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Grammy Award winner Ray Stevens to perform in Benson Thursday night

by Jay Perdue

Ray Stevens, a Grammy Award winner with such hit songs as "Guitarman," "The Striker," and "Misty," under his belt, will give a concert Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium with David Loggins as his warm-up act.

Stevens, largely known for his light-hearted humor, will perform a "high-energy, high-speed show that combines amusement and music" according to S.A. sponsor Dr. Jerome Barnes.

For Stevens, there's a natural bridge between outlandish humor and serious serious. "To laugh at something is the best, and best way to bring whatever it is that's bothering you down to size and deal with it," he explains.

"But," adds Stevens, "I like all kinds of songs and all kinds of messages, just as I like all kinds of creative work. It doesn't have to be funny." Stated Atlanta native Ray Stevens, Atlantic native Ray Stevens has certainly maintained that sort of diversity in his music.

All-school lecturerset regular classes will meet

On Tuesday, Harding will hold its first annual All-School All Day Lectureship.

The World Evangelism Forum is sponsoring the event which will have "a special feel to it because you know where you are going!"

Lectures will take place in both Main Auditorium during regular class meeting times, beginning with the chapel period at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Jim Adcox of Jonesboro, Ark., will deliver the 9:45 a.m. lecture. His topic will be "Do you know where you are going?" followed by discussion groups at 10:30 a.m.

At 1 p.m., David Weidner from West Chicago, Ill., will be speaking on "What am I doing at Harding?"

At 2 p.m., classes will be encouraged to attend small sessions in smaller groups. Students will be able to choose from four classes. These include "How to deal with temptations," taught by Stanley Shipp of St. Louis; "How do you handle failure and guilt?" with Benji Loggins of Montgomery, Ala.; the class; "What do you do on a daily basis?" taught by Adcox; and "How do you develop a personal faith?" taught by Weidner.

At the 3 p.m. session, classes will be repeated so that students may attend their second choice. A panel discussion on the subject "Priority and Spirituality" will be at 4 p.m.

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Committee to re-evaluate pledge week activities

Under the chairmanship of Dean Ted Altman, a pledge week committee has been formed to evaluate pledge week activities.

The committee consists of Dean Eddie Campbell and Dean Martha Dowling (administrators), Richard Walker of Morristown, Tenn., Marlin City and Chuck Hicks (club sponsors), Bill Gammill and Cindy Searcy (spectrum staff), and Jo Cleveland (Faculty), Bill Gammill.

The committee hopes to get feedback from students, faculty and sponsors on their feelings and reactions towards pledge week and its activities.

After formulating their data, the committee will set ground rules for next year's pledging. Dean Altman feels these ground rules will be especially to helpful to club sponsors in their decision of what can and cannot be done during the week.

Dean Altman said that for several years the administration has felt the need to look closely at pledge week because of comments about it being un-Christian or ridiculous. He commented on the other hand about it being a very positive activity in that it makes one feel a part of Harding."

Dean Altman stressed the fact that this is not a negative approach to do away with rough night and pledging, but is a positive way to evaluate and look at the activities objectively.

"Rough night this year was probably as calm as ever," said Dean Altman. "We are not concerned so much about the physical aspect, as the mental."

The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, Dec. 8. Committee members will be at that time present their compiled information. The committee hopes to be able to submit their proposals to Dr. Gamm after the start of the spring semester.
Events fill weekend, Student apathy reigns

Homecoming and all of its pomp and circumstance is once again over and thanks are in order for Dr. Jimly Carr, Barry Blain and numerous other people who worked extremely hard to make it a success.

A word of thanks is also extended to the Des Arc, Harding Academy of Memphis and Harding University bands for the fine performances during the parade and halftime shows.

Those involved with the Homecoming production 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' under the direction of Chuck Parker, which added another flair to the busy weekend along with the performances of the numerous singing groups on campus and those students who lend their talents to the Black Out '80, deserve yet another round of applause.

Although Homecoming was a time to renew old ties or visit with relatives who were here for various reasons, the atmosphere this weekend seemed to be clouded with a growing attitude of apathy.

Right from the start, when Barry Blain was organizing the Homecoming committee, apathy on the part of the student body proved a vital factor. Of the few students who did volunteer to work, only one third of them actually came through. This attitude became even more evident to the bystander as the weekend neared.

The pep rally and crowning of the Homecoming Queen were proof. Students felt so uninterested that they didn't even vote for their classmates. By the end of the weekend it seemed that the students just weren't interested in seeing just who they had voted for in the Queen.

And for the Homecoming parade on Saturday, the classes, though they were allotted $10 from the S.A. and collected funds from the students to produce a float for the transportation of their representatives, only the freshman class came through with a float.

The sophomore and senior classes at least provided a car and driver for their reps, but the junior class really showed their irresponsibility by only providing a car or showing up at the formation of the parade to let their rep know. Thanks to the fast thinking of the Homecoming Committee, the rep was able to show up for the seniors.

In yet another area, the clubs on campus who so vigorously worked last year to make the best float on campus for the parade faded out this year. The S.A. even doubled the award money, thinking that it would spark some more enthusiasm among clubs that didn't participate last year and instead only three social clubs out of 44 displayed a float.

The competition, however, took place, and those three participants, AO winning first place, Knights and Phi Delta taking second and Kappa Sigma should be congratulated on their efforts to make Homecoming something of the tradition it used to be.

I'm afraid the apathy shown last weekend is just going to manifest throughout the years to come until it gets to the point that Homecoming is just another weekend to the students currently enrolled at the school and the enjoyment of the visitors and alumni will be dampened by our attitudes.

Tradition is not all that bad, let us strive a little harder in the future to preserve the traditions of Harding and the Homecomings that tradition may be even better than the one we prepared for the alumni this year.

— Sue Baj

Would someone please explain ...

I admit ignorance. There are some things about life that at Harding that I don't understand. They puzzle me. I can't explain them. Like, why does everyone always decide to wash their clothes the same time I do? It never fails. No matter what day or what hour that I start sorting all the whites from the colors and ...try my hurriedly you go down to the Harding laundry. My brother for some reason elses gets there before I do. And we're all living close just as I walk in the door. The problem starts. I'm in quarters and dimes in hand, while Tide drops all over my club jacket. I don't understand it.

And why is it that when I'm in a frantic rush to get somewhere, I do a Superman sprint across the parking lot, only to find my car majestically adored in a gown of flowing white toilet paper?

After a costly ten minutes of unrolling, I stuff the big wad of leftovers in the back seat and speed away laughing. "Why today of all days?" I wonder. But I just can't explain it. Or why does the Coke machine in the student center always malfunction when I feel my last 30 cents in silver, plastic? Doesn't it know how intensely I need a cool drink? And then there's seven nickels and how much I was looking forward to stealing those Dr. Pepper trickles down my parched throat? The frustration remains, despite the bruise on my big toe and the dent at the bottom of the big red box. Why?

Of all the wonderful days of the week from which to choose from, why do all my teachers always schedule their tests for the same Monday? Have they formed a coalition for the sole purpose of intimidating students by planning their exams on the same day? And why a Monday? Don't they realize that a test on Monday is an attack on my self-esteem? I just can't figure out their reasoning.

When I've had a rock-bottom day at school and an encouraging word from home is just what I need to keep my spirits above water, is my mailbox always empty? Bent over looking at the cobwebs and dust, I suddenly feel the urge to reach my hand through the box, grab one of the mail clucks and say, "Where is it? I want my mail!" Does no one love me anymore? I just don't understand.

One more thing that puzzles me. Where is all the hot water at 7 o'clock every morning? I do know where it's not—it's in the shower. Are chill bums and purple feet (just an accepted product of the Harding shower experience)?

Is the hot water timer strategically set to shut off just as I close the plastic curtain and apply soap?

Oh, well, I guess that's just life—whether I understand it or not.

— Beth Parker
Regular attendance vital to self-discipline

Many state colleges and universities do not have a policy regarding regular class attendance. Harding, however, does. Dean Pryor, academic dean, comments on why chapel and class attendance is important enough to warrant a rule enforcing it.

I have had ample opportunity to observe college students since I was a freshman 47 years ago in the fall of 1933. In addition, there is an important philosophical base that undergirds regular attendance. Harding has some very important objectives. Foremost among these are two—helping students to develop intellectually and helping students to grow spiritually.

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I asked him why he would do this. His reply was that he had observed that Harding graduates not only were well prepared academically and professionally but he had observed that Harding graduates possessed something that was needed in a school system.

These same qualities are needed in all professional areas. I am convinced that faithful attendance at chapel and sincere participation in chapel contribute much to the development of these qualities.

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The development of self-discipline may now be as important as the factual information learned. Facts are easy to forget and have no necessity and are used frequently, but a "method of living"—the disciplined life that meets responsibilities—will stay with us because it becomes a way of life. Faithful chapel and class attendance is a vital factor in the development of self-discipline.

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Scary because it points to the dangers of sin. And sin is the basic dilemma in both of these stories. Sometimes we only recognize it when it stands out in stark contrast, like the drunk, to the reality that we choose to see and the path of our own life.

But J. R. Ewing is as much a victim of sin as the drunk, because he too had allowed the prince of this world to swallow him up and possess him completely.

And yet, God's hand is extended equally to both of them and indeed it is to all of us. We are all equally alienated from the Lord until the soft voice and quiet touch of Jesus has become known to us. In this sense, we are all the same, for we are all our own will. And still God's love reigns over each of us—the drunk, J. R. Ewing, me, and you.

I was visiting Boston recently and spent quite a bit of time walking around, taking in the sights of the city. Night lights, the midst of all the hustle and bustle, in the middle of a busy intersection, was one of those large stone monuments that you find systernatically placed around most large cities. They usually commemorate some forgotten historical occurrence or figure and end up being mainly a hone for pigeons.

Around this particular monument was a small plot of grass, which served as a real contrast to the man-made colors of the city, and being curried up was a man, fast asleep and oblivious to the hum of noise that surrounded him. There was an empty wine bottle by his side; his clothes were old and dirty; his face was rough and unshaven.

Obviously, he was friendless and hopeless, with no place to sleep but a small patch of public grass, which served as a real environment. And yet, was he not proud and loving eyes, confident and hopeful, with no place to stop the bullet from piercing his skin. But a small patch of public grass was his only reality.

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This movement associates Christianity with conservative politics, secular right-wing political candidates, for example the Moral Majority has compiled a voting "Moral Majority Index" of political figures. Not surprisingly, leading the list are such matters as school prayer, abortion, and tax treatment of church schools. Most of the issues are more secular in nature—treatment of Zimbabwe, school housing, the Department of Education, balancing the budget, tax cuts and the workers of today who seek to build walls between us.

Respectfully and prayerfully, Bob Chandler

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Gary Hanes

The reality of sin

Impulsive, curious, searching.

Then the cold wind of a stark reality blew in and something went wrong. Maybe it was his own fault, maybe someone else's fault, maybe that of the devil's fault at all. Nonetheless, another victim.

Turn now from reality to the world of fantasy. J. R. Ewing, the main character on the T.V. show "Dallas," has been called by some the meanest man on television; being admired by others who see the power and influence he can wield with a single phone call.

In some ways, J. R. Ewing represents the ultimate fulfillment of the American dream—rich, handsome, successful, enterprising, always scheming, always manipulating, always looking out for "number one." You can tell that he has walked over quite a few people on his way to the top—just look at his list of enemies.

And yet, amidst the big ranch, the Mercedes-Benz, the luxury penthouse suite, and the beautiful women, is this make-believe character really any more in control of his destiny than the drunk lying in the street? Is there not, at the root, the same emptiness and vacuum?

Did J. R. Ewing's wealth and power stop the bullet from piercing his side? And was he really any happier anyway? Ask yourself, just how great a distance truly separates these two, from the Boston drunk and J. R. Ewing?

It would be really effective if I could say right now that, just several months earlier, I have heard a man very much like J. R. Ewing, say, "I know how much this chap helped me as an undergraduate and how much I still benefit from chapel."

With reference to regular class attendance, I have observed that most of the students who achieve excellence in their academic pursuits miss class.

What had been his beginnings? At birth, this man's mother probably had a redemption plan, conceived with pride and loving eyes, confident of what was to be fulfilled. As a child, he was likely about the same as most children —
Harding's 'Italians' to return from study

by Jimmy Allen

On Nov. 26, 1980 Harding students will return from Florence, Italy, with one semester of college credit and many memories.

The group, which includes a freshman, three sophomores, eight juniors and seven seniors, has spent this semester learning the Italian culture and language, while studying and traveling across Europe visiting such famous places as Corinth and Athens.

Don Shackleford and Gary Elliott are the group's directors. While these students are returning to the States, approximately 25 more are making plans to leave for the spring semester in Italy. Carl Mitchell, a member of the Bible department, and Ray Muncy, chairman of the history department, are planning to lead next semester's group.

"I'm really excited about going," said Kim Styron, a Harding junior, who is to be among the spring group departing the first week in February. "I think it'll be fun. The opportunity to see first-hand the things I've learned about in Western Civ., Art Appreciation, and other classes. The semester should be a very rewarding experience."

Many classes such as Elementary Italian, Biblical World and Archeology are on the Florence curriculum. Other courses are arranged and taken by correspondence.

In preparation for the new setting, those planning to go to Florence in the spring are meeting every Tuesday and Thursday to study the Italian language and way of life.

There are still a few openings left for the Florence study next semester, and interested parties should contact Dr. Mitchell.

"It's hard to keep up with the orders"

Star-crossed executives fall in love

by Skip Bradley

What if one man's social club president fell in love with a woman's club president? And what if he was in her brother's club? And what if she then was voted queen of his club? And what if he was beau for her club?

Would there be any problems? Ralph Brewer and Geneva Cox are the two star-crossed executives. He's in Fraters. She's in Tofebot.

One Tofebot giggled as she recalled the times Geneva had to rush out of a women's club function to get to a Frater meeting and then back to the women's club.

Baking is also a problem for Geneva. As queen, girlfriend and president, Geneva says it's sometimes hard to keep up with the orders.

How does she manage all of this? "She's pretty sharp," said Ralph.

Ralph and Geneva have been friends for two years. At one time she even had a crush on him, but they never dated. ... Until one night this summer, when something hit Ralph, and he found himself giving her a goodnight kiss after a group date.

What got Ralph going?

"It's beside herself," Ralph reminisced. "I was impressed with her. But at the time, I wasn't in the dating mood. Then we got to be friends, and I began to think of her as a little sister."

All of a sudden I kind of decided, Ralph said. "It's not a dictatorship." Geneva giggled, mentioning that Ralph taught her how to remain neutral amid club controversy and how to improve her attitudes toward the club.

"He's helped me to know it's not a dictatorship," Geneva said, referring to club presidency, "it's a leadership."

Finding time for studies and other responsibilities is a problem, the couple confessed. Ralph said his problems are compounded because he is also the dorm manager of Triton.

"I've always needed time just to sit down and take a deep breath," Geneva said, adding that her father-to-be is often tied up with club work for the college. "We have to be patient."

But basically, Geneva said she has learned to handle the pressure.

"I've prepared for being busy. It sort of puts you in a schedule. Before I used to just say 'I'm going to study.' Now I say 'I'm going to study for two hours at a specific time,'" she said.

"I'm burned out," said Geneva, "but there's always the possibility that it could." If Tofebot decided to do something with Fraters, Geneva said, "the girls could think, 'Oh, it's just because she wants to be with Ralph.'"

In reality, their friends see their alliance as working so smoothly that many are asking if they will incorporate on a more permanent basis.

Ralph laughed and his eyes sparkled. "Hmm. That's a pointed question," he said.

Upcoming attractions

The S.A. movie committee presents a weekend of double features. Friday and Saturday night the award winning film, "Kramer vs. Kramer" with Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep will be presented at 7 p.m. followed by "The Boys of Summer" starring Clint Eastwood and Morgan Freeman. The cost of the two films is $2; come out and enjoy a night at the movies.
Train whistle provides campus with ‘alarm clock’

by Kathy Cage

For some residents of Harding’s south-end dormitories, the alarm clock doesn’t sit by the bedside, but rather, it rolls down a set of railroad tracks just outside their windows at 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. each day. Their “alarm clock” is the Doniphan, Kensett, and Searcy (D.K. and S.) Railroad making its way past the University campus to the industrial area of Searcy, blowing its whistle loudly as it goes.

According to Martin Palmer, an employee of the D.K. and S. Railroad Company, the train runs each day to serve the needs of industries in the Doniphan, Kensett, and Searcy areas.

“I've been involved in the railroad industry for over 30 years and I must say that the train whistle is one of the few things that brings a smile to my face each day,” said Palmer.

Sarah Norris, another Stephens dorm resident, said that the train whistle often served as her alarm clock. The whistling sound, she said, is something she “definitely notices.”

Norris said that she had always loved trains and enjoyed the game of “counting the cars.” She complained about the short length of the trains which pass by the campus, explaining that they only had “six or seven cars, at the most.” She indicated that seven cars do not present much of a challenge to the experienced “ear-counter.”

A long history for the D.K. and S. Railroad, dating back to the 1870’s, is recorded in a book entitled “Searcy, Arkansas: A Frontier Town Grows Up With America” by Dr. Raymond Muncy. Harding’s history department chairman.

According to the book, Searcy was bypassed when the first railroad was built in the White County area around 1870 because it was not thought to be financially worthwhile to connect Searcy with the main railway. The citizens of Searcy did not want their town to be bypassed, Dr. Muncy’s book reports, so after some time, they formed their own railroad, the Searcy Branch Railroad, to connect with the existing line.

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There is a song that has that effect on me each time I hear it. The song is “Rocket Man” by Elton John, and here is the film of the event, and added effect on me each time I hear it.

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Holyfield sees 'Crucible' as forum

Senior Robert Holyfield sensed a need on the Harding campus for students to express themselves about their spiritual faith. That's why he led the way in publishing the Crucible, a kaleidoscope publication of articles that deal with everyday issues facing the Christian, especially at Harding.

"We need an awful lot of literature by other people, but don't really get down ourselves and talk things through," Holyfield said. He believes the Crucible offers a forum for people to express themselves and to generate thought on important facets of life. "People need to ask pertinent questions about what's happening in their lives, to check the progress of faith."

Holyfield's idea for the Crucible originated last spring. "I approached four or five other people with the idea of starting this project, and when they thought about it they were very excited about it." Holyfield was referring to Albert Acosta, Michael Cunningham, Rick Straker and Jonathan Cloud, contributing editors of the Crucible.

Publishing the project initially posed a problem for Holyfield and his staff. "Up to the very first issue, we had no money at all," he said.

Through individual donations, however, the publication went to press, and a thousand copies of the Crucible's first issue appeared on campus the first Monday in October.

"The (financial) response was really good," Holyfield said. "Students have been mainly the ones that contributed."

What is Holyfield's reaction to the Crucible's effectiveness? "I don't want it to be deemed a 'religious periodical.' I just want it to be something that's an expression of the students about things that matter, things that are consequential - in dating relationships or in mission outreach or in whatever the issues are - which, I think, are integrated with our spiritual side of life," he said.

An attitude of concern toward people who were "comfortable in their Christianity prompted Holyfield to initiate the Crucible. "It's easy, in a way, to take your faith for granted, not really think about it, and just accept the answers that someone has thought of for you," he said. "Literally, people are dying emotionally and spiritually because they don't really get out and ask the questions and gain the right perspectives for life."

Does Holyfield think the Crucible serves as a stimulus for that kind of introspection? "I would hope it would be," he answered. "I want the articles to really penetrate and to really stimulate people out of being comfortable and casual. It seems that a lot of people on this campus feel like if they don't get the right major, find the right wife, find the right location to settle down in, then things will be fine."

"The truth is, there is a battle going on - one where souls are in the clutches. For instance, this semester, another class has threatened by a young street punk here in Searcy who came on campus and caved in the side of my car simply because..." By Ali Thompson, 11 p.m.

What's going on... Call ext. 330

Campusology

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S.A. movie, "Kramer vs. Kramer," 7 p.m., Benson Aud.
S.A. movie, "Bronco Billy," 9:30 p.m., Benson Aud.

Saturday
Bison Cross Country NAIA at Lononosa, Wisc., 11 a.m.
Bison football at Ouachita Baptist University, 3 p.m.
S.A. movie, "Kramer vs. Kramer," 7 p.m., Benson Aud.
S.A. movie, "Bronco Billy," 9:30 p.m., Benson Aud.

Monday
"Print Show," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Friday, Art Gallery
JEP Examination, 3:30 p.m., Bible 106
Arkansas Symphony, 7:30 p.m., Benson Aud.
Bison basketball at Evangel, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
All School All Day Lectureship, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Main Aud.
Bison basketball at School of the Ozarks, 7:30 p.m.
KHCA, "Off the Record," featuring "Live Every Minute" by Ali Thompson, 11 p.m.

Wednesday
Sophomore pre-registration begins
Water Buffalo at Henderson, 5 p.m.

Thursday
J.V. basketball vs. Central Baptist, 7:30 p.m., New Gym
Ray Stephens Concert, 7:30 p.m., Benson Aud.

Friday, Nov. 21
Water Buffalo vs. Hendrix, 2 p.m., New Gym
S.A. movie, "Fish that Saved Pittsburgh," 7 and 9:30 p.m., Benson Aud.

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The tremendous intramural and club athletic programs here at Harding affect most of us nearly every day. In fact, about 90 percent of the men and 65 percent of the women students participate in some area of the intramural program alone. Such a high rate of participation is just another reason why Harding is truly a unique place.

However, anything which affects as this program does, should, in the opinion of this writer, be constantly reviewed and examined.

According to the latest Harding intramural handbook, "The entire program is dedicated to the ideal that one who participates should be a better Christian for having done so. When we fail in this, we have failed in accomplishing a major objective of the program.

"The essence of wholesome recreation is found in the wholesomeness of one's relationship to teammates, opponents, officials and spectators. It is good to develop skill and stamina for an activity; it is better to develop social attributes inherent in the activity," the handbook said.

Intramural and club activities give all students an opportunity to participate in a variety of recreational activities, many of which they can carry over into later life.

But, as we participate, let us keep in mind the higher objectives of such recreational activity. As we all know, the Christ-like attitudes of love and service needn't stop when we step onto the field of athletic competition.

Cross Country squad wins championship

by Greg Hurst

In what proved to be no surprise for Coach Ted Lloyd and no contest for the harriers, Harding's cross country team came away from the District 17 meet, in Arkadelphia with their fifth straight championship.

After returning his entire squad from last year, Coach Lloyd was definitely anticipating another AIC crown for the university. Coach Lloyd contributed to his continual, overwhelming success to a couple of factors. He simply said, "We have better runners because Harding's student body comes from nationwide and, generally speaking, better cross country high schools."

The next stop for the Bisons, as they climb the proverbial ladder to success, is the Nationals in Salina, Kan., tomorrow.

Bisons to meet OBU Tigers

by Ken Bissell

Tomorrow, the Bisons travel to Arkadelphia to take on the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers. This continues the closest series that the Bisons own against conference foes.

Before the game, the series stands at nine wins apiece with two ties.

The Tigers are struggling like the Bisons, as they have won only one game while losing seven. However, they have played the top two teams in the conference really close the last two games.

Three weeks ago, the Tigers gave UCA, a national powerhouse, a real scare as they lost by the score of 10-33.

Following an open date, the Purple and Gold Tigers took on Arkansas Tech last Saturday and lost in the last minute, 31-28. In that game, Tech scored a touchdown and kicked a controversial field goal in the final thirty-seven seconds to defeat the Tigers.

Last year the Tigers downed the Bisons 21-6. In that contest, former Ouachita quarterback Neal Turner was responsible for twenty of the Tigers' twenty-one points.

Tomorrow's winner will get the upper hand in the series and bragging rights for a year. Who will it be?
Muleriders down Bisons in Homecoming game

by Ken Bissell

Homecoming 1980 came to an end Saturday when the Southern Arkansas University (SAU) Muleriders dropped the Black and Gold, 15-7. A capacity crowd lined drive, so they punted the ball tempted a 48 yard field goal. The conversion and the Muleriders festivities cooperated won and, first down, Kyle Blickenstaff the Harding two yard line.

It was only a matter of a few plays before fullback James Joyce punched over from one yard out for the score. Jay Graham booted the extra point, and, with 10:38 remaining in the first quarter, the Bisons led 7-0. The Muleriders took the kickoff, and it appeared as if the score might be knotted at seven yards and a touchdown. Gary Sheppard ran so Blickenstaff punted to Johnson out of ten passes for 24 yards with

The Bisons immediately put points on the board on their first drive with a four yard dive over the right tackle for the score. Troy Gamble, holding for Cowling, ran around the left end on the fake kick for the two point conversion and the Muleriders took a 13-7 lead and eventual win. Statistically, the Bisons were led in the rushing department by Eugene Cowling, who picked up 70 yards on 15 carries.

In the passing department, Scott Ragsdale completed four of ten passes for 34 yards with one interception. Blickenstaff completed three out of six aerials for thirteen yards and one interception.

For receiving, tight end Leonard Nichols ran two consecutive times for 12 and two yards, and Tumey finished off the drive with a four yard dive over the right tackle for the score.

Sweeping the ball down the field for the Bisons during Saturday's Homecoming game is freshman Eugene Cowling.

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