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Staff members work continuously to meet deadline

The Petit Jean should be completed by May 2

by Linda Ford

The Petit Jean yearbook is "severely behind schedule," Jay Simpson, editor of this year's book, said last week, and staff members are working nearly around the clock to finish all of the book's 384 pages by Monday.

The book should be finished, printed and returned in time for the May 2 dedication program in chapel, he said.

About 20 members of the Petit Jean staff will be going to Oklahoma City March 4-6 to put the finishing touches on the yearbook. After the final proofing, it will be sent from Oklahoma City to the plant in Visalia, Calif., where it will be printed, Simpson said.

According to Simpson, the yearbook is behind schedule because the staff is relatively inexperienced. Only three out of eight section editors returned from last year, he said.

The limited budget caused by an enrollment decrease and an 8 percent hike in printers' costs also created problems for the 1983 Petit Jean.

"By last Monday (Feb. 14) we were supposed to have 312 pages completed, but we only had 112," Simpson said. "That's what I call severely behind..."

So far the Petit Jean staff has met two out of six deadlines, but they are trying to stay on schedule and meet the final deadline.

"We just didn't turn in enough pages early enough," Simpson said. "Three-fourths of the book was finished in (the last) four weeks. In the last three weeks, the office has very seldom been empty."

Darrell Truitt, head photographer, said, "We are real busy. I usually spend 18 hours a day working. I've been in the darkroom so long I'm becoming nocturnal."

Even though the book is behind schedule, the editors are confident it will be a show-in contest competition.

Assistant editor Suzanne Johnston said, "It's really coming together. Even though we're doing it in a hurry, it is quality. We don't have any reservations about this book winning All-American."

Even though there is frantically working to meet deadlines, Johnston, who will edit the 1984 volume, is making preliminary plans for the next yearbook.

Johnston said her first priority is this year's book, and since she will not be here much this summer, she is already making preliminary plans for the 1984 Petit Jean.

"An advertising art class is doing covers for me to look at," Johnston said. "I'm looking at material swatches and paint colors..." She said, "even though we're doing it in a hurry, it is the best we can do..."

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Darrell Truitt

It is traditional for the theme of the Petit Jean to remain secret until dedication. This tradition has been honored by this year's staff, and the contents of the book will not be made known until the dedication ceremony in chapel on May 2.

Cable channel ruling to be made this week

by Brent Alexander

The public relations office will have a definite answer by the end of this week as to whether Harding will be able to make use of the local cable television channel 12, according to Mike James, director of media planning.

"Right now we're waiting to hear from the corporation owner," James said. The corporation owning the station will determine soon if it will be worth the money it will cost to operate the station, James said.

"I'll know by the end of the week if we get the go-ahead," Johnston said. "I'm looking at material swatches and paint colors..."

The first program aired will probably run five hours for transmission.

The publicity office will be in charge of programming, James said.

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Business must not be school's top priority

The newest building on the Harding campus, the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Business Center, is impressive at the least. The spacious entrance, hardwood floors, carpeted walls, even color-coordinated bathrooms — everything about the place bears the tasteful stamp of a good interior decorator.

But the building can also be viewed as a symbolic tribute, a monument to the world of business and the concept and pursuit of free enterprise. The impressiveness of the building somehow places a stamp of approval on the theories being taught inside.

There is nothing wrong with free enterprise or with becoming a successful businessman or businesswoman; we don’t mean to imply that. But there is a danger that the pursuit of the dollar or the quest for a prestigious position in management or the promotion of business-related fields in general will replace this school’s original vision as a Christian institution.

We should be educated as men and women of God while we are being educated in our chosen majors. No matter what fields we select, that spiritual aspect of our lives should be our first priority.

Where does that leave any school, or any money-spending entity? Follow the money, and it will lead to those things closest to the heart.

We concede that when at least a fifth of the student population is enrolled in the School of Business, giving the school a building of its own is not inordinately generous. And we can understand the theory that the building is intended to simulate a working atmosphere. But is it fair to give business students a replica of what they might expect at work when other students are not being given similar facilities? And is it realistic for Christian-related majors to expect carpeted walls everywhere they might go?

A successful businessman can be an asset to the church, financially and financially. But the quest after any of these fields should never, never become an end in itself.

Box 1192

Student explains behavior

Dear Editor,

At the Christian Awareness seminar Saturday I expressed a different understanding of American society than was acceptable to that assembly. I was asked to the administration and to Harding if I appeared rude or embarrassing. I assure you that it was not my desire to be rude.

I felt that I was being red-baited. It is so easy for people to stereotype those who differ with them. As a Christian, and an American, I can question the way my country operates socially and economically without regard of my country or my God. I am horrified at the things done in the name of ‘God’ and ‘country.’ The opportunity was given at the seminar to express opinions and I did, and I am not sorry for doing that. I am concerned about the impressions I might have left behind when I left the campus.

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Endlessly Rocking

Laura L. Brown

Our stories aren't always true

The house she imagined she would live in after graduation was something like a beach house on the Gulf, slowly filling with antiques, made complete by a husband.

The home she finds herself in now is a white apartment in a stately (a polite word for old) building, the kitchen and bedroom hardly bigger than closets, the living room a little too large for the modest accumulation of furniture, made less lonely by a cat.

She went through college in three years, eager to get out on her own. As the graduation date approached, she said often perhaps trying to convince herself — that she couldn't bear the idea of coming back to school. Didn't you wish you were graduating too, she asked her friends?

But they, not really, replied, looking forward to their senior year. You'll feel this way someday, she informed them.

In a field where job openings do not grow abundantly, she had two offers and had the luxury of deciding between them. She chose a position about 50 miles from her hometown, far enough away to feel independent but close enough to her roots not to feel too isolated.

She felt excited when she started her job, her first real job, and she gave her employer an informal promise that she would work there for two years. One of her first assignments earned her a lot of recognition, and she imagined a career that could go nowhere but up.

Todays set in as her tasks began to resemble the ones she had done the week before and the week before that. She felt uneasy about accompanying her colleagues to local watering holes after work, but they were her only friends in town besides the acquaintances she was making at church.

Her first apartment, an efficiency, quit being cute and became cramped. The rent was too high for her means. She found a bigger place for less money, a place that allowed pets. The oldness of the apartment added a little character that the first thoroughly modern place lacked. It was another new beginning.

But she missed her friends. They were back at school, doing the things she had done just months before. She felt important, working at a job while other students were working at homework, maybe sickening tomorrow.

She has begun to realize that no graduate can schedule the rest of his or her life before graduation and expect to stick to the schedule. What's appealing today may not mean anything tomorrow. Sickening, but not unbearable. There will always be alternatives.

One of the friends who visited her used to think she knew what her life's plan was; she would work for TIME or Newsweek after graduation and a year of graduate work in New York City, commuting from her Long Island beach house.

Now the major newsmagazines have been replaced by a community newspaper, not in the Big Apple but in an unemployment-riddled steel town in middle America. And grad school moves farther away, at a number of possible schools. And her own beach house is her own parents' house for a year. And even that could change.

"We tell ourselves stories in order to live," essayist Joan Didion has written. We do. But we can't forget that that is what they are: stories, flexible, subject to change and improvement at the storyteller's whim.
Couples fortunate to have only limited degree of privacy

The other night my fiance slowly walked me to the door of my apartment. There, under the light in the breezeway, just as we were about to say goodnight, six other girls and their dates clambered up the stairs to their doors. Faced with such a sudden lack of privacy, we shook hands and I went in.

Harding has never been known for the amount of privacy it allows dating couples. But if we think that dates are public events now, we don't realize how lucky we are that we didn't go to school here 25 years ago.

Back then, young men and women didn't socialize except on closely chaperoned dates to the downtown movie theater or to church. Girls were not allowed to ride in cars with guys.

We've come a long way since then. Male and female students are integrated in all parts of campus life. They can eat together in the cafeterias, they can sit by each other in class and they can even do laundry together—or at least at the same time.

Campus movies each weekend entice couples to spend two or more hours in a big room with the lights turned off. The movie committee has even been nice enough lately to pick movies that don't require a lot of audience concentration to make couples carry on conversations in the privacy of darkness.

White wooden swings now dot the campus and are very well lighted so the pairs who sit in them can see each other clearly.

Letters

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Auditorium. Simply did not want to stay in the auditorium while my concerns were being degraded as communist and un-Christian. In order to avoid a bigger scene, I left.

Again, I apologize if anyone was offended. I wish that Harding and Christians would be more open to different opinions.

Jim Maynard

Students oppose movie review

Dear Editor,

Although there have been certain activities and behavior which we have long bemoaned with while at Harding, we must say that the article that we are writing about "takes the cake."

Of course, we are writing in reference to the section in last week's Bison in which the movie "Tootsie" was declared to be an excellent movie, characterized by light-hearted humor and above all else, "tenderness."

Many of us spend time studying from the Bible and listening as others proclaim to us from the pulpit concerning the idea that those who live and conduct themselves in certain depraved and godless ways will not enter the heavenly kingdom (Gal. 5). It appears then, that we can sit and listen and make defiant assertions against such behavior. But when Friday evening arrives, these same people are the first in line for a seat to watch and laugh at a movie in which just the opposite is portrayed. They condemn homosexuality on Sunday morning and laugh at it on Friday night. It's that "he really isn't a homosexual" which seems to be our logic for a justifiable humor, and it seems that we believe that we can laugh at those who "think he is." But how long before our own thinking is affected? How long before our attitudes change to apathy, then to empathy? Would Jesus sit down and laugh with us at the idea of a "play-actor" who deceives through a type of sexual perversion? I rather doubt it!

Keevin Gray

Brian K. Miller

Applicants

The deadline for turning in applications for the positions of Bison editor-in-chief, business manager, assistant editor and photographic editor is 5 p.m. today.

Applicants for all positions should send a letter of application and a personal data sheet to Dr. Dennis Organ, faculty sponsor, through campus mail at Box 811.

Applicants should have a junior or senior classification by next fall. Positions will be decided no later than mid-April.
Music dept. offers new camp

The music department will be hosting the first annual Harding University High School Vocal-Choral Camp this summer on campus for students entering grades 9 through 12. Musical classes at the Aug. 7-12 camp will offer instruction in music fundamentals, vocal techniques and interpretation, choral rehearsals, music reading, song leading, music literature and music appreciation. There will also be athletic and social activities, said Dr. Arthur Shearin, associate professor of music and director of the camp.

Dr. Clifton Ganus, professor of music, Dr. Ken Davis, professor of music, and Dr. Eddie Baggett, professor of music, will be instructors for the classes. Formerly Harding offered only Camp Tahkodah, a two-week-long music camp for high school graduates and college students. Now Camp Tahkodah has been shortened to include the high school camp in the summer schedule, Shearin said.

The music department hopes to improve the quality of area choral groups and at the same time to promote interest in Harding University, Shearin said.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information on the camp can contact the music department at extension 343.

Bowl champions go to regionals

The University's College Bowl all-star team travelled to the University of Houston Thursday for competition in Region 15 play. They will compete today and again Saturday if the progress to the finals.

Members of the team include two-year veteran and captain Greg York, a graduate student at the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis and senior Joel Ragland who has two years experience in bowl competition.

Other team members are Mark White, Frank Weaver and alternate Bobbie Friend. Dr. Dennis Organ, chairman of the English department; Dr. Larry Long, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Fred Jewell, associate professor of history accompanied the group. Dr. Organ said there was no real competition for the competition until they played.

Digest

A short guide to current national news:

Guard dog stolen
John Scamard, a Tampa, Fla. used car lot owner who, after being robbed six times in two months, paid $350 for a vicious Doberman pinscher, guard dog to watch his business at night, arrived at work to find that burglars had struck again, this time taking the dog, his chain and collar, a $7 bag of dog food.

Company sued
Earline Lind, 30, filed a $7 million discrimination suit in Redwood City, Calif., against her employer, Phillip Morris, Inc., charging the cigarette company, which markets Virginia Slims cigarettes with the female-oriented slogan, "You've come a long way, baby," excludes women managers from office meetings and forces them to eat in separate dining rooms from male employees at company banquets.

Iowa bans nukes
The Iowa legislature Monday formally ratified a nuclear weapons freeze by adopting a resolution to be sent to President Reagan. The Senate approved the measure 41 to 7, following earlier approval by the House. The resolution asks both the House and Senate to seek a halt in the nuclear arms race and asks them to negotiate an end to the production and testing of nuclear weapons.

Pot prices up
Inflation must be hitting everybody.

A State Police narcotics officer said Monday that marijuana and cocaine are readily available in Arkansas, but the price is going up. He said that the price of an ounce of marijuana has risen steadily from $15 about five years ago to about $125, it was reported in the Arkansas Gazette Monday.

Arkansas-grown marijuana now is highly sought because of its potency. Sinsenilla, an especially potent strain of the plant, has become attractive to a number of growers in Arkansas because the crop is more profitable and there is no more risk than growing the less-expensive variety.

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Where have we been? Where are we going? Are we going to blow ourselves up before we get there?

Coming of age in the 1980s

After an 11-year stint as one of America’s favorite television shows, “M*A*S*H” will air its last episode Monday at 7 p.m. That series is not only the last of an innovative, humorous and yet telling breed of sitcoms; it is something most of us have grown up with, and the end of the show almost marks the end of a period of contemporary American history.

When the show began in 1972, the United States was in the midst of just recovering from three moments of history that have probably had more impact on our lives and our thinking than we realize. Congressional investigations into the Watergate scandal were just beginning. The last troops were being brought out of Vietnam. And the country was just getting back on its feet following the protests and unrest of the dissatisfied youth.

The ’50s was a “Happy Days” existence. The ’60s was a period most readily characterized by the hippie culture. The ’70s was the Me Decade, an age of narcissistic self-searching. What will the ’80s be? What kind of legacy have our elders passed on to us, and what are we creating out of our world?

Those major moments passed us by before we really were aware of what was happening in our country. But they surely have affected us. It would be impossible to analyze the impact in a few articles, but in thinking about those times and these, the staff focused on several issues that we decided to pursue.

Clothing styles are one of the most obvious characteristics of any age, and the way people dress can be the loudest statement they make about themselves, their own most distinctive trait. On this campus, where there may be a higher concentration of frizz and button-downs than anywhere else in the state, individualistic dressing really stands out. Etta Madden interviewed several students who aren’t afraid to dress creatively.

Some of us dress a little differently; so did some of the children of the ’60s. But what other comparisons can be made between us and them? Lisa Taylor interviewed faculty and staff members who were students here during those riotous years. While this campus was undoubtedly quieter than others, it did not escape being touched by the turmoil of the times.

Unlike those students, we live in a time where American troops are not battling in war. But the threat and the expectation of nuclear war is steadily growing in the eyes of many. As the South has never fully recovered from the shock of losing the Civil War, the entire country feels perhaps some measure of shame or embarrassment at our involvement in the Vietnam conflict; not until 10 years later could we erect a monument to the soldiers who died there and properly begin to welcome the veterans home. Maybe some believe that we will never shake this feeling until we enter another war and prove ourselves as an invincible military power.

Linda Ford and Jane Gore interviewed teachers on the possibility of nuclear war and the chances of survival, and talked to students to find out how they feel on one of the most controversial subjects of our day. The general consensus is that it is inevitable — but that Christians don’t need to worry about it any more than they fear any kind of death. Shouldn’t we feel an obligation to preserve life on this planet rather than to destroy it?

A recent magazine article discussing the attitudes of our generation speculated that we may be the first generation of Americans not to do better than our parents did. Perhaps we are victims of our environment and our economy, or perhaps we no longer share that American dream to build a better world for our children to grow up in than we had.

We can’t answer all the questions; we can’t even begin to ask all the questions. But we need to think. Where have we been? Where are we going?
Individuality finds voice in fashion

by Eetta Madden

Faded and tattered blue jeans, fringed leather vests, head bands and love beads: the clothing of the 1960s, right? Any costume that did not conform to the styles of the establishment was groovy. Hot pink pantyhose, oversized sweaters, jeans hemmed above the ankle and bizarre dangling earrings: a page out of Mademoiselle, right? These items have stepped off the pages onto campus.

Rebels who missed out on the '60s are emerging on this campus, some students believe, and one indication is clothing styles. During the past four years the students here have changed a lot, according to senior mass communications major Brenda Sperry of Bloomington, Ill. "The big city people are not conforming," she said.

The trend in the world right now is to be yourself, Sperry said, as open-minded. "I dress calmer around so many Christians. He's a capital of the world, and latest direct to him." The Italian students are more individualistic than there was two years ago," she said. "Italy also opened students' eyes to new ideas. Milano, in Italy, is quickly catching up with Paris as the fashion center. Especially for the trend: the rules at Harding help give me came to Florence. For example, she wore a mini skirt (Harding regulation, of course), silver and black legwarmers and a pair of short black boots. "Someone told me that I looked like a character from Star Wars," she said. "They didn't mean it in a good way." The feedback is more difficult for guys to handle. Before he came to Harding from Piggott, Evans looked forward to being around so many Christians. He didn't expect people who cut others down all the time, he said.

Most of the comments he hears are because of the reactions they receive. But most of the time, the good comments outweigh the bad. O'Neal admits that she receives many glares, but even more compliments.

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Mark Evans

Keith Ann O'Neal

Brenda Sperry

SO the remnants of the '60s are not rebels. They are neat, not tacky. They look at color. They put time into outward appearance. They are children of the solipsistic '70s. "Do your own thing" is their motto. Be thrifty, be confident and experiment. It makes life a lot more interesting.

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Seeju Merritt is a senior marketing major who is a professional entertainer. "The entertainment business is very competitive. When you audition, you must have flair. You need to be noticed. My clothes help me do that," he said.

Most people are afraid to stand out because of the reactions they receive. But most of the time, the good comments outweigh the bad. O'Neal admits that she receives many glares, but even more compliments.

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Faculty reminisces about turbulent '60s period

by Lisa Taylor

About 15 years ago, Vietnam was the topic of discussion on college campuses everywhere and students were hampered by feelings of unrest. One might wonder what was happening on this campus during that 1960s turmoil.

Were activities at Harding characteristic of the times? Several faculty and staff members who were students here during that time can answer that question; they can easily compare their way of life in the '60s to the attitudes prevalent among Harding students of the '80s.

One such student of the class of 69 was Dr. Tom Howard, associate professor of political science and director of institutional testing. He came to Harding on the G.I. bill, seven years older than the average freshman and with a wife and child.

Howard compares the generations by saying that, in some ways, nothing has changed.

"The basic concerns of students haven't changed. Some are certain about their future, some are uncertain, some are less prepared, some have greater ability.

Some major differences can be attributed to the technological advancement of the '60s, he said. At Harding in the '60s, many students majored in Bible and education. "We didn't have computer science or systems classes," Howard said. "The college had no computer, much less a major in it."

The '60s are also described as a period of chaos. Today, accounts of the Vietnam conflict, the social unrest pervade our history books. Harding was not isolated from the demonstrations protesting the war, but the few that did take place hardly compared to the violence that frequently occurred on state university campuses, he said.

Having attended Northern Illinois University with about 26,000 other students, Howard said that the social issues often dominated classroom discussion there, making it difficult to study.

"Some of the serious students felt cheated out of classes because the professors devoted too much time to issues instead of teaching their class," he said.

He remembers coming out of the library once when a student protest was going on. "They were turning over cars and burning them. The teachers would just let class out every day."

Praising the Harding of the '60s, Howard said, "We now have a more varied, well-trained and qualified faculty than we've ever had; our curriculum doesn't look at all like it did in the '60s."

"Basically students still have the same goals to graduate, meet and be with people like themselves, grow in academics, clubs or spiritually," he said. "Nothing has changed as much as we think it has."

David Crouch, director of placement and alumni relations, graduated from Harding in 1970 and has been working in this capacity for 13 years. Crouch was editor-in-chief of the Bison his senior year.

"The topic of war was frequently addressed, he said. In an editorial Crouch wrote in the Dec. 5, 1969 issue, he related the fears that young men everywhere felt when the new lottery system for drafting began. "My wife and I sat and watched as they drew birthdates out of a bowl to see who would be eligible for the draft. It was a scary experience," Crouch said.

On the Harding campus, Crouch notes some things that he believes haven't changed much over the years. This support between the faculty and students has not changed. It seems to be as close as it ever was," Crouch said, "but I do think the administration is more responsive to students now."

Editing the Bison brought Crouch into close contact with the Student Association and their activities. In comparing the current S.A. to the past, he said, "I think the S.A. has gotten stronger over the years. They seem to work harder."

"Our S.A. had their weak moments and sometimes had to be prodded by a journalistic pen," Crouch said. "I've seen a lot of change and overall I believe it's a change for the better."

At the same time Crouch was Bison editor, Rod Brewer, associate professor of English, was S.A. president. He and Brewer are still good friends.

Brewer said one of the major problems in the late '60s was the crowded dormitory conditions that added to the aura of uneasiness.

"We were all feeling crowded. Those were the boom years and the dorms were packed," Brewer said. "The same student center was designed for about 500 students and there were close to 2,000 on campus; it was like a dog just trying to check mail after chapel."

At that time the administration was considering building a new student center, so the S.A. decided to work toward that effort.

"We raised about $10,000 for the student center," Brewer said. "It gave people something positive, immediate and concrete to work toward."

"There's a lot of frustration when things are going wrong so what do you do? You start kicking whoever has authority," Brewer said. The S.A. tried to provide students with someone to talk to and help create positive thinking.

"Kind of like a steam kettle, we allowed some of the steam to let off," he said.

Almost everyone during the '60s was jumping on some kind of bandwagon, according to Brewer. "There were plenty of bandwagons -- wearing flowers in your hair, to anti-communism or peace movements or black activism."

"No matter what the time period, change is always going to be there. Nothing is going to stay the same. What we had in the '60s was good, but it seems to work harder."

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by CARL WILLS

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Apathy is escape when living in nuclear age

by Jane Gore and Linda Ford

"I don't want to think about it." Nobody wants to think about it. Channel 7 out of Little Rock pessimistically tells us that "Arkansas Will Defend System"—supposedly one of the best, would require 72 hours to complete in the event that it should happen. "It's" is the dropping of the nuclear bomb.

Dr. Tom Howard, associate professor of political science, is certain a nuclear war will occur in our lifetime. Howard said seven world powers currently have nuclear weapons, and others we don't know about may possess them.

"My personal feeling is nuclear war is inevitable, it is just a matter of when."
—Dr. Tom Howard

now or are attempting to obtain them.

Howard said world leaders claim to use nuclear weapons as a deterrent to war but history disproves this method of preventing violence.

"History tells us it will happen. In all past history, preparation for war has always led to war. In this case we are saying we are making all this preparation for something that will not happen."

Howard said the attitudes of the world regarding nuclear war are changing. We are not thinking about the unthinkable. We have changed the rhetoric so that a limited nuclear war is suggested," he said.

Howard also believes the public has accepted nuclear war as an unalterable condition of life. "People have accepted it. We see ourselves as totally defenseless. People say, "I don't want to think about it," he said. "The public has lulled itself to sleep with the don't-want-to-think-about-it tune.

Because of the proliferation of nuclear weapons, the public's apathetic attitude and the historic trend toward war, Howard doesn't see any way to avoid a holocaust unless man changes.

"My personal feeling is nuclear war is inevitable, it is just a matter of when," Howard said. "Unless the leaders of the world come to their senses. Then it comes to man's ability to get along with man. In past history he hasn't been able to do it. Total disarmament is the answer, but do you see them doing that?"

But Howard doesn't think Christians should worry about the thought of nuclear war.

"If one is prepared to meet the Lord we shouldn't be overly concerned about leaving the world," he said. "All the things I read about nuclear weapons, this may be the way the Lord ends the world.

"There will be a loud noise and a fervent heat."

Thoughts concerning the reality of a nuclear attack cause people to question how nuclear weapons may be developed and how devastating they will be.

There are Minuteman silos as close as six miles to Secray but Dr. James Mackey, professor of physical science, believes Secray would survive. Mackey says the enemy would probably send small warheads to knock out the silos and save the more devastating warheads for the large metropolitan areas. (At present the government is planning on taking the missiles out of White County. In that case Secray would not be as a target.)

Mackey says if a small warhead hit one of the nearby silos Secray would experience a hard wind that might break windows and an initial exposure to radiation but not much more.

"Mackey would be a lot of destruction in a one-fourth to one-half mile radius from the initial blast. There would be initial radiation, but not enough to kill people (in Secray)," he said.

"Mackey said most people would be all right by just washing radioactive fallout off with plain soap and water and making sure not to ingest anything without washing any radioactive particles off first.

Mackey said that if a small community like Secray survived the week after a nuclear attack it could probably carry on.

He said small communities aren't as dependent on transport for food and they could probably sustain a fire department, police force and National Guard.

"We are in a more isolated area. We aren't as dependent on transport. Not as many people. Rural areas have more chance of surviving with intact social systems," Mackey said.

"Mackey said large metropolitan areas have the least chance of surviving. It would be harder to retain order because of the large number of people and lack of supplies coming in.

Mackey said that 15 minutes is the most warning of a nuclear attack the general public would have. In that event, people should go into a building, close the windows, get away from the windows and run water in the bath tub. "You won't have time to do anything else," he said.

But Mackey said that even in the case of an all-out nuclear war man would survive.

"It's rather unlikely that everybody in the world would die," Mackey said. Humans are highly adaptable to low level radiation and there would be parts of the world virtually untouched. But Mackey added, "It's a limited very pleasant scenario."

Students at Harding seem to share the I-don't-want-to-think-about-it attitude Howard mentioned.

"If they do (drop the bomb), it's not going to matter anyway. Everybody is going to die," sophomore John Ramsey of Baton Rouge, said.

Many people are under the impression that wherever they are from, from Louisiana to Chicago to Secray, that "we are going to be one of the first ones hit."

Secray native and Student Association president Zac Muncy said he thinks that Secray will be one of the first places struck because of nearby missile sites. Muncy is more positive about the possibility of war: "I don't think a nuclear war will ever happen because neither side wants to be obliterated."

Some students are more aware of the facts of nuclear armament than others. Senior Jeff Coben of Louisville, Ky., was involved in a decontamination team while in the Army, and he says he believes it is possible to survive a nuclear attack, but he added, "I think our civil defense is getting much better compared to the Soviet Union."

Junior Michael Corrigan of Jacksonville, Fla., said that although nuclear war is something he is aware of, it doesn't interfere with his life on a daily basis. "Living in constant fear of being wiped out by a bomb doesn't appeal to my thinking since I try to be more positive than that."

When trying to conceive of life after nuclear attack, Corrigan said, "It's beyond what we can imagine.

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Campus assassins shoot darts instead of bullets

by Betsy Walkup

Have you seen any suspicious-looking students with rubber dart guns in their pockets? If so, you’ve just encountered one of the assassins.

A group of 12 men played the first game of Assassination last week on campus.

Jim Dotson, organizer of the game, said, “There were just a bunch of us guys sitting around wondering what to do,” when one of them suggested Assassination, which was popular several years before.

“The game originated on the east coast,” said Californian senior Chris Thompson, assassin, who keeps his gun with him at all times. On some campuses, players were judged by how ingenious they killed their victims.

For instance, senior Paul Starks of Florence, Ala. said, the assassin might get more points for a non-morbid device such as poisoning. Or if the assassin could prove that he had booby-trapped the door before the victim entered, then the victim was considered dead and out of the game, naturally, Thompson said.

But on this campus some strict rules had to be set, since the game can easily get out of hand. Dotson also said, “We had to be choosy in picking people. We wanted to make sure we got people who could cope with the pressures.”

The rules are as follows. Each assassin has, as his weapon, a gun which shoots rubber suction darts. Each member writes his name on four sheets of paper, and all names are mixed together. Then each member draws four names, returning it if he gets his own.

The four names that the member draws are the players he must eliminate. To win the game, the player must get rid of all four of the people on his hit list. For a player to be totally eliminated and out of the game, he must be shot four different times.

But the tricky part of the game is that there can be no witnesses to the assassination itself. If there are eyewitnesses to the incident, it is considered invalid and does not count.

Dotson said this rule brought strategy into the game, and took away some of the sport of it. Since the name itself carries questionable connotations, the rules were made stricter to bring the game away from it.

Rules also named off-limit areas where assassinations could not take place. These places include dormitory rooms, restrooms, chapel and the cafeteria. These rules took some of the pressure off, too, Dotson said.

Participants in the game were told that they must go by the rules or they couldn’t play.

Dotson said they looked for a way to play with no pressure. After the first few days were full of action, but then because of the strict rules, things began to quiet down. The game was tame, even almost boring, because of the rules, said Dotson. There was no winner.

“The strategy part made you more aware, but the idea of what we were doing bothered me a lot,” Dotson said, continuing, “If we can’t find something morally or socially uplifting, we might as well stop.”

Ted Altman, vice president for student affairs, advised against the game also, saying he felt that it would get out of hand and that a lot of people wouldn’t understand it. “Assassination is not the thing we need to go around talking about,” Altman said. Altman and Dotson discussed the game Monday.

But Thompson argues, “How are they going to know if it’s going on?” Thompson thinks the game is just that: a game. “It would be absurd for them (the administration) to make a stand on it,” he said.

Thompson said the rules were strict to help new members get a feel for the game. He thought the “no witnesses” rule was a good one because it requires more strategy. But he doesn’t feel that this particular round of the game was very active.

Starks said that it’s good for players to make up their own set of rules and that the intriguing ones are best. Starks also thinks a winner should be named so he would be able to boast that he was the best murderer.

But at present Dotson and his assassins have shelved their game. Although many players like John Radder believe that “it was fun,” they agreed that it had no redeeming social value. As Dotson said, “We don’t see anything morally uplifting about it.”
Bisons defeat Wonder Boys after two overtimes

Free throw shooting, a statistic that the Harding basketball leads yearly in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, propelled the Bisons past the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys, 86-76, last Monday night. The contest took two overtime periods before a victor could be determined.

A first-half surge put the Bisons out on top early, once owning an eight-point lead, 24-16, with 7:12 left in the first half. The Wonder Boys cut the lead and trailed by only 37-34 at halftime.

A quick bucket by Harold Taylor with 19:45 on the clock cut the lead to 37-36, but the Bisons reeled off six straight points, including four by center Allen Gibbons, to take a 43-36 lead with 18:17 left. The score stayed about five points apart until 14:09 when Taylor converted a three-point play and cut the lead to 46-45.

Taylor continued to be the thorn in the Bisons’ side as he hit another field goal to keep the score close. A 10-point lead on Tech’s James Duncan didn’t help the Bisons as Rubie Smith missed the free throw and a turnover from the possession resulted in a Tech bucket by Kenny Clay. That gave ATU its first lead of the game, 49-48, with 10:17 left.

But Harding’s Kenny Collins redeemed that sequence of events with a three-point play to put the Bisons back up by two. From then on, the contest was tied or a one-point lead by either team. Tech did go ahead by as much as three points on a couple of occasions, but each time the Bisons had at least a one-point lead.

In the first extension, Harding Taylor tried to pull the Wonder Boys back, but his missed shot with 2:27 left was rebounded by Gibbons. Rubie made another spectacular play as he drove the left side, made a layup and drew a foul from Grimes with 2:08 on the clock. With the free throw, the Bisons led 75-70.

Tech point man Ronald Caliborne hit a running jumper with 1:49 to cut the lead to three, but Lloyd converted a free throw on a foul by Shorter to make the score, 77-70. Collins made a bucket to extend the lead to seven, 79-72, but it was three free throws by Lloyd and Floyd Smith that secured the Harding lead. Floyd put the icing on the cake as he made a nice layup off a feed from Rubie with three seconds left to make the final score 86-76.

Gibbons and Hubie led the Bisons with 20 points each. Collins contributed 17 and Floyd 15.

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Coach still optimistic despite Bison netters’ initial loss

Even though the University of Arkansas at Little Rock handed the Harding tennis team its first loss of the 1983 season, that should be no indication of what is to be expected from the Bison netters. "They very likely have the best university team in Arkansas this year," Harding coach David Elliott said of the Trojans. "They are the best team we will have to face this year. We just met a better team, and that’s about all you can say."

The Trojans, who earlier had beaten TCU, last year’s number five ranked team in NCAA Division I, wiped the Bisons from the courts, 4-0. The score was somewhat deceiving, as Harding players almost won several matches.

Elliott is still optimistic about his team. "Without question this is the best tennis team we’ve ever had at Harding," he said. His optimism stems from a 13-man roster which includes seven veterans and four very talented freshmen, plus two promising transfer students.

Senior David Redding of Nevada, Mo., and sophomore Nigel Liverpool of St. Vincent, West Indies will be counted on to handle the number one and two positions in singles, and are being considered at number one doubles along with Searcy junior Nat Malone and Searcy freshman Donnie Walls.

Other members of this year’s squad include freshmen Jon Wood of North Little Rock, John Goodspeed of Pine Bluff and Dale Thompson of Memphis, sophomore Charles Dismuke of Atlanta, Ga.; juniors Mike Clayton of Huntington Beach, Calif., Keith Mayo of Milan, Tenn., and Peter Nanton of St. Vincent, West Indies and seniors Rick Fowler of West Plimas, Mo., and Rees Loyd of Searcy.

"We’ve got 10 or 11 young men who are fairly equal in ability," Elliott said, "so depth will be a major benefit for us this year."

Right now it’s too early to tell how we’ll handle the starting lineup."

Overall the Bison netters have an impressive record so far. The three Arkansas freshmen were ranked 7th, 8th and 13th in the state last year. Wood was the Class AA singles champion and Walls was part of the Class AAA doubles championship team. Thompson compiled a 32-5 singles record at Harding Academy in Memphis.

Clayton is an unknown quality and one of two transfers. Elliott said he has been impressed with Clayton’s practices thus far, although he has no college experience. Nanton, the other transfer, is a former national doubles championship teammate of Liverpool during 1979 and 1980 in St. Vincent.

Last year as a freshman, 

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Harding University swimmers and divers set eight new school marks last weekend at the NAIA District 17 championship meet at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia.

In the process, two Harding swimmers qualified for the NAIA National Swim Meet this weekend at OBU, establishing a precedent for the Water Buffaloes. According to Coach Jack Boustead, it was the first time a Harding swimmer had qualified nationally, although at least one diver — Mark Crowder — had qualified in the past.

Richard Denney and Gano Butcher did well enough to qualify on the national times set by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Denney and Butcher were involved in all eight of the new Harding records. Denney’s included the 100 yard breaststroke, 1:01.97; 200 yard freestyle, 1:52.77 and 100 yard freestyle, 50.28.

Butcher set new records in the 200 yard breaststroke, 2:19.01; 200 yard individual medley, 2:09:33 and 100 yard butterfly, 56.01. Butcher and Denney were also part of the 400 yard medley relay team, along with freshman Liverpool won All-AIC and All-District first team honors. Boustead is a two-time All-AIC and All-District 17 performer from Nevada, Mo.

The other two seniors on the squad, Lloyd and Fowler, should also provide leadership. Lloyd compiled a 4-1 record last year in his first season, and Fowler is a three-year letterman and NAIA District 17 honoré from 1981.

Dismuke established a 3-1 record last year in his first season with the team. Mays is a two-year letterman who finished 8-1 last year for the Bisons. Malone is a two-year letterman who achieved All-District 17 recognition in 1981.

"The conference teams to beat this year will be Arkansas Tech and Southern Arkansas," Elliott said.

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