Roundup '82 is weekend theme

“Roundup ’82 is the theme for this year’s Homecoming.

The Homecoming weekend begins today with registration at 1 p.m. in the lobby of the American Heritage Center.

The Black and Gold banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Heritage Cafeteria. The cost of the dinner is $5. F. W. Mattix will be the speaker, and Doug Lawyer will be the emcee.

The Musical Oklahoma will open at 8:15 p.m. in Benson Auditorium. Tickets are $3.50 at the door. Students with identification cards will be admitted for $1.

Saturday’s activities begin with a Muffin Roundup, a complimentary continental breakfast for alumni, in Harding Student Center from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Alumni Chapel will be held in American Heritage Auditorium from 9 to 10:15 a.m. The class of 1960 will be in charge.

Social club reunions will be held from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

The Belles and Beaux will perform from 11:15 until noon in the Administration Auditorium.

From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., the class of ’77 will be honored at a luncheon in the Olen Hendrix Building.

The football game will begin at 2 p.m. when the Bisons face Southern Arkansas University at Alumni Field.

A reception will be held at 4 p.m. in the Olen Hendrix building for alumni who attended school when it was first located in Morrilton.

Two performances of the variety show Blackout, featuring student talent, will play in the Administration Auditorium Saturday night, at 6:30 and again at 8:30. Admission is 50 cents.

The musical Oklahoma will be performed in Benson Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

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OK, fine, fer shurr, fer shurr

It came from California: Valley girl vernacular

by Karen O’Donaghy and Laura L. Brown

It’s just so awesome, like I’m freaking out! Fer shurr!

This summer a new language began to catch on, starting in California and sweeping across the country.

Its growth was helped by a top 40 song by Frank Zappa and his daughter, Moon Unit Zappa. The person is the Valley Girl (Val for short), and the jargon is both as annoying and as cute as a Pekinese.

In the song, Moon Unit talks her way through about five minutes of improvisation of Val talk, coming up with such lyrics as this: “It’s like my mother makes me do the dishes, it’s like other people’s food, like so gross, like all the stuff sticks to the plate, grody to the max, I am sure, really nauseating, totally...”

The background lyrics tell a little about the mentality of a Val: “OK, fine, fer shurr, fer shurr, she’s a Valley Girl, and there is no cure... The last idea to cross her mind had something to do with where to find a pair of jeans to fit her... and where to get her toenails cut...”

The song is less than serious, but a true Valley girl may be offended by the jokes directed at her lifestyle and vocabulary. (Then again, she may not be aware enough to know she is being made fun of.)

The original Valley girl is a subspecies of the stereotypical sun-drenched, rich, self-centered California Girl and is usually a teenager from the San Fernando Valley. Today’s converts to the Val lifestyle aren’t from any particular location or even teenagers.

Vals are into shopping, popularity, junk food and cosmetics. They spend Daddy’s dollars on Bubblicious chewing gum, movies, Harlequin romances and records by Journey, Rush, Van Halen and AC/DC.

Expressions readily available for study and imitation through The Preppy Handbook.

The flavor of Valley girl language comes not just in the words, but in the delivery. It must be spoken with a blase, girl-of-the-world enunciation, with a combination of pinched “tubular.” Two of the most frequently used phrases are one of agreement, “fer shurr” and one of disdain, “I’m shurr.” Such words are most effective if spread over several octaves or several extra seconds.

About the easiest (and safest) way to sample another lifestyle is to use the language. The slang of the hippie era was used for years, and preppy expressions like “Go for it!” have found a place in the common American vocabulary.

Maybe those expressions endured, though, because there were so many true hippies and preppies using them. Valley girl vernacular is usually spoken in jest by the hip folks who are onto every fad. It is too soon to tell whether “grody” will follow “groovy” into the pages of Webster’s.

But it’s like an awesome trend now, like everybody’s into it, like toooooootally. Fer shurr.

“Grody to the max, I am sure, really nauseating, totally...”

— Moon Unit Zappa
Opinion

Loss encourages turning to others

It is difficult to write anything this week without thinking of a topic that has affected this campus perhaps more than any other this year. But it is difficult to write about that without mentioning manor of thy friends or of thine owri were; any man's death Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a hand. John Donne, Devotions XVII.

The chances we might have never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for each other.

The same thought that sobers us should also excite us. If all of us are a part of mankind, we have lost by another's loss; but we also have been enriched by the people we have met. We are made of bits and pieces of the people we have known — a shared personal joke, an evening of confession, a game played often together, the touch of a hand.

So we have lost. But we have been reminded of what we cherish in each other. Perhaps some film of quotidian complacency has been wiped from our eyes so that we can look at each other and find something we've never seen before.

Words, words, words

"If you will tell me why the fen appears impassable, I then will tell you why I think that I can get across it if I try."

— Marianne Moore

Unemployment is social tragedy

The Verdict

Walter Florence

As the country sinks ever deeper into an economic quagmire, prospective graduates and unemployed alike wonder about an uncertain future. The severity of the current recession, unlike previous downturns, has highlighted the noncompetitive position of the United States in the rubber, steel, and auto industries. Productivity, which is synonymous with prosperity, dropped to below one percent in the late 70's. As a result, industry has turned to automation to compete and stay solvent.

Machines, which allow man to do more with less effort, however, have replaced and will continue to replace workers. Robots, once thought to be merely a figment of Isaac Asimov's imagination, are changing industry and the way work is performed. According to the investment firm of Bache & Halsey & Stuart & Shields, the United States presently has some 3,600 mechanical magicians, while Japan has over 10,000.

Robots have been a godsend for management: they work three shifts a day without complaining, never become bored, perform dangerous tasks with precision, and are immune to government and union regulations concerning work conditions.

Originally, robots did only the repugnant, monotonous work that laborers loathed; however, robots increasingly have taken over the more interesting and pleasant tasks. In fact, the idea of operating whole factories by machines with minimal supervision seems likely to occur.

This trend has started. One forecast by the American Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the University of Michigan that appeared in Time magazine projects that by 1988, 50 percent of the labor in small component assembly will be replaced by automation.

This means that most of the factory workers that have been laid off will not be rehired, especially those in heavy industry. Last March, General Motors announced its plans to purchase 14,000 industrial robots; these robots are estimated to replace some 40,000 to 10,000 workers.

Likewise, computers have altered the course of industry. We now live in an information age that processes data at a blinding speed. Computers allow its users to make more accurate and intelligent decisions since more data is available to them. Computers, like robots, replace jobs.

If, then, computers and robots can do the work of humans faster, more precisely, and cheaper, then what will be left for people? They will work in the service sector, the analysts say.

But who will train them?

Kurt Vonnegut, in his book Player Piano, gives us a glimpse of the direction society may be heading. In this future society, the technical elite runs the machines, while the unemployed majority subsists on handouts in contumacy.

Retraining workers is thus an imperative. At present, the specifics of how this retraining will be accomplished remains unknown.

However, schools, industry, and government clearly must cooperate in order to ensure that both workers find jobs and industry finds skilled workers. This type of cooperation requires meticulous planning and persistence.

Workers, meanwhile, must: either upgrade their skills or accept lower wages. Many currently would take any job they could get. Therein lies the imperative.

Unemployment is a social tragedy; it destroys hopes, dreams and often lives. Therefore, the question of how we will employ our people demands immediate attention.

Letters to the Editor

Reagan threatens social progress

A recent letter in the Bison expressed some concern about the movement America has been taking toward a more egalitarian socialist society. The writer attributed this action to the "uninformed masses." Although my views differ from that writer, and most people on this campus, I would like to express them for the consideration of the readers.

America is facing a crisis (sic) regarding the relationship between individuals and society. It is inevitable that individuals become more dependent upon society as our country increases in complexity. Some people see this as a threat to the individual rather than a threat to an organized form of protection. These prefer to continue the system of "every man for himself" rather than progress into a new era where we devote our energies to society and its needs.

Reagonomics will have a devastating effect upon our progress from the predatory phase of primitive economics to a more socially concerned society. Kyle (Beaty) implied that Reaganomics will hurt no one. This clearly is not true. The actions of this administration and its conservative constituents involve real concern and good intentions. 

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tentions, but the outcome has been unbearable to those already concerned. I would also like to address the outcome of the present nuclear madness. I would like to share with you some statements by Albert Einstein which show a relationship between domestic and international philosophies.

"If unrestricted sacred egoism leads to dire consequences in economic life, it is still worse as a guide in international relations. As long as the possibility of war remains, nations will insist on being as perfectly prepared in a military sense as they can, in order to emerge triumphant. To arm is to give one's voice and make one's preparations, not for peace but for war. One has to realize that the powerful industrial groups concerned in the manufacture of arms are doing their best to prevent the peaceful settlement of international disputes. In these days of democratic government the fate of nations hangs on the people themselves; each individual must always bear that in mind."

Jimmy Maynard

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Nuclear freeze a joke to Soviets

The nuclear freeze movement ignores the fact that the ideological foundation of the Soviet Union demands the capitulation of the United States. To doubt this statement is to ignore every piece of Soviet ideological literature. Having said this, it is logical to assume that the Soviet Union will freeze its nuclear development? Of course, it isn't. The Soviet leaders must sit around in the evenings deriving immense joy from the so-called "peace movement" in the U.S. They believe what Mao Tse-tung (now officially Mao Zedong) once said: "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun." Having said that political power is what the Soviet Union is after, it does not logically follow that they will shorten the barrels of their guns.

One more point deserves emphasis. The Communist world view doesn't value human life. Because, in this view, humans are merely matter, Stalin killed tens of millions of Russians (he made Hitler look like a Boy Scout), and Pol Pot killed two million Cambodians. Therefore, there is no indication that Communist leaders will freeze nuclear weapon development for fear of possible human mortality, but they will exploit any U.S. military weakness.

Kyle B. Beaty

Our Policy

Letters to the editor are welcome. They should be typewritten and should not exceed 200 words. Letter should be addressed to the Bison at Box 1192. To be printed, letters must be signed, although names may be withheld on request.

Excuse Us

Kyle Northam was unintentionally omitted from the list of students who were inducted into Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, in a story on the Oct. 29 Bison. In a letter to the editor from Kyle Beaty in the same issue, the words "allegiance (sic)" appeared. To set the record straight, Beaty incorrectly spelled the word "allegiance." As a journalistic policy with letters, the mistake was not corrected, but followed by "sic" (which, roughly translated from Latin, means "intentionally so written") to indicate that the misspelling was the author's. Apparently a proofreader or typesetter who did not understand what "sic" meant corrected the word to read "allegiance," and the problem was not caught in the final proofs. We apologize to Beaty and to the person who corrected the spelling for any embarrassment they may have caused.

Finally, in a story concerning a missing Searcy girl, Jeanie Marie Blanchett, a phone number which persons with information about Blanchett's location was incorrect. The correct number for Lois Brown, associate professor of education who had been counseling with Blanchett, is 268-7402.
**Author to be next series speaker**

George Gilder, author of the best-selling book Wealth and Poverty, will be coming to speak at the American Heritage Auditorium on Monday at 7:30 p.m. as part of the American Studies lecture series.

Gilder's book Wealth and Poverty explains the principles of the new school of supply-side economics. William F. Buckley Jr. says of it, "The economic thesis that high marginal tax rates create poverty should be carefully studied by congressmen."

The Office of Management and Budget Director David Stockman has purchased several copies of Gilder's book for his colleagues in the government. He says the book "will have substantial impact on public policy."

Gilder has been actively involved in the development of supply-side economics since the early 1970s. He is chairman of the Lehman Institute's Economic Roundtable and program director for the International Center for Economic Policy Studies.

Gilder was graduated from Harvard University, where he studied sociology and government. Some other books he has written include The Visible Man and Sexual Suicide.

Gilder has also written for several publications. He lectures throughout the United States and Europe.

He is strongly in favor of dramatic cuts in taxes, and he encourages a more entrepreneurial spirit which, he claims, is the source of new wealth.

Gilder currently lives in Tyngsborough, Mass. He is married and has two daughters.

**Guards posted to catch glass thieves**

Due to a recent rash of drinking glass thefts from American Heritage Cafeteria, guards will be posted at the door to help remind students to leave their glasses in the cafeteria, Food Services Committee Chairman Lisa James reported at the Tuesday night meeting of the Student Association.

In other business, Charles Dupre, special projects committee chairman, was not present at the meeting, but reported to S.A. president Zac Muncy that the student directory sales were going well and that the S.A. had already recouped its original investment.

**Student dies in apartment Monday**

Ken Ard, a junior from Richardson, Texas, died Monday in his apartment at 710 East Woodruff St. He was 20.

Ard died of asphyxiation by strangulation sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., according to Sergeant Denny Bishop of the Searcy Police Department. His body was discovered at about 7:30 by a roommate, Bishop said.

There was no suspicion of foul play involved, Bishop said. An autopsy was performed on the body Tuesday morning in Little Rock.

Ard was a member of Sigma Tau Sigma social club and Chorale and was in the chorus of the musical Oklahoma. A memorial service was held by members of those groups and classmates.

Michele Ellis, physical plant committee chairperson, reported that Lott Tucker, vice president of finance, believes that exhaust fans in the dorm bathrooms are not economically feasible.

She also reported that student input shows that designated parking spaces are not what the general consensus wants and that weather stripping is being put in Old Married Students Apartments which do not already have it.

Homecoming preparations took up most of the meeting. Shannon Walker, chairman of the Homecoming Committee, presented a schedule for various Homecoming events to the S.A. A bonfire and student Bison rally in Rhodies Memorial Fieldhouse kicked off Homecoming events last night.

The executive council nominated six faculty members for the Distinguished Teacher award. The award will be given to three teachers in May at graduation.

A petition has been presented to the S.A. concerning the showing and possible boycotting of Searcy films which show criticized movies. Muncy read the petition to the S.A. members and motioned that it be considered and tabled discussion until next week's meeting.

David Long, junior men's representative, brought up a request that the student center be reequipped with a cozier atmosphere. Muncy said this would be put under the jurisdiction of the Student Activities Committee when it is completely organized.

Dr. Jerome Barnes, S.A. advisor, said that the S.A.C. will be organized by Christmas.

Other S.A.-sponsored activities discussed were the Rape Crisis Seminar scheduled for Nov. 12 in American Heritage Auditorium and the Double Barrel concert Tuesday in Benson Auditorium.

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**English proficiency exam scheduled for Nov. 15**

On Monday, Nov. 15, the Junior English Proficiency Test (JEP) will be given at 3:30 p.m. in Bible 100.

The test is restricted to juniors and seniors and serves as a replacement for English 248, which is a requirement for graduation.

There are several ways that students can be exempt from taking the JEP and English 248. Anyone who received a grade of B or better in English 103 is exempt. Those students with an A in English Composition received from a school other than Harding are also exempt.

A score of 630 or higher on the English (CLEP) composition and proficiency section of the College Level Examination Program will also fulfill the requirement, and a grade of C or better in English 281 is equivalent.

During the 90 minutes allotted, students must select one of several given topics and write a 300-word essay. The students will need pens with blue or black ink, paper, a dictionary and or a thesaurus, and their identification cards.
Eta Chapter of Alpha Chi admits 54 new members

Fifty-four new members were inducted earlier this semester into the Eta Chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honor society. Three faculty sponsors, Dr. Don England, Dr. Neale Pryor and Dr. Joseph Pryor, officiated at the induction ceremony.

The new members are Dan Albany, Kyle Beatty, Lizabeth Bell, Rebecca Bryant, Linda Calvert, Daniel Campbell, Byron Carlock, Janet Cearley; Lisa Chapman, Susan Charbonneau, Scottie Collins, Shelia Counts, Vernon Crowell, Dorelle Denham, Calvin Donnell, Colleen Engel, Leann Eno; Sherrill Farnstrom, Jane Futrell, Daniel Gillett, Timothy Graham, Julie Holcomb, Robert Holt, Wade Huffman, Cindy Ireland, Mary Johnson; Daniel Johnston, Sally Krumrei, Wendell Letsinger, Elizabeth Mann, Laura McKnight, Jill Miller, Timothy Miller; Tonya Newell, Susan Perkins, Paul Pierce; Alice Powell, Pat Sue Ramsey, Sandra Reed, Robert Relfry, Todd Sheldon, Jay Simpson, David Smith, Paul Starks, Jeffrey Stidman, Jeffrey Sutton, Jan Sykes; Joseph Taylor, Scott Thompson, Mark White, Cara Wilson, Anita Woodruff, Jerry Wright and Terrence Yales.

Program takes 53 to Houston

Fifty-three students traveled to Houston last week as part of the American Studies Program's fall trip. The students were accompanied by sponsors Dr. David Burks, head of the program and dean of the School of Business, and David Tucker, associate professor of economics.

The group visited the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Arthur Anderson accounting firm, NASA, the Houston Police academy, Pennzoil Corporation, the office of the mayor, Sears, Roebuck and Co., Allied Bank of Texas and Houston Ship Channel.

Dr. Burks said Houston was chosen for the trip because several students had expressed an interest in the city and its booming economy. Dr. Burks said that in this time of recession, Houston's economy is having its problems, but, on the average, is doing very well.

Highlights of the trip included presentations from heads of the Arthur Anderson firm and Allied Bank of Texas. Dr. Burks said the speakers were able to give the students insight into the world of business that would be hard to get from a textbook.

46 seniors added to Who's Who

Forty-six seniors have been chosen to be included in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

The honorees include Joe Aaron, Teresa Beers, Barry Blain, Kyle Blickenstaff, James Bradley, Laura Brown, Daniel Campbell, Byron Carlock, Cheryl Crockett, Kathy Eaton, Tanya Enloe, Mark Evans, Gareth Flanary; Kenneth Fowler, Jane Futrell, Terri Harman, Jacqueline Harris, Stephen Haynes, Priscilla Henderson, Phyllis Hickman, Brenda Hobbs, Debbie Hooten, Lisa James, Carla Kearby, Kim McLarty; Sarah McPike, Kandace Muncy, Zac Muncy, Brent Oldham, Susan Parkey; James Perdue, Susan Perkins, Kathy Pickhardt, James Redding, Christopher Riley, Jennifer Schmidt; Jay Simpson, Hubie Smith, Maria Upton, Benjamin Waite, Mark White, Teresa White, Gary Wilson, June Wood, Anita Woodruff and Arthur Woods.

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Homecoming: Roundup '82

Perfomances of musical to begin tonight

by Lisa Taylor

After nine weeks of rehearsal time - singing, acting, choreographing, building Aunt Eller's farmhouse and the Skidmore ranch, setting the lights, sewing costumes and coordinating makeup - the homecoming musical Oklahoma will be performed tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in Benson Auditorium.

"We are finished and ready for the performance. For the first time in many years," said director Morris Ellis, "we've had time to polish and put the show together well." Oklahoma, the 1943 Rogers and Hammerstein Broadway musical, is set in the early 1900s in Oklahoma's Indian territory. The story line involves two love triangles, one being serious and the other very comical. The majority of the scenes take place at Aunt Eller's farmhouse and the Skidmore ranch. The set was designed by assistant professor of speech Ellis, with the help of Robin Miller, the technical and lighting director, who has also worked with choreography for the musical. A major portion of the show is choreography, taught by Aaron, who plays Will, and Lynn DuPaul, also a cast member.

"This is the first major interesting show to work with because the costumes are so intricate. It has been a heart-warming experience that so many came in at the last minute to help so much," said Leigh Ellis, costume and publicity director.

As head of the make-up crew, Rona Lyon, who attended many rehearsals, said, "Just by sitting out in the audience, I can see a lot of enthusiasm on stage. Every time I watch it, I see something I haven't noticed before." Principal actors Jeff Johnson, who plays Curly, and Kim Hudson, who plays Aunt Eller, feel the cast is working as a unit. "There's a high level of energy and a feeling of excitement being generated in the cast, an eager anticipation to perform," said Johnson. "It has been a sense of organization throughout the whole show and that organization comes from Mr. Ellis." "People wonder what motivates you to do this. Why work so hard for two performances? I do it because of other people and because of that sense of creation, creating something out of nothing and giving the audience enjoyment even just for two hours." — Kim Hudson

On Homecoming and the powerful hold called home

Endlessly Rocking

Laura L. Brown

"Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in," says a character in Robert Frost's poem "The Death of the Hired Man." The Biblical story of the prodigal son has been woven into the storyline of several generations of prodigal sons and daughters who left home, returned to find what they had left behind was better than they had imagined, came back and were welcomed back to their homes.

"I should have called it (home) something you somehow haven't to deserve," another character in the poem says. There is a Biblical parallel: we are welcomed back into our homes unconditionally, almost through grace, just as grace will admit us into another, more permanent home.

What makes a home, though, is not a geographical location or a structure. Home is people. "I never had a place I could call my very own; but that's all right, my love, 'cause you're my home... You're my castle, you're my cabin and my instant pleasure home; I need you in my house 'cause you're my home. Billy Joel sings in his tune "You're My Home." A home begins with a husband and a wife. It is no secret that many people who are single when you have to go there, they have to take you in," says a character in Robert Frost's poem "The Death of the Hired Man." The Biblical story of the prodigal son has been woven into the storyline of several generations of prodigal sons and daughters who left home, returned to find what they had left behind was better than they had imagined, came back and were welcomed back to their homes.

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Home may have been a suite of exceptionally compatible friends or even two roommates whose years together wove a friendship that will last forever. Friends like that who will come back to campus for Homecoming and pick up old conversations like they were never separated.

But a homecoming for those people can be something much more simple, too. Those former roommates can be catapulted into memories of that home away from home by a long letter or a surprise phone call across the miles.

The phrase "home away from home" points out a quality of the human spirit, and perhaps especially of the American spirit: adaptability. We can comfortably adjust to several homes in our lifetimes; we can feel the same fondness for the home that we and our spouses have built for our children that we feel for the home we grew up in.

Perhaps we are never more homesick than when we are about to return, like the freshman facing semester finals who has not been home in four months and wants to do nothing but pack and go. Or like the singer of the Simon and Garfunkel hit "Homeward Bound": "... I need someone to comfort me... I wish I was homeward bound."

So we come home for the holidays, bringing gifts that can hardly express the love and gratefulness brimming over inside us, sometimes bringing our own new homes with us. We return at Homecoming, trying to hang onto the threads of the years that were so special.

All our returnings to what we used to call home are not really steps backward, but lunge forward, blind questing for permanence. Someday, the faithfulness in us, we will find that permanent home — more meaningful, more lovely, more loving and more indestructible than we can imagine.
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Summer in New Guinea forces a mixture of cultures

Nancy Henley, a May economics graduate, and her sister Lori, a junior physics major, spent 11 weeks of their summer on the tropical island of Papua, New Guinea, working as volunteer missionary assistants.

The two sisters became interested in going to New Guinea after listening to stories from their dad Marlin, who had spent a two-week visit there the summer before. At first Lori and Nancy joked around with the idea of going to the island themselves and then, the more they talked, the more serious they became about going.

They were able to raise $4,500 to cover the cost of flying to the islands with the help of their home congregation, the Maryland Heights Church of Christ, in St. Louis, Mo., and were on their way to Papua eight days after the end of the spring semester.

They were put to work as soon as they got there, helping administer the phonothon, which raised a total of $380,000 (national record). The biggest phonothon ever is 2,360.

Lori said, "And they were real curious — they'd follow you anywhere. You had to get used to them staring at you.

But the Henley sisters found that they were as curious as the islanders when it came to understanding the tribal superstitions. Everything from human hair to dreams about death had significance and was taken seriously.

Fire played a central role in the life of the tribal people, who kept one burning continuously inside their thatched huts. To the islanders, fire is the source of light and heat, and families gather around it to tell stories throughout the evening.

Learning to give up the things that Americans take for granted was one of the harder parts of the summer for the women. They had to learn to live with the bugs, lizards and rats that also occupied the house they stayed in for the summer. The two said they eventually got used to the morning ritual of swatting swarms of mosquitoes before they could use the shower stall.

Privacy was another comfort that Americans take for granted. Lori and Nancy had to learn to live without. Because of the tropical heat, holes were cut into each wall of a room so that any passing breezes could be put to use in cooling the dwelling.

Residents of the island of St. Luke's have many of the same eating habits as Americans, either, the girls discovered.

Fresh fruits and vegetables were plentiful, but very little else was. Island natives enjoyed such delicacies as lamb fat and bat meat. The two missionary assistants from St. Louis decided to become vegetarians for the summer.

New Guineans are trying to keep the Western influence out of their country and want it to develop its future on its own. "They don't want TV because they don't want Western ideas to corrupt the people," Lori said. The absence of Western influence was obvious, Lori said, in their treatment of women.

"Women are tough people," Lori said. "They do all the work, keep the gardens, care for the children. It was not uncommon to see a woman walking to market with firewood balanced on her head, food on her back and a child on each hand, while the man walks behind her carrying a knapsack.

Lori said that the summer was a learning experience and that any ideas they might have had about "changing the world" were dampened as soon as they got there.

"I was not there to change them to my ways," Lori said. "I wanted to be their friend and to know their ways.

"I don't feel guilty that I live in America with our conveniences. That's our way. They don't complain about the poverty they live in. It's their way of life. I don't even know if they could ever except our ways."

Phonothon sets national record

The biggest phonothon ever is complete and written in record books both at Harding and nationally. The Alumni Challenge phonothon, which raised a total of $2,135,568, involved approximately 150 callers. The callers, made up of faculty members, students and Searcy residents, completed 8,454 phone calls.

According to David Crouch, director of the Alumni Placement Office, the hours put in by the callers alone totaled 2,360. That total does not include clerical work.

The phonothon equals a little more than half of the long-range fund-raising goal when combined with the million dollar challenge. Two anonymous men, one from the President's Development Board and one from the Board of Trustees, offered $500,000 each if the phonothon reached the $2 million mark.

"Each year Harding must raise $1 million besides student payments just to balance the budget. This year's fund-raising efforts will spread over the next five years," Crouch, organizer of the phonothon, said.

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The voting this year followed fairly closely to the patterns of previous elections, Blain said. In the 1980 elections, 87 percent of the voters at the Harding precinct voted a straight Republican ticket.

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Waterbuffaloes open season today against Ouachita

by Ken Bissell

Today marks the first of 13 scheduled meets for the 1982-83 version of the Harding Waterbuffalo swimming team, and according to coach Jack Boustead, the squad may be the best that Harding has suited up in years.

"I guess this year's team may have the most experience of any since I've been here, and the majority of the men are freshmen," Boustead said. "We had the best recruiting year that we've ever had, and we'll be one of the top teams in the conference."

Today's meet is scheduled for 3 p.m. against Ouachita Baptist in the New Gym swimming pool. Boustead said next Friday the squad will travel to Hendrix College for the Hendrix Classic and then back to Conway for the Hendrix Relays the following day.

Other matches include a triangular meet at Southern Arkansas against SAU and Arkansas Tech Nov. 19, a triangular meet with Henderson State and Hendrix at Henderson Dec. 1 and a dual meet at Arkansas Tech Dec. 3.

The schedule resumes in late January and concludes with the AIC championships in late February and the NAIA championships in early March. Both are to be held on the Ouachita Baptist University campus.

Boustead said the strength of this year's squad will be depth, an asset that recent teams have lacked. "We have some men who can swim just about everything, but they won't have to this year because we have more bodies that can compete than in years past," Boustead said. "Only a few will be swimming more than one or two strokes, and that sure helps out in the big meets."

The strength of the team will be the sprints and the butterfly, although the Buffaloes should also be strong in the diving events.

Returning to lead the squad will be three-year captain Ken Waits. An All-AIC selection last spring, Waits came back in good shape and hopes to continue the pace he set a year ago. In that campaign, he established five school records and proved himself a leader.

Also returning are Terry Jones, Matthew Ford, Mike Gurganus and Richard Denney. Jones, a diver, worked out with the University of Arkansas age group team, and Boustead will use him for swimming events as well.

Ford, a dedicated sprinter, proved himself to be competitive last year when he was put in the fast heat of the 100-yard freestyle in the AIC Championships and led until the last quarter. "Matthew knows exactly what he has to do, and he has worked very hard," Boustead said.

Gurganus is a veteran on the squad, this being his ninth year of diving for the Buffaloes. "Mike has improved tremendously this year," Boustead said, "and he will be a tough competitor for us." Denney, a sprinter, earned his eligibility this year after becoming ineligible last season and will add much depth to the team.

Freshmen will carry more weight than in past years, as five experienced swimmers are competing straight out of high school. Gano Butcher will be competitive in all four strokes. "Gano has one of the most beautiful butterflies I've seen," Boustead said.

Scott Smith, a freshman from Ft. Smith, changed from Abilene Christian University to Harding and will be swimming both the back and breast strokes.

Wes Holland is another freshman who will probably be a lot of duty, as will Chris Boutcher and Jonathan Hines.

Holland suffered a knee injury and is trying to regain his old form. He will compete in the backstroke and butterfly. Boutcher is a California native who is another good butterfly, and Hines has had some high school experience.

In the diving division, sophomore Doug Hurst and freshman Sam McDonald plan to compete as well. Hurst is currently struggling with back problems but is hoping to compete. McDonald is a newcomer to diving, but has shown a lot of potential.

Other team members include David Laikind and Lloyd Smith. Both have no previous experience but are steadily improving as they prepare for the season.

"The first meet may be one of the best of the year, because Ouachita should have an outstanding team," Boustead said. "We just hope that our boys have prepared enough for them."
Bisons come from behind to defeat UAM Boll Weevils

Long plays dominated early on, but it was quarterback Kyle Blickenstaff's magic show that propelled the Harding Bisons to a come-from-behind 27-21 win over the University of Arkansas-Monticello Boll Weevils. The win spoiled UAM's homecoming and was the first over an AIC opponent for the Bisons after a nine conference game drought stretching over three seasons. "We're just tickled to death to be back on the winning road," Bison head coach John Prock said. "We've been so close so many times, and this time we came out on top. The kids have worked so hard and it's finally paying off for us."

The basic sustained drive was what made the difference in the game. With the Boll Weevils leading 21-16 late in the fourth quarter, the Bisons took possession with 9:19 remaining, and the ball stopped on the Harding 26-yard line. With a third down and six situation at the 30, Blickenstaff threw a pass intended for Mark Adkison, but it was intercepted by Weevil linebacker James Turner and it appeared that the Black and Gold's hopes for a victory had quickly diminished.

However, UAM defensive end Randy Sandifer was called for roughing the passer after he nailed Blickenstaff with a blow following his release of the ball. Weevil head coach Harold Tilley was heard to say, "That's gonna cost the game", and he was right. After sitting out a play to recover from the hit, the rangy senior playcaller sound split end Mike Peacock open for a 25 yard gain, and Adkison for five yards on a key third-and-four situation from the UAM 26.

From the 21, freshman Glenn Segars earned fifth, Harding was called for illegal procedure, and Blickenstaff was sacked for a seven yard loss followed by an incomplete pass. So the situation was once again crucial: fourth down and 17 yards from the Monticello 20. Blick reached into his magic bag of tricks and found slotback Gary Hill open, and the sophomore from Memphis made another of his sensational clutch catches for a 20 yard gain to the eight. Segars ran for six and one yards to the one before fullback James Joyce banged over from a yard out to give the Bisons a 22-21 lead. Blickenstaff hit Dry for the important two point conversion, putting the Bisons ahead, 24-21. The game wasn't over, however, as the Weevils were determined to come back. The Bisons defense put a quick stop to that idea as defensive back David Fullerton snagged a Mike Singler pass on the first play of the drive. Starting from the Monticello 18, the Black and Gold marched to the 10, where kicker Steve Hunter booted a 27 yard field goal with 0:19 left. Bruce Baldwin hauled a last ditch Boll Weevil effort with an interception and a 38 yard return with 35 seconds remaining, securing the Harding victory. The contest began as a fiasco of long plays. On the first play from scrimmage, Singler hit split end Marvin Seels for a 74 yard gain to the six yard line. Three plays later, Singler kept it himself for a two yard touchdown run. Greg Easter kicked the extra point, giving the Weevils a quick 7-0 lead. The Bisons took the ball at the 20 after Tony McCoy received Easter's kickoff in the endzone.

On third down and five from the 25, Segars took a pitchout on the right side, broke a tackle, and raced 73 yards for a score. McCoy was stopped short on the two point conversion, leaving the score 7-6 in favor of the Boll Weevils with 12:17 remaining in the first quarter.

After trading punts several times through the remainder of the first quarter, the Bisons had the ball at the opening of the second quarter. It was on that first play, from the Harding 26, that the Bisons broke another long play. Blickenstaff faked a handoff on a play action pass, and dumped the ball to tight end Dry, who took the quick pass 74 yards for a touchdown. Hunter booted the extra point to give the Bisons a 13-2 lead.

Harding reserve defensive end John Baker's interception set up another Bison score. Starting from the Monticello 43, the Black

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Bisons to face Muleriders

Tomorrow, the Bisons take on the Southern Arkansas University Muleriders in the 1982 Homecoming contest. According to Bison coach John Prock, the game could be a toughly fought battle.

"They've got one of the finest teams in the conference, in my estimation," Prock said of the Muleriders. "I picked them to win the conference race before the season began, and they've just had some bad breaks fall against them."

The Riders carry a 3-3-1 mark into the contest, with an 0-2-1 conference record. Last week, the Muleriders dropped a tough 17-7 loss to Henderson State University Muleriders at home and are still looking for that initial AIC victory.

Still, they have a stockyard of talent. Runningback Gerald Pride has led the conference in rushing most of the season and is a seasoned veteran. Last year, Pride rushed for 76 yards and a score while SAU defeated the Bisons, 14-10.

One major question mark remains uninterred as of press time on the Rider squad, and that is the quarterback situation. Senior Gary Sheppard missed the Henderson game because of disciplinary reasons and his status isn't known for sure concerning the Bison contest.

Last week, freshman Jerry Copeland of Texarkana, Texas started and had a fair day. He will probably once again get the nod if Sheppard doesn't play. For the Bisons, there are no major injuries hampering them as they prepare for the contest.

Tailback Tony McCoy has a deep bruised thigh, and was held out of much of this week's practice to allow it to heal. That could mean freshman Glenn Segars may see more action than usual this week. Also, linebacker Greg Poston is bothered by a knee and tackle Gordon Roddenberry has a bruised back, but both should be available for service.

"The game could be real important for us because if all the chips fall in the right places, we might have an outside shot at a tie for the conference championship," Prock said. "Right now, we're just playing them one game at a time."

Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

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Parental rights case interests ACLU

A resolution passed early last week by the Augusta school board requiring teachers' children to attend the town's public schools affects only one teacher, Janice Beardon of Augusta, whose son Rob is a sixth grader at Harding Academy, the Associated Press reported.

Sandra Kurlja, director of the Arkansas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), said the resolution violates parental rights and the rights of privacy and freedom of association. She said the ACLU might be interested in taking the case, but the Beardon's said they had not talked with her about it. Bay Fitzhugh, a school board member, said the attendance of Beardon's son in a private school is disruptive and demonstrates a lack of confidence in their local public school system.

Tennyson named to youth council for second year

Jeff Tennyson, a junior marketing major, has been named to the National Youth Council of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation for the second year.

Tennyson, a native of Valley Springs, became involved with the March of Dimes while serving as governor of the Missouri-Arkansas district of Key Club International.

The six-member National Youth Council assists the March of Dimes in planning and coordinating youth programs for prevention of birth defects. The council oversees community service, fund-raising and peer education.

Tennyson, who has served as a staff intern for Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt, is a member of the Economics Team.

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