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by Jim Warren

Citing the need for increased production of energy sources, economist Phil Gramm called for a deregulation of natural gas prices on inter-state sales Friday night.

Speaking at the sixth annual Harding College management seminar in the American Heritage Auditorium, Gramm told about 300 businessmen and students the only alternative to increased production would be conservation of resources to ease America's energy problems.

"If we allow energy to reach its free market level we will stimulate production - we will stimulate exploration," he said.

Gramm also suggested drilling be conducted on the continental shelf off the East coast, strip mining the East and West be continued, and a reappraisal of environmental issues and the controversy of nuclear breeders.

Gramm noted that President Carter is a strong believer in conservation of resources and "learning to live on less."

"I think many of the people who are pushers of conservation are also pushers of wanting to stop our growth," he said.

Gramm added that the 300 million per day of the United States "would not allow" the decrease in the growth of the economy which would follow any concerted conservation efforts.

Gramm said one of the biggest fallacies threatening the situation was the belief that resources are fixed. He contended that there are a function of man's technology and would increase as man's scientific capacity increases.

The only limits on resources are limits on man's imagination and "limits on a man's freedom of action," according to Gramm.

"The real danger we face . . . is because we may so tax the creativity of mankind as to destroy our ability to solve our problems," he said.

Gramm was critical of allegations that the United States was a wasteful nation in respect to energy resources.

"It's no accident the American people consume a lot of energy," Gramm said, noting, while the United States consumes 35 percent of the world's energy, it also produces 35 percent of all the world's goods and services.

"Energy has been historically cheap," Gramm continued. "Far from being wasteful Americans are being rational."

"By using energy when it was cheap, Americans economized and saved more expensive resources such as human labor; according to Gramm.

"This suggests to me that conservation can and will occur in the American economy as energy becomes more expensive," he said.

Gramm praised nuclear energy as a key to America's future in the near future and said it was no more dangerous than any other energy source.

"We have never had a death (nuclear plant related). There's no other power source in history with the environmental record of nuclear fusion," he said.

"Nuclear power is dangerous, just so is our way of life," he continued. "We can learn how to use nuclear reactors and we can learn how to live with the new technology."

In respect to the national economy, Gramm said inflation was one of the most serious problems facing the United States. He said a cure to inflation also would aid the unemployment problem.

Rapidly rising prices discourage capital accumulation and investment because the entrepreneur is not assured an equitable return on his risk, according to Gramm, and this leads to less business activity and fewer jobs for the American people.

Weather keeps nurses busy

by Olive Hlebardi

"I'm so sick and so far from home!"

"I wish my mother was here!"

"I'm really feeling sorry for some of these students, especially when I see them crying. No one likes to be sick and its worse when you are so far from home. Some students have even missed as much as a week of classes," said Mrs. Cox.

She noted that the symptoms include a sore throat, cough, fever and nausea. Mrs. Cox's advice was to take aspirin and gargle. The student should see a doctor if the symptoms last over 24 hours.

Mrs. Cox added that the Russian flu has not yet reached Searcy, but that it is expected to be here later in the year.

So what is the best thing to do?

Perhaps it would be well to remember Solomon's advice: "A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a broken spirit drieth up the bone."
Women's sports examined
They are stuck between the proverbial rock and a hard place.
But the Student Association must be commended for their efforts to help resolve a very delicate and controversial issue — whether or not to have women's intercollegiate athletics at Harding College.
The problem is not an easy one. As indicated by Russ Porter's report to the S.A. Monday night in which he came to the conclusion that the majority of directors, administrators and faculty were divided in the issue.
The main controversial issue centers on whether women can be modestly dressed, including opposing teams, while competing at Harding, and whether the college has the financial capacity to support a women's intercollegiate program.

Concerning the modesty issue, perhaps we need to contact our sister institutions such as Freed-Hardeman, David Lipscomb, Abilene Christian, Oklahoma Christian and Pepperdine — all of which have women's intercollegiate athletics — and to speak with them.
Financially, the college can only afford it if the student demand is sufficient. The S.A. has done their part and now the students, particularly interested girls, must respond by writing President Garland, Garrett and "specifically" explaining what they want.

In respect to physical plant, despite comments to the contrary, the facilities at Harding have never been better. Scheduling might be altered somewhat, but one question is still not making optimum use of the new athletic complex.

Feedback
Student praises management seminar
Dear Editor:
The management seminar on Jan. 27-28 was a great success. In my opinion, Dr. Cox and Dr. Burks should be commended for putting together a fine program.
Many times I object to the idea of forcing students to attend such activities but I am beginning to see the benefits of such a policy. Before attending a particular lecture, a student can't be afraid to ask others for advice.
This also applies to us as Christians. Our brothers and sisters will grow stronger spiritually if we expect them to attend church services to fully do their best. This idea is applicable to each of us, even outside of business. For instance, teachers expecting good work from students will see better results and, similarly, students expecting the best from a teacher will no doubt improve the classroom situation.

Respectfully,
Daniel Holt

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The System

Communism and Utopia
The course of history
by Gary Hanes
When Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels completed the Communist Manifesto in 1848, they envisioned the coming of a world where workers and workers threw off the bonds of slavery put on them by the rich businessmen.
Four years earlier, Marx and Engels had organized the Communist League as a vehicle for this world-wide revolution, which they expected would shortly occur. Communism, according to Marx, would transcend national boundaries and conform a world divided by the impermanence of capitalist governments. Soon after the Russian Revolution of 1917, Lenin organized the Comintern to promote proletarian revolutions throughout the world.
But much time has passed since the Manifesto and during the course of the last 135 years, Marxist philosophy has spread from the theory of nineteenth-century Europe to the rain forests and rice paddies of present-day Southeast Asia. With these changes in locale, however, weaknesses in Marx's beliefs have become readily apparent.

America spent billions of dollars and 50,000 young lives to "save" Indo-China from both internal and external communist expansion. Today, Vietnam and Cambodia are both self-styled Marxist governments. Vietnam and Cambodia are also presently at war over the Mekong River valley. Obviously, somewhere between the mind of Karl Marx and the "dictatorship of the proletariat" existing in Southeast Asia right now, someone has forgotten the concept of universal brotherhood, peace and Utopia that Marx preached. One would think, based on what has been previously stated, that two bordering communist countries, with similar goals and situations, would welcome each other's existence. Yet Vietnam and Cambodia find themselves at war with one another over silly, imperialistic, nationalistic ideas.

Very interesting, huh?
Well, somewhere somebody made a mistake, namely Karl Marx. Marx made a positive contribution to the body of human knowledge but also a humanistic idealist and many of his theories about class struggle and government have simply fallen flat. Defendably, much of the problem is the result of using his name to promote ideas he never thought of, but the concept of universal brotherhood and peace is definitely one of his own. Marx's philosophy transcends the realities of human nature which is an essential requirement of any political thinker.

SURE, I’VE HEARD HIM SPEAK MANY TIMES OF "PICKING UP A PIECE OF HARDWARE" IN HIS NECK AT TWO JIMA DURING THE WAR, BUT A BIONIC VOICEBOX?

Fifth Column

Elvis
by Steve Leavell
I saw a newspaper article just today that made me realize again why the name Elvis still resonates with us.
Madam Tusaud's, the London wax museum, has been running a running poll to determine history's greatest heroes and villains so as to know who the public would most like to see added to their collection. According to the latest results, the most hated man who ever lived is Idi Amin and the most admired is Elvis Presley.

It may be possible to make a good case for Amin, even though it seems to me he's up against some pretty stiff competition. But what about Elvis?

The man race has over the many centuries of its recorded history produced a multitude of remarkable philosophers, political and religious leaders, artists, and scientists. Men like Moses, Paul, Galileo, Newton, Di Vinci, Plato, Socrates, Lincoln, Shakespeare. Just in the twentieth century, there have been Walt Disney, Simon, Churchill and Albert Switzer. And yet it seems the greatest hero in history may well be Elvis Presley.

On to other things.
The long-awaited and much-promised Geneva sessions has been cancelled due to lack of interest, mostly on my part. I have little to look forward to but the deification of Donny Osmond.

These little love letters of mine to the collective unconscious sort of spring from my typewriter spontaneously and full-grown like Athena from the brow of Jove. (Nothing like a classical reference to dress up a pedantic idea, is there?) This being the case, I don't really like to be tied down to any predetermined subject.

As a matter of fact, there may not even be a Fifth Column next week. There's a possibility that I may be in Washington, with a group of humor columnists and comic writers, picketing the Congress and the White House. You see, we've decided to follow the example of our nation's farmers and will be lobbying for full parity.

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VITA instruction planned

Two instructors from the Little Rock Internal Revenue Service will be on campus Saturday to speak to those who have volunteered to help in the Volunteer Income Tax Association (VITA) program. VITA is a national program designed to aid the elderly and those with low incomes in filling out their income tax returns. The seminar will be held in American Studies 104, beginning at 9:30. This is the program's second year to offer the service.

"We are not trying to take any business away from those who do tax returns for a living, but we are trying to help those who couldn't afford to have it done otherwise," pointed out Steve White, instructor in the business department and a coordinator for the program.

White, along with Al Fowler of the Development Office, will supervise the preparers. Searcy residents and Harding College students make up the group of volunteers who will serve as consultants.

The volunteers will have stations in Room 104 of the American Studies Building and at the Searcy Housing Authority Building at 501 First Street.

Higginbotham stresses self-worth

by Karen Davis

"No one is average in God's eyes," commented Mrs. Loleta Higginbotham at the J.O.Y. fellowship Saturday in the Recording Studio of the Music Building.

Speaking on the topic, "Worth-while, worth love," Mrs. Higginbotham discussed the idea of poor self-concepts.

She defined a self-concept as what you think of yourself. A self-concept is developed very early, according to Mrs. Higginbotham.

By 2 years old, 50 percent of one's self-concept is established and by 6 years old, 80 percent is developed. These figures show the importance of the mother in forming a child's thinking, said Mrs. Higginbotham.

"By the age of 11, 80.9 percent of you have developed an insecurity complex," said Mrs. Higginbotham. Everyone has some form of poor self-concept, it's natural.

According to Mrs. Higginbotham those feelings are caused by parents' scolding: "Why can't you be like Jamie?" or "She can do it, why can't you?"

"But only four percent ever try to change their poor self-concept, their feelings of inadequacy.

A self-concept puts certain limits around one that he cannot get out of, she said.

In illustrating how God sees man, Mrs. Higginbotham reminded the audience that man was made in "the image of God" and that man is the only part of God's creation that has a "living soul."

But most importantly, according to Mrs. Higginbotham, God "loved us" and he only son died in our stead, "not because of what he did, but because of what I can be."

In developing a better self-concept, Mrs. Higginbotham suggested first, that one must realize who he is and who he is.

"There will never be another person like you on earth again," she said.

One needs then to concentrate on what he wants to be, pray for God's aid, and never "cut yourself down."

Mrs. Higginbotham emphasized that "with a proper view of God, we can then learn a proper view of self and others."

Play begins Monday night

"A Story Theater," the live presentation of several brief works of fantasy, will be held each night at 7:30, Feb. 6-11, in the Little Theater.

The production will be a basic retelling of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales, but with emphasis on actor improvisation.

On stage, there will be no "material support" — background scenery or furniture.

Mr. Kevin Uebeleim, director.

"There must be a cutting away of the Hoffmayer myth that the individual actor, according to Charles Parker, director:

"We will not depend on props to convince our audience, that is now the task of the actors," he said.

"The cast must not only say lines, but create moods and atmosphere by their performances, and sustain this mood for the audience for three to twenty minutes, depending on the selection.

"We have tried to allow each actor greater flexibility and independence in structuring his particular portrayal. The director-actor relationship was much more relaxed and less arbitrary than usual," Parker said.

"Each member of the cast must believe in what he is doing, believe that he is the character, living in the situation found in the story. He must leave behind his self-consciousness and the knowledge that he is being watched by an audience for their entertainment."

David Belgoud, Scott Cody, Donna Coker, Sharon Hawkins, Bob Perkins, Brad Scott, Paula Trestler, Kevin Gehebim, Ellen Walker and Susan Wallace are all members of the cast.

"Attention should be good," Parker said, "This is not the animation of some simple, childish bedtime stories. What it is is an evening of happy endings."

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Teacher’s exploits include being kidnapped

Ken Davis’ life reflects a variety of experiences

by Linda Hilbun

Ken Davis has become an institution at Harding College. But Davis has not always been the director of A Cappella and his varied background has led him through some exploits few people ever experience.

In addition to heavy combat duty in World War II where he was wounded, Davis has traveled the streets of Dallas at gunpoint as a kidnap victim.

A native of Dallas, Dr. Davis is entering his 25th year as an instructor at Harding. In addition to conducting the A Cappella, he teaches choral conducting, song leading, ear training, dictation, voice lessons, and hymn history and analysis for the Bible Department. He conducts 80 A Cappella members and 77 Campus Singers.

A graduate of North Texas State, Davis attended Harding for two years before transferring to NTS where the music department was more prestigious.

"I wanted to come back to Harding and teach music. At that time, Harding didn’t have a very prestigious music department. They had some good people, but it wasn’t what I wanted to do," he said.

"I went to a Harding alumni meeting and was told that I might apply for a job in the music department and so I did. That was in 1963 and I came to Harding in 1965," he said.

In 1942, shortly after his graduation from North Texas State, Dr. Davis entered the Marine Corps. He was first stationed at Virginia, where he advanced from a private first class to a second lieutenant, and from there he was transferred to North Carolina and then to California.

On Jan. 1, 1944, his ship went to sea.

"I learned a lot about people, about myself, and about the Lord," he said. "I read my Bible an awful lot, did a lot of praying, and talking to people. I was in a hostile environment as far as Christianity was concerned. I made some friends though that were religious and those who knew they should, but weren’t."

Going directly into combat after going to sea, Davis’ group landed at Kwajalein and captured two islands.

"That was my first taste of real violence and it was very bad. The Navy had been bombing that place for days — maybe even a month or two — there were people lying around who had been dead that long," he said.

From Kwajalein, they sailed to Saipan in the Marianna Islands and on the twentieth day of the operation, Dr. Davis was wounded.

"I was caught in a heavy artillery barrage and was hit. I spent four months in the hospital. Then I rejoined my outfit in Iwo Jima and got through that one in good shape," he said.

"I was a special weapons man. I had half-tracks with 75 millimeter cannons on them," Davis said. "Then I went to artillery and was kind of the eyes of the artillery. My job was to see what went on in the front lines and relay it back. I just kept the artillery informed."

After spending three and a half years in the Marine Corps, Dr. Davis was awarded the title of Captain and ended his military career in 1946.

"The way I see it, the civil government is a minister of God and has the job of protecting the citizens from either local or foreign aggressors and a person who takes advantage of the situation is obviously to do his part," he said.

"I felt I was obligated to go because I couldn’t ask someone else to do something for me that was wrong for them to do. Just like if I got into trouble, I’d call on the police and if it’s wrong for the police to do what they do then I shouldn’t call on them.

"I think every Christian has to make this decision in his own mind with regard to the scriptures. I wouldn’t try to convince anyone else to do what I did, but I think I would have to do it again if the situation came up and demanded it."

Shortly before Davis entered the service, he was returning from a church picnic in Dallas when he stopped his car at a traffic light. Three teenage boys asked for a ride and he obliged them. All of the boys climbed into the back seat.

"I thought that was a little peculiar, but it didn’t bother me. I felt something in my back and one of them said, ‘Turn down this side street.’ It was really a trail and I said, ‘No, I’m going on into Dallas and I don’t want to turn off there.’"

"They fired off a pistol and I don’t know why, but I thought it was a firecracker and I said, ‘You guys can’t scare me with a firecracker,’ and they fired off another one that went through the windshield and by that time I was quite convinced that it was not a firecracker, so I stopped and had a diamond ring on that my father gave me and I slipped it in my shoe. The larger of the three boys came to the driver’s side and told me to move over. They told me they were going to commit the perfect crime and they were going to use my car to do it. They didn’t really seem like they knew what to do with me.

"We rode around for about two hours and all the time they were talking and I was telling them that they should think this thing over and they would certainly be caught. They didn’t have a chance. Finally, we ended up about ten miles outside of Dallas on a dark road."

Dr. Davis was tied up to a fence, the young men returned his belongings, and then they took off in his car.

"I heard them get stuck and then turn around while I was working real fast to get my hands loose. By the time they turned around, I was loose and had started running the other way. I heard them coming back and jumped over in a ditch. They drove around the neighborhood quite awhile looking for me because they knew I’d gotten away. Finally, they gave up and I walked into town."

Dr. Davis was questioned for about four hours by several different policemen.

"I was released and then the man I’d given my report to at first came out in the afternoon and brought his wife and pictures of three boys," he said. Davis identified them.

"That evening in the Dallas Times Herald there was my story on the front page and they ran those stories for two or three days until they caught the boys in Oklahoma. They had robbed some service stations and grocery stores in Oklahoma and I had to identify them.

"Each one had stolen their father’s pistols and they had held up a man on that same corner the night before and beat him up and wrecked his car. I don’t know why they didn’t beat me up, too, but they didn’t. The strange twist was that the officer who took my description and everything — the very first one I talked to — was the father of the oldest boy. That’s why he asked me so many questions and brought me the pictures to see."

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Wicks leaves pro bike-racing

Moto-cross rider seeks education

by Doug Henneman

The soft eyes and quiet voice belie a consuming passion with a rowdy, dirty sport. And the campus of Harding College is a bit removed from the dirt tracks of Texas, California and the East Coast.

But 28-year-old Jim Wicks consoles himself with the knowledge that he hasn't turned rowdy, dirty sport. "Believe a consuming passion with a sports." That's how Wicks' school:

endurance distance running and hang dirt tracks of Texas, California cycles.

completely loose- and probably never will - of a sport that's 'It's a endurance event."

"In his last race, Jim got a whole heats."

"The average 250cc bike has about 36 horsepower and weight about 200-lbs. You don't muscle a bike, you body movements - where you sit in the seat - is your center of gravity."

"There aren't many rules in moto-cross. You cannot cut the course and you can't block a faster rider, that is, one who's lapped you.

"Other than that, it's all in your ability to maneuver in traffic, cut off riders and even knock down riders," he said.

But the most important part of the race is the start. Jim feels that, given 10 riders of equal ability and with similar bikes, the start will determine the winner.

At the starting line, the track is about 100 yards wide, but narrows to about 30 feet throughout the rest of the way. With a maximum of 40 bikes abreast at the beginning, whoever makes it to the first turn, or gets a "whole shot," is oftentimes the winner.

In his last race, Jim got a whole start in both heats.

"I told the guys I was traveling with and helping to break in that I would get a whole shot in both heats. Of course, they both said no way, but I did anyway." Those friends that Wicks showed the ropes to were Jim Turner, now the Canadian national champion, and Ron Guffman, another top U.S. contender.

That is more or less what you would expect from the number three rider in both 250cc and 500cc classes, which was exactly what "The Pride of Denver," a nickname given Jim by Myster Cyclist magazine, was in 1978.

The slight, sandy-brown haired body has held up fairly well through the races. Knee pads, shin guards, hip pads, shoulder pads, chest and back protection and ankle boots, made it hard to walk but easy and safe to handle the bike.

However, the helmet, goggles, chin guard and face should have not kept him entirely free from the mud and grit and he has chipped teeth to show for it. But one accident has special meaning for him.

Two years ago, he entered Houston Baptist emergency room with a broken leg. Terry Hill, nephew of assistant professor Cliff Sharp, was working in there and he soon became Wicks' wife.

They transferred to Searcy and Harding - she to get a nursing degree and he to "get smart" probably in some business related field.

He works as a painter here in town — a trade he picked up by working the first three years after high school as an apprentice.

"It's not as big in the U.S. as it is in Europe," Wicks explained. "In Europe 300,000 people will turn out for a race. Over there soccer and moto-cross are the big sports."

"Every three months, I'd turn a bike over. My racing bike would become a practice bike. I would salvage what I could from my practice bike and sell the rest and then I'd buy a new bike."

So what kept him going — the living in a van, the two meals a day, the blisters?? Sheer love of the sport.

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In a cloud of smoke

With dust and dirt flying, Jim Wicks makes a sharp turn on a moto-cross track. Such maneuvers are rough on a bike and Wicks estimates he has gone through 25 in his career.

Entertainment complex to hold local talent auditions

Auditions for summer entertainers at Dogpatch U.S.A. will be Thursday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Recording Studio of the Music Building.

According to Nancy Gay of the music department, the representatives are looking for blue grass and dialedx musicians, dancers, comics, jugglers, clowns and actors.

The representatives of the summer entertainment center in Dogpatch, Ark., are especially looking for actors to play the part of the comic strip characters in the "Lil' Abner" comic strip series.

The auditions should be 3 minutes long with more material prepared for call backs. Auditioners should expect to stay the full four hours. There is no pre-registration, but students should bring their social security number and a recent photograph. Singers should provide their own accompaniment. If one plays more than one instrument, he should be prepared to play all of them. Those who play instruments must also be ready to sight-read.

This is the first time auditions of this kind have been held at Harding, according to Miss Gay. If anyone has any questions they should see Miss Gay or Verie Moore of the music department.

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Hammon Student Center
Speed and strength displayed at indoor track meet

In a track meet, there are two essential ingredients that all of the athletes must have — speed and strength. Without these two elements, a track meet would be a flop. Who would want to see the 100-yard dash event take four minutes to run or see someone put the shot only 10 feet when the average is over 50 feet? In an indoor meet last Saturday at the Harding gymnasium, speed and strength were displayed expertly by the Bisons, Louisiana Tech, and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Even though Harding had to settle with second place with 64 points behind Louisiana Tech with 86, the tracksters copped six first places. Capturing first place honors were Darryl Bassett with a 52.85 in the 440-yd. dash, Marshal Grate with a 4:33.9 in the mile, Steve Flatt on a 52-111/2 in the shot put, Phil Hostetler with a 9.47.1 in the two-mile, Bruce Gaither on a 6-6 high jump and Perry Fraley with a 13-6 pole vault. Also, Gaither and Steve Ladd in the shot, qualified in their events for the NAIA indoor track meet. No athletic center records were set, but Wendell Woods of Louisiana Tech tied the existing triple jump mark with a 48-0 jump.

Photos by Jule Medders and Tom Hainley

Text by Buzz Ball

In the picture at the bottom left, Bison track coach Ted Lloyd ponders a decision he had made. In the picture to the right, Bison Steve Flatt prepares to put the shot.

In the above photo, Bruce Gaither clears the bar at 6-6 to qualify him for the NAIA indoor track meet. In the bottom photo, Bison pole vaulter Tom Jones tries to go up and over the bar.

Perry Fraley, left, and Scott White show a perfect form as they glide over the hurdles in the finals of the 80-yd. high hurdles.
Knights, Sig Tau in play-off berths as small club competition narrows

Finals in all four divisions of the men's club basketball tournament are slowly coming into view as action continues all week and through the next. Several games have been played this week with 14 A, B, C, and D games on tap in both the large and small club divisions this weekend.

In small club A, only four teams are left as reigning champions Alpha Omega appear to be in the driver's seat. Next week, Alpha Omega will play previously undefeated Theta Tau in the winner's bracket finals. At 9:15 tonight Sig Tau will seek revenge when they will tangle with Knights. In a previous game, Knights defeated Sig Tau by a slim 27-26 margin. In large club, Titans, led by former All-American Butch Gardner, will tackle unbeaten Alpha Tau for the winner's bracket finals. Loser's bracket finals have not been determined as yet, as Kappa Sigs, Sub-T, Mohawks, and Galaxy all loom in the picture.

In A team games that were played this week, Fraters just got by Alpha Gamma 36-35, Sig Tau defeated Lambda 65-57, Knights whalloped 87-48, and Sig Tau downed CCP 96-64.

Eckwood shines in AIC

Despite a poor overall team showing, Bison forward Stan Eckwood continues to rank as one of the top performers in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, according to AIC statistics released Wednesday. Eckwood, a junior from Searcy, Ark., is second in the conference in scoring, averaging 19 points per game, and third in rebounding, averaging 9.7 caroms per game.

Eckwood has hit on 44 of 229 field goal attempts and 54 of 72 free throw attempts for a total of 342 points. These figures do not include a 31-point performance Eckwood had at Arkadelphia against the league-leading Osachita Baptist Tigers.

Despite Eckwood's efforts, the Bisons remain locked in the cellar with a 1-14 conference record and a 7-13 overall mark. Johnny Jenkins of OBU leads the conference in scoring averaging 19.3 points per game. Wally Love of Central Arkansas leads the league in rebounding with a 10.9 average. Bruce Hines of Henderson State leads in field goal percentage hitting 63 percent of his shots.

Other individual standouts for the Bisons include 6'8" junior center David Baker who is second in the conference in rebounds averaging 9.8 per game.

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Roundballers lose two more

by Buzz Ball

After winning their first AIC basketball game, the Harding College Bison were defeated twice by AIC forces last Friday and Monday.

On Friday night, the University of Arkansas at Monticello slipped past the Bison 85-78, then on Monday night league-leading Ouachita Baptist University stretched their unbeaten conference streak to nine straight as Harding fell 85-79.

In the game Friday night, UAM’s Theodis Bealer poured through 20 points to ruin the Bison. A 31-20 lead with 1:30 left in the game, Harding put on a press and with 1:07 left, Haze McClary, closely guarded, hit the 3-cut from the base line under the basket. It was all even 38-38 at halftime and stayed tied throughout the first five minutes of the second half. At 13:57, Flatt, on a sharp pass from Bruce Lowe, put the Bison on top 46-43.

But UAM got hot and with 11:56 left on the clock, Johnnie Jenkins hit from the corner to push the Tigers to a 5-7 lead which the Bison were unable to overcome. The bright spot of the game, however, was the standout performance by Eckwood. The flashy guard finished with 31 points, 23 coming in the first half. He connected on 10 of 12 from the field and 11 of 13 from the charity stripe.

Also scoring in double figures for the Bison was Flatt with 11 points, one of the nation’s leading teams in field goal shooting, shot a red hot 60.8 from the field on 39-64. UBO also led in the rebounding department with 28 to the Bison’s 25.

29 of 31 from the field for a 55.9 percent.

Get away from me!

TNT’s Marc Showalter, center, tries to cut off the baseline under the basket during the Bisons contest against Kappa Sigma. Despite Showalter’s play, Kappa Sigma won the first round contest.

Water Buffaloes win two, lose one on St. Louis weekend road trip

The Harding College Water Buffaloes traveled to St. Louis last week and came back with two wins and one loss against three tough schools.

In a meet with McMurry State, the Harding tankmen captured first place honors in any of the two meets were Al Wright, Chris Cherry, Glen Graham, Steve North, Vernon Beach, Carl Wailes, Monty Lynn, Walter Smith, Phil Eudaly, and Brad Watson.

One bright spot in the trip was that the 400 yard medley relay, consisting of North, Smith, Beach and Waites, won the 27th time with the best time of 4:46.13 coming in the McMurry meet.

In addition to the medley relay, North placed first in the individual medley twice, the 200 back, and was a member of the 400 free style relay team.

In the diving department, Brad Watson took first in the regular diving competition and first in the optional dive division.

Another bright spot on the trip was the 400 free style relay. Against Westminster and McMurry, the team of Chris Cherry, Phil Eudaly, Carl Wailes, and Graham captured first place honors with a best time of 3:54.73.

On Feb. 16th, the Water Buffaloes will host AIC foe Arkansas Tech at the New Athletic Complex at 1:30 p.m. during the weekend of the 24th and 25th of February. Harding will participate in the AIC Championship Meet at UCA in Conway.

Saturday, the tankmen will travel to Conway to participate in a triangular meet with AIC favorite Hendrix and Ouachita Baptist.

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