Faculty, staff asked to pledge one day's pay

by Linda Ford

In an effort to raise money for Harding, a campaign was recently completed in which University faculty and staff members were asked to voluntarily pledge one day's pay to the school over the next five years.

Through this campaign, lead by Dr. Don England, professor of science, and Byron Rowan, assistant to the vice president of finance, the University has been able to raise pledges of $622,946 from faculty and staff members for the next five years.

But President Clifton Ganus said he thinks the figure will be "a little higher" after the last of the pledges have been made.

Ganus said the faculty and staff campaign is part of the $2,000,000 fund drive which started in 1981 and is to raise money for a new dining hall.

Ganus said that the school wanted to ask Harding faculty and staff for money first before going to outside sources for financial help.

"If you need help, you should start at home," Ganus said.

Ganus said that 99.4 percent of the faculty participated in the campaign by having part of their pay deducted from their paycheck for use by the school. The percentage of staff is not as high since many of them are paid hourly wages and earn less than the faculty.

Ganus said not everyone pledged a full day's pay a month. Some pledged less than a day's pay, and some pledged more than a day's pay.

"I think it is tremendous when faculty and staff give not only their lives but material possessions, because it shows they are dedicated in what they are doing," Ganus said.

The faculty and staff campaign is a part of the Alumni Challenge and will be used as a campaign to raise funds toward the completion of a $100,000 addition to the science building and to supplement operational costs.

Eisenhower shares insight with American Studies group

by Jane Gore


In his book about the Allies, Eisenhower has thoroughly explored the Allies' relationships with each other during World War II.

Eisenhower presented the audience with a detailed description of the behind-the-scenes occurrences of major historical moments throughout the war. The capacity crowd listened to the story of the war, retold by a man who has made an in-depth study of it, along with many personal recollections he retains from his father and other military men who actually fought in it.

"Roosevelt's job was to keep America working. It is hard to keep a democracy in a war."

— Brigadier General John S. D. Eisenhower

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Bubbly

With the help of a piece of bubble gum, freshman Pennie Van Smith is able to remove the taste of cafeteria food from her mouth.
Opinion

Tolerance important when one is offended

A Bison staff member wrote a humorous essay for an English class last semester. She wrote a letter from heaven and told about heaven’s newspaper, the Heaven Herald. The feature which separated the Herald from earthly newspapers was a lack of controversy.

Even at a Christian university, hardly an issue of the newspaper goes by without someone being offended by something. Even an article as seemingly harmless as a review of the movie Bambi has been controversial enough in someone’s eyes to elicit a letter to the editor.

It is impossible to try to please everyone and to fill any periodical with articles that couldn’t possibly be offensive to anyone. It is also impossible to apologize every time someone’s feelings are hurt; we would be apologizing all the time and contradicting ourselves in the process.

But there must be some way to resolve miffed feelings, whether a misunderstanding has occurred in a newspaper or between two acquaintances. Most people who complain expect a full apology; most people who find that they have offended someone feel a natural instinct to defend themselves. A compromise should be reached between the two extremes.

We feel that automatic apologies whenever someone registers a complaint is a sign of weakness. We decide that we are going to try to follow certain principles, and we stick by them when we are challenged, whether we are a newspaper or an individual.

Nevertheless, we must be able to bend without breaking. A sign of maturity is the ability to endure and to sincerely and sometimes publicly apologize for wrongs, real or imagined.

Here is the way the injured party should maintain an open mind as possible. Extreme stubbornness cannot be any more to the action or works that incited it. Sometimes it is enough to write a letter; sometimes it is enough to discuss matters and hear a personal explanation.

Tolerance is important. We cannot—and do not—expect everyone to think like us. We seek diversity in our food, clothing, entertainment, scenery; shouldn’t we savor diversity in human viewpoints just as much? We can learn so much simply from sharing ideas with each other, if we are willing to give up a little of ourselves to accept part of another’s views.

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Petit Jean Mountain more than photo or phone book

Laura L. Brown

Petit Jean is a great place for a club outing. It might be a pleasant Walden-like experience to explore the mountain alone, but nothing can match the fun of hiking over it with 20 or 30 friends.

The trip down to the waterfall is especially conducive to conversation, you might not make it there alone.

A steep, narrow path winds down through sometimes unsteady rocks, leading the adventurous to a stream that must be crossed. You might choose a wide but not particularly rapid crossing, where you can get yourself and each other across by forming a human chain and picking your way from one smooth rock to another, testing the stones as if you were navigating a mine field.

And you have to take off your shoes and roll up your pants. You haven’t known the creek until you have complaints, praise or merely observation? The Bison welcomes your letters.

Letters should be typed, should not exceed 200 words, and should be sent to Box 1192 or delivered to the office by noon Tuesday for publication in that week’s paper.

As Arkansans, we must defend our state. Arkansas has many things to offer to everyone. We have so many different kinds of scenery that if you do not like where you are, you can just drive to your choice of scenery. If she would just open her eyes and look, she could see the beauty of our state.

The rural areas of Arkansas have their own beauty to offer to anyone who has the ability to see it. Both of us have driven many miles on which she makes reference, we do not see the ugliness in it. It is beautiful to drive through the farms and over the streams and rivers and observe the rural towns.

Some places in Arkansas may seem backwards and behind the times, but these are the very things that make Arkansas such a wonderful place. If she does not appreciate our state and its beauty, then as far as we are concerned she can leave it.

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University choruses to join in
Symphony opens lyceum

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and all University choruses will present a joint musical program in Benson Auditorium Tuesday as the first concert of the semester's lyceum series.

The concert, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., will feature the voices of the A Cappella, Chorale, Commonwealth Singers, Troubadours and Bel Canto Singers, as well as the choruses of Harding Academy and Searcy High School.

The 66-piece orchestra, conducted by Robert Henderson, will perform Mozart's "Symphony No. 29 in C Major" and "Non Plus Andral!" from "The Marriage of Figaro." "Toreador Song" from Carmen by Georges Bizet, and "Some Enchanted Evening" from South Pacific by Rodgers and Hammerstein, featuring soloist Fred Fox.

After a brief intermission, the combined choral groups will appear with the orchestra and will perform Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Serenade to Music."

Solists for that piece will be Dr. Kenneth Davis Jr., professor of music and chairman of the department; Dr. Arthur Shearin, associate professor of music, and Carolyn Nicholson.

The evening's entertainment will conclude with Parts One and Two of "The Three-Cornered Hat" by Manuel de Falla.

Dr. Clifton Ganus III, professor of music and director of the Chorale, coordinated the program.

Admission for the concert will be $1 for adults and $1 for students and faculty members with Harding identification.

Tickets are available at First National Bank and First Security Bank in Searcy as well as the ticket office in the lobby of Benson Auditorium.

Children's play set for spring production

A one-man show and a children's play are among four dramatic productions to be presented this semester by the speech department.

The first play, "The Tavern," by George M. Cohan, is scheduled for Feb. 25 and 26. The melodrama will be directed by Morris Ellis, assistant professor of speech.

Written during the vaudeville era, the play focuses on events taking place in a tavern in the 1790s.

Cast members chosen for the play are Keith Sliter, Anna Brenton, Ed Randle, Debbie Grant, Jimmy Love, Sara Dean, Chuck Holmes, Linda Counts, Cindy Nations, Dan Billingsley, Bret Atchley, Connie Hill, Rick Hawkins and Vic Phares.

Kevin Bay will serve as stage manager, while Connie Hill will also work as assistant to the director.

Senior drama major Cliff Thompson will direct "Hold Me" by Jules Feiffer in early March. The cast for this play has not yet been chosen, although auditions have been completed.

"A Children's Show: An Improvisational Approach to American Folk Heroes" will be performed under the direction of Leigh Ellis, wife of Morris Ellis, on April 21-23.

Filling the roles in this show are Steve Holder, Ed Randle, Pamela Frugoli, Linda Counts, Debbie Grant, Tonya Busby, Denise Daniels and Julie Bashaw.

Twila Lane does triple duty as assistant director, stage manager and understudy in the production.

A one-man show, "Damien," will be performed on April 29 and 30 by senior John Moore. The play is the story of a Catholic priest who worked in a leper colony in Hawaii.

This week the Bison begins "Centerpiece," an occasional four-page feature on related aspects of campus life.

This week we look at prevalent stereotypes, along with a photo essay. See pages 5 through 8.
Bible majors resist fitting into mold

by Lisa Taylor

All it takes is a trained eye to spot what one might label the typical Bible major. They are the guys, as Brian Miller, a junior Bible major, put it, "who wear khaki pants and Sunday shoes and carry around briefcases and Greek cards." Students define this as "something conforming to a fixed or general pattern." As is the case with preppies, good boys, preachers' kids or rich girls, Bible majors, too, are often stereotyped as soon as they answer the question, "What's your major?"

Conforming: is it good or bad? Lee Whilaker, a senior Bible major, has his own ideas on the subject. "I think I make an effort to resist fitting into a mold," he said, referring to the Sunday shoes and Greek cards image. "I'm not going to cease to share my faith because people put up barriers.

But there are some pressures involved that seem to bear down on the Bible major in particular. "I believe that because they are Bible majors they're often judged more harshly." Will Ed Warren, associate professor of Bible, said, "I hear all the time Bible-banger and maybe a holier-than-thou attitude.

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These barriers may have cropped up fairly recently. "The barriers seem to have grown up within the past few years," Warren said. "When I was growing up there weren't any youth ministers to speak of; it was just the minister and the congregation. It may be that we have taken away church involvement by making personal work a paid thing." Not all Bible majors originally planned on being Bible majors. Whilaker first came to Harding with the idea of being a chiropractor. Before his freshman year, after waiting quite some time in the American Heritage auditorium for his counselor, he decided to go ahead and pre-register with the Bible majors.

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Is Harding a marriage factory?

by Karen O'Donaghy

Answer the following questions true or false. Be sure to note the fallacy when he said, "I came to Harding because of the impersonness of a state university," Kristen Stinnett, a married student who met her husband here, said.

"I didn't come here to get married. I came to become a teacher," said senior special education major Susan Parkey, who is engaged. A relative had some influence on her decision to come here, she said. "My older brother came here and he was sold on the place."

Susan's brother, Mike Parkey ('80) also met his wife at Harding.

"I came here with the intention not of getting married," said senior computer science major Phil Willis, who will be married in July. "I came to Harding because it was the only four-year Christian institution that let freshmen have their own car," he quipped.

Dwight Smith, campus minister, who met his wife Barby when both were students here, expressed the common fallacy when he said, "Most students come to Harding to get married. False. A Christian institution that let freshmen have their own car." He added, "One student theorized.

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Home ec majors seek professions, not husbands

by June Middleton

Whether it's easy to admit it, students unwittingly place a stigma on women who choose for their major a "mere" home economics degree. Rumor has it: that these innocents are out to catch a man and, for many girls, this stereotype is just another nuisance to be borne along with the 10:30 curfew and the weekly basketful of laundry.

However, no one generation can be entirely blamed for creating the impression that home economics is for girls who can't think of anything else better to do. Students are simply believing what they've heard all their lives. It's time to end the myths that home economics majors want only to get married and that the major itself is a breeze. Both are false.

Beth Wilson, assistant professor of home economics and a faculty member for 12 years, teaches such courses as food preparation, food systems management and food science, food research and food preservation. She said that the false images of home ec majors have always existed.

"Part of it is because of the name," she said, "but home ec draws from all areas. It isn't a blowoff major. That attitude exists from a lack of education. They just don't realize what we do."

She went on to say that the women must be well-trained in eight or nine subjects before they would be considered for a job. Women who plan to obtain a bachelor of science degree in home ec will do more than homemaking. Dieticians, fashion merchandisers, home ec teachers and tailors all are home ec majors.

Dr. Lynn England, who teaches classes in family relationships and meal management, said that up to a few years ago women went into home ec to be a good wife and mother. "That's why I chose it. Now it's more professional," she said. "We are specializing more and more. Now we try to train girls for a profession as well as for Christian homes."

Although both women said that they were not aware of students on campus placing home ec majors into the "NHS degree" mold, most of the students majoring in home ec said they were aware of the stigma from the beginning.

"I was afraid to go into home ec because of the way people view it. I think the home ec stereotype comes from high school, where people think you're trying to get easy classes," Sandy Baker, a freshman from Ohio, said. Most women try to brush off the teasing remarks, but occasionally serves thin. Toni Buckridge, a freshman from Oregon, said that when she revealed her major, people thought she came for a husband and nothing else.

"Harding is a marriage factory. When I first came here I could not believe it. All along the streets there are bridal, flower and cake decorating shops with maybe a church and fast food place in between," Toni said.

She added that she thinks men avoid women who are home ec majors because they are not ready for marriage and they think home ec majors are. "It's funny," she said, "Guys think they have to watch out for home ec majors, and girls look out for the fourth-year Bible majors."

Tim Pugh of Linden, Tenn., disagreed. "I don't believe guys look at home ec majors that way. Sure everyone would like to find a good wife or husband, but there isn't one particular group that is looking harder than anyone else."

"We're not out looking for a husband any more than anyone else. It's not like we're plotting against them or we're out to catch them!" — Judy Chandler

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Although members change, club stereotypes stick because members persist in labeling themselves. That is the case for Sigma Alpha, Chi Sigma Delta, and Regina. There are others that have definite reputations, too. These clubs are often stereotyped because it's easier for people to make judgments about others based on a few characteristics. Stereotypes form when people see something about someone and then label them based on that characteristic. This can be positive or negative.

For example, Sigma Alpha is known as the social club for athletes. They are seen as being athletic and having a good time. On the other hand, Chi Sigma Delta is known as the club for professors, and Regina is known as the club for non-athletes.

These stereotypes can hurt students, especially if they are not true. Stereotypes can make people feel like they don't fit in, and they can also make it difficult for students to find their place on campus.

However, there are efforts to change these stereotypes. For example, some clubs are working to become more inclusive and to break down barriers. There are also programs on campus that help students to find their place and to be themselves.

In conclusion, stereotypes are a part of college life, and they can have a significant impact on students. It is important for students to be aware of these stereotypes and to work to overcome them. By doing so, they can create a more inclusive and accepting college environment.

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Snow Fun

The campus experienced its first snowfall last week and students took time out to play. Students atop Heritage, right, bombard passers-by with snowballs. Below, Knights social club creates a new member from snow in front of Sears dormitory. Tammy Stanford and Kelly Fielder, below, right, find it hard to get to chapel because of ice and snow. Tony Console, below, and his bicycle are moving targets for snowball throwers in front of the American Heritage Center.

Photos by John Radcliffe
Layout by Cynthia Hooton
A short guide to current national news and brief campus events.

Judge is fugitive
David L. McCain, a 51-year-old former Florida Supreme Court justice, was declared a fugitive in Lake City, La., and became the subject of a nationwide search after he failed to appear at a hearing on state and federal charges of drug conspiracy.

Silos filled
An Air Force spokesman said Tuesday that the 17 Titan II missile silos in Arkansas will be removed from their sites and the silos then filled with gravel so the sites can’t be used for any other purpose when the missiles are dismantled.

There had been earlier speculation that the Air Force might use the sites for other purposes or sell them to private enterprise.

Capt. Ken Garrett, public affairs officer of the 308th Strategic Missile Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base, said existing arms control agreements with the Soviet Union required that the Air Force dismantle the missile launchers “in a manner that makes them unusable for another purpose.”

McArthur cleared
Prosecuting Attorney Wilbur C. Bentley said Monday he has decided not to charge William C. McArthur, the Little Rock lawyer, with conspiring to have his wife Alice killed.

At the time of the announcement, Bentley said he had charged Mary (Lee) Orsini with first-degree murder in the March 31, 1981, slaying of her husband Ron.

Evidence against McArthur was "insufficient" to prosecute, Bentley said, but even new evidence in the slaying of Orsini had prompted the charging of his widow.

'Bear' dies
Paul "Bear" Bryant, former football coach at the University of Alabama and a native of Fordyce, died Wednesday of a massive heart attack at a Tuscaloosa, Ala., hospital.

Known as the "winningest college football coach of all time," Bryant won 322 games in his 38-year career.

Bryant's death occurred less than a month after he coached the Crimson Tide to a defeat over Illinois in the Liberty Bowl.

Bryant, 69, had been in bad health recently and retired after the bowl game.

Sheriff robbed
Pulaski County Sheriff Tommy Robinson, though used to fighting crime, found himself the victim of a crime earlier this week. Someone broke into his home in western Jacksonville and tried to steal his new color television set.

Apparently the burglar or burglars were frightened off before taking anything.

"It's not a good feeling to come home after work and find someone's tried to rip off property you've worked hard to get," Robinson said.

Queen convicted
Cecilia D. Silva, 52, of the 1800 block of W. Madison Street, was convicted in Rockville, Md., of theft and forgery for using someone else's American Express card in a $8,000 shopping spree.

Eisenhower...
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Roosevelt informed him of the invention.

Eisenhower also said that he believed his father was merely using the suggestion of nuclear warfare as a threat during the Korean conflict; it was to frighten, he said.

Eisenhower informed the audience, largely made up of college students, that he was sorry he could not address the war which has had the largest impact on their lives, the Vietnam conflict. He explained that he was not involved in any part of Vietnam and that to his generation, World War II will always be "the war."

Eisenhower noted during his speech that we are subject to the laws of history. On the subject of future war, he quoted a Vietnam vet: "Don't ever commit American troops unless you've committed America."

Eisenhower believes that the Battle of the Bulge boosted the moral of the American soldier. He noted that the European forces were much more interested in protocol and form and tended to look down on the undisciplined American troops.

The Battle of the Bulge gave the American troops a chance to prove what they could accomplish in small groups without the aid of commanding officers, Eisenhower said.

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Bisons grab second conference win over Tech

The Bison basketballers pinned conference victory number two to their record as they outshot Arkansas Tech, 66-56, last Monday night in Russellville. The Bisons hit 68 percent from the field for the second half to secure the victory. "They were determined to win," coach Jess Bucy said. "We played a man-to-man job the entire game and the boys just played good solid basketball. It was our best defensive game of the year and they really got after it."

Down by one point, 26-25, at halftime, the Black and Gold hit 13 of 19 shots from the field in the final 20 minutes to wrap up their ninth victory of the season against eight losses. In AIC play, the Bisons are 2-4. With 15:30 remaining in the game, the Bisons took the lead and held the ball with a four-corner offense. Out of the spread, guard Hubie Smith and postman Allen Gibbons rolled in several valuable points to insure the Bison lead. Eventually, the Techsters had to foul while trying for the ball. Harding made the most of the situation, making 22 of 29 free throws for the game. A major asset for the Bisons was the outstanding guard play of twins Floyd and Lloyd Smith. Their defense on Tech's standout pointman Ronald Claiborne earned them praise from Bucy. "Floyd and Lloyd really did a number on Claiborne," Bucy said. "They kept him from penetrating and that was exactly what we were after." The former Parkdale all-stater scored only nine points.

Three Bisons scored in double figures. Hubie Smith led the way with 24 points. Gibbons contributed 18 points and first year standout Kenny Collins had 14. Collins collected all of his five field goals in the first half to keep the Bisons in the contest, including some from the 15-18 point range.

Gibbons led all rebounders with 13 and Floyd Smith had five assists. Harold Taylor led the Wonder Boys with 16 points. For the game, Harding shot 22 of 45 from the field for a solid 49 percent. Tech, which defeated both Hendrix and Arkansas College last week, shot only 25 of 68 for a lackluster 36 percent.

Monday night the Bisons travel to Conway for a key AIC matchup against the University of Central Arkansas Bears. Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Gibbons named Player of Week by NAIA

Allen Gibbons of Harding was named the NAIA District 17 Basketball Player of the Week, according to district information chairman John Green.

A 6'9 junior from Central Arkansas Christian High School in North Little Rock, Gibbons had an outstanding week with 88 points and 27 rebounds in three games last week.

Gibbons opened the week with a 30 point game against Hendrix, followed up with 27 points against College of the Ozarks Thursday night and scored a season high of 31 points Saturday night against Ouachita Baptist University.

The 88-point total upped Gibbons' season total to 345 points and a 21.6 point average per game.

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I've decided the time is ripe. I have refrained from voicing my opinion on a rather controversial issue around the Harding sports circles for the past three years but I feel that now is the time to say what is on my mind. Don't ask me, "why now"?:. I really don't know. It's been long past due.

For the past three years, I've wondered why Harding hasn't made common knowledge on why there isn't a larger and more sound women's athletic department. I am not talking about things like the morality issue concerning the dress attire, or the additional scholarships that would have to be made available. What I am referring to is the fact that the whole student body is up in the air on the exact reason why the women do not have a better means to compete against other schools.

Of course we have the softball and cross country teams, and I feel that they were outstanding break-throughs in the direction of an expanded women's program. But we have hit a stall, a snag in the development. Everyone is waiting for something to happen, but it seems as if the administration is content with the situation.

I have talked with several students as well as faculty and staff members and not one, NOT ONE, is satisfied with the progress that has taken place as of late. What is the deal? Where does it stand right now?

I think that the women's program is the major thought and concern of both the students and administration as far as sports is concerned on the campus. Both have a lot at stake — the women want the competition and the opportunity to play at a collegiate level, and the school could use the influx of those women who just Harding simply because they do not have the basketball or volleyball teams to suit their desires to play collegiately. Plus, the public relations aspect could be tremendous. Many assets could come from the addition of women's sports.

Just look at the tremendous impact that the softball and cross country teams had on the campus. We do not even host a cross country meet or a softball game here on campus, but the whole school is 100 percent behind both teams. We need to push for the program, for the good of the school. This in appeal to the student body to get involved. Talk it up, ask questions, investigate and push for it.

Bisons lead AIC in four categories

Harding University leads the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference in four statistical categories, according to commissioner Harry Hall.

Bison junior Allen Gibbons leads the AIC in scoring and rebounding this week with a 19.7 point average in 13 games covered by the report. With an 18-point performance Monday night against Arkansas Tech, he upped that figure to 21.4 pg. and his season total to 363.

Gibbons has 121 rebounds to his credit, an average of 9.3 per game. In addition, he has a ninth place position nailed down for field goal percentages. He has connected on 183 of 393 free throws for a solid .469 percentage.

Guard Floyd Smith leads the conference in assists with 67 through the 13 game report for a 5.2 average per game. A transfer from Phillips County Junior College, Smith is the point guard in the Bison offense and is averaging 5.0 ppg.

Senior Hubie Smith also ranks among the AIC's top ten assist leaders with a 45 total for 13 games. With an exceptional performance against Hendrix, Memphis native picked up nine assists and now has a total for the year. Smith is also fifth in team scoring. He is also ranked fifth this week in the AIC stats in free throws with 45 of 84 for a .533 percentage.

Teamwise, Harding holds a sixth place ranking in the NAIA national stats in free throw shooting. On 260 attempts, the Bisons have hit 109 for a healthy .415, which is also the best in the AIC.

Harding will play the University of Central Arkansas Monday night in Conway.

Searcy High fullback signs Bison letter of intent

Searcy High School standout Jay James has signed an Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference letter of intent. Harding University football coach John Prock announced Monday.

A 6-0, 196 lb. fullback-linebacker, James was an All-Region selection for coach Jerry Mote's 1982 Lions.

"Jay is an outstanding young man who will be able to make a contribution to our team," Prock said. "He had a fine senior year and comes out of an excellent program. He is a versatile athlete who will be able to play a lot of positions."

The 1982 team captain for the Lions, James was the team's leading tackler and defensive signal caller. He played fullback offensively and linebacker on defense.

"We will probably look at Jay as a tight-end or offensive center," Prock said. "He is a hard worker and coachable and is still growing."

For his performance as a senior James was named Linebacker of the Year. As a junior he was an All-County and an All-Region honorable mention honoree. He also was selected as a representative to Boys State.

Jay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson James of Valley Drive in Searcy.

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Bisons defeat Tech in 10 water events

Who said the weather could control one’s destiny, but not his outcome? The Harding swimming and diving team, scheduled to go against Arkansas Tech University in a meet last Thursday, was forced ashore due to hazardous driving conditions from the snow and sleet storm. But that didn’t keep the meet from happening, as both teams swam in their own pools and called their times over the phone. The result: Harding 65, Arkansas Tech 26.

Of the 12 events held, the Water Buffaloes took 10 of them. Those with outstanding meets were junior captain Ben Waites, junior Richard Denney, and freshmen Gano Butcher, Chris Boucher and Mark Christaldi. Divers with good performances were Mike Gurganus and Sam McDonald.

Waites captured the 100 and 200 yard freestyle and was a member of the winning 200 yard medley relay. Denney captured the 50 yard freestyle and 100 yard backstroke as well as the medley relay. Boucher took the 100 yard individual medley and was on the winning relay, while Butcher won the 100 yard butterfly and 100 yard breaststroke and was also a member of the relay team. Christaldi won the 500 yard freestyle and placed second to Waites in the 100 yard freestyle. McDonald took the optional dive with Gurganus placing second, while Gurganus placed second and McDonald third in the required diving.

English society hears speaker

Eight members of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, traveled to Hendrix College in Conway Tuesday night to hear author Maya Angelou.

Angelou, native of Stamps, Ark., wrote the novel I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings and a collection of poetry entitled Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water.... I‘ve Dilled. Angelou’s roles encompass poet, singer, dancer, journalist and actress.

Angelou gave readings of the poetry and writings of black authors Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Langston Hughes and Countee Cullen as well as her own work. Angelou is one of several nationally known literary figures to appear at Hendrix in their lecture series.

Benson, O’Banion to wed

Dr. George S. Benson and Margarette O’Banion announced their engagement earlier this week, according to the Searcy Daily Citizen.

O’Banion is executive secretary of the National Education Program, a member of Harding Business Women’s Club and the Associated Women for Harding.

Benson, president emeritus of the University, is chairman and president of the NEP, a program to promote patriotism and free enterprise. He has served as president of Oklahoma Christian College and is currently chancellor of Alabama Christian College. Benson also serves as an elder at the College Church of Christ.

The wedding will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 22, at the College Church auditorium, 721 East Race Avenue. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.