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Ice makers, lounge proposed by SA

by Linda Ford

Ice machines in the dorms and a lounge in the student center were discussed at the Student Association meeting Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Lisa Bolding, head of the physical plant committee, reported that Lott Tucker, vice-president of finance, had said it would be impossible to put ice machines in the dorms.

Tucker said, "It has been requested before but it has not been planned and there is not money available... It is not something usually found in dormitories."

According to Tucker, it would cost approximately $25,000 to put an ice machine on every floor of every dorm.

Bolding suggested that coin-operated ice machines be installed in the dorms so that the students could pay for the machines themselves, but Tucker said that even this would take more money than the school could afford.

Bolding also spoke with Tucker about converting the ping-pong room in the student center into a lounge with a fireplace.

Tucker said there was not money for this project but if the students really wanted a lounge he would consider it.

Tucker said, "I did not turn it (the proposal for a lounge) down completely, but I did not approve it completely."

Tucker said that in the '60s there had been a lounge in that room but it was so misuse because of a lack of supervision that the students and faculty requested that it be converted into a ping-pong room.

He said that he did not feel the students really wanted a lounge. He said the students seemed to find the TV rooms in the American Heritage lobby and the student center lobby adequate.

Tucker said he would approve a lounge if the students showed a great desire for one, if it was properly supervised and if approximately $6,000 could be set aside to refurbish the room.

Tucker had his doubts about how often students would use a fireplace if one were installed in the proposed lounge. He said there had been a fireplace in the old Ganus student center but the students had shown no interest in using it.

According to Tucker, to put a fireplace in the lounge the students would require that a wall be taken out and the roof be extended, and there is no money to do this at the time.

Ratings of excellence awarded to debaters

Three Harding freshmen received excellent ratings when the debate team traveled to the Statehouse in Little Rock to participate in a mock legislative assembly November 25.

Freshman Carmen Spivey received two excellent awards, one in committee work and another in floor debate.

Sophomore Jess Conrad and freshman Stephanie Isaac each received excellent ratings in floor debate at the assembly.

The Student Congress is an annual event directed by the Arkansas Speech Communication Association. Dr. Pat Garner, Harding's forensics team coach, was director of the event this year.

"Colleges and high schools from around Arkansas send representatives to take part in Student Congress," said Dr. Garner. "This year there were 18 high schools representing the Home of Representatives, and seven colleges representing the Senate."

Each school was allowed to submit three bills. Each bill was sent to its respective committee, presented and then debated on the floor.

Committees included the Departments of Health, Education and Welfare; Agriculture; Foreign Affairs; Revenue, Taxation and Transportation; Economic and Industrial Resources; and Development; and Judiciary and Government Affairs.

Harding submitted three bills, but only one made it to the floor of the Senate. It was a bill to ban busing from all public college institutions, written by Gary Pennington and Mike Narramarre.

"The bill was done by teachers," Dr. Garner said. "High school teachers judged the Senate, and college teachers judged the House. The rating system was created by a teacher, assigning each individual with a (see DEBATERS, page 8)"

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After loads of hardships, determined Linda Thompson still hasn't given up. See story, page 7.
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Thanksgiving: a calm in the college storm

Sometimes life is like a swollen river after a rainstorm. Tributaries from surrounding sources pour floods of churning water into the river. Runoff from hillsides adds to the rampant flow. The banks, in turn, erode its own banks. Landslides plop mud and debris into the vicious bath.

At this time of year, college seems to flood us with term papers, assignments, examinations, deadlines, meetings. Disappointments stream down from around us. Pressures gnaw at the walls of our spirits and chunks of ego plop into the flow.

Then it happens.

The dark clouds step aside, the sun shines through and autumn's palette of leaves announces a glow of warm news. Thanksgiving is here.

It's a chance to stop everything we're doing. Forget the churning floods. Relax. Look around. See how much we really have to be thankful for.

Look at our material blessings — food, shelter and clothing beyond what is necessary.

Look at our liberties, our friends, our families, our health, our minds.

Look at our future — held securely in the hands of Christ.

Look to God and acknowledge him.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” — Psalm 100

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Letters to the Editor

Battle Satan, not Crossroads

Dear Editor:

I think we have become our senseless chatter, and be done with it for good. We have doubted, guessed and seen this Crossroads. Crossroads is only the name of the location where a body of our Lord Jesus Christ meets.

Let us quit blasting our sisters and brothers. Yes, I did individuals do not add up to or take anyone from the body of Christ. If one does, then he is taking over God's job.

I am taking no one's side. I do not need to. Jesus is the only side I need. I must simply, but dutifully, take up my cross and walk the walk each day. I regret taking my pen in hand and seemingly getting involved in this futile feud, but I am hurt because of the fighting that we are doing among ourselves.

Here at Harding, we already have a war raging. We need all the soldiers we can get. We pass brothers and sisters on the sidewalk each day that are dead, dying, bleeding and maimed by our enemy (Satan). But we are too involved in our own little battles (which are often the opportunies to exercise our In summary, however, the reader is now past them and can continue reading unhindered by any offensive content.

The Fifth Column

Pits of Passion

by Jay Perdue

WARNING: This column contains words of an offensive nature. There are four "uvulas," one "bevy," one "swish," one "wombat," two "nostrils," three "ears," and one "swishing." Seeing as these terms are mentioned only in this introduction, however, the reader is now past them and can continue reading unhindered by any offensive content.

The Pits are those normally docile public locations on campus which immediately prior to curfew become heavily "uvula"d, "nostril"ed, "swished," "swished," etc. Those terms refer to verbal forms of communication. The Pits: The Pits, the art building courtyard, any natural or man-made edifice and — mostly visibly — the front entrances to the women's dormitories.

For appearance's sake, let us assume that most beholders of the Pits is mild and of an upright nature. This, I believe, is true. But one might be led by my detached observations.

So, why is the good name of the Passion Pits hurled about so carelessly?

Some truths: Physical expression of love is an integral part of most dating relationships. Dating is an active and contact sport on the Harding campus. Access to private locations is both free from any responsibilities and prohibited.

As a panel of these, I have been asked to present these studies.

In summary, Passion Pits are inevitable and wholesomeness to the extent that they are not abused. If freuquencers cannot exhibit self-restraint as they have been entrusted to do in the past, certain action will be taken.

Peer pressure is probably the most powerful force in our new enforcement agency. Public ridicule at the instant of violation could help. When a couple unceremoniously crosses the fine line, a helpful peer could scream, "Would you look at that!"

Whereupon, a crowd would gather, giggling and offering ridicule in general.

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Bison taking applications
The Bison is now taking applications for the position of business manager for the 1982-83 school year, with the deadline for applications being Friday, Dec. 11.
The position offers a scholarship and experience for anyone pursuing a career in accounting, advertising, journalism, public relations, management or marketing.
A letter of application and a personal data sheet should be sent to faculty sponsor David Tucker at Campus Mail, Box 733.

Bleeak scenes reflect transience

Fast-food restaurants symbolize a certain quality of modern American society, a transient quality. People can get their food promptly and sit down and eat it and leave with a full stomach and forget that they've ever been there.
Sometimes people remember particular fast-food joints they ate at, usually because of exceptionally poor service.
I had eaten only once at the McDonald's in Scarey, I don't think I would ever forget it. McDonald's sticks in my mind not because the service was bad—it wasn't. I remember it because the paintings that decorate McDonald's are unforgettable.
Painted in 1978 by an artist who was then a member of Harding's art faculty, the paintings all depict actual places in White County. There is one of Porter Rodgers Hospital, and the house where Rodgers lived, and the White County Courthouse, and a bridge in Judsonia, among other scenes.
For diners who live in the area, the paintings lend a sense of familiarity to the McDonald's dining room. People recognize these places; they know these places.

But the first time I ate there, I was not yet familiar with White County's landmarks. It was not a sense of recognition that gripped me: it was a feeling that no human life existed in those pictures.
The paintings seem totally devoid of people. A barn burns, abandoned; overgrown vines finger a bridge; broken windows gape on a large, drafty brick house; the hospital forbids trespassers.
Scanning the walls at McDonald's gives me the same eerie feeling I would have if I drove through White County after it had been evacuated. Buildings and streets and telephone lines must mean that people lived here once, but there is no evidence that they still exist.
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Coping

Loneliness — no one is immune

This is the fourth in a series of articles dealing with the pressures and problems common to college students.

by Jw Bradley

Loneliness is more a condition of how the person perceives his relationships with others than what they may truly be. Examples of this form of loneliness are evident at Harding when students fail to get into the club of their first choice.

1. Feeling unsolved may be the most painful form of loneliness, perhaps because the feeling of being loved provides us with a sense of security and stability.

2. Students often experience this form of loneliness as homesickness, missing parents or a special friend who could be depended on in times of crisis.

3. Loneliness is the feeling that one's thoughts and feelings are bottled up inside.

4. Persons experiencing this may feel that there is no one they can talk to about their private concerns.

"As a person adjusts, like to Harding, the transitional effect should diminish because the person should establish a new peer relationship," said Dr. Lew Moore, Harding's director of counseling.

"In college, the most serious category evolves when an individual is not able to establish satisfactory interpersonal relationships over a period of years. Although lonely people desperately desire affiliations with other people, they are not very good at developing it," said Dr. Moore.

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Loneliness is like depression in that it is based on the person's appraisal of the quality of their life," said Dr. Moore. "A good quality life involves sharing, having your needs met and meeting the needs of other people.

"When people become lonely, Dr. Moore says, we tend to want to say things like 'get busy and get active with people — get involved with people' and all that kind of thing." We have to appraise, maybe, what we have to offer and why we're not offering it," he said. "If a person who realizes that they are worthwhile seldom will be lonely.

The Harding chapter of Delta Mu Delta, a national honor society in business administration, has inducted 23 new members.

The society recognizes business administration students who have distinguished themselves academically.

New members had to have completed at least half of the work required for their degree, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and be in the top 35 percent of their class.

Students meeting these qualifications include Jeffrey Anderson, Judith Beckman, Thomas Bryant, Kathy Burson, Frank Clark, Daniel Gillett, Phyllis Hickman, Martha Holt, Dale Lawrence, Wendell Lester, Dean Mannen and Kevin Meyer.

Other new members include Rick Newton, Gregory Ogburn, Mark Ogden, Paul Pierce, Todd Sheldon, Paul Starks, Wanda Stone, Scott Tennyson, David Tomlinson, Cynthia Wood and Sandra Wright.

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Cross country squads prevail

Keeping up the winning tradition, the Harding men's and women's cross country teams won the NAIA District 17 championship, while the men also swept the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference Championships. The men's competition was held on November 6 at Bald Knob Country Club while the women competed November 11 at Arkansas College in Batesville.

Carter Lambert captured individual honors for the men as the Bisons took their eleventh straight title. Lambert pushed out to a 100-yard lead at the halfway point and completed the rolling five-mile course in 25:59. A senior from Pearl, Miss., he was the first of four Bisons to place in the top ten.

Also scoring for the Bisons were junior Joe O'Connor, sixth in 26:41; junior Jeff Westover, eighth in 27:18; freshman Steve Hubbard, ninth in 27:31; and senior Mitch McElhinney, who placed 18th in 28:35.

Dominating the team competition, Harding scored 42 points to defeat runner-up University of Arkansas-Monticello, which had 66. Ouachita Baptist University placed third with 87.

Taking four of the top six places, Harding tallied a team score of 24 points to overcome Arkansas College's 32 team total. Diane Marshall of Arkansas College was the individual winner with a 19:12 time for the 5000 meter run.

Junior Maria Upton ran a personal best time of 19:25 for second place, and Kim Castle was third in 19:39.

Harding's third runner to place was Sherry Harris, who clocked 21:12 for fifth place. Senior Mark Adkinson was sixth in 21:30 while Lee Below finished with a time of 22:32. Tiny Fraley placed tenth in 24:16 while Gina Hodel had a notable finish.

Lambert, O'Connor, Westover and Hubbard won All-NAI and All-NAIA District 17 honors for the men while Upton, Castle and Harris won All-NAIA District 17 honors for the women.

Both squads, by virtue of their wins, will compete in the NAIA National Championships tomorrow at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha, Wis.

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Bisons fall prey in final home contest

Determined to undo a two touchdown deficit, the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers scored four touchdowns in a row and capitalized on Harding's own mistakes to down the Bisons, 31-22, last Saturday at Alumni Field.

It was the final home game for the Bisons in the 1981 season. After falling behind 14-0 at halftime, in the first quarter, the Tigers seemed on their way to another comeback. Following the change of quarters, Tiger tight end David McElree took a handoff from the goal line and ran untouched for six yards and got on the scoreboard. The extra point attempt was wide, leaving the score a 14-0 Tiger lead.

But a Blickenstaff pass on third down was picked off by Ed Thomas at the Tiger 13, ending all hopes for a Bison victory.

The Bisons opened the game early, scoring two first quarter touchdowns. On the first score, the Black and Gold drove 65 yards and got on the scoreboard when Blickenstaff lofted a pass to a diving Don Shumate in the corner of the end zone. The extra point attempt was wide, leaving the score a 6-0. Bison tailback Tony McCoy carried the ball over for the second touchdown, punching in from a yard out. Joyce bullied over for the two point conversion to give the Black and Gold a 14-6 lead.

Tomorrow, the Bisons play the league-leading University of Central Arkansas Bears at Conway. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.
Basketball team to host tourney

Harding University will host a four-team Invitational Tournament to open the home 1981-82 basketball season tonight.

In addition to the host team, Bisons, will be the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Christian Brothers College of Memphis, and Culver-Stockton College of Canton, Mo. to complete the four-team field.

Culver-Stockton and Ua-Pine Bluff will open tournament competition at 7 p.m. Friday. Harding and Christian Brothers will follow at 9 p.m. The two Saturday night, and a third place game is set for 7 p.m.

Tickets for the tournament are $2.50 for adults and $1.50 for students.

Water Buffaloes drop SAU Muleriders

The Harding Water Buffaloes scored their first win of the 1961-82 season as they downed Southern Arkansas University, 63-49, Wednesday in the New Gym Complex, following to Henderson State University Nov. 11.

For Harding, freshman Matthew Ford had an outstanding meet. He captured the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 52.87, and the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 23.87 seconds. Also having an outstanding meet was Richard Denney, who won the 300 yard backstroke and placed second in the 200 yard freestyle.

Today the Water Buffaloes host a triangular meet with Arkansas State and Arkansas Tech. The meet starts at 2 p.m.

Bison roundballers expect good season

Improvement should keynote the 1981-82 Harding University basketball outlook as coach Jess Bucy returns three starters among seven returning lettermen.

"We have a pretty solid nucleus and believe we will definitely be improved," Bucy said. "We have some experience, a good basic shooting team, and we should be able to compete."

Expected to lead the Bison cagers are All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and All-District 17 senior Charles Gardner (6-4) of Searcy, Ark., junior guard Hubie Smith (6-1) of Memphis, and sophomore forward Lawrence McNutt (6-4) of Forrest City, Ark. Gardner averaged 16.8 ppg., Smith 11.9 ppg., and McNutt 12.0 last season while the Bisons were posting a 12-17 record overall. Smith and McNutt also received All-District 17 honorable mention honors.

Two returning lettermen, both seniors, will also be contending for starting positions on the '81-'82 edition of the Bisons: Alan Gibbons, a 6-8 lettermen from Amory, Miss., and is counting on help in that area from Gibbons and first-year men.

Last year's tie for fifth place in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and All-District 17 playoff, and the Bisons definitely plan to improve on that standing in the upcoming season.
Thompson simply will not take ‘no’ for an answer

by Gwen Crowover

A year ago, doctors said he would never run again after three operations on his knee. Three weeks ago they said he’d miss the rest of the season because of his Oct. 25 appendectomy. Now, defensive tackle John Tom Thompson was back on the field against Ouachita last Saturday.

He doesn’t like to be told what he can’t do.

On Oct. 25, 1980, John Tom underwent relatively simple surgery to remove the cartilage that cushioned his right knee joint. The cartilage had been injured originally on the last day of “three-a-day” practices just before last fall semester began.

"I had to sit out three weeks of practice," Thompson said, "and they said I just had a really bad sprained knee. And then I went back out and played in half the game against Southeastern Oklahoma. I played in half the game and it was fine — it was taped up and everything, but it was fine."

But the knee received a second injury the next Monday in practice.

"We were doing dummy drills, and I was going back to the left. It just popped out from underneath me. So I sat out three more weeks," Thompson said.

Thompson, who is called John Tom, or J. T., but never simply John, made plans to play only the remaining conference games. A third, serious injury to the knee scrapped that idea.

"We were having a scrimmage on Monday (Oct. 18, 1981), and I got hit," J. T. said. "I kind of stumbled a little bit, but I thought it was okay and went ahead and ran sprints. Down on the 17th it popped real loud. But I went ahead and finished running, and then when I got through running I couldn’t walk in. That was on a Monday, and the following Monday was when they went in and did the first operation."

The cartilage was torn in three places and, as John Tom said, "it was just floating around inside my knee." What should have been a week in Little Rock’s Baptist Medical Center dragged into a series of hospital stays that totalled 65 days as a stage infection and complications therewith set in.

While still in Baptist, John Tom developed a blood clot that traveled from his leg to his lung, restricting his breathing. Such "pulmonary embolisms" are extremely dangerous, and he was put on a respirator.

After his release, the knee began to swell, and he started a fever. The knee swelled to the size of a basketball, J. T. said, and required two more operations. Before the second operation, the surgeon, Dr. J. T. recalled.

"He said, 'You’ll never be able to run again, and football is out of the question. Your leg will probably always be stiff, and you’ll have a limp. He said, 'It’s unfortunate, but the infection has gone so far. We’ll just try to do the best we can,'" J. T. recalled.

In the surgery, Dr. McCoy removed the lining of the knee and scraped the joint in an attempt to remove all the remaining infection. John Tom lost a considerable amount of blood and then developed yet another pulmonary embolism.

The two slanting incisions on the sides of Thompson’s knee were left open, and wrapped in thick cotton packing to drain. John Tom said the most painful part of the whole ordeal was when the packing was removed. He could see all the inner workings of his troublesome knee.

"That’s the closest I’ve ever come in my life to passing out..." he said. "I was just turning green. I said, ‘That’s my knee.’ The doctor goes, ‘This is looking good.’ I said, ‘That doesn’t look good. That’s my knee!’"

"He had on his gloves and stuff, so he ran his finger up underneath the skin," J. T. continued. "I could feel his fingers up underneath my skin and everything. Oh, I was hurting. They did that every day for 10 days, and from then on I had them put a towel over my face because I didn’t want to see what was happening."

Thompson’s third operation involved closing the incisions and inserting two tubes from the top (See THOMPSON, page 8)

Back in pads less than three weeks after an appendectomy and a year after extensive knee surgery, defensive tackle John Tom Thompson frowns at the action in last Saturday’s game.

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of the knee through the joint to control the drainage.

"After my third operation, the tubes they inserted irritated the joint and caused a whole lot of pain. They gave me, like, eight or 10 shots of morphine in 12 hours, but it didn't do any good," he said.

John Tom had developed a resistance to pain-killing drugs. A drug called Stadol helped, but the medications worked havoc on his stomach. He ate very little, except Coca-Cola, while in the hospital. As a last resort to control the pain, the doctors at C.A.G. experimented with a sort of modern-day form of acupuncture. Tin strips were inserted in the knee, and an electric current was sent through the "tins" to numb the nerves and stop the pain. It worked.

When John Tom was finally released from C.A.G. for good on Dec. 19, 1988, he was down to about 180 pounds from the 230 he usually carried on his 6'4" frame.

"The doctors said that my knee would never be the same. I was determined it would be, I guess," he said. "I was determined I'd play football again."

While at home in Nashville, Tenn., for the Christmas break, John Tom began physical therapy. His knee was stiff, almost completely, from disease. He kept it in a hot whirlpool for an hour and a half every afternoon a physical therapist from Vanderbilt Hospital (in Nashville) would exercise the knee.

He used crutches until the middle of January.

"I came back to Searcy and the doctor (Dr. Jim Citty, team doctor) was really amazed. He said I shouldn't have been on my crutches until February or March. I said, 'Well, you know, I just worked real hard,'" Thompson said.

J. T. began a program of weights and running during the summer which helped him to regain his strength as well as his weight.

Dr. Citty told Thompson he definitely has an arthritic knee which will get worse as he gets older. "But for right now," John Tom said, "it's doing okay."

Defending champ AGO remains top contender

This week's College Bowl action ended preliminary contests and decided the four teams that will vie for school championship.

Monday night paired AGO against Sig Tau No. 3 for bracket one finals. AGO came out on top by slicing Sig Tau 325-120. In bracket two finals, Sig Tau No. 1 rolled over Amnesia 235-120.

Bracket three champs, Chi Sigs, slaughtered the Blundering Herd 125-30. And in a double elimination match, King's Men squashed by Knights 135-120, to take the bracket four championship.

College Bowl will resume Dec. 7 with a round robin tournament including the bracket champions.

Debaters

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superior, excellent, or good rating.

The debate team's next tournament will be an individual events tournament this weekend at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. Dr. Garner plans to take

students to compete in ex-temporaneous interpretation, duet interpretation, interpretation of prose, interpretation of poetry and impromptu speaking.

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