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Spring fling practice can be fun despite the long hours which go into perfecting choreography. Becca Dunn (left) and Pam Riley fall into a lighthearted moment while practicing the song “Down on My Knees” with Shantih social club.

Tucson Boys Choir performs tonight

The Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus will present a concert at 8 tonight in the Main Auditorium as a part of Harding’s Lyceum series. The “ambassadors” from Levile’s from the land of cactus and canyon” as they have been called, consists of more than 100 boys between the ages of seven and 14. The touring chorus numbers from 24 to 30.

Tonight’s concert will include “everything from serious classical music to folk, western, and popular,” according to Dr. Eric Moore, professor of music. Founded in 1939, the chorus is unique among the world’s great choral organizations in that it has no church or school affiliation. The boys have given more than 2,000 concerts throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia, have recorded several albums, and have appeared in numerous television specials.

The touring chorus is chosen from those in the training chorus with the best voices and who have earned the best grades in school. By special arrangement, the boys who tour are permitted to make up their school work when they return. The young singers, who appear onstage in many different costumes, travel in a chartered Greyhound bus which also carries scenic effects to add to each stage set. Clara Montgomery, the “four mother” travels with the boys.

In the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus, founded by Eduardo Caso, an Englishman who came to Arizona in 1950.

Campus flu outbreak results in record amount of sickness

An outbreak of flu of epidemic proportions has resulted in a record amount of student sickness at the college, according to Mrs. Jean Cox, nurse at the health center.

“We had an all-time high over an 11-year period for students who called in sick Monday,” she said, noting 315 students called in and about 200 more paid visits to the health center.

Mrs. Cox said a majority had the flu. This marked the second outbreak of flu in a four-week period.

Only one of the cases, an infant child of a faculty member, was confirmed as the Russian flu, although speculation existed that several others might have been. Other suggested programs were track with 27, softball with 25, swimming with 19, gymnastics with 19, bowling with 12, and golf with 6.

Of those negative responses, the majority felt a women’s program might cause the moral fabric of the college to slip, according to Porter. He said the students feared women would dress immodestly on the field and let this carry over into other aspects of college life. Porter also noted that two students favored an abolition of all intercollegiate athletics at Harding, viewing them as “un-Christian.”

Porter said the committee will proceed to sort through the letters again and submit several to the administration as a representative sample of student opinion.

In addition letters were sent Wednesday to several of the Christian colleges which have women’s intercollegiate athletics to determine how their quality of life has been affected. These colleges included Abilene Christian University, Oklahoma Christian College, David Lipscomb College and Freed-Hardeman.

Porter predicts the S.A. will submit its final report after spring break. Tentative recommendations on the report will include initiating women’s basketball, volleyball and tennis.

“Whatever we do to is to go after those that have the most participation possibility,” Porter said, adding, “We have to be flexible on the financial aspects.”

Any report submitted by the S.A. would serve only as a representation of student opinion and would have no significant power to force a change in policy.

“It’s not a popularity vote,” Ganus said. “I’m going to do what I think is best for Harding College.”

Ganus emphasized that the final decision would have to be made by the board of directors, administration and the faculty, noting they would be around much longer than the present student body.

Before that decision will come, however, the red tape of bureaucracy must be dealt with. Harding submitted a complete report of its situation to the Health, Education and Welfare administration which is responsible for implementing controversial Title IX and has yet to receive a response.

“I’m not planning to have any change until we have come to some conclusion with the government,” Ganus said.

Approximately two years ago the physical education department submitted a departmental recommendation to institute women’s intercollegiate athletics at Harding College, according to Ganus. The recommendation was based on a study done by a committee chaired by Dr. Harry Dree, athletic director.

Ganus emphasized that this request was simply a departmental request similar to those he receives from other departments concerning other expenditures.

“Some of them we just can’t do and the same was true of that committee,” he said.

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Sickly diehards must get rest

About 500 students have reported to the health center in the past week sick, most with the flu. But chances are the numbers are much greater because some of the students just do not have the time to rest.

And according to a couple of Searcy physicians, this could be the most serious problem facing the campus during the recent outbreak. Students who refuse to accept their condition can only worsen their health and spread the disease.

The best way to get over the flu is to rest, and without it complications such as bronchitis and other respiratory ailments may set in which require a doctor’s attention.

To encourage these diehards to go to bed may require a sensitivity among faculty and students alike to the needs of our sickly comrades. During the next few weeks teachers need to recognize such problems in respect to their assignment scheduling and fellow students need to offer a helping hand with the daily routine of dorm life.

If we treat this situation like an epidemic perhaps we may not have one.

Student representation by the Student Association has been cast in a new light recently through the activities of the committee to study women’s intercollegiate athletics. For the first time in several years, the group has been permitted to study student opinion on the topic.

Through my truancy attempting to gauge the student’s opinion to the administration on a controversial issue.

Doubtless many student will be disappointed when the suggestions submitted by the S.A. are viewed only as suggestions by Dr. Ganus and others.

But the responsibility of the S.A. is not to dictate policy. It is rather to accurately reflect student attitudes to the administration and faculty. In this way the S.A. has power to initiate changes, because those who govern Harding and make her policies are sensitive to our needs and must continue to be to this institution to exist.

Russ Porter and Lyndel Hurley deserve commendations for “licking their tracks out” and actually carrying out the responsibilities they were voted in to do.

Feedback

Track member sees need for women’s athletics

Dear Editor,

As is quite evident in Luke 19, God abhors the wasting of talent, yet because Harding does not provide for girls’ athletics, I suspect that much talent is being squandered. As a participant in intercollegiate athletics, I am adamantly in favor of initiating an intercollegiate sports program for girls.

Through my travels to track meets, I have had the chance to witness girls’ athletics, as well. At least in track, it is just as intense and exciting as the men’s competition. Realizing the benefits I receive from intercollegiate athletics, I believe girls should be admitted from attending swim meets where the male competitors wear scanty clothing while what female competitors wear clothing in track meets.

Moreover, track meets — programs such as sporting events, the Olympics and especially the world carnivals — are as important to the student-athlete as games. It is a pity that the students are people and are as entitled to participate as anyone else, provided they are no longer participating on the intercollegiate level.

The club I am a member of is not overly blessed with an abundance of ex-collegiate athletes, but we don’t begrudge the clubs that are. They enhance the level of competition and make the quality of the program higher.

If Mr. Ball’s suggestions are implemented, it would only be fair to also ban any cheerleaders from being in Spring Sing. After all, we must be fair to everyone.

Sincerely,

Steve Hawley

Kim — a source of strength

by LeeAnn Wise

Kim Richards. The name, now, is a memory. And all the memories it brings are good ones, of those of us who knew her. Those of us who knew her remember the vitality she once had and her deep love for life. Her red hair and the sparkle in her eyes seen behind her glasses really identified her. Her Christian spirit allowed her to become a trusted and dear friend in a short time, but a friendship not easily forgotten.

Her fight against leukemia began in December of 1975, and it truly was a fight. While she knew she was a fighter, strength, a strong will came through that possessed her to carry on through rigorous activities, running and nightly exercises. In fact, one request which followed realization of her illness was a bicycle. And ride it she did until it was just no longer possible.

Her love for life was still ever present and she chose to spread her love to her friends. When she found herself with her health diminishing, she chose to leave Harding because of her health, she kept a constant rapport with the club members and other friends.

She was a source of strength to all as we watched her remain courageous and not all her trust in the Lord’s will. Someone once said that for those whose memory is full of the words of Christ, there is strength in all life’s emergencies.

And that is how we remember Kim, the little red-haired girl everybody loved. Kim is gone, but she leaves behind a good memory. And our sorrow has no ground when we think with assurance of her new heavenly abode.

Fifth Column

Salesmen

By Steve Leave

I fail to see why any honorable young man would want to be a door-to-door salesman. He might as well while there are still so many open opportunities in the bakery and drug smuggling trades.

That’s really a bit of an exaggeration. I suppose door-to-door salesmen are not the least known forms of life. Scientists are discovering new forms of viruses every day.

But really, is there anyone who actually welcomes the unexpected door-to-door encounter? If there are, they must be the same people who enjoy snowstorms and stomach flu.

When I lived up in the Ozarks, I believe I was one of the few ready to receive salesmen. He kept a good Johnson by his front door. He told my father once that you should always shoot to kill in such situations because “if you just wing em’, they’ll drag their selves out of your land and you might get in trouble with the law.”

I guess my own reaction is a little milder but not much. You see, it’s not just the intrusion on my personal space that rankles me, although that’s bad enough. I am also offended by the very philosophy inherent in door-to-door sales.

The basic idea behind this kind of sales campaign is that either: A) I am too ignorant to realize how sorely I need insurance, or electrolyciodias, or aluminum siding or whatever and so must be pressed into my living room and sold on the idea, or B) that I know I need these items but am too brightened to understand just how badly I need them. Another good reason for the visitation of one of these merchant missionaries.

Both of these ideas may have some validity, but that doesn’t mean I have to like it. For instance:

One day I was approached by a salesperson who came to my door and told me that I had a curious little area under my door that needed a covering or whatever and so must be given to him at this time. He knew I had a curiosity about my floorboards and it was a strong possibility that he was wrong. Moreover, I knew that any cold air could come in from that area and a warm air could come in from that area. He knew I was right.

I was more or less indifferent to the experience, and I was not sure that I was not in a different place entirely. I was more or less indifferent to the experience, and I was not sure that I was not in a different place entirely.

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Students burn midnight oil
Petit Jean staff confronts final deadline tonight

by Olive Bluthardt
Tonight marks the final pages to the yearbook representatives from Oklahoma City this weekend. We will put the finishing touches on the book there. We haven't met any of our deadlines so far and it is imperative to meet this one," said Buterbaugh.

Achieving this goal demanded that the staff work all night for the past four Fridays and that Buterbaugh spend at least 12 hours each day in the office. Last weekend the yearbook didn't come through as they had promised. We've really worked hard, but if some had worked harder earlier, then the book would have been done sooner," said Buterbaugh.

The format of this year's Petit Jean is different from preceding ones in many ways. Buterbaugh cited some of these as: the reduction in the number of pages to the yearbook company in California, the greatest emphasis on copy, academic coverage and less on administrative; more graphics, screens, art conversions, and circle pictures; less color and a greater emphasis on copy.

"We tried printing our own color photography, but it was too time-consuming and we got behind schedule. Because last year's judges graded the copy interview-type copy. We wanted to concentrate more on feelings than on facts," he explained.

A major advantage this year has been an experienced photography staff, Buterbaugh said. "We had four guys who could do much of the work, such as filing negatives and numbering contact sheets, that others had to do before. They shot about 12,000 pictures and it went the smoothest I can remember," he added.

Probably the greatest asset to the Petit Jean staff has been their faculty advisor, Dr. Joe Pryor. "The book wouldn't be possible without him," according to Buterbaugh.

Bike-a-thon slated for April 6

A Wheels for Life Bike-a-thon will be held in Searcy April 8 to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Kay White, chairman of the Bike-a-thon, has appointed Zeta Phi Zeta and MuPhiKappa to sponsor the project.

According to Debbie Land, president of Zeta Phi Zeta, there will be a two-mile route mapped out around Searcy and bikers will ride as far as they can. Club members will be passing out sponsor sheets and participants are responsible for getting sponsors to pay for each mile ridden.

Prizes will be given to those who complete the two miles. Anyone with a bicycle is welcome to enter the bike-a-thon.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a center dedicated to the research of childhood cancer and other deadly children's diseases. Discoveries have already been made in leukemia and solid tumors.

For more information, contact Debbie Land or Kay White.
Campusology

Today
Tucson Boys Choir, Main Auditorium, 8 p.m.  S.A. Movie — "Coconuts," American Heritage Auditorium, 7 and 9 p.m.  Bison Golf, Garland County C.C., Hot Springs.
Bison Tennis against S.A.U., Home, 12 p.m.
Social Work Seminar — "Will the Family Survive the Test?" American Heritage Auditorium, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tomorrow
Family Commitment Workshop, American Heritage Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
S.A. Movie — "Coconuts," American Heritage Auditorium 7 and 9 p.m.

Tuesday
Student Recital Recording Studio, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
Bison Tennis against Arkansas College, Home, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 10
Spring break begins, 5:15 p.m.-8 a.m., Monday, March 20.
Last day to complete Fall Incompletes.

Saturday, March 11
Band Tour, March 11-19, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La.; Gulf Port, Miss.; and Beaumont, Dallas, Houston, and Ft. Worth, Texas.

Monday, March 13
Supervised Teaching Starts, March 13 or 20- May 5 or 12.

Friday, March 17
Bison Tennis — Quadrangular: Harding, David Lipscomb, Abilene and Ft. Worth, Texas.

Kim Richards dies in Florida after battle with leukemia

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Freshman Denise Kay has won the principal award in the Youth category of the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge 26th annual national awards program for her speech "American Patriotism."

The speech itself has three panel of state supreme court justices and officers of major patriotic, veteran and service organizations, Miss Kay's speech was first presented in an oratorical contest among Christian high schools in April 1977. "I'd just gotten back from a trip to a forum presented by Freedom's Foundation when my speech teacher told me she had put my name down for an oratorical contest that would start two weeks from then. That's when I wrote 'American Patriotism,'" she said.

The speech itself has three major themes according to Miss Kay. "First, it asks who was the real founding father of this country, and I say God was. Then it deals with what the founding fathers have done for America. Finally, it talks about what we could do to be American patriots."

The speech and its topics were entirely her own ideas, according to Miss Kay, although her father helped indirectly by his inspiration. "My father has always been very patriotic. He gives me a lot of guidance."

Other Harding programs and individuals honored were: the American Studies Program, the Center for Private Enterprise Education, Dr. Don Diffine and Dr. George Benson.

Also Miss Kay's father, C. L. Kay, Executive Director of the Center for Business and Economic Education at Lubbock Christian College, accepted a similar award from Freedom's Foundation on behalf of his Center.

Miss Kay received an encased George Washington Honor Medal and a United States Savings Bond.

Harding co-ed wins Freedom award

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Spring wedding set

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ganus of New Orleans, La., announce the approaching wedding of their daughter, Nancy, to Dwaine Powell of Greenville, Texas. The ceremony will be March 9 at College Church of Christ. Dr. Clifton Ganus Jr. will officiate.

Miss Ganus, an elementary education major, is a member of Alpha Chi and Kappa Phi social club. She will be graduated December 1978.

A December graduate of Harding, Powell has a B.A. in Bible and is presently working with the campus ministry training program at Harding.

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Seniors to begin student teaching

One hundred and six Harding seniors will begin student teaching around spring break according to Dr. Bobby Coker, chairman of the education department.

Fifty-seven students will be teaching in elementary schools. Teaching at Harding Academy Elementary will be Susan Bean, Donita Bryant, and Lea Anne Hammond.

Those teaching at McRae Elementary will be James Allcock, Denise Atkinson, Rebecca Courson, Cathy Drennan, Jo Anna Hickman, Berdine Jamison, Lanette Mahle, Jill Metzler, Freda Nelson, Janice Reavis and Lisa Wilson. Sandra Kennedy, Pam Logan and Billy Walker will be at Searcy High School.

Students assigned to Sidney Deemer in Searcy are Theresa Baker, Kathryn Prichett Bell, Donna Lou Osburn, Kerry Jo Colvett, Raymond Hunter, Becky McKeever, Patricia Parker, Lea Reynolds, Darla Stange, Laura Traffanstedt, Marilyn K. Wells and Rhonda Wilson. Sheila Gardner will teach at the Sunshine School and Karen Cole, Teresa Colvin and Connie Pounder will be at Bald Knob Elementary.

Teaching at Pangburn Elementary will be Vanessa Davis, Betty Spillman and Dianne Williams with Kathy Goodlow and Elizabeth Henry working at Kentz Elementary. At Beebe Elementary will be Denila Hall, Vicki Tharp and Gail Tomlinson.

Vicki Dalton and Sarah Gail Lay will be at Griffithville Elementary. Teaching at Augusta Elementary will be Janet Jamison and Brenda Nelms.

Fifty-nine students will be teaching on the secondary level. Teaching at Harding Academy will be Greg Cannon, Mark Galassi and Richard McClellan, physical education; Eva June Lee, art; Diana McVe, English; Robin Miller; speech; Jill Prince, music; and Curt Sparks, math.

At McRae Middle School will be Pam Bandy, music, and Dana Monseymah, physical education. Teaching at Searcy Junior High will be Nancy Chandler, physical education; Lanette Grate, English; Keith Gunderson, social science; and Leon White, music.

Student teachers at Searcy Senior High will be Cheryl Dean, math; Butch Gardner and Adrian Hickman, physical education; and Kathy Sewell, English.

The seven student teachers at Augusta will be Tim Ross, chemistry and general science; Beverly Nall, Susan Nossaman and Mark Vancil, English; Robin Stumme, art; Cindy Warren, physical education; and Rebecca Watson, business education.

At Bald Knob High School will be Tori Alexander and Craig Ireland, physical education; Sue Foley, English; and Carol Gates, home economics.

Teaching at Beebe High School will be Jonny Harden, physical education and social science; and Sherry Krumerei and Julie Wells, home economics.

The student teachers at Des Arc will be Olivia Bluhardt, English; Brenda Brown, art; Lea Markham, Spanish and English; and Sue Morris, music.

Charlotte Wolfe will be teaching music at Cabot and Ingrid Nelms will be teaching general education at Griffithville.

Teaching at Heber Springs will be Cindy Chandler and Brenda Garner, physical education; Paul Robinson, English; and Holly Wiser, music.

Kim Chacon will be teaching English at Jacksonville Junior High North, while Ellen Bresnan will be teaching English at Jacksonville High School.

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Defending small club champions Tofebt advanced to the championship finals Feb. 21, by narrowly defeating Chi Lambda Chi 24-23. Rebounding proved to be the major factor in the ballgame as Tofebt, led by Cheri Martin and Dee Ann Clark, dominated the boards both on offense and defense. Chi Lambda, led by sharp shooters Glenda Whitaker and Kathy McCoy, tied the score at the half 11-11 and led almost the entire second half. With approximately 30 seconds left in the game, Martin put up a desperate shot beneath the board to give Tofebt the lead 24-23. A staunch Tofebt defense and missed foul shots by Chi Lambda iced the game.

Taking scoring honors for the contest were Martin with 11 points and Whitaker also with 11. Clark also contributed eight for Tofebt while McCoy made eight for Chi Lambda.

In major league action, Tri Sigma defeated defending champions Kappa Phi 16-9 and will play each other Monday night for the championship. Taking honors was Tri Sig's Robin Smith with seven points. In other A team action, Beta Tau defeated Zeta Phi 19-16 but were defeated by OEGE 22-16. In a semifinal game, Tri Sigs defeated Gata 23-15. In B team action, Gata defeated Beta Tau by a slim 15-14 and then defeated Ko Jo Kai 15-13. In C team competition, Ju Go Ju defeated Kappa Phi 17-5 and Shantih 15-10. Finals for C team will be Monday. The championship game for small club will be sometime next week when Tofebt will play the winner of the Chi Lambda-OEGE game.
The Hendrix Warriors outswam Harding 635 to 273. In third place was UCA with 167 points. The meet saw Hendrix break six AIC records and quality three swimmers for national competition.

Mark McElrea, the freshman sensation from Los Angeles, captured the only first place for the Bison tankers by finishing the 100 yd freestyle in 51.25 to establish a new school record. McElrea also set a school record in the 50 yd freestyle with a time of 23.18, receiving third place. He finished fourth in the 100 yd butterfly, one place ahead of teammate Bob Amis.

The 400 yd freestyle relay composed of Norman Kahla, Glen Graham, Amis, and McElrea broke the school record in the event by clocking in at 3:24.78 and received second place behind the Hendrix relay team which set a new AIC record. The 400 medley relay consisting of Steve North, Kahla, Amis, and McElrea also finished second to Hendrix.

Kahla and North, captains of the team, broke school records in the 200 individual medley and 200 backstroke respectively. Kahla finished fourth in the 1000 yd freestyle, sixth in the 200 butterfly, and seventh in the 200 freestyle. North claimed second in the 200 backstroke, fourth in the 100 backstroke, fifth in the 200 I.M., and seventh in the 100 butterfly.

McElrea was high point man for the Water Buffaloes, accumulating a total of 564 points, only 6 points behind Eric Omundson of Hendrix who received the AIC High Point Award. Kahla, who received the award as a freshman, amassed 531 points and North, 456. In the diving department, Harding's Eddie Blackshear claimed sixth place in both the one meter and three meter events. Brad Watson received seventh in the three meter and eighth in the one meter. Dale "Goober" McCoy got eighth in three meter competition and tenth in one meter, despite a foot injury.

Other tankers who reached the finals of their events were Phil Eudday, co-captain of the team, Chris Cherry, Al Wright, Walter Smith, Glen Graham, and Monty Lynn.

"No one could catch Hendrix," concluded McElrea, "but we definitely proved that we're the second best team in the conference."

Coach Arnold Pykas, who just completed his last season with the Water Buffaloes, has never led his team to less than a second place finish in the conference battle and guided them to the championship in 1976.

Team Standings

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If the Harding College keglers win the AIC championship this year, it will be the ninth crown in the last 10 years. In conjunction with winning the AIC again this year, the Bisons also have the chance to represent Harding College for the 10th straight year in the NAIA Bowling Tournament.

Why does Harding have such a successful bowling team year after year? What is the one element that is the key to the keglers' many triumphs?

Bowing coach Ed Burt attributes the success to three factors. "First, each year we have a great bunch of boys who have winning attitudes. Secondly, the boys take pride and work hard every day. And thirdly, Harding has a winning tradition going and so one wants to be on Harding's first losing team."

Harding does indeed have a winning tradition. In 1979, 71, 72, and 73, the keglers have walked away with the AIC championship trophy, and in the other years the team has participated in the tournament but has not placed under fourth.

Harding is also known for producing great bowlers. Gary Beck, who is possibly the greatest bowler in Harding's history, won the NAIA singles and doubles with Zearl Watson in 1975 and participated in the Eighth Federation Internationale de Quillesmexx World Bowling Championships in London (known as the "Olympics" of bowling).

Another great bowler that has performed for the Bisons was Charles Burt who is the only man to win the NAIA singles championship two years in a row.

This year's team also has potentially great bowlers. Bryan Davis, who took fourth in the NAIA last year, is third in the conference. Kevin Fisher, who took 10th in the nation last year, leads the conference after four rounds with a total pinfall of 2,917.

After four AIC rounds, the Harding keglers lead UCA by 770 pins. Fisher, Danny Gerlach, Davis and Ron Wheeler, are the four individual leaders. Mike Mitchell is sixth, David Pitchell is ninth and Mark Cramer is tenth.

On March 17, the keglers will bowl the final four rounds of the AIC — the most important rounds of the season other than the NAIA. "In these two rounds, we put everything on the line and the best two rounds determine who wins the AIC, NAIA District 17, and NAIA Area Four and who goes to the NAIA," Burt said.

"Right now, I am very confident that we will represent Harding in the NAIA and even win it, but an unfortunate thing like a bad game can be the downfall. But right now, I am confident that we will win the national meet again."

The 1977-78 Harding Bowling team is a team that is loaded with talent. And it is a team that could bring Harding's fifth national title and the campus from Kansas City on April 15.

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Religion plays key role in success of Arnold Pylkas

by Buzz Ball

The year of 1952 was a key year in the life of Water Buffalo Coach Arnold Pylkas for two factors — he found truth in Christ, and his wife Wanda.

Coach Pylkas, who is completing his final year at Harding, will leave at the end of the spring semester to be the Executive Director at the Paragould, Ark., Children’s Home but will take many fond memories of Harding with him.

Reminiscing about the past, Coach Pylkas said an incident that changed his life was when he met his wife in 1952. “I believe with all my heart that it was the providence of God that put us in contact with each other.”

“One of the most important things was that we had a lot of things in common. We both liked the out-of-doors and cultural activities such as orchestras and plays,” the coach continued.

“She was just what I needed, someone who was willing to adventure out, had an open mind, and was a good listener.”

Pylkas also tied the meeting of his wife into his finding the truth in Jesus Christ. “When I met Wanda, she was a member of the Church of Christ and I was a Lutheran. Since I don’t believe in a religiously split home, I knew that either Wanda had to switch or we both had to find a religion that we knew was right.”

“It was through study, reading the Bible, and prayer that I found truth and had a unified home,” Pylkas exclaimed.

Throughout his entire life, Coach Pylkas has been involved in swimming in one way or another. When I was about five or six years old, that first time I ever competed was in Minneapolis when I swam for Roosevelt High School. Half-way through my high school years, we moved to Detroit and completed high school education at Northwestern High School.

In 1944, Coach Pylkas enlisting in the Navy after high school graduation and his first stop was at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. “All the new recruits were taken into a big auditorium called a drill hall. There was an announcement made that anyone who could swim, play football, basketball, or baseball should try out for the respective teams. I ended up on the Navy swim team and between seasons, served sea duty in the Atlantic Theater.”

In 1946, two days after his discharge from the Navy, Coach Pylkas was notified that he had qualified for an athletic scholarship in swimming at Michigan State University. The following day, he found himself trying out to another school at the University.

Coach Pylkas also worked at the Boys’ Club in Detroit teaching and coaching swimming and decided to transfer to Wayne State University and swim for three years.

Opportunity knocked at Coach Pylkas’ door when he received a Job in Plymouth, Mich., teaching elementary physical education and coaching the high school swimming coach. During the summers, he worked at a country club teaching and coaching swimming. He held that job for 10 years.

Pylkas took his job at Harding in a most unusual way. “I first came in contact with Harding in 1970 when I attended a summer Bible teacher workshop. I met Dr. Jimmy Carr and he in turn introduced me to Harry Olree (Harding’s athletic director).”

“I had really wanted to teach at the Academy because my wife and I wanted a Christian environment for our children. For about a year, I had not heard anything about a job so I had given up hope. The following summer, we decided to pack the family, buy a new car and trailer and travel west for the entire summer to get a little culture.”

“Our first stop was at Davis City, Ark., on July 1 to pick up my father. It was there I received a phone call from Harry Olree wanting me to come for an interview. I immediately went and was offered a job in the college which made me very happy.”

“I went back to Cave City, had a family conference and took a vote deciding to come to Harding. We went back to Detroit, packed our things and arrived at Harding that August.”

In his six years at Harding, Coach Pylkas has guided his Water Buffaloes to five second place finishes and one championship trophy.

The element that separates the Water Buffaloes from any other AIC team is the devout Christianity displayed by the swimmers, and most of all by the coach.

Bisons whip Ark. Tech 81-72

Stan Eckwood and Tim Flatt combined their efforts to pour through 44 points as the Harding College Basketball Bisons defeated the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys 81-72 last Thursday night.

The victory gave the Bisons a two-game sweep of the series for this season and topped the Bisons record to 9-8 against a 3-14 league mark.

Flatt scored 10 of the Bisons’ first 19 points as Harding jumped out to an early 19-10 lead at 1:31 of the first half. With 3:29 left, the Bisons were on top 36-24 but Tech put on a full-court press and rushed back to cut the Bisons lead to 40-32 at halftime.

Eckwood, who finished the night with 24 points, hit from all over the floor in the second half. But the Wonder Boys decided to make a game of it and with 7:36 left, Harding led by only two points, 60-41.

But the Bisons kept their poise and increased their lead to 77-68 with 1:32 left. In the final second, Bruce Lowe scored two free throws and made the final two points for the 81-72 win.

Flatt ended the evening with 26 points followed by Baker who had 12. Eckwood also led in rebounds with 14.

Every Sunday night, the Pylkas family holds a life session in their home for the swim team to “discuss problems or what God expects of us.” They have prayer sessions and devotionals on a regular basis and the team displays Christian attitudes before, during, and after meets.

Coach Pylkas accepted the job of executive director of the Paragould Children’s Home this year and will leave after the spring semester.

“I believe I was offered the job because I have an administrative degree so now I will put it to work for the Lord to help others that might have a need, especially children,” the coach continued.

Just as it will be difficult for him to leave Harding, it will be difficult for Harding to lose him.

To Coach Pylkas, “Harding is my home.” But in May, his home will lose a very important family member.

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