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**University may acquire use of cable television channel**

The University may acquire the use of the local cable television channel 12 and may start transmitting programming as early as the beginning of March, Mike James, director of media planning, said Tuesday.

"We'd like to start off with a very limited production schedule by the first of March," he said.

James will serve as the station manager while the station will operate as an arm of the Office of Public Relations.

James envisions the station serving a "fourfold purpose":
- to train and encourage students in various mass communications techniques;
- to link the University with the Searcy community by providing them with a needed service;
- to disseminate educational information and entertainment to viewers; and
- to promote Harding and to inform the community of activities on campus.

Channel 12 currently runs Associated Press news reports and weather information.

James said that when he took a television broadcasting course a year ago, he decided that the channel could be better used. He wrote a letter to Searcy Video, Inc. and to its Little Rock owner, WEHCO, to point out the possibility of the University transmitting some programming, since the studio is already equipped with cameras and editing and production equipment.

The plan will be made final as soon as a confirmation of approval comes from WEHCO, James said. He said a modulator making it possible to broadcast any time has already been ordered and that Bill Bailey, manager of Searcy Video, Inc. will begin construction of power lines to the TV studio in the next week.

The first program aired will likely be a nightly live show of local news, weather and sports and some video taped segments, James said. He said programming will probably run five hours a week at first, one hour each weekday.

"That's a lot of programming," he said. "People don't realize what goes into it." Members of a Video Production Board to be in charge of the operation are chairman Stan Green, Director of Publicity; James; David Hurd, director of the TV studio; Dr. Evan Urley, chairman of the speech department; Dr. Jerome Barnes, director of the media center, and a representative of the music department.

There will also be a Video Advisory Council to offer programming possibilities and to suggest improvements. That council tentatively will include Dr. Jimmy Carr, assistant to the president; Bailey; Lott Tucker, vice president for academic affairs; a representative of the Board of Trustees; the president of the Searcy Chamber of Commerce; Searcy Mayor Jack Whiteham, and the superintendent of Searcy Public Schools.

Dr. Kenneth Davis Jr., one of three University faculty members singing his solo in Serenade to Music Tuesday evening with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra in the Benson auditorium.

**Health center toughens upon policies with new director**

by Linda Ford

Since the beginning of last semester Foster has been attempting to get excused absences from class or chapel by means of the community health center. He probably found conditions to be much different from last year.

Previous to this student could be excused from class or chapel by calling the health center and reporting an illness.

This practice was against Harding policy. The student handbook states that a student must be seen by the school nurse before receiving an excused absence. Unless the student has a doctor's letter on file, he is under a physician's care or has been previously examined or checked by a dorm director, he or she must go to the center to be excused.

But in the past there were not enough staff members at the health center to check every student requesting an excused absence so the former director of health services, Edna Roberts, had to resort to giving out excused absences to call-in illnesses.

Last spring a new director of health services, registered nurse Sharon Foster, was hired. She is now enforcing the handbook rules by requiring every student to be evaluated by the nurse or checked by a dorm director before being excused.

Foster said that it was decided to reinforce the handbook policy because students had complained to the administration that other students were abusing the system by calling in fake illnesses.

Foster said that when she was hired by Dean of Students Ted Altman last spring they discussed the "excuse abuse" by some of the students.

Foster said, "We discussed how to make the health center what it ought to be and not what it has evolved into (an excuse center)."

"Mrs. Roberts didn't have the strength to enforce the rules," Foster said, "it was an impossibility for one person to handle. Emotionally it wears you down."

Foster said she knows that it is not easy for a student to come to the health center when feeling ill. But she believes that the best health care when she graduates, students have to learn to go to work when they feel a "little bad."

Foster said she realizes that since there are so many students being evaluated for excused absences there are now long waits at the health center.

"We have done everything we can think of to shorten the wait. But if you are going to give

"We've had a lot of criticism from the students. It has been very hard. It's not that we don't trust them by not letting them call in. We both care a lot for the students," Foster said. "We want to serve the students in the best way we can."

Foster went on to say that other schools have the same absentee policy as Harding, including some state universities.

Foster said she believes the relations between the students and the health services will improve with time.

"Any time you've had a policy and gotten lax there's going to be rebellion when you tighten up," she said.

Foster continued trying to improve student-health center rapport, Foster will be meeting with the Student Association Tuesday night.

**Handbags**

Female students risk being identified as freshmen and start carrying purses again. See story, page 6.

**Foreigners?**

This week the Centerpiece, the Bison magazine, focused on students from foreign countries and their impressions of our country. Stories on pages 5, 6 and 7.

**Inside**
Opinion

Health center, part 2: another nurse needed

The health center, its policies and abuses of its services have been discussion-spurring topics for at least the past four years and probably longer than that. Last semester we took an editorial position that the policies were too strict, almost to the point of penalizing students for being sick, and that they needed reviewed. After studying the figures on the front page and talking with registered nurse Sharon Foster, director of health services, we feel we need to amend our stand.

The figures compare traffic at the health center this past fall with the previous fall, and they show several interesting points. Many more people are visiting the health center this year than last year, while much fewer people are calling in their illnesses.

Perhaps the most interesting figures are those in the third column, which compares how many total times chapel and classes were missed each month. The figures for this fall are all lower than those for last fall. That means that some of the people who are being seen at the health center are not excused from their classes, not even from the ones they miss while waiting in line at the health center.

Several years ago the administration became concerned by the large numbers of students who were apparently using the health center for the wrong reason. They made the policy stricter: sick students must go to the health center, and those too sick to make it will receive a housecall from the nurse. Absenteeism dropped after that, although we do not know of a single instance when a nurse actually made a housecall.

When tuition is $354.50 a semester hour, students should feel a responsibility to show up in the classes they have paid for. If they sometimes forget that responsibility or the attraction of Heber Springs lures them away from it, it is a good idea to have strict health center policies to diagnose actual illnesses and to encourage class attendance.

As time went by, the policy was less strictly enforced. People were finding it easier to be excused simply by calling in and sounding especially miserable. The policy was made slightly stricter — those unable to come to the health center must have their dorm directors call the health center and report their illnesses — and Foster was hired with the charge to enforce the rules.

She can't change them. It's not her job. Her job is to see that students follow them, and no one can argue that she has not acted that responsibility. Two problems still exist with the health center. Since so many more students are going there, they have to wait longer to be seen by the nurse. The way to fix this would be to hire another nurse in addition to Foster and Pat Rice, but Foster does not think this will happen.

Another problem is that students who are not deemed sick enough to miss classes are not excused from the ones they miss while sitting in the health center. They thought they were sick enough to miss class; they should not be forced to take one of the three allotted class skips for that (although some will argue that that is what class skips are for, unexpected emergencies).

If you are sick of waiting in line while sick, write a letter to the administration, your student association representative, the board of trustees, the health center or all of the above asking that another nurse be hired. If this happens, maybe shorter waits will eliminate the need to miss class while waiting and the second problem will be taken care of, too.

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Why have any women's sports?

Off the Record

Cynthia Hooton

Quite a bit of space has been used by the Bison in the past few weeks to bring to the student's attention the women's sports program. Most of the columns and editorials have come out in favor of the program. Just for the sake of argument, this columnist would like to disagree.

What possible benefit could an expanded women's sports program bring to Harding? How on earth could we justify spending money on more athletics when part of our tuition expenses must be paid by gouging for donations?

So what if intercollegiate women's sports would bring dozens of enthusiastic women (and their tuition dollars) to this campus? It really doesn't matter that men compete in sports ranging from football to basketball to swimming to cross country to baseball to golf to tennis. Women on this campus should be content with their cross country and softball teams.

Of course, we might be able to see the need for the women's sports program if the students had shown any interest or expertise in this area. How can women athletes expect to broaden their program when they have done so poorly in the two seasons that they have existed?

Until the softball team proves that it can do better than that lossy 1-3 record in its first year of competition, we do not see a chance of it continuing. Imagine how fast the football program would be dropped if it displayed such a poor season.

Even if the women's program was approved, we do not believe that these girls should get scholarships. Once given money or any other type of consideration for their training, these women might begin conforming to some of the stereotypes so prevalent in the athletic world.

Before we knew it, members of the women's softball and cross country teams would be developing those little rings in the back pockets of their skirts, similar to those found in the back pockets of some of the male skoal-dipping athletes.

Also, putting these women athletes on the work study program could also interfere with their training as it has its male counterparts. Because athletes on the work study program have such strenuous jobs as splitting tickets at home ball games, lifeguarding at the campus pool and “maintaining” the track and football field for several dollars an hour, we think this activity will disrupt the competitive spirit now common in the women's sports program.

Some have suggested that men's athletic scholarships be reduced and that the money saved be spent on scholarships for women. Nothing could be more ridiculous.

Has anyone thought through the consequences of such an action? Would athletes come to Harding if they had to pay for part of their education? We all know visions of football players shivering away to nothing after their unlimited meal tickets are taken away.

This columnist is shocked at all this radical, liberal change under the cloak of progress. The next thing you know, someone will be wanting to enlarge the miscreant program or to increase academic scholarships for all those brains around campus.

Excuse Us

Several figures given in a story in the January 21 issue of the Bison were incorrect. Figures for enrollment this past fall and last spring were reversed. The fall enrollment was 2,972, while the total for last spring was 2,660.

A graph was left out of a story in last week's issue about the University's latest fundraising campaign. The number should have been $3,140,000.00.
Soundless video is better entertainment than Atari

Laura L. Brown

Endlessly Rocking

The television viewing guide showed absolutely nothing worth watching that night except for a fix of electronic entertainment, so they watched on the flick. But after listening to the rather boring dialogue for a few minutes, they turned the sound off and played an appropriate tape — the Blues Brothers.

It’s funny how many phrases in the songs corresponded to what was happening on the screen. As the film ran, the tunes string together a loose theme, like an avant-garde opera.

When the crowd is big enough and feeling creative enough, it’s fun to turn the sound down and make up the dialogue. Telephone scenes are particularly conducive to this game, and themes can be developed here, too.

Take an episode of “Hart to Hart,” for example. As the show progresses, it becomes evident that Jennifer Hart is being stalked by Vidal Sassoon.

She enters a telephone booth in a crowded restaurant. The self-created dialogue might go like this: “Jonathan, Vidal’s henchmen are here! They’ve been staring at my hair all through lunch!” (Camera pans to two tough-looking men trying to look inconspicuous.)

“I told you not to use that cheap brand of creme rinse this morning,” Jonathan admonishes from the other end of the line. Jennifer’s hand flies to her hair and smooths it.

“Do you think they can tell?” Men approach Jennifer and abduct her. “I promise I’ll never use that brand again!” she pleads.

Cut to commercial. Incidentally, commercials are also fun when playing this game. For those who are both creative and incredibly patient, the game to ward off boredom is guess what food I’m having for dinner and “Guess what I bought for your birthday” (or Christmas, Hanukkah or Groundhog Day). The burden of creativity lies with the one asking the question, and the only inflexible rule is that he or she can only ask questions that can be answered yes or no.

Sample questions that were asked around our apartment before Christmas:

“Does it sing?”

“No.”

“Can I wear it in public?”

“No.”

“Can it swim and eat fish food?”

“No.”

“I can tell my mother about it?”

“No.”

“Your mother, yes. Some mothers, no.”

I tell Michael Corrigan

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1100 Sample questions

“Is it bigger than a breadbox?”

“No.”

“Does Cary Co. got so bogged down in pettiness. You are really incredible talents, and your insight is enviable.”

In their letter Cary and Alexa invited you to leave the state if you don’t like it. Because we are friends, I know that you plan to do exactly that after you are graduated in May. Chances are good that Cary will live outside Arkansas sometime in the future — probably in a state where her children can receive a competent education, and where the per capita income approaches the national average. Unless, of course, she believes that her home state and mine is really “the land of opportunity.”

Gwen Crowe

Class of ’82

Student notes inaccuracy

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Ken Bissell’s column in the January 30th issue of the Bison. Although I recognize that the statements in his article reflect his opinion, there are several points that are not accurate.

While Bissell is free to wonder why the student body has not been more fully informed on the present and future status of the women’s sports program, he misses the issues by dismissing “the morality issue concerning the dress attire, or the additional scholarships that would have to be made available.” Bissell can hold any opinion he chooses on these subjects, but they are valid issues and should not be disregarded.

It is inconsistent for him to write in one place that “the administration is content with the future and the field . . . that the women’s program is the major thought and concern of both the students and administration . . . .” Bissell also leaves the realm of opinion when he inaccurately states the fact that “the whole school is 100 percent behind both teams” (referring to women’s softball and cross country). If this were the case, there would be no controversy or concern.

I support the idea of a more complete women’s intercollegiate sports program at Harding. That is my opinion, just as Bissell stated his in his article. Your implication to the student body, however, differs from Bissell’s. Take a more rational and less judgmental position, he suggests. If you have a strong opinion on the subject, write an objective letter to the Board of Trustees with whom the final decision rests. To “talk it up, ask questions, and puh for it” can only cause unrest or hard feelings. As students we should certainly express ourselves when something is appropriate to do so and when we can have some positive influence on the situation, but stop when we cannot. I believe that the resolution to this issue would not be an effective, prudent, or Christian course of action.

Sincerely,

Michael Corrigan

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General Optometry.
Cleaver, Murray to be top speakers

Former Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver and Bill Murray, son of atheist Madalyn Murray, are among speakers to appear at the fifth annual Christian Awareness Seminar, Saturday, Feb. 19, in Benson Auditorium.

This year's seminar, "Which Way, America," will feature Dr. W. Cleon Skousen, Cleaver and Murray.

Skousen, a native of Canada, is an author and frequent lecturer. He is the founder and director of the Freerdom Institute, which promotes the restoration of free-enterprise economics.

Cleaver is a former atheist, communist, anarchist and Black Panther leader. He was nominated for president of the United States by the Peace and Freedom party in the 1960s.

Forced to flee to Cuba, Cleaver remained underground until 1975, when he decided that he "would rather be in jail in America than free in a Communist country."

Murray, lecturer and author, is the founder of the Madalyn Murray Faith Foundation. Murray is the son of atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair and was personally involved in the Atheistic Association for 18 months.

The seminar is sponsored by the Freeyn-based American Citizenship Education Program under the direction of C. Brodie Harrell, lecturer and preacher. In addition to the three lectures, an open speakers' forum will give the audience an opportunity to ask the speakers' questions.

Tickets for the seminar may be purchased in advance by writing to Box 954, Searcy, Ark. $4. Checks should be made payable to ACEPT. Tickets will be $5 for adults and $2 for students.

Dr. Charlie Jarvis, a humorist, and Lyle Yorks, senior vice president with Drake Beam Morin, Inc., will speak at the Eleventh Annual Harding University Seminar to be held Feb. 11-12. About 25 businesses and industries from the surrounding areas will participate in the seminar. They are among the four to five hundred people expected, including business management majors and members of the Society for the Advancement Management (SAM).

Friday at 7:30 p.m., following a dinner sponsored by local businesses, Jarvis will speak in the American Heritage Auditorium. His presentation is entitled "Prescription for the Happy Life" on the subject of motivation.

Dr. Bob Reely, associate professor of management and director of the Center for Management Excellence, said, "We found a program that's kind of a fun program but has a message."

Jarvis is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and the University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston. He is a member of local, state and national dental associations as well as a member of the national dental honor society. The American and International Colleges of Dentistry have awarded him fellowships.

In World War II he was a Navy deck officer and later became a carrier pilot, flying torpedo bombers. He practiced dentistry for 12 years and then began career of public speaking.

Lyle Yorks will present the "heavier" program of the two on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. His message is entitled "Quality Circles and Participative Management." It will explain how to improve the productivity of a company's employees.

Yorks is a consultant from Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford, Conn., before joining Drake Beam Morin, Inc. in 1972. Yorks is the author of several management articles and books including A Radical Approach to Job Enrichment, Effective Communication in Real Estate Management and Outplace Techniques, co-authored with William Morin.

Reely said that this program is set up to help to contribute to management excellence. He also said, "We are providing Searcy and White County with services that provide more effective management of their resources."

Contributing to the organization of the seminar are students involved in SAM, who are helping to gather information, prepare the brochures used in the seminar, provide transportation for the speakers to the campus, and are responsible for the organization of the auditorium and cafeteria.

Registration begins at 5:30 on Friday afternoon. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. in the American Heritage Cafeteria.

The seminar is sponsored by the American Studies Program and the Center for Management Excellence of the School of Business.

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The exhibit will consist of articles such as handwoven bedspreads, coats, scarfs, place mats, wall hangings and woven toys.

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Most of the items in the exhibit will be for sale, Doran said, and, because of the wide range of prices, should fit most students' budgets.

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Debate team bring home trophies
Several forensics and debate team members captured trophies in competition against more than 20 other schools last weekend at a tournament at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

In the du-om-dramatic category, juniors Linda Leichts also and her roommate Pam Frugelli won second place with their interpretation of a scene from The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde.

Finalists in the duo-dramatic category were Becky Maupin and Allen Keim, who interpreted a scene from The Crucible by Arthur Miller.

Finalists who received certificates were Becky Maupin in prose and Vic Phares in persuasive speaking.

The two debate teams of Jody Hobbs and Ellen Porter and Richard Hawkins and Lucinda Lemmons won fourth in NDT debate and fifth in CEDA debate respectively.

The team, coached by Dr. Pat Garner, assistant professor of speech, will compete at Fayetteville Jan. 12-13.

The White County Arts Council will present An Old-Time Vaudeville Show Feb. 11 and 12 in the Searcy High School Auditorium.
Like shows of the vaudeville era, the performance will consist of song and dance numbers, skits and one-liners. The show will run from 7:30 until 9 each evening.

Vada Puszewski, a Searcy resident and director of the show, describes it as "good clean fun for the whole family."

Special highlights, including a magician and a unicyclist, along with the light humor of the other acts, should appeal to a broad audience, she said.

Puszewski also hopes to draw a crowd by using local talent. With the exception of musical director Betty Fowler and the members of her orchestra, who are from Little Rock, all the participants are local.

"Everyone in Searcy should know someone in the show," Puszewski said. "We have doctors, a judge, people from the factories, members from almost every church, and students and faculty members from the University."

Many people affiliated with Harding are working with the show. Junior marketing major Kelly Van Patter and Chris Davis, a Harding graduate, serve as choreographers and will also perform.

Dr. Bill Verkler, chairman of the sociology department, and his daughter Wenoka, a Harding graduate, will perform in one number. Also participating is Dr. Kenneth Davis Jr., professor of music and chairman of the department.

Other students performing are seniors Randy Burris, Joe Aaron and Lynn DuPaul. Several students are assisting with technical work.

The show replaces the Arts Council's usual dinner theater production. If the fellows are a success, they will be an annual event, Puszewski said.

This year a special committee invited people to perform. However, the Arts Council plans to hold open auditions next year, she said.

Admission for the show is $3.50. There is no reserved seating. Tickets may be purchased at Van-Aikins, Cotter's Men's Store, Accents From B & D, Robbins Men's Wear, Stotts Drug or at the door.

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra was well received by the crowd in Benson Auditorium Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Selections performed by the orchestra included pieces by Mozart, Bizet and Rogers and Hammerstein. The soloist Fred S. Fox enhanced the program prior to intermission.

The performance was concluded by The Three-Cornered Hat. This performance was funded in part by a grant from the White County Visual and Performing Arts Council, the Arkansas Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For the taste of your life — Coca-Cola.
Staying in the States no temptation for Rayton

by Kathy Cage

A person would have to be determined to get a Christian education to leave his own country knowing he wouldn't return before college began. But Rayton Banjina has left his home in Zambia to do just that.

Rayton is a junior in Harding's education department and plans to return in 1985 with a master's degree in education administration.

Rayton said Kalomo, Zambia, to come to Harding University was not an easy decision. "Not only am I leaving home and coming to leave Zambia to attend a small college in Arkansas? To me it seemed like a major step waiting for me from home," he said.

Rayton's love of music is American music recorded by Zambian artists, but "I find that it isn't very modern. How did he come to leave Zambia to attend a small college in Arkansas? I know that in Rayton, it was the only thing to do."

"My father and Dr. (George) Bond, the Harding representative, and most of the teachers are Harding graduates at the Christian high school I went to in Zambia," he said. "They all told me a lot about Harding, so I decided to come here."

It was difficult for Rayton to leave for school, even though he was so determined. Rayton said, "I had always planned to come to Harding, even when I was in junior high school. I was excited as it got closer to the time for me to leave, but towards the end, it was kind of soled. I almost decided not to come at the last minute."

The teachers at the Christian school and his other American friends had told him much to prepare him for his journey to Harding. With the additional help of his parents, he found few major adjustments waiting for him when he arrived here. "I really think it was easier because of my parents," said Rayton. "They raised me in a Christian home, so when I came here, I was kind of like finding another family."

Rayton sees the cultural difference in cultures more in things than in people. He said the clothing in Zambia is very westernized and that the rock music is American music recorded by Zambian artists, but social situations like dating are different than in the United States.

"Couples in Zambia don't spend a lot of time together as American couples do," said Rayton. "Young people are even encouraged to go to the movies and dinner dates that take up to three hours or more. However, the type of dating that is done in Nigeria is different than in Nigeria. It is considered disrespectful if a woman says "yes" immediately. The proper procedure is to say that she will think about whether her answer is yes or no."

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Sunday uses Harding as stepping stone to med school

by Karen O'Donaghy

Sianjina Sunday uses Harding as stepping stone to med school. Sianjina Sunday in Zambia to do just that.

Sunday was brought up in the Christian faith; his "target in life is to be a mission medical doctor as well as an elder in the Lord's church in my home in Nigeria," he said. Sunday hopes to work at the Nigerian Christian Hospital.

Leaving home is a decision that Sunday did not seem to have much trouble with. "My parents gave me all the needed encouragement before I came here," he said.

Home is very important to Sunday, but he has a purpose for being at Harding and he would like to graduate from Harding and go on to become a medical missionary.

Many students who come from far away are faced with homesickness, but Sunday seems to have coped well for being such a new student. "I thought I'd feel lonely, but I have my brothers and sisters in the Lord and that has made me feel at home here," he said.

Sunday's impression of Harding is that it is great to be at Harding. "Harding University is a unique institution. I use the term 'unique' because of the standard of friendships between both the students themselves and the students and the faculty members," he said. The frienliness on campus and Sunday's outgoing personality have added to his popularity here.

Being from another culture does have some advantages. Sunday remarks, "Almost everybody here at Harding knows me by name. It makes me feel good because it has been my way of life to socialize with people than in things. He said the differences in cultures more in things than in people. He said the clothing in Zambia is very westernized and that the rock music is American music recorded by Zambian artists, but social situations like dating are different than in the United States.

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Bao comes to U.S. to perfect English language skills

by Betsy Walkup

Among the new students on campus is Paul Bao, a young man from China. Bao said he is studying English at the Institute for the foreign languages department.

Last summer, Bao was lucky to meet President Clifton Ganus on his school's campus during Ganus's visit to China. He was also chosen at the same time to go abroad to obtain further training in the English language and literature. So Bao decided to come to Harding to study. Although he had never been to America before, Bao knew several people in the States.

Bao will attend Harding all year, including intermission, both summer sessions and fall semester. This year, he will complete 11 hours in order to complete bachelor's degree in English. Bao is also considering major in sciences such as railway engineering, railway transportation and communication and mechanical and electronic engineering.

One big difference between Harding and the Institute is that, "At Harding," said Bao, "the girls seem to outnumber the boys but at home, the ratio is more to the boys' favor at a 7:3 ratio." Harding is a high school as far as Bao is concerned because it is about the same as the Institute's. They have about 2,000 students with all of them living on campus. Lodging is provided by the school and is free.

Here, Bao lives in Graduate Hall singles and eats in Patie Cob Cafeteria. For Bao, "The first two weeks were the worst," he said. "I had a little bit of difficulty adjusting the food in Patie Cob. Now I enjoy it. I'm doing alright." He said the cafeteria workers had been very thoughtful of him.

After adjusting to the differences, Paul is enjoying Cobb. He said he major differences in English, but admits that he still has a lot to learn. His major difficulty comes with not being able to catch the local slang. He argues that some students abbreviate their speech too much.

For example, Bao observed that while reading Huckaberry Finn for a class assignment, "I could understand meanings but sometimes I don't know how to use that word to say how the word takes on a new connotation."

"This is a good environment for me to study language because I get to know how to use the word here and see how that word takes on a new connotation."

—Paul Bao

Floral Valentines

In order to raise money for a spring trip to Washington, D.C., the Harding Academy Chorus will sell the following for Valentine's Day.

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Handbags make big comeback as students break old taboo

by Jane Gore

Senior woman to incoming freshman: “Leave your purse in the room. Do you want to look like a freshman? Nobody carries a purse on campus.”

A woman’s purse. It is an object of mystery, full of hidden treasure, mementos of the past and a place of danger to unwelcome fingers. It is a woman’s most personal possession, hers from the lint-covered bobby pin in the left-hand corner to the cracked leather strap.

So why is this seemingly innocent article taboo for Harding women? Who deemed them unworthy to bear this universal symbol of femininity? Does anyone know who began this no-purse tradition?

Dean of Women Mary Beth Downing says she isn’t really sure when the tradition began. “I think part of the reason girls don’t carry purses is because this is not a commuter school. The dorms are not that far from classes.”

Bessie Mae Pryor, wife of Dr. Joseph Pryor, vice president for academic affairs, believes the dont-carry-a-purse trend may have begun in the late 1950s. She remembers that Harding Academy girls would always carry purses, but when they came to college they would stop.

The no-purse tradition seems to be based on the theory that female students don’t want to look like “freshmen or someone visiting campus. Women seem to know not to carry a purse even before they get to campus. The leave-your-purse-at-home rule is being passed down faithfully from older sisters and friends.

However, the “rule” seems like it is being broken by Harding women more and more these days. Purses are quietly making their way back to the Harding fashion scene.

Convenience seems to be the main reason female students are getting their purses out of storage. The expanding Harding campus means “home” can be several blocks away this year.

“If you are living in the (New Married Students’) apartments or in one of the houses, you really need one a lot more,” junior Kathy Jenkins said when asked about the reasons for carrying a purse.

Cleta Colson has begun carrying a clutch bag to class this year. She says the “freshman” scare doesn’t bother her anymore. “I’m a junior, and I really don’t think anyone is going to think I’m a freshman.”

Brenda Musgrave agreed that upperclasswomen don’t need to worry about being branded a frosh. “Once you are a junior or senior, everyone knows you and knows you aren’t a freshman.”

Newer students tend to be careful about striking out into public with their purses, however. Becky McCoy, a transfer student, said the student who rode down to Arkansas with told her, “You don’t carry a purse.” The tradition has never bothered Becky. “I always lost purses anyway,” she said.

Freshman Shari Nelson said she actually had someone identify her as a freshman because of her purse. Shari carries a very small shoulder bag and says she has carried them for years. “I don’t carry a lot, but I do need some things. I just grab my purse, strap it across my shoulder and go. I’ve never lost anything.” Shari realizes most freshmen women wouldn’t dare carry a purse, but she says she just can’t see herself carrying one of the prevalent tan suede keychains.

Senior Paula Dozier was one of the first people to ignore the no-purse rule. “I’ve been carrying a purse around campus for the past two years,” Dozier said. “I just decided to be different. I was always needing things and they would be back in my room. This year I live in the apartments and really need my checkbook and keys. Where else would I carry my datebook, coupons, checkbook, lip gloss, car keys, pens and old movie ticket stubs anyway?”

Traditions die hard, though. Senior Betsy Walkup said she wishes girls had carried purses when she was a freshman. “I just don’t think I could take up with one now.”

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— Paula Dozier

With a handbag over her shoulder Marne­da Wade, right, conforms to the newest campus trend-carry­ing a purse. Leon Johnson conforms in his own way with a handy backpack. Above, seniors (from left) Dan Barring­ton, Teresa Heat­on and Barbara Sakella carry purses and backpacks to help lighten the load on the way to class. A purse lets Kim Thompson, top, keep her hands warm in pockets.
Debate team bring home trophies
Several forensics and debate team members captured trophies in competition against more than 20 other schools last weekend at a tournament at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

In the duo-dramatic category, juniors Linda Counts and her roommate Pam Frugoli won second place with their interpretation of a scene from The Crucible by Arthur Miller.

Finalists in the duo-dramatic category were Becky Maupin and Allen Kelm, who interpreted a scene from The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde.

Council presents vaudeville show
The White County Arts Council will present An Old-Time Vaudeville Show Feb. 11 and 12 in the Searcy High School Auditorium.

Like shows of the vaudeville era, the performance will consist of song and dance numbers, skits and one-liners. The show will run from 7:30 until 9 each evening.

Vada Puszewski, a Searcy resident and director of the show, describes it as "good clean fun for the whole family." Special highlights, including a magician and a unicyclist, along with the light humor of the other acts, should appeal to a broad audience, she said.

Puszewski also hopes to draw a crowd by using local talent. With the exception of musical director Betty Fowler and the members of her orchestra, who are from Little Rock, all the participants are local.

"Everyone in Searcy should know someone in the show," Puszewski said. "We have doctors, a judge, people from the factories, members from almost every church, and students and faculty members from the University."

Many people affiliated with Harding are working with the show. Junior marketing major Kelly Van Patter and Chris Davis, a Harding graduate, serve as choreographers and will also perform.

Dr. Bill Vorkler, chairman of the sociology department, and his daughter Wenoka, a Harding graduate, will perform in one number. Also participating is Dr. Kenneth Davis Jr., professor of music and chairman of the department.

Other students performing are seniors Randy Burris, Joe Aaron and Lynn DuPaul. Several students are assisting with technical work.

The show replaces the Arts Council's usual dinner theater production. If the follies are a success, they will be an annual event, Puszewski said.

This year a special committee invited people to perform. However, the Arts Council plans to hold open auditions next year, she said.

Admission for the show is $3.50. There is no reserved seating. Tickets may be purchased at Van-Akins, Cotter's Men's Store, Accents From B & D, Robbins Men's Wear, Stotts Drug or at the door.

Local symphony gives concert
The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra was well received by the crowd in Benson Auditorium Tuesday evening. About 40 people attended.

Selections performed by the orchestra included pieces by Mozart, Bisset and Rogers and Hammerstein. The soloist Fred S. Fox enhanced the program prior to intermission.

Following intermission the University, Harding Academy and Searcy High School choirs, and the orchestra accompanied three soloists, Kenneth Davis Jr., Carolyn Nicholson and Arthur Shearin.

The performance was concluded by The Three-Cornered Hat.

This performance was funded in part by a grant from the White County Visual and Performing Arts Council, the Arkansas Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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A hot-shooting University of Central Arkansas team took an 87-64 win over the Harding Bisons in Conway last Monday night. The Bears took a 12-10 lead five minutes into the game, stretched it to a 44-28 margin at halftime and made it stand up in the second half. The loss leaves the Bisons at 9-10 overall and 2-7 in Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference action.

Kenny Burkett, Randy Rutherford and Elroy Becquette began to hit for the Bears and they pushed out to a 29-20 lead with 7:12 left in the half. The Bisons' Allen Gibbons scored from inside at 6:34 to pull Harding up to 29-22, but Rutherford countered with three straight 20-footers to open up a 35-24 UCA lead. The Bisons went cold and Collins hit the only two baskets in the final three minutes and UCA took the 44-28 lead into intermission.

Using their quickness and team depth, UCA built a decisive lead early in the second half to win their sixth AIC contest against three losses. On the season, UCA is now 19-10. Randy Porter, Rutherford and Becquette continued to have a hot hand for the Bears and led their second half scoring.

Gibbons, the AIC's leading scorer, finished up with 18 points after a slow start in the game. Collins hit seven of 10 from the field, added two free throws and finished with 16 points, as did Hubie Smith.

Lloyd Smith scored four points, Mark Ross had three and Floyd Smith, Troy Sanstra and Kent Berning each had two points. David Allumbaugh scored one point.

For UCA, Rutherford had 20 points and Becquette added 18. Monday night, the Bisons host Henderson State. Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Faculty wins championship

Harding chalked up another championship, of sorts. Competing in the city bowling league championship tournament, the team composed of Harding faculty and staff members took the tourney by rolling a score of 3050. The tournament was held last Saturday and Sunday at the College Bowl on the Harding campus.

Kevin O'Leary led the way for the team by placing third in the individual competition. He was followed by Harding swimming coach Jack Boustead, who placed fourth. Other team members include Dr. Virgil Lawyer, Dr. Dennis Organ, Zearl Watson and David Mitchell.

The margin of victory was about 20 pins for the group in the 10-team tournament. "It was a total team effort," Boustead said. "It's the first time in four or five years that our team has won."

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Booster Jog-A-Thon goal will be $150,000

The second Bisons Booster Jog-A-Thon will be held sometime in mid-February according to Bill Harris, Jog-A-Thon chairman and member of the Bison Booster Club. The goal this year is $150,000.

The first Jog-A-Thon was held in 1980 and netted $92,000. Social clubs and student organizations at Harding received 25 percent, or $23,000 as their share. The remainder is used by the Booster Club to help the Athletic Department.

The Jog-A-Thon is designed solely for Harding students, faculty and staff, with cash incentives of 25 percent to social clubs and student organizations. $100 bonuses to the club which raises the most money and the club with the highest percentage of participation, and a plaque or trophy to both the student and faculty-staff member raising the most money individually.

The method of funding for the Jog-A-Thon is sponsorship. Each participant finds sponsors who pledge a certain amount of money per lap or per mile. Participants who have 15 or more laps or miles pledged will be allowed to compete. Numbers will be determined in the form which will be available by Feb. 7.

The Jog-A-Thon will be held on the University's outdoor track at Alumni Field, Harris said, if weather permits; otherwise, the event will take place inside the Athletic Center Fieldhouse.

Bryant was epitome of collegiate athletics

Everyone in the sports world felt they had lost a best friend when Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant passed away last week. The man represented more than just an outstanding statistic; he was the epitome of what collegiate athletics is supposed to be. He had a spot in his heart for every person, player or coach, that developed through his program.

He was like our grandfather, the old fellow that seemed to welcome us onto his lap. He was the elder statesman, the Winston Churchill or Orson Welles of football.

When he retired from coaching last December, the newspapers ran a banner headline that read "'The End of an Era.' They should have saved those words until now.

Two weeks remaining before the Harding Water Buffaloes go against the entire conference in the AIC Swimming and Diving Championships. The team, although low in numbers, is high in heart, according to Coach Jack Boush. 

"Right now, we are just trying to concentrate on individual performances," Boush said. "We don't have the depth to contend as a team in the meets right now, but hopefully we will put it together at the conference meet.

"The guys are on schedule with their personal performances and they are bettering their old times. Henderson and Hendrix will be the pre-meet favorites, but I really think we will shock some people."

For various reasons, the team has been reduced to nine swimmers and divers. Many are working in events they have never swum before. Most came into the season with little if any experience, but they are making up the lost time with hard work.

"The ones that are here are working out twice a day," Boush said. "Sometimes they are in the water three hours at a time, trying to improve. We may not have the quantity, but I think we have the quality."
**Digest**

A short guide to current national news.

**U.S. in depression**

Two out of every three Americans responding to the latest Harris poll believe that the United States is in a depression, according to an article in the Arkansas Democrat.

By a margin of 66 percent to 32 percent, with two percent undecided, people responding to the poll said the country was in a depression.

Compared with a similar survey last November, President Reagan's rating declined on every question asked about how he is handling the economy.

Less than half those polled believed the depression would be overcome by this time next year.

**Minister charged**

Rev. Murphy Lee Paskell, a Stockton, Calif., Baptist minister, was charged with attempted murder for shooting and critically wounding a deacon who interrupted and criticized his Sunday morning sermon.

**Tests successful**

Human interferon has been used successfully for the first time to control kidney cancer, a highly lethal type of tumor that previously hadn't responded to any kind of therapy.

Doctors at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute reported in the February issue of Cancer Research that 12 of 19 kidney cancer patients who received massive doses of natural interferon experienced favorable results.

Interferon is a protein the body naturally produces in response to viruses. Some other diseases, including chronic leukemias and cancers of the breast, lymph glands and bone, have found to be sensitive to interferon, according to Dr. Jordan U. Gutterman, leader of the team conducting the study.

**House demolished**

A man who identified himself as a Gil Candell of the Candell Construction Co. called the California state employment agency and offered to pay unemployed laborers $5 an hour to demolish a San Jose home.

The department sent out 75 workers to the boarded-up four-bedroom house.

Workers at the site found a work order and began demolition. In a few days, all that remained of the house was the foundation.

**Teacher pay low**

The Arkansas Education Association released its 1982-83 teacher salary schedule report at a news conference Tuesday, and it showed the average teacher salary in the state to be $15,176, or $5,535 below the national average.

The state ranks 50th in the nation in teacher salaries, next-to-last counting the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Only Mississippi has lower teacher salaries and they are expected to receive a pay increase next year.

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**Campusology**

Today

AGO Thanksgiving, 6 p.m., American Heritage Auditorium.


Saturday

Gospel Explosion, 5:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium.


Monday

Bison basketball, Bisons vs. Henderson, 7:30 p.m., New Gym.

Friday, February 11

Management Seminar, 7:30 p.m., American Heritage Auditorium.

S.A. Movie, "Time After Time," 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium. Admission $1.

Saturday, February 12

Management Seminar, 9:00 a.m., American Heritage Auditorium.

Bison basketball, Bisons vs. Hendrix, 7:30 p.m., New Gym.

Monday, February 14

Bison basketball, Bisons vs. College of Ozarks, 7:30 p.m., New Gym.

"Valentine's Day" S.A. Movie, "Somewhere In Time," 10 p.m., Benson Auditorium.

Tuesday, February 15

Open House, women's dorms.

Thursday, February 17

Open House, men's dorms.

Bison basketball, Bisons at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia. Lily Pool Devotional, 9:15 p.m., Recording Studio.

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**Society inducts eight members**

Eight new members were inducted into the Society for Collegiate Journalists and two delegates were chosen to attend the society's biennial convention at an informal induction ceremony and pizza party Monday night at Pizza Hut.

New members are Michael Corrigan, Linda Ford, Jane Gore, Eddie Madden, John Radcliffe, Jeanne Stewart, Lisa Taylor and Betsy Walkup.

Laura L. Brown and Cynthia Hooton, respectively editor in chief and assistant editor of the Bison, were chosen as delegates to the convention which will be March 19-20 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Approximately 10 other members of the Harding chapter will be attending the convention.

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