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Florence students return with new awareness

by Cynthia Hooton

Nineteen Harding students and their two instructors returned safely from a semester of study in Florence, Italy, Nov. 26, brimming with a new awareness of life in a foreign country.

Don Shackelford, who accompanied Mike Rushing, said he now sympathizes with foreign students going to school at Harding, knowing as he was in Italy it was the first time he ever felt like a foreigner himself.

Students in the study program with a limited Italian vocabulary also encountered a language barrier that was overcome by "using sign language a lot."

The study group, led by Dr. Don Shackelford and Dr. Gary Elliott, lived in a large, three-story villa that served as sleeping quarters, dining hall and classrooms combined.

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Classes at the Florence campus were held four days each week, allowing students long weekends free to travel about Europe.

One student commented on the pleasant schedule. "There are a lot of distractions to overcome; sometimes it was really difficult over there. Europe is very proud of tradition; America has a throw-away culture," said Rushing.

Carla Kearvey, another Florence student, agreed. "In America, if a building starts to deteriorate, we tear it down; Europeans fix it. Europe doesn't change," she said.

Students also found contrasts in the food and travel of Americans and Italians.

Most Italian food contains pasta with little meat and according to one Italian traveler, "You get a little tired of pasta." Most travel in Europe is done by train and the students found it an effective mode of transportation.

According to Kearvey, "We would travel from night to night, classes, sleep on the train and wake up at our destination." Kearvey felt that the group's field trip to Greece was the most exciting experience because "it was such a thrill to stand where Paul stood."

The Florence students said they participated in activities in Europe which never seemed to interest them at home.

Dr. Shackelford told how the group had to wait in line 48 hours to buy tickets to a symphony. He found it rather ironic because "you can't even get students to go to concerts on campus; imagine standing in line for symphony tickets!"

Kearvey reported being "blessed" by Pope John Paul II and compared the huge outdoor Mass to a big, fancy circus.

According to Dr. Shackelford, there were "good experiences and some not so good. But I think if you talked to any of them they would say they'd go back again," he said.

J. D. Bales retires, will write about faith

by Tony Bono

Dr. J. D. Bales has been a professor of Bible at Harding since 1944 and has written a thousand articles and almost 80 books. He has defended the faith in print since 1934 and plans to retire from his teaching career next semester to concentrate more on his writing.

Concerning writing, Dr. Bales said, "I'm interested in communicating truth by the written word; it's a way of broadening your scope of influence."

James David Bales was born in Washington state in 1915 and was raised in Georgia. He graduated from Harding in 1937, did his master's work at Peabody College in Nashville, and received his doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley in 1944. He is now associated with the philosophy of education.

Dr. Bales returned to Searcy in 1944 and has been teaching and writing ever since.

Dr. Bales has a personal library of nearly 10,000 books.

"One time in Toronto, Canada, I bought a whole book store. I bought 4,000 books — that's a lot of books," he said. "I always did like to read." Dr. Bales said if he doesn't have a book on a subject of Bible teaching he will write some materials and write one.

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Speaking on Christian service, Dr. Bales said, "One's aim should be to serve God and humanity, and there are many ways to do so. One individual can't do everything; one must concentrate their efforts to help him make the greatest contribution."

Family Center to complement campus ministry

by John Cooper

Beginning next semester, students will be able to take advantage of the new Family Life Center which will be located in the same building as the campus ministry house. Dr. Lew Moore, assistant director of counseling will be the coordinator for the center.

The Campus Ministry and Family Life Center will work together for the same goal, yet they will be two separate entities. "I see them as being complementing programs," said Dr. Moore.

The center will serve in three ways. Dr. Moore said. It will provide counseling and crisis intervention, a resource library, and will serve as an outreach developer. The latter will include workshop seminars for anyone who is interested.

The first of these seminars will be Jan. 25-26, with Dr. Bob Rigdon of Western Carolina University speaking on "Christian Self-Esteem." Other possible seminars will be on building spiritual strength, and a mini-series on self management, which includes time, money, stress, work and other topics.

A resource library will be built during Christmas recess in the present Campus Ministry house.

"The way we hope to make the library grow is that each person will be able to purchase a book and contribute it, and have their name listed inside the book," said Moore. "If you think about it, it would be a great project for social clubs: What better way to leave a lasting gift?" Information concerning the purchase of books will be available after the Christmas recess. At present the center is reaching out to the members of College church and Harding students. Plans include gradually expanding to helping area congregations and eventually the local and state community.

"We are trying to come at this situation from a positive constructive frame," commented Moore. "I'm interested in communicating truth by the written word; it's a way of broadening your scope of influence."

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Reasons misleading for women's sports

Harding University remains to be the only Christian institution of higher education without an intercollegiate sports program for women.

The reasoning behind this situation is found in the regulation of sports wear. For Harding teams the uniforms would comply with our standard dress code rules, but the problem lies with the competing teams and the fact that their dress cannot be regulated, which may lead to some immodesty.

There doesn't seem to be a feasible way to regulate the dress of the teams therefore we will just not implement the program. The regulation of dress has not hindered the installation of sports programs on other Christian campuses, then why at our standard dress code rules, but the problem lies with the concern of the administration in trying to comply with and be equal to the competition.

Some of their dress, like that of UCA cheerleaders, leaves nothing up to the imagination of the bystander, and I feel that the men are going to be lusting after these girls because of their dress and some of their gestures a lot easier than would a larger group of girls participating in a sports event. In the case of the sports event, the bystander will be more interested in the game itself rather than which girl has the nicest pair of legs.

If the student body is going to be subjected to the cheerleaders of the competing schools then there is no sense in trying to take away a privilege of the women of this campus to participate in sports because of dress.

The answer to this problem does not lie in restricting the cheerleaders from coming to the events, because that would just lead to harsh feeling and perhaps the teams eventually not coming. And it is also quite obvious that we cannot regulate the dress or the competing schools, this is no substitution to the dress of our own school.

I had expected to come back to my room after lunch and fill back into the same routine of busywork I had left behind. But my friend's suggestion brought me out of my dread. "Let's go hunt for gold.

And so we did. In the North Searcy hills, through a cow pasture, I found a small patch of lowing oaks and pines we knocked. Chip, autumn leaves rustled beneath my feet. The air was fresh, with the pleasant odor of pine sap, and I filled my lungs with the crisp air above. I was a hunter, a seeker of gold. And out I ran, into the meadow and circled the ground with his beeping metal detector. But alas, we found no gold. The only metal we found was a rusty old piece of paper that had corroded into the soil years ago.

On that excursion, however, I did find something I held more valuable than gold. I rediscovered my lost spirit of adventure and spontaneity and I awakened my sense of awareness of God's creation.

Until now, I had let the dread of school's responsibilities pull the shade down on my life. I had seen only four walls and a pile of unfinished work to turn in before a deadline. I had missed the whole point.

And as we hauled our picks and shovels back across the meadow to the car, I realized that I wasn't walking away empty-handed from this experience. Far from it. My heart had discovered the gold of simple, vigorous living.

— Bo Mitchell

The dream is over

John Lennon is dead. They'll put his body in the grave later this week, but he won't be there. Suddenly, I'm extremely aware of my own mortality. Was it the day long ago when "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" was a hit? John Lennon's death just came over the radio as an announcement. They've just played two of his songs in memorial.

Is that all John Lennon's life was worth? Two songs on the radio? I always admired John in that he always searched for the answers in life. He always searched. John is gone now, but life continues on anyway completely oblivious to the brevity and injustices of life. What does this all mean anyway? Thank God for God — we have hope. John didn't.

I knew John and he influenced my life in musical tastes, clothes, philosophy and length of my hair. John was always my favorite Beatle. He was their lifeblood. He was a rebel. He fought to the end for causes he believed in.

I just don't feel like joking about it. It seems so unreal. Normally I can joke about anything — but not this. John was pumped full of bullet holes by a man they call "a local screwup." John Lennon lay on the sidewalk, bleeding profusely from his chest and from his mouth.

I really don't feel like being funny this week. I'm sorry. (My joking mind is still on "Why did the chicken cross the road?") I'm reading Ecclesiastes and going to bed. John Lennon didn't have a chance. Do it.

The following poem was written by "The Boys From III:"

Imagine All The People

Que pasa, New York City

The news you gave us such a pity,

The news you gave us such a pity,

I hope you are doing fine.

The news you gave us such a pity,

I know you're down there now,

You know it's been a long time

Imagine All The People

National news of interest.

The news you gave us such a pity,

I know you'll be happy when I say:

The news you gave us such a pity,

I love you, John.

The news you gave us such a pity,

Thank you, John.

The news you gave us such a pity,

Que pasa, New York City

Imagining All The People

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I love you, John.

— Beth Parker

After thoughts

Has my life become just a string of "dreaded deadlines"? I thought about that as I sat slumped at my desk engraved on a two-page report that was due on Monday.

Several books lay dominoed across my bed, a blaring reminder that needed to work on my term paper when I got through typing the report. I decided. Was I beginning to dread school? Yes, I decided, as the thought of the upcoming time on my typewriter and I reached for the big pink eraser.

My emotional drain was frazzled almost to the end and even though I look at my mind as some of the best I had to study for, some day I recognize that some project had to finish. I was beginning to dread not only school but life as well.

Then the phone rang. It was an old friend from Minnesota who was down for the weekend. We shared a lunch out together and caught each other up on the events that had taken place in our lives since last spring.

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Sharing Jesus at Harding is difficult

Terry Smith was formerly the campus minister here at Har­ ding. Right before he left, about a year and a half ago, he preached a sermon at College church and made a statement that shocked almost everyone. He stated that of all the places where he had lived and served as a Christian, Harding was the most difficult place to share Jesus.

The statement he made was shocking at first because it seemed completely contrary to what would seem to be true. But as Paul once said, "God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise" (1 Cor. 2:27), and Terry was corrected in his assessment. There are, of course, a number of factors involved in it.

The four main ideas that follow were borrowed from Ron High­ field, although I take responsi­ bility for most of the com­ mentary. They relate to what Terry said in his sermon.

First, it is hard to share Jesus because not everyone comes here with the purpose of better preparing himself to be a disciple. It is a "Christian" school, but not every person is here to contribute to Christian fulfillment.

There are a variety of reasons for coming to Harding: con­ venience, family pressure, athletics, or because it is the expected thing to do and then the next rung up the American Dream ladder. Yet, whatever the reasons, one fact remains: Our ranks are filled with soldiers who do not want to fight. Now, certain­ ly this is a challenge to those dedicated disciples who strive to reach out toward those who need their faith, but it also promotes a level of hypocrisy which makes discipling difficult.

Second, religion is de-valued merely and unintentionally by its very abundance. Ask yourself: Why is gold valued? Why are jewels priceless? Why? Not because they are rare and precious, but largely barren and cold world?

At Harding, being religious is the "in" thing to do, and those who do not participate in at least the external trappings of the church are quickly labeled. When things that are really important come to us without much effort and so no­ longer require a struggle, it becomes oh, so easy to take them for granted. And once they are taken for granted, it is just one more simple step for those important things to become trivial and for trivial things to rise to the level of importance.

There is something terribly wrong when our predominant locus of compassion is spring Sing, club sports or even classes instead of provoking one another to good works and a closer walk with our Savior. And something is wrong when those we do at­ tempt spiritual conversations are looked at as "Bible bangers" or "snappy". Third, it is difficult to share Jesus here because we are so insulated from the outside world.

We have all heard Harding referred to as a bubble, a safe island of protection in a sea of trouble. And yet, is this how Christians are meant to live? Can we really hope to have a positive impact on this sinful world if we cannot even un­ derstand it?

 Satan is just as alive and well here at Harding as he is anywhere; he is merely much better camouflaged and unsus­pected. He hides amongst the external of our religions and calls us down the easy road.

The maturing Christian lifestyle and struggling are no longer "in" so to be inseparable. Yet the environment here lends itself to a kind of selfish struggling rather than the selfless struggle that is so necessary in the world.

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Certainly the majority of students who attend Harding are quickly labeled. Many are not committed to the College church, and yet it becomes oh, well, a challenge to those outside to relate to what is happening here at Harding.

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JOY raises $600 for machine, MLS patient now able to "talk"

by Cynthia Hooston

The JOY elderly committee, with the help of Harding students, has raised $600 to help a Leisure Lodge patient "talk." A victim of multiple sclerosis (MLS), a disease of the spine, Frances Walker, 52, has been at Leisure Lodge since May, 1977.

Walker, whose disease has affected the muscles in her throat and face, has great difficulty in communication.

Dan Tullis, Harding speech pathologist, and his assistant, Gina Miller, arranged for a communication device to be sent to Walker for a one month trial period.

This device, a result of new technology in the area of non-verbal communication, will allow Frances to communicate words and phrases in matter of seconds that otherwise might not have been understood at all.

The first symptoms of Walker's disease appeared in 1973 when she began to experience back pain and fell a number of times. Two years and seven doctors later, Walker was diagnosed as having MLS.

Although there is no known cure for the disease, Walker made efforts to combat it. She submitted to four experimental drugs and even went to Florida in 1977 to try a "cure" containing snake venom that halted the disease's progression but stopped working after two weeks.

In the last three years, the disease has become progressively worse, so that Walker can now move only her head, knees and thumb.

But thanks to donations from Harding students and friends, Frances Walker can now communicate more clearly and effectively, making her life a little more pleasant.

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White slated to speak to December graduates

Dr. Howard A. White, president and chief executive officer of Pepperdine University, will be the speaker for the December graduation ceremony, which will be Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. in the Benson Auditorium. A total of 96 candidates will be awarded degrees during the commencement exercises.

A native of Alabama, Dr. White received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in history at Tulane University. From 1953-60 he taught at David Lipscomb College, where he served as head of the history department.

He joined the Pepperdine faculty in 1968 as professor of the social sciences department. He has subsequently served as director of Pepperdine's graduate program, dean of graduate and of undergraduate studies and executive vice president.

Dr. White has authored one book and portions of others, in addition to articles and book reviews for various periodicals. He has served as a minister to churches of Christ in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and California and has conducted radio evangelism programs.

He has spoken at lectureships at David Lipscomb, Harding, Abilene and Pepperdine.

Dr. White also holds membership in the American and Southern Historical Associations, the Newcomer Society, the Lincoln Club and national honor societies, including Phi Alpha Theta (history), TV Gamma Mu (political science) and Phi Delta Kappa (education).

He is on the Board of Directors for both the Independent Colleges of Southern California and the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Evangelistic effort ignites interest

by Skip Bradley

About 150 students have shown serious interest in "Stepping Out," the Student Association effort to help evangelize the major cities of the United States, said Jonathan Cloud, chairman of the S.A. Spiritual Life Committee.

The committee has also gotten responses from Christians in a number of cities who say they are willing to receive students, help students find summer jobs and aid the "Stepping Out" project as much as possible. Cloud said.

Cities that have responded are Redwood City, Calif.; San Francisco area; Long Beach, Calif.; Chicago, Ill.; Philadelphia, Penn.; and Miami, Fla.

Participants in "Stepping Out" attended a two-day seminar Dec. 1-2, given by Max Lucado, an evangelical minister in Miami and an authority on team evangelism.

"His (Lucado's) treatment of our motivation for going (to the cities) was important," Cloud said. "It was to see that going out is a response to what God has done for us."

Next semester, the "Stepping Out" participants will hear Doug Kostowski, an evangelistic minister also from Miami.

Students interested in "Stepping Out" will be asked to make final commitment to the program around the end of February. At this time, they will be asked to indicate the city they wish to go to. All the students who wish to go to the same city will begin to meet with each other to develop their relationships and they will begin to correspond with Christians from the city that they intend to work in.

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Academy students and faculty leave with memories, mixed feelings

by Kathy Cage

Old buildings are always full of character and memories. Soon after Christmas, the old Harding Academy building will be destroyed, and Academy students will begin second semester in their new facility on Park Street.

Academy students and faculty leave the old building with mixed feelings. Some have expressed sadness, others joy.

Jim Brown, an Academy math teacher, simply quoted Luke 5:39 when he shared his feelings about the move, "and no one after drinking the old wine wants new, for he says, 'The old is better.'"

Ruth Browning, who has taught some and has served as the librarian at the Academy for 25 years, feels some nostalgia about leaving the old behind.

"I am excited about the new facility, but sentimental about the memories I have of this building which include former students and faculty," Browning said. "I dread the moving of the library because of the work involved."

A home economics teacher for the Academy 10 years, Mrs. Glenave Curtis showed the excitement shared by most of the faculty in having new surroundings to teach in.

"I'm elated to have a new facility that will better help us to accomplish our purposes," said Curtis.

Students also have emotional ties to the Old Academy. Shella Underwood, a freshman who has attended the Academy since first grade, expressed feelings shared by many.

"I'm torn in two pieces," Underwood said. "I really love having a new stage, clean showers in the locker room, even a clean locker room, and everything that comes with a new building, but it's basic human nature to not like changes, and I'm a basic human.

The old Academy has served its purpose, and to some people, its demolition is like the destruction of a tradition. But others realize the need for a new building for the University and accept progress as we all are forced to.

Senior Carol Coker said that while it would be nice to be the first graduating class from the new building, she was unhappy about the old one being destroyed.

"I wish they wouldn't tear it down, because someday I'd like to bring my kids back and show them where I went to school," said Coker.

"I'll really miss it," said Underwood. "There are so many good memories connected with this building and playground. It hurts to have to leave it.

Rodney Posey, another senior, chose the logical approach to his attitude about the old building. "It's served its purpose and is outdated," he said. "A new, more modern building will be built which will help further the education of students more than the old one would have.

The Academy's new home is more removed from the main activity of the University campus than the old building was. Students and faculty of the Academy are concerned that the move will further divide the University and the Academy. Students especially mentioned such activities as meetings and observance that moving farther away would presumably mean they would miss after the move.

Even when the move had been at the Academy for 10 years, said, "The teachers' lounge is a place where we get together to eat lunch and enjoy one another's company. I will miss that place.

Posey has only attended the Academy two years, but has become fond of several rooms in this building every day and sit on them every day and things he will miss that place.

"Once in fourth grade, on the playing field, we were a cloud," he said.

"I also miss sitting in Coach Rice's Bible class and listening to Mr. Wright in the next room acting out his literature to the eleventh graders."

Underwood recalled fond memories of her fourth-grade year at the Academy when she was a child. "It was the last year, another Academy freshman. Speaking of the red bars on the playground, Underwood explained, "Laurie and I used to go up and sit on them every day and hold our deep discussions.

"Once in fourth grade, on the last day of school, we were thinking about having to leave the bars," Underwood continued. "We actually thought about seeing if we could buy them and about a ten-foot square piece of land around them to make sure no one would desecrate our "holy" place. But since they are tearing the place down, that would have been a bad investment.""

Academy superintendent Ed Higginbotham has been at the school for 21 years and has different ideas of things he will miss.

"I will miss hunting for buckets when I get scared," he said. "I will miss clanging water pipes when the heat comes on, and I will miss the smell of the Harding School parking place."

"But I'll miss," added, "This building has served us well. It holds a multitude of fond memories."

History of building reveals facts

by Gwes Crossower

On Nov. 21, the Harding Press, formerly located on the northwest side of the Harding Academy building, moved to 300 S. Remington, one of the oldest buildings in town. The rest of the building will be vacant because the Academy relocates in new facilities on Park Street.

Two elementary students sit in favorite place for studying class material. In just a few short weeks their place will be demolished with the Academy building.

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In the midst of what often seems a lot of tasteless, valueless, profit-centered Ameri-
can films, there is lately a certain surge of freshness from a young group of moviemakers just reach-
ing their golden years. It is the Australian film industry.

Beginning with "Picnic at Hanging Rock" (1975) and "The Last Wave" (1977), two of director Peter Weir's elegant mystical chillers, exuberant films have been coming out of Australia as if they have been waiting in line for our eager acceptance. In 1978, Phillip Noyce's "Newsfront" won critical raves at the New York Film Festival for its evocation of a team of newswriter reporters in the 40's and 50's. And this year Gillian Armstrong's "My Brilliant Career" has been captivating American audiences across the country.

Set, like many of the Australian films, at the turn of the century, "My Brilliant Career" in-
trouces the freckle-faced, cheerfully impudent Judy Davis, an actress very comparable to Judy Davis, a free-thinking young woman whose strictly traditional mother whose strictly traditional family and tradition to seek out in Sydney later in life.

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Bisons compile 1-2 record, impressive team stats

by Ken Bissell

The 1980 football season has ended and with its end comes a change in sport; Bison basketball is now well under way. Through eleven games, the Bisons have compiled a 5-6 record overall and a 1-2 record in conference play. While their record might be a bit below the .500 mark, the Bisons have compiled some impressive statistics.

The leading scorer through nine games has been junior postman Charles Gardner. Gardner, up to the Arkansas Tech ballgame, was averaging 17.9 points per game and poured in a team high 161 points. Also in double figures was sophomore point guard Hubie Smith, who had an average of 12.8 points per game and 115 points.

Free throw shooting, a trademark at Harding, is once again outstanding. Leading the free throw shooters is Tim Flatt, a senior guard. Flatt's percentage was at .909, followed by Smith, who had a .892 percentage.

As a team, the Bisons were shooting an outstanding .746 percentage, compared to their opponents average percentage of .618. While the free throws have been falling in, the field goals have been dropping through the net at a rate that is almost as outstanding. Senior forward Ricky Treadway, a tall forward who likes to post up under the bucket, was the leader in this category with a .628 shooting percentage.

Teamwise, the Bisons were shooting a .487 percentage from the floor while their opponents were hitting a .480 percentage. Although the Black and Gold lack any experienced men with outstanding height, the Bisons had out rebounded their opponents, 382 to 305.

Gardner, who stands at 6-7, snagged 83 rebounds for a 9.2 rebound per game average. The Bisons had a 42.4 to 33.9 edge in rebounds per game over their opponents.

In a category nearly always led by guards, the Bisons assists leader was Hubie Smith, with 67. Surprisingly, Treadway had dished out 34 assists, good enough for second among team members.

In their final games before the Christmas break, the Bisons travel to Point Lookout, Missouri to compete in the School of the Ozarks Classic, to be held on Dec. 19-20.
Dear Editors,

I would like to say that I was very disappointed at the attendance at our last football game against UCA. I feel sorry for the team they have to play in front of a crowd where there are more from the visiting team.

I feel that the players are out there representing our school, and, win or lose, we should support them 100 percent. (This goes for all sports.)

I heard excuses like "We're gonna get killed anyway, so why possibly can. And support the team if they are 26-0 or if they are 0-25.

I was very impressed by the way the football team played under the circumstances presented and I hope that we all will better attend the upcoming sports.

With concern,
Dave Payne
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PEMM Club ski trip set for spring break

by Jody Henderson

The slopes of Southwestern Colorado will be the site of the PEMM Club ski trip during spring break at the Purgatory Ski Resort, Dr. Karyl Bailey, club sponsor, has announced.

Purgatory is a medium sized resort of about 500 acres. The resort has a wide variety of terrain, from easy slopes that are for beginners to the super-tough "Black Diamonds" for the experienced skier.

Base elevation at Purgatory is approximately 8000 ft., with the top higher than 10,000 ft. The slopes in Colorado are higher in elevation than most of the slopes in Europe with a dryer powder that lasts longer, Dr. Bailey said.

Harding's skiers will be staying at the Brimstone Inn located directly at the base of the Purgatory slopes. Rooms at the inn are condominium units with three bedrooms, three baths, and a kitchen.

This is the eighth year the PEMM Club has sponsored a ski trip. In years past, they skied Winter Park, Breckenridge, Red River, and Monarch. They also skied Purgatory last year.

Sixty people can go on the trip, Dr. Bailey said, and as of Dec. 1 there were 35 spaces already filled. The cost for the trip is $245 which covers equipment rentals, transportation, lodging, and lift passes. Food and spending money are not included.

Transportation to the ski resort will be chartered bus which will leave American Heritage Sunday, March 8, 1981, and will return the following Sunday.

"Of the 60 that go, about 35 are beginners," Bailey said. "There is a paid lesson on the first day, and, with some coaching from experienced skiers, the beginners are usually ready to take on any of the slopes by the end of the week.

"It's a great time to really relax, to completely get away from school work. It's a good time to get out and enjoy friends and God's creation," Dr. Bailey added.

Dr. Bailey also said that skiing has become a sport many people continue to enjoy after they leave Harding. "It's a sport that can be enjoyed by the whole family," he said.

Questions concerning the trip may be directed to Dr. Bailey in New Gym.
The inside scoop

WITH the coming of the Christmas holiday season comes the culmination of yet another major college football year. And that, of course, means bowl games.

This year should prove to be no exception to the traditional series of hard-fought, down-to-the-wire battles. And, in case you were wondering, (and even if you weren't) here's a look at the inside scoop (ha!) from Bison Bull's prediction service.

SWC conference champion Baylor will prove to be too much for Alabama — the Bears by a touchdown in the Cotton Bowl. No contest here — Michigan will prove to be a lousy team in the Orange Bowl. Finally, the infamous "Toilet Bowl" game will this year see mighty Colorado take on always-tough Memphis State. This one, though, will end in a scoreless tie and the two will have to settle for a share of the honor of the "most lousy team in the nation!"

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In athletic competition, as well as in other walks of life, let's all be sure to continue to "Have this same mind among yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5)

Have a happy holiday!

Ted Loyd is named 'Coach of the Year'

Coach Ted Loyd has been named the cross country "Coach of the Year" for the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and NAIA District 17. The selection was made by ballot of the area coaches.

Loyd, in his 13th year as coach of the Bisons, directed Harding to a 10th place finish in the NAIA national championships at Salina, Kan., a 10th consecutive conference title and the eighth straight NAIA District 17 championship during the fall season.

A native of Spring Hill, Kan., Loyd also was selected Coach of the Year in 1979. Nationally recognized for his coaching abilities, he served as president of the NAIA-Track and Field Coaches Association from 1978-1980.

Associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, Loyd joined the Harding faculty in 1964. A 1967 graduate of Harding, he took over as track coach in 1968 and began as cross country coach in 1968.

Loyd's team philosophy is one of deserving the most for his runners. "I am interested in the athletes developing to the maximum individual," he said.

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Cross Country places 10th in NAIA

With All-American Richard Teixeira leading the way, Harding University placed 10th in the NAIA national cross country meet after capturing the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and NAIA District 17 championships.

Teixeira, a senior from Auburn, Ind., earned the 10th place finish. They've worked hard all season to reach the top ten and they did it. They are a great bunch of runners.

In addition to Teixeira's top finish, the team's senior members performed exceptionally well in the NAIA meet. John Sills of Eads, Tenn., placed 66th in 23:43; Randy Jackson of Springdale, Ark., was 77th in 23:53; John McAllister of Temple Hills, Md., was 79th in 25:53 and Carter Lambert of Pearl, Miss., was 103rd in 30:08.

Pushers for the Bison were Joe O'Connor of Shelter Island, N.Y., in 169th place in 26:44 and Tom Sitten of Atlanta, Ga., in 268th place in 28:48.

The near record finish in the NAIA meet completes one of the most successful seasons ever for the Bison cross country team. One the conference level, the Bison swept to a decisive victory with four of the first five places to win their 10th consecutive AIC title and its 16th in the last 19 years.

Teixeira also won the individual AIC and NAIA District 17 championships with a time of 25:36 over a five mile course in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Throughout the 1980 season, Harding has been ranked in the top ten for the first time since the 1965 team registered a seventh place finish. They've worked hard all season to reach the top ten and they did it. They are a great bunch of runners.

All-AIC picks Caton, Kirkland; 10 get honorable mention

Two Harding footballers, back Lafe Caton and center Roy Kirkland, have been named to the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference football team, according to Harry Hall, league commissioner.

Caton and Kirkland, both juniors, were selected by vote of the conference coaches.

Caton, a 5-9, 178 pounder, earned first team rankings as a kick return specialist. He led the AIC in kickoff returns with 221 yards and an average of 24.8 per return. He was ranked 15th in the NAIA national statistics in the final regular season listing.

Caton split the 1980 season, playing the first six games at offensive tackle. He gained 379 yards on 106 carries and scored four touchdowns. Caton also completed two passes, one of them for a 51-yard touchdown.

Because of team injuries, he was shifted to the defensive secondary for the final five games of the season. Over the final five weeks of the season he was selected defensive player of the week four times.

Kirkland is a 6-3, 230 lb. junior who was shifted to the center position this fall. He was a two-year starter at offensive tackle after a standout high school career at Cabot (Ark.) High School.

During the just-finished season, Kirkland was named offensive "Lineman of the Week" for his outstanding performance against Henderson State.

Named to the honorable mention team were Durwood Dry, Ron Kohlbread; Kerry Thompson, Bruce Baldwin, Dan Clark, Ron Dicken, James Gentry, Scott Ragdale, John Beves and Layne Yeddell.

Feedback

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