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Clinton flooded: "Folks should wear their old clothes and come ready to haggling."

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Victims continue clean up after severe weather

Editor's note: The following report of recent tornado and storm damage to the state was compiled from articles in the Arkansas Gazette, the Arkansas Democrat and the Searcy Daily Citizen.

Floods and tornadoes across the state have caused at least $143 million in damage, an estimate likely to increase substantially when flood waters recede and more damage is found, according to Lee Collard.

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The editors of this volume have made a move to reduce athletic scholarships to cover only tuition and registration fees, the Associated Press reported in a Nov. 21 article.

All but two presidents of AIC schools have already urged their faculty representatives to reduce the scholarship, which currently also cover room and board costs.

The presidents voted 8-0, with two presidents abstaining, in favor of the proposal at a Nov. 15 meeting. The two abstaining schools, which did not show opposition to the proposal, were not named in the story.

The faculty representatives of the 10 AIC schools will vote today on the proposal, deciding whether it will be passed, turned down or tabled for further discussion.

According to the article, the proposition could have a staggering effect on sports in the conference.

Dr. Joseph Pryor, vice president for academic affairs and Harding's AIC faculty representative, expressed an opinion that the proposal will be tabled for further discussion after today's vote.

The same opinion was voiced by President Clifton Gamus Jr. "I think that it will be tabled and be looked into before there is a decision," Gamus said earlier this week.

Sports for which AIC athletics receive scholarships are men's football and basketball.
Opinion

Christmas is reason for celebration, more

It is the reason for countless songs, stories, legends, greeting cards, advertising pitches, parties, television specials and journeys home for Christmas.

Christmas spirit is our euphemism for an emotion, a feeling that makes us smile at people we generally ignore, a day to celebrate happiness, love, getting and giving. Christmas.

Christmas is no respecter of persons. It is for everyone: children, grandparents, policemen, short-order cooks, Salvation Army bellringers, Democrats, Navy cadets, football coaches, home economists, stunt pilots, gossip columnists, ditch diggers, ambassadors, carnival workers, truck drivers, rock singers, fishermen, fishermen's wives, cowboys, ballerinas, professors, television anchormanpersons and college students.

Christmas is a time for tradition. It is a time to reminisce about certain Christmas tree ornaments and to argue over who gets to put the star on top. It is a time to wear that one certain pair of pajamas to bed on Christmas Eve. It's a time for 21-year-olds to head straight for their stockings on Christmas morning along with their younger brothers and sisters.

Christmas is a time to forget the failed diets of the year and to eat. Just as the red tablecloth with the green holly motif comes out only once or twice, some foods are appropriate only at Christmas. We drink eggnog, even if we don't like it much, because it's Christmas and we're supposed to. We crunch candy canes and munch on Montmorency cookies, sometimes even being struck by a fit of domesticity and baking some ourselves. We perk out on turkey, even though we just had some a month ago, because we won't get to again for 11 months.

Christmas is a time to be home and to do things with our families. It's a time to pop a big bowl of popcorn and to congregate in the living room, watching the original John-Boy and Walton kids in The Homecoming. It's a time to let your brother in on the secret about what you're getting Dad for Christmas. It is taking the little cousins out for a drive and starting snowball fights where everyone seems to lose and win at the same time.

Wherever you're going, whoever you're with, have the best Christmas ever.
The aesthetics of boots and tutus

Endlessly Rocking

Laura L. Brown

congregation makes some of us feel good; many students argue they wouldn't care even if they were not involved in that congregation, and that they prefer a small congregation where they can be more directly involved in the work. But others of us cherish the feeling that the College congregation affords: being a small part of a very large body.

A marathon — or a race of any length — gives a runner the same feeling, knowing that he or she is one among hundreds who feel the same pleasurable pain after several miles, swed by the way their legs almost instinctively keep moving, step after step, long after the rest of the body has begun to plead, "Stop!"

We must like the feeling of repetition. Why else would there be so many fifty-year seniors?

Why wait until graduation to have influence on others?

These are questions brave, something almost military the way they're lined up along Race Avenue across from Kroger's. The picture is continued by the nearby naked Christmas trees, dotted with them, also waiting to be bought.

There is something visually pleasing about the sight of a few hikers, walking, or standing, or sitting on a grassy hill, or a group of ballerinas's tutus dancing the same part on a stage.

Anyone who has played much football or marched for very long in a band or danced across a stage in a corps de ballet longer than he has watched a concert like that, to be doing it instead of watching it.

For all the praise of non-conformity and individuality that we have lived through in the past decades, we need a real sense of security in being an anonymous member of a uniformly attired group of people.

There's strength in numbers, they say. Those of us who attend College Church of Christ can feel that strength when hundreds and hundreds of voices stick together. It may be the best congregational singing we have ever heard.

Simply attending a huge orchestra to go into all the world, that included the place where they were standing.

Wherever Christians are, they are in the world for a purpose (see Matthew 24:14-16; Romans 12:2, and Philipians 2:13).

That's what I'm writing about: Christians in the World. Say, that's a great title for a newspaper column.

Every kind of sin and 1 that the Bible says is in the world is present before us — in America, in Scarey, on campus. If we ignore it, we're fooling ourselves.

I've also learned here that it's easy to get lost in the crowd, going through the motions, equating 'going to church' with being a Christian. Whoever thought of the idea of 'going to church,' anyway? How can I go to something that I am. Being a Christian means being like Christ, and in turn like God. We meet together to enjoy each other's company in being thankful to God. The point of the whole matter is our relationship with God.

That makes me think of something else. Why wait 'til graduation before we get serious about our purpose in life? We can have our influence on someone else today. Graduation may never get here. Maybe I won't have to repay my loans after all.

The real question is "In this life, in this world, in this Harding, do we really love God and do we really love the people around us enough to let them know where the world is going? Do we really care enough today to help them live a better life? I hope you do.

I used to live like the world, but now I live in it so people that God lives in me. Graduation just means that I'm moving on to another place where I can have an influence on others as one of the many "Christians in the World."
Pledging may not be rescheduled

by Jane Gare

Efforts to reschedule Pledge Week have been put on the back burner, according to Leon Johnson, chairman of a student committee formed to look into the matter.

Johnson said that very little response or input has been made from students and that he has heard rumors that the administration may not want Pledge Week changed.

Johnson said a similar effort was made in 1966 and that it was unsuccessful.

"I plan to keep investigating things next semester. If there is enough real interest maybe something will be done," he said.

The S.A. has been involved in several activities during the month of December including the S.A. Christmas party and the annual Toy and Doll Drive.

S.A. president Zac Muncy suggested that the S.A. not set up a toy store in the jung pong room as they have in the past, but let individuals and clubs adopt a children"s home or child, for which they could buy a "personal" gift. Muncy pointed out that the boys bought on consignment last year and that the S.A. is in a similar situation. The other members agreed to this suggestion. Johnson is in charge of this year's drive.

The S.A. special projects committee organized the S.A. Christmas party, held Saturday in the student center. Expenses received much discussion at the S.A. plans activities for spring semester

A coffeehouse is just one of the traditional activities planned by the Student Association to welcome students back to campus during the first week of the spring semester.

The coffeehouse, scheduled for Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, will feature Free's foods, taken from the entertainment from singer and guitarist John Walker. Food will not be the only free item that week. A night of free bowling will be given to the student center and free roller skating will be offered at the Panther Boulevard. Highway 67 will be offered Wednesday, Jan. 12.

The walls will finally have to open for the first movie of the semester, Star Trek II. The Wrath of Khan, to be shown Friday, Jan. 14.

Another traditional event, Pledge Week, highlights the February calendar during the week of Valentines Day. Each day of the week will be designated to be nice to students, unanimously, guys, girls or Bisons.

Open House in men's and women's dorms, continuing is also scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday nights of that week. Disney World entertainer Michael Iceberg brings his one-man show to the Harding campus Feb. 22 to give his fourth performance here.

Next semester's movie schedule, incomplete at press time, includes one of the biggest recent box office favorites, Raiders of the Lost Ark, scheduled for April 6.

Another traditional event, Pi Day, will also be held during this time because the holiday season is the most critical time for needing blood, Dr. W. Dennis Organ, professor of English, coordinator of the draw and president of the campus auxiliary, said.

"I'd like the students to keep in mind that the purpose of the blood drive is to meet others' physical needs, not just to set some goals," Owens said.

A special holiday effect, a cardboard Christmas tree decorated with paper ornaments bearing the names of the donors, was displayed in the student center.

A devotional was held before the Christmas Eve service and expressed thoughts hoping for a successful turnout. Owen said the devotional may become a tradition.

The total for 1982 Harding blood drive was 2,250 pints. The goal set for the coming drive is expected to break Harding's current record, set last spring, is 1,900 pints. A definite date has not yet been set.

Blundering Herd defeats King's Men in College Bowl

The Blundering Herd College Bowl team defeated King's Men Wednesday afternoon, 136 to 129, earning their way to regional competition in February.

The teams met in double elimination competition Wednesday morning in Chapel King's Men, who had one defeat on record, beat The Blundering Herd 136 to 80 in that meeting. The Blundering Herd had been undefeated until that time and King's Men failed to eliminate them from the competition in a rematch later in the day.

The Blundering Herd team members, Debbie Friedl, Brit Burchan, Mark White and David Wright, will be joined by bowl participants Joel Ragland, Alan Lane, Frank Weaver and Greg York who attends Harding Graduate School. These players were selected based on score sheets kept during the tournament and partially by their field of specialization.

The eight students will compete against teams from Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas at the regional games held at the University of Houston.

College Bowl originated as a television quiz program in the 1960s. After going out in the '60s, it was revived in the early '70s and became a national competition.

"It's not just who's smartest. Speed has a lot to do with it. There's a lot of strategy involved," Dr. Dennis Organ, chairman of the English department and one of three faculty directors of Harding's College Bowl. The other two are Dr. Fred Jewell, professor of history, and Dr. Larry Long, associate professor of English.

This is Harding's third year of competition, and it is one of the smallest schools represented. Harding teams placed seventh in regional competition the first two years.

Questions, which are authenticated by TIME Magazine, come from basic education areas such as art, history, literature and science.

"We hope it stimulates the audience in an enjoyable way," Dr. Organ said.

Draw reaches 85 percent of goal

The blood drive sponsored by the campus auxiliary of the American Red Cross bagged 508 pints, only 252 pints from the projected goal of 800 pints.

Exams and semester projects were causes for a small turnout. The draw, held Nov. 30- Dec. 2, scheduled at this time because the holiday season is the most critical time for needing blood, Martin Owens, coordinator of the draw and president of the campus auxiliary, said.

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Reasonably Priced
behind security most relationships at school, the experiences we remember are tied to particular which we grew up.

Harding still seek a refuge at home, a selves without trying to prove to anybody who they are or what will be waiting for us and friends among us have new homes and aren't sure what lies ahead.

In most cases it means a job optimistic about moving because where they are closer to school when moving, especially if they are at house, said, has not yet been to the Kentucky different, not knowing where the school year and moves.

When most people leave home for a new house, said, has not yet been to the Kentucky different, not knowing where the family that has jobs with the government, a church, with sales, or with a large corporation, he or she has probably moved every few years. It may not be something they are fond of, but they seem to learn to adjust.

Moving can seem exciting. It's a time when a person can go into an area when a person has already having knowledge of their past and what they have or haven't done. In a sense, it's like the feeling students have when they first come to college.

Somehow it's reassuring to know where the best places are to eat, where to shop, and the easiest way to get there. Simple knowledge like this is taken for granted until a move to a new place.

If a person happens to be in a family that has jobs with the government, a church, with sales, or with a large corporation, he or she has probably moved every few years. It may not be something they are fond of, but they seem to learn to adjust.

Florence said, "Having been away for two and a half years, the adjustment wasn't as much as it would have been had I been in high school. It would seem much more tragic if a person's parents moved after living 17 years in school and they were moved off to another school when they were going to high school, but when they are away at school it is not so devastating.

Summer, a junior from Texarkana, Texas, whose new home is now in Mississippi, said, "It doesn't matter to me, because I'm never there. I'm always at school, but I do like the area down there." It may seem easier for some to detach themselves from home, while others plan on going back to their new homes after they graduate. Junior Tracey Yates, whose parents moved from Ohio to North Carolina, said she plans on going to North Carolina to work for her father's company.

Moving is a drastic step to take for everyone. Making new friends, adapting to a new area, and feeling comfortable in a new house and feeling whatever person decides to do — go back to the old hometown or go to the new home, or establish a new home of their own.

Times do change, but home doesn't. It is both a place inhabited by family and friends and a special place made of memories.
Mason sees self as curious, artistic, independent

by Eddie Madden

"I've got a tremendous curiosity. People who don't have curiosity are dead, or they might as well be in my opinion," said Elizabeth Mason, professor of art.

Mason, who received her M.A. from George Peabody College in Nashville, also studied teaching at Harding in 1946. Besides serving as an instructor in the department of art, she also served for several years as chairman of the department.

Mason describes herself as a curious person and an artist. "I'm such an independent person -- I've just grown up that way," she said.

Ken Fowler, a senior accounting major who had Mason for art appreciation, said, "She is one of the few teachers who seems to have been everywhere and seen everything."

Mason's father, G.C. Brewer, played a large role in her life. She said, "I grew up going and seeing things ... I got all that from daddy; he had a tremendous curiosity. My daddy is the cause of me being an artist."

She explained that, besides being "the world's greatest preacher," her father was very artistic. As they walked down a street, he would point out columns and architecture. She took her to museums, and he even illustrated letters to her with cartoons.

"He taught me to appreciate things and be observant," she said.

"But he always wanted me to be a doctor. He was very disappointed."

Mason's mother, Mary Holbrook Brewer, was "a little bity thing" who "didn't know up from down in art," Her mother did, however, have a good sense of design and color.

"She dressed us nice on no money," said Mason, "because preacher didn't have any money back then."

Mason's life has been one of varied interests. She loved animals; she used to have horses and dogs when she was a youth.

Mason started college at Abilene Christian College. "Because Daddy's roommate in college was out there, Batzell Basham," She later studied under different teachers at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Peabody, the University of Arizona and in Mexico, where she learned to do frescoes.

"In those days you didn't go to one school, establish residence; and get your degree," she explained. "You went to different schools, you met and studied under a lot of different teachers and you learned different things."

"There were a lot of well-known painters and sculptors I studied under. And I went to Mexico to learn to do frescoes," she said.

"I think I've still got a fresco on a wall down in Mexico," she added.

After graduating, Mason was married to Perry Mason, and soon started teaching art in the public school system of Abilene.

In 1954, she married Reeves Mason, who was a Pentecostal preacher. "The preacher didn't have any money," she said.

"He's retired now," she added. "Heaven's!"

According to Mason, Harding also had the only real art department in the brotherhood for a long time. "We furnished the art teachers for the other Christian schools," she said.

Since then the art department has grown from one room to a building complex including a gallery and much better facilities, from one teacher to six, and from few courses to a larger selection.

"It's just grown," Mason said. "And it's improving more all the time."

While a professor here, Mason has taken several trips to Europe with students, giving them the opportunity to see many great works of art firsthand and to learn art history in the cradle of Western civilization.

She enjoys traveling with the students and has often stayed in the youth hostels with them. At one hostel, she said, an English girl went to the manager and complained about having an older woman in the hostel room, a large room lined with cots. The manager asked her to go to another room.

When the girls traveling with Mason discovered what had happened, they joined her in the other room. And soon the other girls of differing nationalities found out and joined them, leaving the English girl in the room by herself.

"The girls thought of me as one of them," Mason said. "It was funny."

Her experiences have provided the basis for many interesting stories in her classes. She can forget the story of her slides of the world's tallest church steeple in Ulm, Germany from her art appreciation classes. For a particularly interesting gargoyle high up on the steeple, Mrs. Mason persuaded a boy to lean out the window and take a picture of it. She said, "I sat on his legs." Besides relating her stories, Mason also sometimes finds herself "preaching" in her classes. But as Darrell Trullit, a senior art major, said, "She's not in there just to teach the class; she's in there to teach ideals and ethics, too."

Curious, independent and artistic -- that's how Mason sees herself. "My husband, Hugh Gaskill simply said of her, "She's my most favorite teacher."

Perhaps Cindy Morgan, a sophomore art major, described her best with one word: "Colorful."

Art professor Elizabeth Mason has seen Harding and the art department grow up together.

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Broughton challenges taste buds with Pepsi challenge

by Steve Dunn

For most people life itself is a challenge. At least one Harding student, however, is giving challenges instead of facing them. The student is Susie Broughton, a senior public administration major, and the challenge she's giving is the Pepsi Challenge.

"Mr. Showalter, Director of Financial Aid, told me about the job," Susie said. "I was one of 10 girls chosen to conduct the Pepsi Challenge in the Searcy area."

The Searcy area might include Heber Springs, Beebe, Bald Knob, Cabot or Little Rock on any given weekend. Local businesses, especially grocery stores, are usually targeted for the promotion.

As for the people's reactions when they come upon the tall, slender student behind the booth, "It really varies," Susie replied. "Some people will approach you and show an interest in your product without your even asking. I've even been asked where the hidden cameras are."

No, there are no hidden cameras, but she would have a hard time convincing some people of this. "It's sad when people come through the doors and seem horrified at the possibility of being approached," Susie said. "Some even speed up their shopping carts in an effort to pass the booth unseen."

The big question, of course, is which is in best — Coke or Pepsi? "Pepsi always wins" is Susie's quick reply. "It's usually a close race the first couple of hours, but Pepsi always pulls out and wins by a pretty good margin."

Harding students in particular seem to prefer Pepsi. On a recent Saturday afternoon at Safeway in Searcy, Harding students picked Pepsi over Coke by 80 to 1.

Susie points out that not all people are pleased with their choice. "A lot of people come in claiming they can tell which soft drink is which, and say that they prefer Coke. When they pick Pepsi instead, it makes them furious."

Many are quick to make accusations such as switching the bottles. Not so, Susie said. The best test is done honestly and each drink is kept chilled in an ice chest.

Some reactions are more dramatic than others, according to Susie. One woman who looked to be about 65 just couldn't believe she chose Pepsi. "I really felt she'd make a great television commercial," Susie said smiling.

Another woman whose son-in-law is a director Pepsi Bottling in Tennessee found her situation a little embarrassing. The woman remarked that she and her family drank Pepsi all the time, and that she preferred it to Coke.

The Challenge, however, proved differently: the woman chose Coke.

"Every once in a while we have people from Coke come over and harass us," Susie mentioned, but usually everything runs smoothly.

And why shouldn't it? Coke may be "it" to some, but many are letting their taste buds decide when Susie smiles and says, "Hi, would you like to take the Pepsi Challenge?"

Debate team wins awards in individual, team events

Eight of the 12 members of the debate team recently took part in a competition at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, bringing home several awards.

Both individual and team events were held. Becky Maupin and Alan Keirn won first and second places respectively in interpretation of poetry, with Keirn also winning first in dramatic interpretation.

In the team events, Stephanie Isaacs, Rick Hawkins, Walter Florence and Rebecca Davis debated both sides of the topic that a unilateral freeze on production and development of nuclear weapons by the United States would be desirable. Isaacs and Hawkins went to the semifinals.

Jodee Hobbs and Ellen Porter resolved that U.S. military intervention in the affairs of any country in the western hemisphere should be prohibited. Together they advanced to the quarterfinals. Hobbs won as first place speaker and Porter was judged second place speaker.

Dr. Pat Garner, associate professor of speech and sponsor of the team, said, "They're doing considerably better than the squad did last year. They have brought home approximately 10 trophies."

"Most of the members are freshmen and sophomores. It's important to get students in as freshmen and keep them. I'm looking forward to next semester and the next few years."

The team has competed five times so far this year. Besides their most recent trip they have gone to Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo.; Bethel College in Newton, Kan.; Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky., and to the Student Congress in Little Rock.

Next semester will be highlighted by the national Pi Kappa Delta Tournament in Estes Park, Colo. in April.
Entertainment

O'Toole shines against good cast in 'My Favorite Year'

Have you ever entered a theater not having really thought about a movie except its title, yet leaving the theater more impressed than you had imagined you would? I remember feeling that way about A Little Romance and My Favorite Year, starring Peter O'Toole.

The film is a sometimes elegant, sometimes slapstick comedy in which the bottom story line in a major film star's attempt to overcome his fear of reality.

O'Toole plays Alan Swann, a movie star who has come to New York to guest star on a network comedy-variety show. He is put under the charge of Benji Stone (Mark Linn-Baker), a young golfer with the features of Lou Costello, whose job is to keep Swann sober enough to make it to all rehearsals and, essentially, performance night.

On route to performance night, Swann and Stone go through some hilarious times together, including a very funny visit to Stone's parents' house in Brooklyn which James Thurber couldn't have contrived more humorously.

There are touching times as well, such as Swann's drive to see his long-lost daughter, Texas. Upon arriving at the house, Swann cannot bring himself to go to the door and face her. It is this scene which gives us our initial glimpse of the side of Alan Swann that isn't lit up by the neon lights.

Swann's inner battle becomes fully exposed when, on performance night, he finds that the variety show in which he is about to star is done live, not taped. Summing up beautifully his fear of the ordinariness of his existence, Swann exclaims, "I'm a movie star, not an actor!"

Swann must finally come to grips with his fear or ruin the show, and the madcap final scene, in which conflict is resolved, might even rival the raucous ending to one of the more delightful films of the year.

I have long admired Peter O'Toole, but I had never seen him play comedy. With this performance he solidified his position in my mind as one of the premier actors of our time.

Although the film has a show-stopping role, to say that O'Toole carried the show would be inaccurate. A fine array of supporting actors provides a solid background against which O'Toole can shine.

Credit is due director Richard Benjamin, who has gained my respect as a director, if not as an actor. The pacing is up right on in a script which would have suffered if dragged down, and the characters are well-defined without becoming trite.

In short, My Favorite Year is a movie "the way they used to make 'em," which still works. Go see My Favorite Year — it may become your favorite movie.

Drama audition dates set

The summer tour group, led by graduate Robin Cason and junior Jerry Justice, will be traveling May through July with The Night Light Theater Group sponsored by Light of the World Ministries. Three male and three female spots are open.

To audition, students should prepare a three-minute audition including a song (an accompaniment will be provided if needed) and a cutting from a script. Audition forms, found in the lobby of the Ganz building, must also be completed.

Have a happy Christmas!

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We appreciate your business
Christmas magic leaves holiday mood on campus
by Jane Gore
Editor's note: News editor Jane Gore, who regularly covers the weekly meetings of the Student Association executive council, was invited to accompany the S.A. the night they decorated the campus. This story is her account of the night.

The few weeks between Thanksgiving break and Christmas vacation are traditionally hectic and hard to live through. Papers have to be written, books still need to be read, and sometimes a holiday mood is the last thing on anyone's mind.

Then suddenly someone turns on the lights in the Administration Building and something in the back of everyone's mind begins to thaw.

"It's Christmas," the phrase implies different things to different people. Whether it is a religious attitude or simply a nostalgic one, the season warms the coldest of hearts.

Christmas on campus is a state of the art affair. All know that we will go home to our own familiar tree ornaments and that the special flake is just ready to melt in our mouths the minute we get in the door, but still Christmas is here with our friends and teachers, and sharing it can be a wonderful experience.

Part of this experience begins on the morning we wake up and discover that someone has played Santa Claus on the campus. Greenery, red ribbon and mistletoe make the old place look like a 1943 musical. It is easy to imagine Fred and Ginger bursting into song under the bell tower. Though we all know it in a long shot, we even start to hope it will snow before we leave.

Freshmen and other neophytes may wonder in child-like awe, "Who did this? I know those wreaths weren't there yesterday." They eventually learn that a handful of students from the Student Association roamed the campus the night before, armed with all the visual goodies that make Christmas bright, while most other students lay snug in their beds. Ladders, tape, ribbon and wire secured a look of holiday cheer to the remaining Harding University arch and to other campus landmarks.

Most people, at least, by their senior year, are aware that Christmas decorating is the job of the S.A. What they don't know is how much fun the S.A. has doing it.

The particular night is a guarded state secret. From year to year it varies, and one can never predict exactly when the Christmas magic will appear.

The student elves began assembling this year around 9 a.m. last Friday. The first rendezvous place was the home of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Muncy, Zac's parents, for hot chocolate and Christmas goodies to get everyone in the mood.

Then it was time to head back to campus to go through the decorations, toss out the old ones which had seen better days, and usher in the new ones that had been bought for the occasion.

At the usual magic hour of midnight, work began in earnest. A tree had been bought for the student center, and if along with the bison head were scheduled to be trimmed.

At first everyone seemed a little tired. Many people had cycled through the decorations, tossing mistletoe to themselves, but they didn't realize that by the next night someone would probably have given into the temptation of swiping some of the clusters.

When, as they realized how much they had done in a few hours, the early morning craziness overtook everyone. It is amazing what seems fuzzy at 3 a.m....but there is no accounting for some people's taste.

Soon, though, the late night hours and the joy of having campus to ourselves overcame everyone. The delight of throwing tinsel through the air was rediscovered early on, and everyone's artistic abilities took on some autistic aspects, as we contemplated putting an angel hair beard on the bison and hanging Santa faces over the portraits of James T. and Oral Cone. We knew they wouldn't mind. They look like they have a good sense of humor anyway.

The swing patrols moved out around 1:30. Three of the females were in charge of putting mistletoe on all the white swings. Guys followed with wide red ribbon to wrap the white swings and make them look like candy canes. Some people tried to keep the mistletoe to themselves, but the patrol was diligent, though they did realize that by the next night someone would probably have given into the temptation of swiping some of the clusters.

As everyone began to nod over their orange juice and eggs, we broke up our annual gathering. Most of us were so tired we didn't even care if the campus looked Christmasy or not. But the next day, hearing the comments as people walked through the student center, I am sure everyone decided that it had been worth it.

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**Sports and Pastimes**

**Bisons defeat Christian Brothers in double overtime**

by Ken Bissell

With nine games under their belt, the Harding basketballers have posted a respectable 6-3 record. In a fine display of patience and determination, the Black and Gold downed a tough Christian Brothers squad, 76-69, here last Tuesday night. The game took two overtimes to decide the winner.

Christian Brothers appeared to have command of the game midway through the first half, as they held a 31-24 lead with a little over five minutes to play. Jim Killeen led the Buccaneers with two consecutive field goals during the period. But the Bisons came back on two free throws by Lloyd Smith and two more by Hubie Smith with under four minutes left.

Kenny Collins bucketed a field goal and Hubie fed Lawrence McNutt for a two-on-one fast break and a crashing slam dunk. The play began with a steal by Florida State's Calvin Shaw to the line for a one-and-one situation, and he made both ends to tie the score.

The Bisons took the lead on a jumper by Shaw, but Floyd Smith tied the score at 54-54 on two free throws with 1:32 left. The Buccaneers held for one shot, but they could get one to fall. Floyd, Killeen and Mike Broderick each had opportunity for a winning bucket.

In the first overtime, the Bisons moved out in front by as much as five, but CBC again refused to fall. Led by Broderick, the Buccaneers tied the score at 60-65 with :06 on the clock. Broderick was the villain, hitting a turn around jump shot, and hit three free throws in the period to spur the comeback.

But Harding was not to be denied in the second overtime, as Allen Gibbons scored seven points to lead the way. The 6-9 junior postman conned two field goals early, and as the Bisons ran the four corner offense to protect their 73-69 lead, Gibbons got a pass under the basket from Floyd Smith, went up for the two hand stuff, and was fouled. He hit the free throw, making the final score 76-69.

Leading the Bisons in scoring was Gibbons, with 30 points. Hubie Smith had 20 while McNutt had 13. For Christian Brothers, Broderick led the group with 33 points while Killeen scored 18.

The next home game for the Bisons will be December 30 against Bethel College.

**Harriers run in NAIA meet**

The Bisons cross country teams travelled to Kenosha, Wisconsin for the NAIA National Cross Country Championship Meet, on November 20. In the men's competition, the Bisons harriers placed 34th out of 37 teams. Larry Wayne was the Bison's top finisher, placing 125th with a time of 27:14.

For the women, two Harding runners finished finished in the top 100. Marcia Williams was 75th out of 215 with a time of 20:12. Marla Upton placed 89th in the meet.

**More Bissell bowl predictions**

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Today is the day. That's right, today is the day you hard Sports Spectrum fans have patiently awaited. Today is the Second Annual Bissell Bowl Predictions. Today is the day when you can pull out that stash and start anticipating the money you would lose had you placed it on these picks.

If you will recall in your Sports Spectrum predictions of the past, I didn't have a sparkling percentage that a sportswriter would hope for. Some said it was luck, of knowledge, others said it was luck. Some said it was luck of the draw. Others said it was luck of the draw. I think it was luck of the draw, the way Florida State was seemed to always take the school that came first alphabetically, thus being my arrow poise. But in 1976, things changed drastically. This year, I took the easy, meeny, miney, moe approach, so hopefully my average will be a little better. Here goes:

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In the 400 yard medley relay, Denney, Jonathan Hines of St. Louis, Mo., Boucher and Ford combined their talents to touch first in 4:34.80.

Harding picked up second place points in eight events. Denney had a 1:57.83 timing in the 200 yard freestyle, Smith posted 26.05 in the 50 yard freestyle, Gino Butcher of Newburg, Ore. clocked 2:21.13 in the 200 yard individual medley and Jones had 1:39.30 points in the required diving event.

Boucher was runner-up in the 200 yard butterfly in 2:00.50. Boucher was second in the 200 yard backstroke in 2:25.30 and Ben Walter of Atlanta, Ga., was also second in the 500 yard freestyle in 4;58.92.

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Five Harding University football players have been selected to the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference team, according to AIC commissioner Harry Ball.

The players include defensive end Ron Kohlbrand, defensive back Bruce Baldwin, tight end Durwood Dry, kickoff returner Tony McCoy and punter Kyle Blickenstaff.

Kohlbrand, a 6-3, 200 lb. senior from Merritt Island, Fla., was a four year starter at defensive end for the Bison. An honorable mention selection for the team last season, Kohlbrand concluded the 1982 season with 79 tackles and assists to rank fourth on the team. The Bison standout was one of only seven players picked for the II-man squad that was a unanimous selection.

Baldwin, a 6-2, 200 lb. three year starter, hails from Jacksonville, Ill. An all around athlete, Baldwin established two Harding records and tied another by intercepting 26 passes in his career, 11 this past season, and three in the 1982 Harding-Henderson clash. The career total also established an AIC record. A former starter for the Bison basketball team, Baldwin owns the school mark in the triple jump. He was also a unanimous selection to the squad.

Dry, also from Merritt Island, Fla., is a 6-2, 230 lb. three year starter for the Bison. In 1982, Dry caught 25 passes for 348 yards and one touchdown. In three seasons, Dry has 63 career receptions for 785 yards.

McCoy, a 5-8, 150 lb. senior from Texarkana, Texas, started for the Bison at tailback for two seasons. Blessed with sprinter's speed, McCoy returned 17 kickoffs for 443 yards and a 28.0 average per return. In 1981, he was selected as the AIC Newcomer of the Year by the Arkansas Democrat after gaining 1,048 yards rushing.

McCoy starred for two years at Henderson Junior College in Henderson, Texas before transferring to Harding.

Blickenstaff is a two-time honoree to the squad. A 6-3, 200 lb. senior from Boise, Idaho, Blickenstaff led the AIC for the second consecutive season in punting average. In 1982, he punted 56 times for 2,462 yards and a 42.4 yard average. Between his accomplishments as a punter and quarterback, Blickenstaff holds or shares seven Bison records and one AIC mark.

Several Bisons were selected as honorable mention. They include Mark Adkinson, Randy Buttram, Steve Hunter, Steve Jones, Scott LeDoux, Mike Peacock, Greg Poston, Gordon Roddenbury, Glenn Segars, John Tom Thompson and Kevin Webb.

Deadline

Today is the last day to apply for the position of business manager for the Bison for the 1983-84 school year. The position carries a scholarship. Interested students should send a resume and a letter of application to the Bison at Box 1192 or should submit it at the office on the second floor of the student center by 5 p.m. today.

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SAC chairmen, new members selected

Seven students have been selected to work with the Student Activities Committee (SAC) of the Student Association. The new members are Tom Dill, Charles Dupre, Michele Ellis, Phillip Jaros, Cindy Rodman, Mame Smelser and David Voss.

Recently appointed SAC chairman Greg Foster said the purpose of the SAC is "to bring talent to Harding that the students will enjoy."

Previous members still on the committee are Brad Bradley, Perry Harmon, Janet Land, Elia Madden, Alan Pearson, Ken Smelser and Lisa Wagner.

Satiric Artists

The Bison is looking for a good artist to draw a comic strip related to Harding. Interested? Write to Box 1192, call extension 671 or drop by the office on the second floor of the student center.
Writing contest deadline extended

The deadline for the Harding 1983 Creative Writing Contest has been extended to Jan. 17, it was announced in chapel Wednesday.

By Monday's deadline, students had submitted only about half as many entries as have been received in previous years, said Dr. Dennis Organ, chairman of the English department.

The deadline, usually in February, was moved up to allow judges to begin reading manuscripts over the Christmas break, Dr. Organ said. "But we would rather give everyone a chance" to enter, he said.

The pressure to finish this semester's papers and projects was seen as the cause for the smaller number of entries.

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