidelines. And since Harding is founded upon high Christian principles,olum may play an important role as we strive to produce a quality publication, free from scandal, personal attacks or ill will against any person or institution.

We respect the administration, and realize we are very fortunate to have such free reins to print what we feel is newsworthy and important to the student body, without censorship by the administration. We do have, in fact, a much greater freedom to comment editorially than many college newspapers, sometimes even criticizing or questioning school policies or procedures.

There are many school newspapers, however, including those of some of our sister institutions, that are used solely as publicity tools by the administration, that can not comment in any way unfavorably in regard to their school, and are not even allowed to be printed without the college president's approval each week. But this also falls into the category of respecting the views and function totally on our own, with no threat of censorship as long as we adhere to the same principles of trust and respect. To me, this signifies the strong characters of our administrators. I feel we can speak for the staff as a whole in saying we are privileged in knowing and working with such people.

Randy Kemp

Guest letters

Polish choir leader expresses thanks for U.S. hospitality

The following letter is the first communication that I have received from Lukaszewski and the Polish choir since they left the United States. These letters were smuggled out of Poland and were mailed from Frankfurt am Main, Germany.

I have been quite some time since I received any correspondence directly from Poland. It is very difficult for them to get mail in or out directly.

We express again our appreciation to you for all that you did to make the Polish choir's stay in the United States memorable one.

Sincerely yours,

Ireneusz Lukaszewski

Homes available for Christian girls in D.C. area

Dear Editor:

I operate a home for single working girls who have just moved into the Washington D.C. area. This home is operated under the leadership of the Arlington Church of Christ. We need to spread the word concerning the availability of living in the home to single girls coming to this area so that we might help them in their move.

The home is a regular residence-type house with accommodations for four girls or in emergency for six girls. The church charges $60.00 per month for rent and the charge for food is $15.00 per week. Each girl is asked to be responsible for preparing one evening meal each week, keeping her own room clean and helping keep the house clean.

We endeavor to operate it as a family operated homes. Each girl is free to do as she chooses with supervision only areas of safety and Christian conduct within the home.

The house is located three miles from DC right on a main bus route. It is next door to the Arlington Church of Christ. We have also made arrangements for assisting with obtaining an apartment with a part time three blocks away.

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Sincerely,

Suellen Phillips

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System ... Inauguration emphasizes freedom of common people

by Steve Leavell

By the time this issue of the Bison is printed, Jimmy Carter will be sworn in as President of the United States. Many of the readers of this column probably viewed much of the live television coverage of the events of the inauguration and were no doubt impressed by the grand scale of such events billed as a "simple" inauguration.

While not specifically called for in his campaign platform, the inauguration has traditionally been the spot of unrestricted glory in which to display the dirt-buttedi American politics.

Several days are taken up with parades, receptions, balls and shows featuring many famous performers. All television cameras turn to Washington for a week which culminates with one man placing his hand on the Bible and saying "I do." By the standards of other nations, however, even this is very difficult for us to upstage our own.

The emphasis is not truly on the grandness of the participants but on the glories of a free people. It is therefore, the celebration of the longevity of great succession which has endured for nearly two hundred years.

Shiels Kemp

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Fall semester Dean’s List includes 466 students

The Dean’s List for the Fall semester has been released by Dr. Joseph Pryor, dean of students.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must be enrolled full-time and have a GPA of 3.25 or above for freshmen or at least a 3.50 GPA for upperclassmen.

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_College Life and Opportunities_

Sixteen inducted into the recently-formed chapter of Young Americans for Freedom, a politically conservative national student organization.

Officers include Daniel Holt, vice-chairman, Mark Thoburn, chairman, and Patrice Murphy, secretary.

The organization is planning a membership drive later this semester, and some members plan to attend the upcoming regional YAF conference in Shreveport.

Their immediate plans for increasing student awareness of the organization include starting a newsletter, and showing the film, “Second Battle for Britain” later this Spring.

Sixteen inducted into honor society

Sixteen nursing majors were inducted into the recently-formed Harding College Honor Society in Nursing during December 17, in recognition of undergraduate achievements in leadership, scholarship, and service among the student body.

Qualifications for entry include a 3.0 GPA in nursing courses taken, and nominees must be recommended by classmates.

The local chapter, which is open to baccalaureate students only, will probably be disbanded upon establishment at Harding of the national nursing organization Sigma Theta Tau, which will possibly be next fall, according to Miss Louise Tureau, a sponsor for the local society.

Those inducted include Nancy Baither, Becky Betts, Charlene Dabbs, Jana Devoyer, Elizabeth Lee, Lynn McCarty, Billie Malone, Dadsin Martin, Marcia Murphy, Paula Myers, Mike Myers, Sherry Nell, Brenda Putman, Donna Ruffman, Sara Stor, and Lou Ann Watson.

JOY schedules spring fellowship

JOY (Jesus, Others, Yourself) will hold its annual spring fellowship tomorrow in the American Heritage auditorium from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The featured speaker will be Mrs. Julie (July) Miller from Paanasa, Tex.

The topic of the seminar is “My Cup Runneth Over,” the title of a book Mrs. Miller wrote about her family that includes ten children. She will talk about the fruits of the spirit as they are mentioned in Gal. 5:22-23.

Part of the program will be a panel discussion. Mrs. Raymond (Elmo) Muncy, wife of Dr. Raymond Muncy, history professor, will talk on applying the fruits of the spirit to the home.

Mrs. Zearl (Betty) Watson, assistant professor of elementary education, will discuss the fruits of the spirit as they apply to children. Mrs. James Ryan, assistant professor of math, will talk about the fruits they apply to personal work.

Miss Lida Hayes, associate instructor in French, will discuss the fruits of the spirit as they apply to a career.

Mrs. Miller is a former Harding student. Three of her children, Robin, Julia, and Laura, are currently enrolled here.
Gary Gilmore — Is his execution justifiable?

Editor's note: The question of whether Gary Gilmore, convicted murderer, should be executed by the state of Utah, where he was sentenced to death, and that on death row for some months, has raised a legal and moral controversy across the entire nation. The controversy still exists, although he was shot to death last Monday.

Gilmore's death came after months of legal proceedings and several stays of execution, although Gilmore himself pleaded to be executed for his crimes. In interviewing students, we have tried to give an accurate cross-section of opinions.

Letters to the editor on the subject are encouraged.

"I think they should've shot him a long time ago," says Steve Woodhouse, a junior. "The death penalty, carried out properly, is effective. There are some crimes so heinous, they deserve death."

Linda Grauer, a junior, says, "Gilmore simply realized his guilt and knew he should pay — but they wouldn't let him."

"Capital punishment is not the way to correct the problem; it is merely a convenient way to get rid of the misfits."

Senior David Johnson feels that "we're so pseudo-sophisticated, we want to handle seeing execution. But it might help improve the public that crime does not pay. We need a crackdown on a right and fair interpretation of our law."

Jewel Roberts, a sophomore, feels that, "Gilmore tried to work his case up into an issue when he knew, of course, that he hoped that minority groups would get him out of his book.

"Capital punishment is wrong," says Judy Riley, a freshman. "Our legal system is wrong in a lot of other ways, too."

Roes Porter, a junior, says, "I feel that they should be barbaric. Man is the only animal who kills his own specimen. We don't have the right to terminate life and maybe we don't even have the right to sustain life if the dying wish to die. I also feel that some crimes, like rape, are more deserving of the death penalty. And capital punishment is not the way to correct the problem; it's merely a convenient way to get rid of our misfits."

Sophomore Charlie Hester feels that "killing anyone for any reason is wrong. Christianity sets forth that we give, not take, and the Bible states that we can repent after doing wrong. A murderer should have a chance."

"I think Gilmore knew that he would never get out of prison so he made the most of what he thought was a hopeless situation," says Sharon Martin, a sophomore. "He got what he wanted. He started a controversy and got some attention."

Kari Wendt, a sophomore, says, "I believe the Bible in Romans says capital punishment is a perversion of the state."

Sophomore Jo Beth Berryhill says, "Everyone, Christian or not, will be judged by the same standard. I think that standard is Jesus Christ, and I feel he stood for and brought to life."

"He got what he deserved," says David Shearer, a freshman. "The death penalty is proper punishment for kidnapping, treason and murder. Sentences should be made mandatory."

"I think if 12 people can convict a person to die in this time, he deserves to die," says the opinion of senior Gene Cook. "The death penalty is penalizing him. As a man's choice. If somebody is wanting to die, its man's right to stop him. I thought they would suspend the death sentence and I think this is what he was looking for," feels Rocky Sawyer, a sophomore.

Robert Cook, a freshman, says, "If that's the way he felt in his heart, I think they should do it."

David Kimmel, a senior, feels "It's up to the guys. The constitution prohibits cruel and unusual punishment. In the case where he should die and he wants it, he should do it."

Tim Barnes, a sophomore, said this, "I think he deserved it. The death penalty is a good penalty for major crime, say murder. If they really and truly want to die, then..."

"I just think capital punishment is a deterrent to crime if it is equally and fairly enforced. Whether it's scriptural or not is a horse of a different color. I don't want to be the executioner," says David McCall, a senior.

Nancy Destrow, a freshman, feels the execution was valid — "Definitely yes — I believe in capital punishment."

Ed Sanders, director of the CCF and associate professor of Bible, has an interesting insight into his desire to be executed, citing a following of Mormon doctrine as a possible reason.

"In the first place, I believe that the Bible not only authorizes but requires capital punishment, both the Old Testament and the New. It is regarded in the book of Deuteronomy as a deterrent to crime and then to Romans 13 as a responsibility of government to law-abiding citizens.

"As far as the connection to blood atonement is concerned, the Mormon doctrine of blood atonement is that there are some sins which may be committed for which the blood of Christ is not sufficient to atone, and the blood of the guilty person must be shed in addition to the blood of Christ in order for the sin to be forgiven. Of course, that combined with the Mormon doctrine of reincarnation, I think, is why Gilmore sought death and is why he wanted it. He believed that there would be atonement made in his death and that he could be reborn as another person and lead a different kind of life — those who know him and have an opportunity to shed his blood have a responsibility to do it. In other words it would be wrong to not help him lose his life so his atonement could be made."

D. Min. program approved for Harding Graduate School

The Board of Trustees has approved a doctoral program in ministry at the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis.

Approval of the Doctor of Ministry program, which is scheduled to begin this fall, came at the Board's regular fall meeting October 26. Approval was also given for the initiation of a Doctor of Philosophy degree program, scheduled to begin in 1982 there.

Emphasizing ministry, the program will stress learning of truth and its application in the different avenues of spreading the gospel, including preaching, missionary work, counseling and general church work.

Initiation of the D.Min. program stemmed from a survey of some of the school's graduates, who indicated that they considered their training to be lacking in practical applications of ministerial services. "The goal of the new program will be to coordinate classroom teaching with the service skills of actual, day-to-day ministry," according to Dr. Harold Haselip, dean of the Graduate School.

With the practical emphasis of the program, the first year's enrollment will be limited to 15 people. Applications are now being accepted for this fall, and candidates are requested to apply as soon as possible for the class.

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Student Association plans goals, functions

Editor's note: To give students a better idea of the goals and functions of the Student Association, we interviewed several of the Executive Council members. They have offered some of their personal feelings and goals as well as their idea of what the Council stands for and should work to accomplish.

Richie Po, senior men's representative - "My personal goal as a member of the S.A. is to be more involved. The S.A. this year has changed a lot in regard to this. In the past, it has come to be sort of a 'party-plan' organization, and, in a sense, the hub of campus activities, but not the center for students to come with their problems. I think that it is the time for us (S.A.) to have a part in helping the students solve their campus-related problems, things that they think should be changed about the school. "I think we've been more conscious about that this year. There have been quite a few students who have come to the S.A. with problems, and I think we've helped them.

One thing I never cease to be amazed about is the response of the faculty and administration toward the students. I think they are really responsive to the student body's needs. A lot of people have the idea that it is impossible to get anything done or changed, but it's not. The main thing is to make everyone aware that a problem exists. The main thing that students need to be aware of is the fact that the S.A. can really perform a good service. The S.A. is a potent force that is too often underestimated. They can get things done, and I've found that out more in the last couple of years since I've worked with the Council."

Nita Allen, sophomore women's representative - "I wish we had better quality rather than quantity. In regard to activities, although some kind of activity is scheduled for nearly every day on the school calendar, so many times it is just something to fill up the calendar. I can't believe the (good) attendance we've had for S.A. activities. It seems like everyone is really involved in campus activities this year. I think the student body is really growing a lot — for instance, in the number of people involved in and running for students representative posts and offices. I'm really excited about the girls getting involved in sports, not just intramurals, but also in competition with other schools. "I wish students would get in touch with us more, that they would let us know what they think, their ideas."

Brad Watson, sophomore men's representative - "The overall goal is in serving the students in all areas, with an emphasis on action-reaction between the students, faculty and administration. "One of the main purposes of the Executive Council is to ask questions for the students; to be their representative; and to have a working relationship with them, which is not too difficult here because of the Christian atmosphere.

"Our relationship with the faculty and administration has been good this year, I feel. We ask questions about something, and they respect us enough to give us honest, forward answers. "The difficult committees are working all the time to provide a well-rounded program of entertainment, government and other activities, bonded by a Christian atmosphere.

"The students need to realize that this idea of communication is a two-way street. They need to take advantage of the Executive Council. Sometimes, they get the idea when something comes up that unless its super-important, they don't need to contribute or say anything."

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"I wish we could get more student reaction, whether positive or negative. Any reaction that is communicated is good, because it lets me know that either I have been involved in doing my job. It would be great if we would get flooded with notes from students all the time." Jamie Neshbit, senior women's representative - "I think most of the Council agrees that our main purpose is to maintain and improve a good relationship among students, faculty and administration. "My personal goal doesn't vary from the Council's goal, but rather is patterned after it. My personal goal is in making the council's goal successful, which means listening to students questions, suggestions and complaints and then submitting them for discussions at the meetings. "Everyone has different problems, and it is a lot of hard work trying to help everyone solve them."

"I think the Council has been more responsive this year perhaps than in the past, and as a result, the student body is more involved. And judging from the student elections last fall and involvement in other activities, I think the freshman class this year is going to set a pace for the next few years. I hope they continue with the sincerity they started out with." David Johnson, S.A. vice-president - "I'd like to say that the main goal for us this year is to bring the S.A. back to the students. We've tried to do that. "A personal goal for me this year is to show the students we're their emissary, not an arm of the administration — trying to show the students we're for them, and trying to show them that the Student Association, or the Executive Council, is here for other reasons than trying to explain to students why the rules are what they are, and tell them what they can and can't do. "That's probably what I thought when I was a freshman, that the S.A. was just an arm of the administration.

"Being a part of the Executive Council has helped me realize all the hard work and effort that goes into the things that many students take for granted. For instance, the concerts and other entertainment and Council services, and especially the Carpenters concerts. A lot of students worked hard to make that go over.

"I find myself with a greater appreciation for the other Council members, the faculty members, and administration for the hassle they go through, in doing the little necessary things that often people don't think about.

"One thing that really binds a student body together is participation in various activities. Working together gives greater meaning to the student body, and that's just one good thing about Harding."
By Buzz Ball

In large club A basketball action, T.N.T. squeaked past Alpha Tau 51-49 overtime while Theta Tau blasted Lambdas 60-44 in the small club bracket to start the club intramural season.

Fueled by Dennis Davenport and John Karapateas, T.N.T. came back from behind to turn back Alpha Tau. Davenport was T.N.T.'s high scorer with 18 points while Karapateas had 16.

Alpha Tau held a slim margin of 21-19 at the half but fell behind in the second period.

Taking scoring honors for the game was Alpha Tau's Ed Eichitlerberger with 27 points making 11 field goals and 5 free throws.

In the Theta Tau-Lambdas game, Theta Tau had a big second half to dispose Lambdas. Leading 26-22 at the half, Theta Tau scored 34 points in the second half to Lambdas' 23.

Fueling the Theta Tau attack, was Craig Ireland with 20 points making 10 field goals. Also scoring in double figures for Theta Tau were Tim Lowry with 14, and John Gilbreath with 12. Leading scorer for Lambdas was Robby Harris with 13 points.

Alpha Omega trimmed Sig Tau 54-50.

After being down 25-20 at the half, Sig Tau tried desperately to come back but there just wasn't enough time on the clock. Taking scoring honors for Alpha Omega was Matt Johnson with 15 points.

For Sig Tau, Guy Zakrevsky had 19 while Jim Warren had 14 points.

In large club B action, Kappa Sigma's Mike Border with 10 points. Other scorers in large club A were Kappa Sigma's Alex Graham with 10 points. Other scorers in large club A were Kappa Sigma's Alex Graham with 20 points.

Water Buffaloes face UCA tomorrow
The Water Buffaloes open their 1977 AIC race tomorrow at a 3:30 meet here with UCA with "too much fruitcake" in their stomach but still ready for the Bear according to Coach Arnold Plykas.

Christmas holiday took its toll as times were down from the 1976 AIC championship pace the team was turning in before the break. Plykas has had the team practicing since last Thursday, usually swimming a grueling 5,000 yards a day. Monday's practice was an exceptional 5,600-yard workout.

Last year's freshman sensation, Norman Kahl, whom Plykas said had potential to compete in the national finals, returned to the lineup after suffering a broken arm and a shoulder separation in a car accident over Thanksgiving holidays.

Notably absent, however, was Jay Trotter, who placed fifth in one-meter diving at the 1976 AIC championship meet and who was expected to help in the rebuilding of the diving team and after four-time AIC champion Mark Trotter graduated last year.

Wendell Cave and Steve Mahaffey also are not participating on the team this semester. Cave, who placed fourth in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle and swam on the winning 400-yard freestyle relay, is not a full-time student this semester. Mahaffey did not return to school.

Hendrix, also scheduled to compete tomorrow, withdrew from competition because they had a female swimmer. Plykas explained they would swim against Hendrix later in the season.

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By Jim Warren

An athlete's desire to help and yet a forbidding feeling of helplessness swept the new athletic complex as Henderson guard Eion Mitchell swished a jump shot to deny a brilliant Bison rally last week.

And Slim, Bucy's basketball player, experienced the same feeling more keenly than James (Slim) Winston, junior Bison forward, as he sat on the bench, confined by a cracked collarbone.

"It hurts bad," Slim remarked, "You always feel like you can contribute something and it burns me to sit there while they play.

The injury, sustained in a collision at a team practice, came just as Slim was beginning to successfully complete the transitions from his center position of last year to a more natural forward position.

"James was just about ready to really start making progress," head coach Jess Bucy noted.

And for the first time in his college career, Slim will be forced to make the transition to being just a cheerleader for the Bison center.

Oddly enough, Slim did not play at all last year at Westwood High in Searcy, Arkansas.

"I sorta played in the shadows in high school. I grew about six inches between my sophomore and junior years and I guess I was sorta uncoordinated," he said, "I couldn't even dunk a basketball until my senior year."

During his senior year, Slim averaged 17 points a game and 13 rebounds but was not contacted by any colleges until his coach convinced Bucy to sign him.

If his high school play was less than spectacular, however, he has made up for it at Harding. During his first two years, Slim ranked Jackson State number one in the NAIA. They are currently rated second in the nation in the UPI poll.

"Harding College-Arkansas Tech fans were not the only ones inconvenienced by AIC referee assignment mixups Monday night. Reports have it that the Arkansas Southern-Central Arkansas matchup was also delayed and finally had to proceed through much of the first half with only one official."

Senior forward Butch Gardner was named the Arkansas Intercollegiate-Southland Life Athlete of the Week for his outstanding performance against UCA's ranked Henderson State. Gardner's 36 points gave him 911 points for his career, which is sixth on the all-time AIC scoring list.

All-American forward Butch Gardner is leading the AIC in scoring with a 39.9 average according to official AIC reports released Wednesday.

Gardner has hit on 90-217 field goals and 59-72 free throws for a total of 361 points. Gardner's 36 points is third in the conference in rebounding averaging 10.3 caroms per game.

Overall, the Harding Bison dominated their opponents, averaging 74.8 points per game, and fourth in team defense, giving up 71.8 points per game.

In individual free throw percentages, Bison guard Jerry Morgan ranks second in the conference, hitting on 33-36 free throws for 91.7 percent.

Bison center David Baker lead in the scoring category, with a 10.3 point average. AIC reports the average scoring list.

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Southern Baptist captures 12th Harding JeC Tournament

By Larry Nassaman

Southern Baptist College of Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, captured first place in the 12th annual Harding College Junior College Basketball Tournament last Saturday, by defeating Central Baptist College of Conway, 62-49.

Ohio Valley College defeated York College 188-78 in the consolation game.

SBC, led in scoring by Mike English with 22 points and Otto Porter, the tourney's Most Valuable Player, with 14, used accurate outside shooting, coupled with good offensive rebounding and team depth, to wear down the CBC offense.

SBC used the superior height of their forwards; Porter, Larry Chance and Ricky Thomas, to get second and third shots throughout the game.

The two teams stayed close together (as reflected in the 50-36 half time score) until about midway through the second half.

With about 15 minutes left in the game, SBC used a couple of quick steals and fast-breaks to mount a 54-49 lead.

At the 9-minute mark, CBC switched to a man-to-man defense which slowed the Eagle's attack. But the Mustangs couldn't muster enough offense in change the point spread, so the gap slowly widened until the final buzzer.

Mitch Myrick paced CBC with 17 points. Randy and Ronnie Stell scored 16 and 15, and Ken Taylor added 11. Steve Cookson, winner of the tournament Sportsmanship Award, scored 12, and Thomas put in 10 for SBC.

Shooting 36 percent from the field, and 75 percent at the free throw line, Ohio Valley out distanced York to capture third place. York's figures were 33 percent and 46 percent respectively.

Scott Seamon led five other OVC players in double figures with 30 points. John Hudson scored 16 points. Bob Steele 12, Bill Long and Dale Finley each added 11 while Randy Monadows pumped in 10 points.

York was paced by Jamey Pankeoke who scored 24 points, Don Rocke, Mike Gardner, and Curt Chaffin each with 12, and Mark Lakhism with 10.

Elected to the all-tournament team were Randy and Ronnie Stell, Pankeoke, Seamon, and English.

First round game Friday night, SBC defeated OVC 92-81. English led all scorers with 27 points, and Seamon paced OVC with 20.

CBC earned its way to the finals by trouncing York in the eigthight 56-41, using their superior height and strength.

Randy Stell of CBC scored 21 to lead in the scoring category.

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Bisons drop Tech 74-66 to end slide

Gardner, Hazelbaker and Eckwood against a lone Tech free throw to lead 47-37. After that the Bisons were never headed, relying mainly on accurate free throw shooting to insure the victory. The Bisons were 22-27 from the line as compared to 8-14 for the Wonderboys.

Morgan led the Bisons with 31 points, hitting 8-13 from the field and 6-9 from the free throw line. Eckwood had 18 points and 11 rebounds while Gardner and Hazelbaker had 16 and 12 points respectively.

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Bucy optimistic despite losses in spite of losses, injured players

By Jim Warren

Despite a 6-7 record (2-6 in the conference), head coach Jess Bucy still remains very optimistic about the Harding Bisons chances for a successful campaign in 1977.

"This is a very good team," Bucy said in a Tuesday interview following the Monday night win over Arkansas Tech.

"This team has been slower to jell than any team I have ever had," he continued, "but, it's obvious the team has some quality ... now for the first time we've reached a point where we've pretty well jelled."

Bucy cited the last second loss to Henderson and the win over Arkansas Tech as evidence of the recent turn around in the play of the team.

"Henderson was the first time this year I was totally satisfied with our offensive and defensive play," Bucy revealed.

Much of the criticism of the team has been directed towards senior All-American forward Butch Gardner who, despite leading the conference in scoring with a 20.5 average is off to the slowest start of his career. But Bucy strongly disagrees, noting that Butch has been hampered all season long by bruised one in his knees.

"He's had leg problems and that guy has played with pain the entire season," Bucy said, "He is now moving freely for the first time this year."

In his last four games Butch has scored 92 points for a 23 point average including a spectacular 36 point output against Henderson.

Another key to Bisons early season misfortune has been the absence of 6-7 forward James Wells.

"It's kinda tough to lose a guy like that because he is an excellent rebounder," Bucy said, "The thing that effects more than anything else is his depth."

As injuries heal and the team continues to jell together, Bucy sees much reason for the Harding fans to keep heart.

"If we can manage to put a strong finisher and get into the playoffs and get James back, I think we'll be in pretty good shape," he concludes.

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