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Questions remain in spring athletics aid policy

by Linda Ford

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A complex issue involving Harding, student athletes' financial aid, and the Arkansas Gazette has been brewing now for more than two years.

Although the courts have had their say regarding access by the press to Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference records, the issue of payment to athletes in spring sports has not been fully resolved.

Harding's involvement in the controversy has been central because of conflicting evidence that the University's policy of financial aid for spring sports athletes may be different from that of other AIC institutions, although the AIC has endorsed Harding's interpretation of AIC rules.

Here is how the case began:

In Feb. 1980, the Gazette asked to see the AIC records, but was refused because the 10 member schools believed student athletes' finances should not be made public.

The Gazette took the case to the Pulaski County Circuit Court, which ruled in favor of the AIC. The newspaper then appealed to the Arkansas Supreme Court, where the previous decision was reversed in favor of the Gazette.

The AIC appealed that decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, but in February of this year the Court refused to hear the case, letting the lower ruling stand.

While the appellate process was under way, the Gazette on April 14, 1981 published an article implying that Harding had broken AIC rules concerning spring sports athletes' aid. The story was based on interviews with several former Harding athletes.

As a result of the U.S. Supreme

Court decision, the Gazette was able to obtain the AIC records in March. However, another article has not been printed. Reportedly the newspaper is looking at the records of Harding, Hendrix College, the University of Central Arkansas and Arkansas College.

The AIC consists of 10 Arkansas colleges and universities, five state-supported and five private schools. One faculty member from each school

represents his institution in the conference. The conference was reorganized in 1956 to promote fair competition by regulating game schedules, recruiting practices, and aid to athletes.

To regulate financial aid, the AIC decided in later years that a school could give a total of 47 full scholarships to football and basketball players only.

According to Dr. Joseph Pryor, Harding's AIC representative, Harding uses "work contracts" to recruit spring sports athletes

cleaning the gym or keeping up the playing fields.

Dr. Pryor said time sheets are not required of all the athletes. These work contracts range from \$400 to \$2,624 a year. In this school year there is \$68,000 being used for 46 athletes in this program.

The Gazette said in its April 1981 article that Harding's spring sports work contracts may be against AIC rules as stated in the 1980 AIC constitution.

These rules state that athletes,

sheets when they have a school job.

Dr. Pryor said that at the December 1980 AIC meeting he made a motion to have time sheets in the new constitution. It was reported in the minutes of the August 1981 meeting of the AIC that Dr. Pryor had asked if the AIC constitution could be interpreted to accept work contracts without time sheets. The 10 AIC representatives all agreed that it could be interpreted in this way, the minutes stated.

However, in April of this year the AIC voted 6 to 4 against a proposal submitted by Dr. Pryor to change the wording of the constitution so that time sheets were not required.

Harry Hall, commissioner of the AIC, said last week that this proposal was rejected because the lack of time sheets could easily lead to "abuse" by the schools.

Hall said that even without time sheets an athlete should receive no more per hour than a non-athlete.

Regarding the problem of how pay could be regulated if there are no time sheets, Hall said in this case it was impossible to (See AIC, page 8)

"The faculty representatives are the conference. They not only make the regulations but interpret what the regulations mean."

—Dr. Joe Pryor

since scholarships cannot be used.

These work contracts are based on athletic ability and all that is needed to obtain one is a note from a coach and the approval of Harding's athletic director, Dr. Harry Oree. The athletes are paid in the form of a tuition credit at the beginning of the semester. The athlete is then required to work at a job such as taking tickets at a game,

other than the football and basketball players on scholarships, cannot receive any aid that non-athletes cannot receive.

Dr. Pryor says that Harding is not breaking this rule because the athletic work grants fall under "Harding work." Harding work is a program paid to needy students on an hourly basis at less than minimum wage.

The AIC constitution also requires athletes to fill out time

Economics team wins region championship

Last weekend the Economics Team defeated teams from 10 colleges and universities from five states to win the Southwestern Regional "Students in Free Enterprise" championship in Dallas.

Members of the team are Sally Florence of Worthington, Ohio; Paul Holliman of Bartlesville, Okla.; Susan Collins of Atlanta; Penny Hightower of Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Byron Carlock of Blytheville, Ark.; Steve Haynes of Little Hocking, Ohio; Ellen Reid of Houston, and David Hill of Nashville, Tenn.

The team received the first-place trophy and a check for \$2,500.

The competition is co-sponsored by the National Leadership Institute, a management training organization based in Austin, Texas, and by Southwestern Life Insurance Company of Dallas.

The competition began at a September 1981 orientation

meeting in Dallas. The program theme was "Creative Capitalism." The participating institutions were challenged through formal intercollegiate competition to design and implement free enterprise programs suited for their particular campuses and communities.

On April 22 and 23, the competing teams made formal presentations before national business and civic leaders serving as judges. The Harding entry was entitled "Free Enterprise — It Works When We Do."

It included a report and a 12' x 15' multimedia display that elaborated on a variety of 64 projects and programs which have been presented before civic, professional and educational groups in the Mid-South.

Southwest Louisiana State placed second to Harding, and College of the Southwest placed third. Other participating institutions were Cedar Valley College, Southern Arkansas University, Oklahoma Christian College, Stephen F. Austin State University and North Texas State University.

The faculty sponsor for the team is Dr. Don Diffine, associate professor of economics and director of the Belden Center for Private Enterprise Education. Harding's Economics Team will participate in the National Finals in Dallas July 26-28.



Coronation

by MIKE JAMES

The grins were anything but petite Monday morning in chapel when junior Susan Parkey (far right) was crowned this year's Petit Jean Queen. Dr. Joe Pryor, faculty adviser for the yearbook, crowns the queen while senior Wendy McDonough, another Petit Jean Queen nominee, looks on. McDonough was awarded the Regina Spirit Award by the Regina women's social club Monday also.

Inside

Goodbye...

Summer is almost here, and we'll face adjustments when we leave. See the last of features editor Cynthia Hooton's series, page 4.

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Not even coin laundries eat our quarters faster than a new pastime, video games. See story, page 6.



Opinion

Harding, AIC share responsibility in rules

A year ago an article was printed in the *Arkansas Gazette* concerning the payment of financial aid to Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference athletes. This article brought Harding and our athletic financial practices into the public eye.

Since that article, a lot of talk has circulated as the propriety or impropriety of Harding's practices.

The *Gazette* went to court in 1980 to gain the right of access to the AIC records. In February of this year the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the lower court ruling that gave the press this right. The *Gazette* is now reportedly investigating whether or not Harding and other AIC member schools are violating rules of the conference.

On the front page of this newspaper is an analytical news story resulting from our own investigation of the subject. It is printed in the hopes of dispelling false information, clarifying the situation, and ultimately spurring a settlement of the issue.

The essence of the issue is this:

The AIC constitution states that all athletes receiving financial aid in the form of work must use time sheets to record their hours of work. It also states that spring sports athletes cannot receive any aid that a non-athlete cannot receive.

Harding, however, does not require time sheets of all her athletes and is providing "work contracts" for her spring athletes (a form of financial aid, based on the athlete's ability, in which he receives tuition credit at the beginning of the semester and works a job during the semester).

Harding's defense for this apparent violation of AIC rules is that other AIC schools have been using the same practices. But, contacting the other nine AIC member schools, we were told that none of them are in fact providing work contracts for spring athletes,

and all require the use of time sheets.

Last year, in response to a proposal by Dr. Joseph Pryor, Harding's faculty representative to the AIC, the conference took an unofficial verbal vote saying that time sheets were not necessary. Dr. Pryor suggested earlier this month that the constitution likewise be altered. But the AIC rejected his suggestion, saying that such would open the door to abuse of financial aid practices.

What is involved are contradictions on the part of the AIC as a whole. The rules of the AIC are their rules; and they can change them as they see fit. But they seem to feel that the rules regarding time sheets and spring sports are good enough to keep in the constitution, yet inadequate enough to stretch them to allow a school's violation of those rules.

If the members of the AIC do indeed see no harm in the providing of work contracts or the lack of time sheets, then they should revise their constitution to permit such.

If the AIC believes in its rules as stated, then they should serve their role as mediator of the member colleges and see to it that those rules are enforced. Otherwise, what purpose has the AIC fulfilled?

As to Harding's responsibility in this matter, we should seek to be as pure as we possibly can. We should follow the AIC regulations to the letter. We should seek official, not merely unofficial, approval of our actions.

We feel that Harding and her administrators are of the greatest integrity. This belief is shared by the AIC president and other member colleges as well.

We only wish that Harding could cease the very appearance of wrongdoing and follow the AIC's written rules. A losing team or a deficient athletic department is better than a deficient reputation.



The Fifth Column The corruption of Hardingburg

by Boo Mitchell

Hardingburg was the most honest and upright town in all the region roundabout. It had kept that reputation unsmirched during three generations, and was prouder of it than of any other of its possessions.

It was so proud of it, and so anxious to insure its perpetuation, that temptation was kept neatly tucked away from the young people, so that their honesty could have every chance to harden and solidify, and become a part of their very bone.

Hardingburg had the ill luck to offend a passing stranger by the name of Jewami. Jewami was a bitter man who formed a plan, saying to himself, "That is the thing to do — I will corrupt the town."

A sack was deposited at a residence in Hardingburg. A note attached stated: "I am a foreigner to Hardingburg and once before I passed through your loving utopia which helped me see the light. Before I received advice on the principles of righteousness found only in conservatism, I was a rabid liberal who was only satisfied when truth prevailed.

"But by chance as I walked through your town, I had someone point out to me that these ravings were not only unnecessary, they were ungodly. Shocked by the revelation, I reevaluated my whole life and began to wear nothing but plaid ties, pinstriped suits and loafers. I espoused ultraconservative views which would have made Barry Goldwater flinch in his early years.

"Since then I have become a wealthy eccentric business executive and will give all my money to the person who taught me of the error in my ways."

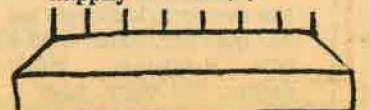
The whole town of Hardingburg was in a titter.

"I made the conservative remark," one student claimed.

"No, I did!" one shouted. "My father knew Senator John Birch personally."

"That's nothing," another remarked. "My grandmother sired John Birch himself. I made the conservative remark at a dinner I invited him to. I remember it well. We had a slide show afterward on 'The Power of Positive Right-wingism.'"

Yes, Jewami had his revenge. To this day, the town continues to argue who made the remark. The town continues to show its support of the unnamed foreigner by banning such items as sandals, overalls, beards and Rough Night. In this way Hardingburg will be both rich and famous, the town motto will be changed to "Influencing Rightly," and everyone in Hardingburg will live happily ever after.



Letters to the Editor

Record disposal pollutes Searcy

Dear Editor,

This letter is a reaction to the record burning of April 22. First let me commend the people who had the courage to dispose of music which they found to be interfering with their Christianity. This is where my commendations end.

My major objection to the record burning concerns the irresponsible pollution of the air of my state. The pollution in this case came from two sources. The first is fly ash from the paper record jackets. The second is vinyl chloride from the records. The vinyl chloride is by far the most dangerous.

Most records are made from polyvinyl chloride which when burned releases vinyl chloride. Vinyl chloride has repeatedly been implicated in liver, brain

and lung cancers.

We in Arkansas are trying to keep pollutants such as these out of our air through ordinances in many cities banning open burning; a good example is Searcy.

A much less damaging method of disposal would have been to break the records and take them to the city landfill. This would also have been legal.

We in Arkansas would appreciate your considering our rights and laws before committing another environmental atrocity such as this in our state.

In my opinion, as Christians you people who participated owe the citizens of Searcy an apology. When will you apologize?

Sincerely,
Jon Barry

Album burners deserve praise

Dear Editor,

The students who participated

in the recent album burn certainly deserve our highest praise. It is exciting to know that Jesus still brings radical changes in submissive hearts today just as he has done in the past. I am confident that God is going to do great things in the lives of these men and women.

By burning their albums in this public demonstration, they have shown to the student body their deep desire to cleanse their lives of anything that would hinder the cause of Christ. Truly, this was the attitude of the first century Christians who turned the world upside down.

Jeremiah condemned the false prophets of his day for their message of peace and safety. They told the people there was no need to change their lives. Everything was fine. Jeremiah said, "Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush" (Jer. 6:15).

Would Jeremiah feel ashamed to ride in your car while Olivia seductively sang, "Let's Get Physical"? Or would he excuse the sexual implications for "only listening to the music"? Would Jesus blush as the J. Geils Band mentally undress their "Angel in the Centerfold"?

We are being bombarded on all sides by the sin and immorality of a sin-sick, hell-bound world. This is why Paul tells us to "come out from them and be separate" (II Cor. 6:17).

Rather than labeling the brothers and sisters who participate in this bonfire as self-righteous Pharisees, we should commend them for this tremendous display of faith and dedication.

Byron Fike

Letter questions public display

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the record burning held on Thursday (April 22). Although I agree with the participants in this event that one should avoid things that might cause him to stumble, I totally disagree with their method of achieving this goal.

In Matthew 6, Jesus warns of practicing one's righteousness before men. In this chapter he gives the examples of prayer, fasting and giving and how they were carried to extremes. This obviously can be applied to all aspects of our lives. Jesus tells the people to practice these things in private so as to not look like the hypocrites.

I am sure these people are sincere in their desire to live faithful lives, but I believe they could accomplish the same goals on an individual basis rather than in mass, public displays. The trash can is just as effective as the bonfire.

Sincerely,
Mike Narramore

Campbell's plan brings response

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of the *Bison* there was an article dealing with Pledge Week and Rough Night activities. Dean (Eddie) Campbell's article was well-written and thought-out and certainly shows the wisdom of a man I respect. However, on the other side of the Rough Night coin, I believe that the administration is possibly approaching an era of

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Annual Bison banquet honors six journalists

Six journalists were honored at the annual Bison banquet Sunday night.

In awards decided by the Bison newspaper staff, editor Jay Perdue was named Journalist of the Year. Junior Jane Gore was named Most Improved Journalist, and freshman Linda Ford was named Cub Reporter of

the Year. For her column "Endlessly Rocking," assistant editor Laura Brown was elected Best Columnist. Sports editor Ken Bissell was the recipient of the Bison Sportswriting Award.

Junior Cynthia Hooton, who has served as features editor, was named Most Valuable Bison Staff Member.

Brown, the editor in chief for the 1982-83 Bison, announced her staff for next year. The position of assistant editor will be filled by Hooton. Gore will take on the job of news editor, and junior Karen O'Donaghy will be the new features editor. Bissell will remain sports editor and Jim Bradley will keep the position of photographic editor until December when he plans to graduate.

Sophomore Lisa Keen will replace senior Terri White as business manager.

Letters

(Continued from page 2) extremely poor student-administration relations.

I feel that even with the best relations between the students and the administration that the gap between the two will always be present. As a student I know how oppressed students feel at

Delta Mu Delta inducts members

The Harding chapter of Delta Mu Delta, a national honor society for business and economics majors, has inducted 16 new members.

Requirements for membership in the society are that the students have completed at least half of the work required for their degree, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 and be in the top 20 percent of their class.

New members were inducted Tuesday night by Dr. Jim Henderson, sponsor for the society.

The new members are Blair Bryan, Steve Carter, Darelle Denham, Calvin Donnell, Michelle Ellis, Rebecca Finn, Rex Fowler, Robert Jarret, Rebecca Kirk, Gail Lawrence, Sandra Reed, Paul Starks, Scott Thompson, Terry Tritschler, Cara Wilson and Lynn Wright.

New officers for the club are Carla Kearbey, president; Blair Bryan, vice president; Paul Starks, treasurer; and Beth Kirk, secretary.

times due to rules and regulations that at times seem impractical and unreasonable (and, as far as the meal ticket policy goes — absurd).

To abolish Rough Night and pledging would be just another thorn in the paws of the student body. And with enrollment down, I don't feel that the administration can afford any more bad feelings.

To sympathize with the administration, I am aware that they are looking for a suitable solution to the problem that is best for the students, the administration, and for all of us as

Christians.

In conclusion, I feel that to abolish Rough Night and Pledge Week or to even modify them in any major way would be a serious mistake which might put salt in the wounds of student-administration relations. Some give-and-take at this point is imperative. The real question is who is to give up the most.

Regardless of the administration's decision, I will work to better Pledge Week's activities.

Very sincerely yours,
Mark Hutson, president
Sub T-16 men's social club

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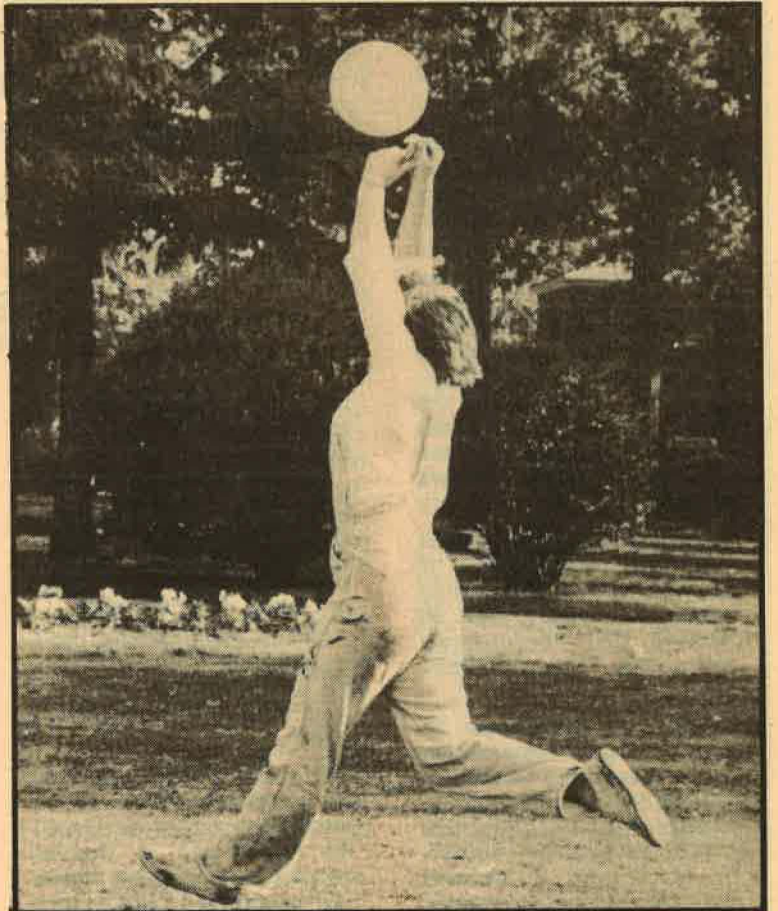
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Pas de Disque

by LAURA L. BROWN

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Almost Summer

A time to review and relax

by Cynthia Hooton

The following is the last of a series of articles dealing with ways to get ready for summer and then enjoy it more once it is here.

The last few boxes are being carefully stuffed with dorm paraphernalia. The bare walls, where posters and club mementos once hung, now give the room a sterile, hospital-like atmosphere.

Just a few weeks ago, it seemed like this time would never come. School is almost over — it's almost summer — but now you have a strange feeling in your stomach like you might even miss it.

The end of the semester often leaves students with mixed feelings. Most look forward to the break from classes and to the summer for a rest period.

According to Dr. Lew Moore, director of Harding's counseling center, the coming of the summer is taken by students with "mixed bag" responses. Students view the approach of summer with different attitudes, some positively and others negatively.

"Talk to someone around July," Dr. Moore said, "If they are just sitting around waiting to come back to Harding, they are probably not using their summer properly."

Though the summer can be used as a time of rejuvenation and relaxation from the stresses of school, a little stress, such as a summer job, may be good for the student, Dr. Moore said. A job may give the student a needed break from the routines of school.

The summertime may also affect a student's relationship with others —

friends, romantic relationships and parents.

"A friendship is self-perpetuating as long as you leave it on a good note," Dr. Moore said.

Many students come in contact with Christian friendships for the first time when they come to Harding. Sometimes it is hard to leave these friends for the summer.

"I never had friends like this before," said sophomore Lori Shriver. "Christian

confident about their relationship, the summer can be used very wisely as a planning stage," Dr. Moore said.

A lot of relationships break up when couples get back in the fall because they were not sure of the relationship when they left for the summer.

"A simple commitment to calling, writing and maybe seeing each other once or twice can keep the relationship going," Dr. Moore said.



friends are definitely different from the friends you had in high school."

But the three months between the spring and fall semesters is often a difficult time for romantic relationships, especially if the couple is a great distance apart.

"Some relationships don't survive, but some overcome the struggles of being away from each other," Dr. Moore said.

The ability of the couple to withstand a separation period may depend on how developed the relationship is. Couples who have been dating only a few months may find that they have to make a decision about whether to break up or keep dating.

For those who have been dating longer and are more

The summer is also a time for students to build up family relationships.

"I made a break from home, and now when I go home it's like I'm a visitor there," said one student.

"It's a time of establishment of day-to-day contact with parents," Dr. Moore said. "It's a time to work on relationships before you come back."

If a student perceives his family relationships as being good, he will probably look forward to going home for the summer; if not, he may dread it, Dr. Moore said.

The summer. A time to relax and put thoughts of school behind you for a while. A time to build up relationships at home and keep alive the ones far away. Have a good one.

Class representatives chosen in SA elections

In elections held last week, class representatives were chosen for the fall semester of 1982.

Leon Johnson, elected senior men's representative, is a pre-law major from Beebe, Arkansas. Hoping to go on to law school, Johnson is now a member of the Barristers. He is also an active member of TNT social club.

Senior women's representative for the fall semester is Juli Baker. Baker's home is in Arlington, Texas. She is studying nursing and is a member of Ka Re Ta social club.

Junior men's representative is David Long. A management major from Atlanta, Ga., Long is a member of the Society for the Advancement of Management. He also has been elected vice president of his social club, Chi Sigma Alpha, for next fall.

Representing the junior women will be Ellen Reid from Sugarland, Texas. A management and economics major, Reid is a member of the Economics team at Harding. She is also active in College Repub-

licans and Zeta Rho social club.

Grant Smith, elected sophomore men's representative, is from Corning, Ark. Majoring in public administration, Smith's goal is to become an officer in the armed services. Smith is a member of Knights social club.

Mary Beth Hill, from Tupelo, Miss., will be representing the sophomore women. She is presently deciding between a major in marketing and secondary education. Hill will serve as secretary of Ju Go Ju social club in the fall.

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According to Virgil Beckett, registrar, approximately 27

percent of the 395 May graduates will receive their degree in a business related major, specifically, economics, marketing, management, office administration, systems analysis, accounting and business education. Nursing majors comprise 12 percent of the graduating class.

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Four faculty members retire

Four faculty members are retiring after this semester, and two are taking new job assignments for the fall 1982 semester.

Dr. George Baggett, professor of music, has resigned as band director, but will still be teaching classes next year. Dr. Baggett said he will be picking up another section of music appreciation in addition to supervising those students practice teaching in music, and he will direct private

brass studies.

Dr. Conard Hays, professor and assistant chairman of the Bible department, has taught 29 years at Harding. Hays will be teaching only one class beginning next fall, but will be continuing his duties as assistant chairman.

Dr. Erle T. Moore, chairman of the music department, will be retiring this summer after 33 years of teaching at Harding. Dr. Kenneth Davis, professor of

music, will be taking his place as chairman effective in the fall.

Mona Moore, instructor of music, will also be retiring after this semester. Mrs. Moore has taught music here for 25 years. The Moores do not have definite plans as yet, but they do intend to do some traveling and spend more time with their grandchildren, according to Mrs. Moore.

Dr. Maurice Lawson, professor of physics, is retiring after 28 years at Harding. Lawson has several opportunities open to him after his retirement, but has not made any definite plans as yet.

Ermal Tucker, associate professor of business education, taught 25 years at a private business school in Kansas City before coming to Harding to teach. She has taught 25 years here and will retire at the end of the semester.

Tucker, who has been on a light teaching schedule for five years, is quite active in the work of the College Church of Christ. She helps with Thursday School and is active in the ladies' Bible class. She intends to add to this work after retirement, and spend more time assisting her husband, who is an elder at the College congregation.

Bison wins awards in ACPA competition

The Bison and the University of Central Arkansas Echo won the top awards at the annual spring meeting of the Arkansas College Publications Association in Russellville Tuesday.

The Echo won the General Excellence Award based on five issues of the paper. The Bison received the first place Sweepstakes Award, along with \$100 from the Arkansas Gazette, for the most points in 12 individual categories.

Competing against nine other Arkansas college newspapers, the Bison won 16 awards in the 12 sweepstakes categories.

In the general column category, assistant editor Laura L. Brown won second place for her column "Endlessly Rocking."

In the category of review columns, junior Karen O'Donoghay won first place for her reviews of "The Runner Stumbles" and Michael Iceberg's Harding concert. Movie reviewer David Ullom took third place for his reviews of "The French Lieutenant's Woman" and "Arthur." And senior Randy Anthony received an honorable mention for his record reviews and a critique of Juice Newton's concert.

Jim Bradley won first place in the photography division for his pictures "Westminster Warbler" and "Bison Guard." Bradley also received an honorable mention for "Water Buffalo" and "This Won't Hurt a Bit."

In the cartoon category, Jim Dotson received an honorable mention.

Kathy Cage took third place in

the feature story division for "A little night music may be a shade unearthly," a feature on the music building ghost.

In sports straight news, senior Boo Mitchell won first place for "Gazette-AIC suit may go to Supreme Court" and an honorable mention for "Flag football injuries decrease from last year."

Sports editor Ken Bissell took third place for his column "Sports Spectrum" in the sports column category.

Jay Perdue, editor in chief, won second place in the editorial column division for "The September Equinox."

In the interviews category, Brown won first place for her feature on Ula Bielecka, a Polish transfer student. Brown and Cage also received an honorable mention for their story on Dr. Jo Cleveland, professor of English.


Brown also received a third place award in the interpretive news story division for her article on the creation-science court ruling. Senior Gwen Crowover won an honorable mention for her story "Harding feeling nationwide decrease in enrollment."

In the six categories of the general excellence judging, the Bison placed second in photography, art and graphics; third in design; and second in advertising.

The individual and sweepstakes awards were decided upon by the members of the Arkansas Press Association. The Associated Collegiate Press of Minneapolis, Minn. judged five issues of each newspaper to determine the general excellence awards.

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Video madness: just fun or an expensive addiction?

by Karen O'Donaghy

It started a few years ago with a few dollars spent here and there. Then he found himself at the bowling lanes every day spending more and more time and money. The longer he played the better he got and the more he wanted to play. Defending himself from the space invaders was serious business. His parents grew worried; their son had become a video addict. An Atari game was installed in his home to lure him back, but still he'd sneak down to the lanes to play just one more game.

This is just one account of a true video addict. Are video games really addicting? One might ask this question to Steve Juraszek, a 15-year-old from Illinois, who played the game Defender for 16 hours and 34 minutes on the same quarter, ringing up a score of 15,963,100 before he lost his last ship.

Most people start to play video games for entertainment, but when they play for any length of time they become more competitive. One player said he started to play video games out of curiosity, but then he wanted to play again to get better.

One student said he plays for the thrill of trying to beat the computer, which is almost impossible to do. Doug Reed, senior art major, said, "Video games are a good tension outlet."

"Video games are more gratifying than some sports because you can take frustrations out on the machine and not on an opponent. I play mainly for the competition and the social value," said senior David Wright.

Several students said they played for fun, but that it's costly entertainment.

One student said that he spends about \$2.50 each time he plays video games. Ron Lumpsik, employee of the Bison Lanes, said, "Except during chapel we almost always have at least one machine running."

Most people will claim not to be



Conquering alien beings in the addictive world of video games, (from left) Clark Ozbirn, Mark Waters and Steve Taylor pass the time at the Bison Lanes recreation room.

by JIM BRADLEY

real addicts, but once they start playing they want to play again to get a higher score. One player said, "I play more than the average person, but I'm not really addicted. I spend about \$3 a week on video games."

Some of the more popular games are Defender, Pac-Man and Ms. Pac-Man, Frogger, Asteroids, Missile Command, Donkey Kong, Tempest, and Centipede.

Everyone seems to have a favorite video game.

Phil Berry, a junior accounting major, said, "Pac-Man is my favorite because of the 'craze of the maze' and the challenge." Pac-Man has monster creatures that pursue the Pac-Man as he gobbles up dots and fruits.

Girls seem to prefer Pac-Man because it isn't as war-oriented as the other video games. Stacy

Carneal, a junior nursing major, said, "Ms. Pac-Man is the best game because of the pictures. I want to get good enough to see the Pac-Man babies. I'm not addicted to Pac-Man, but if I'm near it I'll have to play."

Most people play the game until they get their initials on the screen as being one of the top high-scoring players. Many players said that once they get their score on the board, they go on to a more difficult game. Wright said, "What we're all really striving for are the initials on the screen and that's what it's all about."

Several players that have been playing video games for a few years said that watching other players and talking to others about their techniques would help a novice to become a master at the video games.

Some of the advantages to the games are that they develop hand-eye coordination, help concentration and memory and help to release tension. A few disadvantages are that the video games are costly, can be frustrating, and if a person plays long enough, can put him in a "video daze."

Until a few years ago most people were unaware of the video games, but now video games are found almost everywhere. The machines are in restaurants, stores, shopping malls, and even some offices have them.

According to Annette Smith, an employee of the Electric Cowboy, a video arcade, people of all ages come to the arcade. Smith said, "It seems like we almost always have at least one or two machines running." According to Smith, the machines are very costly to buy and one video machine can range anywhere from \$4,000-\$8,000. The profits seem to be good for some of the more popular games like Pac-Man or Defender. According to Smith, "A popular video game like Donkey Kong could bring in anywhere from \$75 to \$100 a day."

Video games seem to be a hot

item in the business world.

The big Space Invaders craze that started a few years ago caused manufacturers such as Atari to have a sales rise of approximately 120 percent from 1980 to 1981. The arcade coin-eaters still seem to be the most popular because of the flashy screens and better sound effects and control mechanisms.

According to a recent article in Time magazine, approximately 20 billion quarters poured into last year's arcade monsters, and about \$1 billion was spent by consumers for video-game consoles that hook up to television sets, and for the expensive cassettes that make them work.

The video games are not only popular, but everyone wants to capitalize on the profits. If you don't feel like playing the video games, you can always turn on your radio to play Pac-Man.

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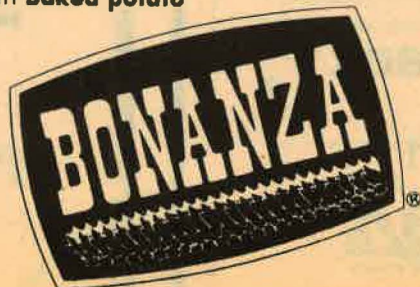
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Sports and Pastimes

Sports editor reviews year

Sports Spectrum



by Ken Bissell

The year 1981-82 — what has it meant for me? I've watched every sport succeed or fail through the nine-months, and without a doubt the majority were successes.

In fact, I don't guess there was really any failure in the athletic department when all aspects are considered. That's a compliment to those who put on the gear and the uniforms and the ones who worked behind the scenes as coaches, trainers or supporters.

I've learned a lot in the past school year, not only as a jour-

nalist, but as a person also. I've learned that you have to depend on those beside you if you want to do the job right. I didn't do that very well and it showed. That is a mistake that every person should make so that he or she can realize how important it is to lean on a

friend's shoulder for help.

Next year I plan to return as the sports editor of the *Bison*, and I won't commit that mistake again. The year that has passed has gone without enough coverage in intramurals and women's sports, particularly Lady *Bison* softball.

I can assure that both will get ample coverage next year, as well as all of the other sports at Harding. Too many teams and people have gone without the deserved recognition over the year, and for that I apologize.

One good thing that I feel has developed out of the sports section is this column. That may sound a little haughty, but many students and administrators have said that they enjoy the trivia quizzes and the other material that has gone into it.

Next year looks promising for athletics at Harding. The *Bison* will be there in a better way than ever to let you know the outcomes with factual reporting and interesting features that will make even the slightest fan feel a part of the *Bison* program.



Sock It to Her

by JIM BRADLEY

Susan Seale and Mark Ogden practice their footwork in an informal game of soccer behind Sears Hall.

UALR Trojan netters take Bisons to task

In a well-played match, the University of Arkansas-Little Rock tennis team took the measure of the Harding Bisons by an 8-1 count in Little Rock last Thursday.

Going up against the Trojans' Swedish-laden squad, only senior Tommy Tabor was able to win as he defeated Rusty Tarwater 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

UALR, an NCAA Division I

school, has a number of players from Sweden making up its squad this season.

The Trojans' Ronnie Bathman won the number one singles match with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Harding's David Redding, and Peter Svenson had to go three sets before claiming a win over Nigel Liverpool 7-6, 4-6, 7-6.

UALR's Christer Mattson defeated Eric Dawkins 6-2, 6-3 and Anders Sverkman downed Kent Casey 6-4, 6-2.

At position five, Harding sophomore Nathan Malone took Gary Jones three sets before falling by a 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 margin.

In doubles play, Bathman-Svenson defeated Redding-Liverpool 6-1, 7-6; Sverkman-Tarwater defeated Malone-Dawkins 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; and Tyren-Mattson defeated Casey-Tabor 6-2, 6-2.

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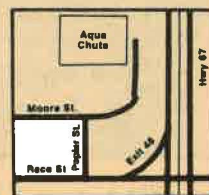
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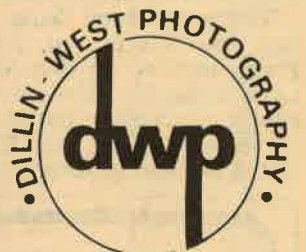
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Harding, AIC

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regulate and he just had to hope everybody was being honest.

Dr. Pryor said that although the spring sports work contracts appear to be against AIC rules, they actually are not because the AIC schools have been practicing it for years and have agreed it is permissible.

Dr. Pryor said, "The faculty representatives are the conference. They not only make the regulations but interpret what the regulations mean."

Dr. Pryor said AIC schools have been using this practice for about 10 years and Harding began the work contracts roughly six years ago when track coach Ted Lloyd reported that other AIC schools were doing it.

Dr. Pryor said that at the time he checked with other AIC faculty representatives and they said that the work contracts were being practiced and were in order.

Hall said it was impossible to tell from records how many schools were involved in the practice, but he believed many of the schools were practicing it to some extent.

When telephoned by the Bison last week, the other nine AIC schools reported that they do not practice the same policy as

SAU defeats Lady Bisons

The Harding University Lady Bisons defeated the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, but fell to Southern Arkansas University in softball action last Thursday in Pine Bluff.

In a well-played contest, SAU pushed across a run in the bottom of the fifth inning to down Harding 1-0 in the first game. Townsend knocked in Jester for the only run of the game.

Hershey was the winning pitcher, while Terri Harmon drew the loss for Harding. For the Lady Bisons, Lynn Watson had two for three at the plate, and singles were picked up by Cindy Nichols and Tiny Fraley.

Coach Ted Altman's team put together 12 hits to defeat UAPB 15-11. Harding scored four runs in the first inning, but broke the game open with a nine-run outburst in the third inning.

Watson and Tami Jones each had three hits in four at-bats. Fraley had two for five, as did Lynn Schrank. The winning pitcher was Valerie Ratliff.

The split left the Lady Bisons with a 3-12 season record.

Harding in regard to spring sports athletes' work contracts. A spokesman at each school said their spring athletes cannot receive any aid that a non-athlete cannot receive. Each school also said they require time sheets.

Bill Lemney, AIC representative at Arkansas Tech and president of the AIC, said his school does not have work contracts like Harding because Tech considers this practice to be against AIC rules. Lemney also said he would like to see Harding on the same system as the other AIC schools.

Dr. Pryor said that athletes' financial aid has been discussed at almost every AIC meeting in recent years and Harding has followed the AIC interpretation of the constitution. But if the interpretations change, Harding will comply, said Dr. Pryor.

"Harding is determined to abide by the AIC regulations and has abided by the regulations as the record will show," said Dr. Pryor. "We (Harding) began work contracts after this had been discussed at a (AIC) meeting and the faculty representatives indicated that it was in harmony with the constitution. However, from time to time an interpretation of the constitution is changed by the faculty representatives. Any time an interpretation or statement changes Harding will be in compliance."

When the Gazette article appeared, Harding's administration asked a member of the Board of Trustees and AIC

Commissioner Hall to investigate the matter.

Louis Green of Hewlett-Packard in Newark, Del., a member of the Harding board for more than 20 years, was asked to investigate the issue. After his investigation, Green said he believed Harding was innocent of wrong-doing and he was "not only completely satisfied but was impressed by the sincere effort on the part of the coaches, administration and staff to comply to every regulation completely."

Hall said his investigation consisted of asking athletes what kind of work they did and if they could identify their supervisors. He said he was pleased with the results and didn't think Harding had done anything wrong.

"I'll be the first to say that I believe Harding University would be the last one to abuse anything. I have that much faith in the people in your institution," Hall said.

In the September 1981 meeting of the AIC, Dr. Pryor made an action for Harding to pay the entire cost of appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary, in the case against the Gazette.

Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, president, and Dr. Pryor both said last week that the administration wanted to pursue the case because they considered the information in the records private in that they give detailed information on individual athletes' finances at Harding.

Dr. Pryor said Harding paid most of the cost of the appeal but

that Ouachita Baptist University helped.

Figures on how much Harding spent could not be obtained because Dr. Ganus considers this information private.

"It's not money that the students have paid. It is money we've raised. So really it's not public information. We'd rather not start a policy of having to tell everybody how much everybody gets paid," Dr. Ganus said.

The administration allowed the Bison to see the Harding 1980-1981 AIC records earlier this month. The records contained financial information on individual athletes. They also showed how much aid each AIC school invested in each sport. This financial aid included all work, scholarships, grants and loans.

Harding was listed as the third largest school in the AIC, after Arkansas Tech and University of Central Arkansas, with an enrollment of 3,084. Harding paid the second largest amount of money to its athletes with

\$355,421. This aid includes scholarships, grants, loans, all work and aid from the federal government. According to Harding comptroller Byron Rowan, \$48,897 of this aid went to spring sports work contracts. Ouachita Baptist University, a private institution, paid the most in aid, with \$376,421.

Dr. Ganus said Harding's high ranking in aid is partially due to the fact that Harding has a higher tuition than most AIC schools and therefore must give its athletes more aid than the public schools in the AIC. The other private schools, besides Harding and OBU, do not have football and basketball teams so they are ranked lower on the list of aid to athletes.

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