HOCUS POCUS

Ed and Jay Wilcox, magicians from Altus, treat students to a display of illusions and sleight of hand in the Social Affairs Committee sponsored coffeehouse Sunday night with the help of student Doug Walker.

Trotters promise court action

The 25-member Harlem Globetrotters are scheduled to appear here Saturday, April 5, accompanied by three variety shows which travel with the team. Sponsored by the Bison Boosters and billed as the most famous sports team in the world, the Globetrotters have played more basketball games before more people than any team in history, and hold the outdoor attendance record of more than 75,000 achieved in Berlin in 1953. Their appearance at Harding is only one of hundreds of programs they make annually, travelling an average of more than 75,000 miles and winning almost 98 percent of their games in competition.

Beginning in smaller communities as a five-man team more than 60 years ago, they travelled in an old Ford. It was to be have been announced yesterday or today when and where tickets will be available. Admission is $3.50 for students, $4.50 for adults and $3.50 for children 13 and under.

Phi Alpha Theta inducts eight into honor society

Eight new members were inducted into Harding's Phi Alpha Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honor society, in ceremonies held Feb. 23. The inductees include Tim Basing, Roy Brower, Teresa Burns, Cherie Dicks, Keith Groenvold, R.C. Polk, Alan Tomme, and Bill Vissali. In addition to the induction, Mike Pullara discussed the background and contents of the paper he will present at the regional meeting of the society in April at Southern Arkansas University. The paper is entitled, "The New York Times' Interpretation of Breifs v. Board of Education."...the landmark school desegregation case of 1954.

Membership in Phi Alpha Theta is open to any student with a GPA above 3.0 on at least 12 hours of history.

Wizards of roundball

The 1977 international unit Harlem Globetrotters are (kneeling from left) Mel Davis, Jimmy Blacklick, Marques Haynes, Coehl Brown and Gene Austin, and behind them are (from left) Vincent Humphreys, Ron Knight, Gerald Smith, Theodis Lee and John Smith. The "Ambassadors in Short Pants" are scheduled for April 2.

A.S. Program schedules Schlafly

Mrs. Fred (Phyllis) Schlafly, author, politician and lobbyist, will be the next featured speaker for the American Studies Program here March 24 in the American Heritage auditorium.

Mrs. Schlafly, currently prominent because of her "relentless" opposition to the equal rights amendment proposal, calls herself a spokesman "for those who make homeworking their career."

She is allegedly responsible for killing the proposal in several state legislatures including those of Illinois and New Jersey.

As a columnist, broadcaster and law student with a master's degree in political science from Radcliffe, she has involved herself in a long list of politics, spending much of that time, "exposing conspiracies aimed at tearing down America through communism."

The mother of six has written six books — the latest in 1976 — describing in detail how these alleged conspiracies operate and advocating her views. She has been called a "sorceress," a "mystic" and even a "witch." She has denied the latter charge.

There is evidence that the next "witch" may be about to enter Harding's campus.

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Freshmen Profile: part three

Freshmen show inquisitiveness

by Diane Morey

Freshmen are inquisitive. It was the second highest reason that three out of four Harding freshmen, as well as freshmen nationally, listed on the American Council of Education (ACE) test, as a very important reason for going to college. (See accompanying table.)

As mentioned last week, the Harding freshman is interested in people. About 72 percent listed the desire to meet new and interesting people as a reason for going to college. This received the second highest rating on the ACE and compares to the national norm of 79.6 percent.

The Harding freshman feels that there are things in life that are more important than money. Only a third consider financial gain as a very important reason for going to college compared to the national norm of 57.6 percent.

Parents of the freshman still have a great influence on him even though he may be legally of age. Almost 40 percent of the freshmen feel because he has no one to accuse of mismanaging the news.

Mrs. Schlafly officially ran twice for Congress, in 1962 and 1970, each time unsuccessfully, and in 1972 she was named a delegate to the Republican Convention. She currently a Republican precinct commitment in Alton, Ill., near St. Louis.

Exaggeration of little points in her opponents' defense appears to be one of her most effective weapons in her lobbying and political techniques, in addition is being able to play on fears — she feels because she has no one to whom she has to answer.

The Harding freshman feels Nationally, the parents of freshmen felt the desire to go was (from left) John Basing, Phyllis Schlafly, Senator Barry Goldwater and Whitaker Chambers, both of whom make their choice. The "Ambassadors in Short Pants" are scheduled for April 2.

Next issue: The freshman — his opinions and values.

(See chart on page 3.)
Opinion...opinion...opinion...opinion...opinion...opinion...opinion...

Constant planning and work necessary for neat grounds

There are many worthwhile programs and student organizations on campus that benefit the student body, some of which we have mentioned in past issues. One area of service that is often in the background and rarely receives mention is that of campus maintenance, under the oversight of Bernie Vines, superintendent of buildings and grounds, who works with foremen Hubert Pulley and Larry Darwell and their staff, 12 or 15 of whom are students.

They are the ones responsible for trimming and keeping up the shrubs, landscaping, mowing, shoveling snow, fertilizing lawns, sodding, and caring for the lily pond, hauling band equipment and furniture and other maintenance work.

They are responsible for all the compliments visitors pay Harding because the campus is something, we students may not usually notice.

According to Mr. Vines, some of the improvements they are concentrating on now include planting about 250 shrubs around the Women's New Dorm in the next two or three weeks and about 250 around the new gym later this semester. They are also working on new benches in the parked students' apartments, and they plan to put in a connecting sidewalk across from the Bible building.

As we grow with keeping the campus looking nice, he cited, is that the campus was built on a small scale when attendance was much smaller, and wasn't planned to accommodate the nearly 3,000 students and faculty here now.

Of course, their budget is limited (sound familiar?) and they can't afford to do everything that might be done to improve things, but we appreciate the planning and work that goes into keeping the campus neat.

Randy Kemp

Fifth Column

Columns

Opinion

Are you serious about your Christianity? In the coming week you will be faced with this question. You will be tempted to say "yes", because most of the students will be going home and many to non-Christian households. You will answer this question by the way you live your life.

Harding is a protective shield against the storms of the world, to quote people outside of the body of Christ. We have constant spiritual encouragement from friends and faculty alike; that feeling builds and makes much easier to handle. The real test comes when we leave that influence.

The apostles of Christ faced a similar situation as the ministry of Christ was coming to a close. Christ would be leaving them and they would no longer have the tremendous spiritual edification that Jesus had provided them. Let me ask you: Are you ready with this dilemma and see if you can find yourself characterized by one of Christ's apostles?

A demanding pressure was being applied to Christ, we soon find that one of his apostles broken under the strain. Judas Iscariot could no longer face the Lord and His requests, and deserted Christ's enemies in plotting against him.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind concerning Judas because he turned completely around in his thinking. He was grave and solemn front nor did he pretend at any time. He was converter at all times seeming the same test as you leave Harding behind. Now you have the opportunity to test yourself. Are you serious about your Christianity?

Your information may be important

For better service as a student newspaper, the Bissa urges submission of any worldwide news or story ideas. Any student, faculty or administration member who is aware of a seminar, speaker, campaign, sports event or anything newsworthy or interesting that should be covered, should contact the Bissa office or a staff member as early as possible.

Information or ideas may either be submitted by phone (ext. 330 or 471) or by campus mail, box 1192. If submitted by writing, you should include the date of the event, a few details, who to contact and their phone number, if possible.

Dating: fresh look at old custom

The following observations on the dating system at Harding were submitted by a student here this week.

by Carl Powell III

It has come to my attention that some of the students here at Harding are having trouble with their mutual labels in "Primary Social Environment." Since these labels (freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors) do not understand the delicate system, I have discovered an old game which seems to explain the problem to the extent that you how they are and how to act accordingly.

CAMPUS LIFE

A not-so-new game for students 12 years old, single, and non-committed.

Qualifying rules:
1. As previously stated, you must be between the ages of 17 and 25 of non-committed, and single.
2. The object of the game is to be completely happy and content, socially, without even telling anyone of the opposite sex how you feel about anything.

Playing rules:
A. Girls:
1. You must dress appropriately for every occasion to the extent that you look as if you are trying to impress every guy on campus (including teachers).
2. You must stay quiet and sound at the same time, always putting your best side forward (even if it is not true).
3. (THIS CLINCHER) You must never let any guy know that you actually have the least bit interested in him. Act nonchalant at all times regarding any of the girls that look nice. Never ask out a girl that does not let you know how she feels about things or that she is interested in you.
4. Consider all the girls that are sweet to you on the phone and through campus mail and in saying hello to you that she is "friends" and never ask them out.

B. Guys:
1. Dress comfortably at all times. Never try to impress the girls with your dress except at special social occasions.
2. Act any way you want and try to impress the girls with your nonchalant voice and your less-than-active gray matter.
3. Keep a sharp eye out for all the girls that look nice. Never look out a girl that does not let you know how she feels about things or that she is interested in you.

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OK, GIRLS AND GUYS - Shake hands and come out encouraged!!

Practical Principles

Christianity: are you serious?

by Gary Jones

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Speech, Debate Team wins state competition

Harding’s Speech and Debate Team travelled to Little Rock March 6 to participate in the annual Arkansas Speech Communication Festival, winning nine of the individual events for outstanding achievement in speech and winning first and second place trophies in debate competition.

In extemporaneous speaking, both Alan Pogue and John Jordan received an “excellent” rating. Gloria Shoop received a “superior” rating and Julie Jones an “excellent” in interpretation of prose, while Pam Smith and Kari Wondg get an “excellent” in manuscript speaking.

In interpretation of poetry, an “excellent” rating went to Miss Jones and Miss Smith, and Wondg and Miss Shoop as a team were recognized as “excellent” in duet acting. Wendg received a “superior” in solo acting.

In television speaking, Miss Shoop and Perry Cain (team) received a “superior” and Wayne Robertson and Steve Shaner received an “excellent” as a team.

In the readers’ theatre category, “The Waiting Room,” directed by Cheryl Knight and performed by Karen Greene, Ramona Huchmeier, Melodie Cox, Brad Scott, Rhonda Scoby and Shannon Hawkins, received an “excellent” rating.

In debate, Harding entered as defending state champions. After preliminary rounds, two teams from Henderson State and two from Harding advanced to semi­finals, with Linda Troyer and Butch Delaney victorious over Henderson’s Troy Lemmons and Jay Coleman in one round, and Jeff Bolton and John Jordan victorious over Vicky Hendrick and Dennis Bell of H.S.U.

Harding’s two teams tied for first in the tournament, and received first and second place trophies.

Eight other schools competed in the speech and debate tournament, including the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Ouachita Baptist University, the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Westark and Phillips County community colleges, Henderson State University and University of Central Arkansas.

Institution honors college programs, two administrators

Two individuals and two college programs were recognized recently by receiving Valley Forge Freedom’s Foundation awards. The American Studies Program was presented a George Washington Honor Medal in the campus programs category, for the outstanding program of lectures and the trips taken each semester.

Billy Ray Cox, vice-president of the college, received the Honor Medal in public address. The topic of his address was “Beyond 76—The Healing of a Nation,” the presentation he gave last year which also won the award. This year his topic dealt with a look toward the third century, “The Return of a Nation,” dealt with our posture at the end of the first two centuries.

Valley Forge honor certificates went to Dr. Clifton Ganus, president, for his public address presentation, “America’s Birthday, 1776,” and the Center for Private Enterprise Education received the award in the economics education category for their 1976 Economics Team report, entitled “Free Enterprise—the Greatest Story Never Told (Until Now).” The team is presently preparing to defend this year’s program, “Free Enterprise—Let’s Re-invent the Wheel.”

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THE HARDING BISON, Searcy, Ark.
Galaxy swims past big clubs

Frank Mills clubbed a three-run homer in the fourth inning of the second game to boost the Bisons to a 6-1 victory over Christian Brothers College and a split of their opening doubleheader here Tuesday.

Mills, a freshman from Florence, Ala., lifted a towering drive over the left field fence following a single by third baseman Chico Harris and scored quickly as second Steve Relay, which finished at 1-4-1.

Blue Ridge's Bill Witteried led his team to victories in four events as Galaxy edge Alpha Tau, 32-21, to be fromm with Alpha Tau in all-sports competition at 38 points apiece.

Witteried, who qualified for the Olympic competition last year, took first in the 50-yd. breast-stroke with a 23.7 time, first in the 50-yd. back-stroke at 22.2, first in the 100-yd. freestyle at 53.3 and led a first-place finish in the 150-yd. medley relay at 1:50.4.

Paul Knarr took first in the 50-yd. breast-stroke with a 24.8 showing, Alpha Tau also took honors in the 33-yd. freestyle relay with a 1:55.7 posting.

Behind Galaxy and Alpha Tau were Sub-T with eight, TNT with seven, Chi Sigs with three, Kappa Sigs with two and Mohicans with one.

Alpha Tau is the expected favorite in track and field competition, with former Bison track members Robert Harper and Pete Kerr scoring 37 points in the 200-yd. dash and former NAIA indoor high jump champion Steve Cesar to be in Tau's ranks.

Beta Phi should deliver the team's firsts when members Pete Kerr and Mike Tucker.

Large Club All-Sports Points

Galaxy 38

TNT 37

Sub-T 36

Mohicans 31

Chi Sigs 22

Kappa Sigs 22

Small Club All-Sports Points

Theta Tau 47

Knights 31

Alpha Omega 30

King's Men 29

Sigma Tau 28

Lambda 25

Beta Phi 23

Praters 21

Chi Omega 9

Bison netters aim at SAU meet

Tennis frosh

Tennis Results:

Delta State defeated Harding 7-2 at Cleveland, Mississippi, March 7.

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