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Music department accredited by national association

by Marianne Cox
Beon staff writer

The University's music department has been accepted as an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), according to department chairman Dr. Kenneth Davis. The NASM is an association of institutions made up of deans of schools of music and heads of music departments. Acceptance into the organization was based on an extensive self-study report and an on-site inspection by a team from the undergraduate commission of the NASM.

The self-study report, edited by Dr. Arthur Shearin, associate professor of music, was a "comprehensive questionnaire that dealt with all phases of the work of the department, including curricula, financial operations, facilities, faculty and staff, public relations and future plans," Shearin said.

The visiting NASM team of Dr. Peter Gerschelski, chairman of the music department at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and Dr. Robert Steinbauer, music chairman at Manhattan's Kansas State University, spent Sept. 29 and 30 in the Harding department, watching, listening and making suggestions and notes.

The men met with President Clifton Ganus, conferred with University deans and attended all of the music classes. The inspectors completed a written report and presented it to the undergraduate commission of NASM in November. The inspection team commented on the rapidity and accuracy of the self-study report, which was completed last August. They noted the congeniality and professionalism, satisfaction and morale of the music faculty and took particular interest in the apparently productive relationships between the administration, faculty and students.

Suggestions from the team resulted in a number of improvements in the department. A jury system of evaluating private students was set up, giving music faculty committees the responsibility of determining the progress of each student. A faculty committee now will also have opportunity to recommend books, records and scores to supplement the music library, with additional suggestions coming from the students.

Well-defined requirements were set forth for the piano proficiency examination, following guidelines offered by the NASM. All music students must pass the exam to graduate. They are evaluated by the piano faculty, which helps organize the requirements. Many improvements came as a result of the self-study report. The department now offers Bachelor of Music degrees in piano, voice and strings and has exchanged the BA in Music Education for a BME. The music department's section in the school catalog has been revised to make the requirements clearer, too.

Shearin said the department has adopted more of a standard operating procedure since filing the report and evaluating the music field's strengths and weaknesses.

Now, as Davis said, the NASM has "put their stamp of approval on what we're doing here." Harding was not given any restrictions in its accreditation, but additional improvements are still being planned.

Davis said the department will continue to work on student recruiting and involving itself in the lives of the students. The faculty also is making efforts to be more systematic in its keeping track of music graduates. Davis receives job information and interviews former students when he sees opportunity for their placement or advancement.

Fifth Column wins BowlAction; to go to regionals

University College Bowl competition was completed in chapel yesterday when the undefeated team Fifth Column defeated the Mind Brukers.

Thirty-two teams entered the competition this year, which is the most in Harding's history, according to Dr. Fred Jewell, professor of history and one of the Bowl sponsors.

The game pits two teams of four people against each other. They are asked questions covering "literally the whole gambit of human knowledge," said Jewell. The winners of the school's competition make up the core of a varsity team that is sent to regionals in mid-February.

The four members of the winning team plus four all-star players who showed outstanding ability throughout the tournament are eligible for regional competition. Sponsors Jewell, Dr. Dennis Organ, associate professor of English, and Dr. Larry Long, associate professor of English, select five of the final eight to be the traveling squad for regionals.

Harding and approximately 15 other schools from Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas will compete in the tournament. Last year Harding placed third with Tulane University taking first place.

"Coming in third was excellent for us because we're a smaller school," said Jewell. "Each year that we've gone to regionals, we've improved on our record. Last year at the awards ceremony, Harding was given special recognition for coming to prominence."

Dr. Jewell stated that continuing the competition has become easier because of the tremendous support.

"The first year we had the tournament we had more intramural teams enter than Texas A & M," he said.

This year there were no "clear cut winners" at the beginning of the competition, according to the sponsors. It has been a rebuilding year since four of the five members of last year's team graduated.

The four teams that reached the semifinals were Deja Vu, Delta Omega No. 1, Mind Brukers and Fifth Column.
Adaptability needed to cope with change

The Christmas holiday season is traditionally the time for all people to remember each other with kindness and to generate warmth to all men. We can rely on the annual holidays to evoke within us our certain memories and feelings. We cannot forget, though, that change occurs constantly and that we must adapt to change in our not-to-predictable lives.

It would be unusual for the citizens in one community to collect money, clothes, food, lumber and other goods and to give all of these things to residents in a neighboring town. However, this occurred one year ago this week as Searcy and University students helped the residents of Rose Bud recover from the devastation of a series of tornadoes which destroyed much of that town. Change swept through Rose Bud in minutes, but people adapting to that change effectively dealt with the situation.

One year ago this week flooding damaged much land along the White River and especially ravaged the community of Clinton. Truckloads of food, clothing and bedding provided the citizens of Clinton with the materials they needed to keep the problem in check. The adaptability of people to change helped minimize the problem and helped Clinton residents focus on overcoming the situation rather than dwelling on it.

Since change is a constant force, adaptability becomes not only a desired trait but a necessary skill in order to function in the world and in society. This is a lesson that students need to learn well during their time in school. As 133 students prepare to graduate next week and assume their roles in society, they need to be adept at adapting.

Adapting cannot be offered as a course for credit, and it probably will not become a general education requirement. Adapting requires experience in meeting change. Since change is constant, no one needs to search to find it. We need only to face it and be prepared to adjust to its demands.

Hold your memories and traditions and enjoy the present moments. Be ready to add to them this Christmas. Be prepared to adapt as needed to situations that arise. By doing the latter, you will enhance your ability to do the former.

— M. Corrigan

Don't mistake blessings for rights

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Today, if you were to discover a Biblical truth that was contrary to what you had always thought to be true, would you, could you recognize it and accept it? (Since it is Biblical truth we are looking for, please look up the scriptures while reading this article.)

"A suspicious tyrant who executed all potential rivals... A great fire in Rome (64 A.D.) afforded him opportunity to... accuse and prosecute Christians as traitors... (Encyclopedia International) The tyrant was Nero. Christians in the first century were instructed to be obedient to him (1 Timothy 2:13; I Peter 2:13-17). By our Americanized Christian standards we should take up arms against such a form of government (at least if someone else is subjected to it) so that Christianity might have an environment conducive to growth. We are like Peter, taking whacks at the adversary with a sword of steel instead of the sword of God's word (Eph. 6:17). In actuality true Christians (after the pattern of first century Christians) would not have taken part in the American Revolution. They likely would have been classified as Tories, Loyalists, or at least very quiet revolutionaries.

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— M. Corrigan
Movie shows education is more than learning facts

**Movie Review**

**Kim Vinson**

Educating Rita is one of the best movies of the year. It is funny and touching without being overly sentimental. None of the scenes are wasted; each shows some new facet to the growing relationship between teacher and student and the subtle changes that are taking place in their lives.

The highlight of the movie is the dialogue between Caine and Walters. They are the perfect foils for each other as they show how two totally different people can come together and give each other life.

Caine is excellent and gives an outstanding performance as the drunken English professor. He brings a charm and sensitivity to his role as the scholar finding life in the simpleness of his new student.

Educating Rita is Julie Walters' first major film role, and she turns in a very impressive performance. She shows all of the screen presence and skill of a veteran actress. Walters is able to take Rita from one realm of society to another without being false for even a moment. If this performance is the actress' first, I cannot wait to see what she has in store for us next.

Educating Rita has not been widely publicized in the United States. The British film industry has released some excellent films in the past few years: Charlie's Fire, Ghandi, Betrayal, and now, Educating Rita. As in the earlier films, this movie is an example of excellence in acting, screenplay and film-making.

Plan to go see Educating Rita. It is currently showing at the Heights Theater in Little Rock. You will find a film that is entertaining and funny, but at the same time, moving and deep.

Educating Rita is rated PG. I did not understand this rating until the person who saw it with me explained that a lot of unsavory British slang is used. So, if you do not understand this slang, there should be no problem.

**Letters**

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love your neighbor as yourself! ... the second commandment, through which the whole Law is fulfilled (Matt. 22:44; Gal. 5:14). Beware of slick arguments or hypothetical situations which might convince you to do less.

In summary, let me clear up some possible misunderstandings. (1) I love my country, (most people do); (2) I believe in free enterprise and the freedom of individuals. (These are pragmatic issues not religious ones) (3) I believe I would die for my country; however, I have grave doubts about my right or responsibility to take someone else's life for my country. (If I wouldn't kill someone for the Lord's Church, why would I kill someone for an earthly institution, i.e. country or nation? Our warfare is spiritual (II Cor. 10:3, 4). We have very clear instructions as to our relationship with "enemies" and our reaction to evil (see Rom. 12:17-21 and Rom. 13:9, 10). And finally, if this position does not make sense to you, perhaps reading I Cor. 1:18-31 will help.

John E. Keller
Associate Professor of Art

**Christians can't take human life**

To the Editor:

In response to the letter published on November 11 by Mr. Bret Shirley; I have read both letters, the one by Mr. Fuchs of November 4, and the one by Bret Shirley. I would like to ask Bret to take a second time in reading Kevin's letter.

I want to submit to the readers that I cannot see any excuse for a Christian to take human life at any cost. Is this clear? To do so is against the principles of authority from the New Testament.

The Bible gives the Christian the commandment to "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matt. 5:44; Lk. 6:28) When the Roman armies surround Jerusalem (AD 70), the Christians were not commanded to fight, but "to flee to the moun-

tains", (Matt. 24:16) We should teach our people that love will conquer, and that the God of love is our defense. Do you believe that? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom. 8:31, 37-39)

Let us answer this question in a spiritual way, because we are discussing the moral issue of taking life with weapons and violence. Christ told his companion to put down his sword when he struck off the ear of the servant of the high priest, then Christ healed him! (Matt. 26:51-52)

I pray for the relatives of the dead soldiers, but where are the soldiers now? You see, Mr. Fuchs' position has nothing to do with the necessity of fighting for God, spiritually, not physically. Any way you look at it, physical fighting leads to evil. I can serve my country in the Red Cross and heal people. I am not responsible for what they do afterwards.

If we believe that God is for us and on our side, then we can defeat any army that is against us! What is going to save us in America, our weapons, or our faith in God? (Psalms 33:12-22) Who is in control, God or man?

By the way, I believe it is evident by the scriptures above that this is not any man's opinion, but the WILL OF GOD!

Sincerely,

Julio E. Duque

**Messiah deserves public honor**

Dear Editor:

Perhaps many have wondered why I stood for that grand old piece of music written by Handel in his "Messiah." I stood not for tradition alone, but I stood because I think that it is time that we give greater public homage to a Father who has given us a risen Son. We take the time to stand and applaud being all over the world. I think that it would be good for us to stand and give homage to the Father as we read His word in church, chapel, or in other places.

This is one great way in which we can let our non-Christian friends know that our Lord is well and alive today.

May God bless all of you with the peace that can be found only in the reading of His word. While you are home for Christmas break and have nothing else to do, please read the birth and death narratives of our Lord Jesus Christ and you will return to Harding a more dedicated person. I have been greatly honored to study the "Life of Christ" from all four gospel accounts this semester and this study has indeed changed my life.

Your brother in Christ,

David Ransom

PBL supports free enterprise

Dear Editor:

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda is a non-profit vocational student organization, has chosen November 15 as AMERICAN ENTERPRISE DAY.

Free Enterprise simply means you are free to be anything you want as long as you have the enterprise to do it. Where else but America, land of the free, can a football player, peanut farmer, and actor all become the President of his country?

Our founding fathers wanted to ensure our economic freedom because they understood that economic freedom is essential to personal freedom. Economic freedom involves the choice between products, stores, jobs, and living standards. Without economic freedom we are not totally free.

Free Enterprise (or free market economy) involves several basic concepts: private ownership, competition, and the profit motive. These are the basic differences between our economic system and the other forms of economic systems existing in our world.

I believe Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda should be commended for actively supporting the system that has supported America so well for so long.

Sincerely,

Ellen Reid
How do you think the spiritual atmosphere (or spiritual life) on our campus could be improved?

Stephanie White-set, a junior home economics major from Winchester, Ind.

"The spiritual life here at Harding is like the individual spiritual lives of each one of us. We have our ups and downs, our growth spurts and our level periods. The best way I can think of for the body of Christ to improve is to improve the individual parts. Cop out, hmmm? I guess the best answer I can give is prayer. God says to "ask and it shall be given unto you." I'm not sure what God has in store for Harding in the future, but it seems to me if enough concerned Christians are praying about the situation, and doing their best to live their faith, God will cause an increase."

Jerry Neill, a senior Bible and French major from Liverpool, N.Y.

"I think the spiritual life on campus is directly related to the spiritual life of individuals. As individuals, I think we have a need to be more spiritually intimate, to allow ourselves to be known, weaknesses and strengths, sins and successes. The greatest benefit to my spiritual life here on campus has been the weekly times I've gotten together with three special friends. We ask about each other's lives, we express our disappointments and faults, and we pray for each other. This gives me strength to be more spiritual. As individuals, I hope to see us be able to be more intimate and be more open to each other."

Don McLaughlin, a senior Bible major from Portland, Ore.

"Many times the students at Harding expect spirituality to be a tangible item that is provided by Harding, which is paid for in our registration fee. The truth, however, is that spirituality can not be spoon fed from Harding's faculty into students.

Spirituality comes from within, and the only way to improve the spiritual atmosphere at Harding is for each Christian to be committed to the Lord with all his heart. There are no substitutes or shortcuts to spirituality. It is the responsibility of each of us to himself and each other."

Terry Yates, a senior biology major from Fayetteville

"I feel that improving the spiritual life on our campus can only be accomplished through improving the spiritual life of each individual here at Harding. I would like to see the SA sponsor more seminars such as the one presented by James Walters. I feel that that seminar has done more for my spiritual life than a dozen devotionals that we were able to seriously examine a portion of God's word for more than 30-35 minutes."

David Asbill, a junior Bible and management major from Mabank, Texas

"Since we as students have many occasions to grow spiritually here on campus (devos, lectures, teachers, prayer groups, etc.), I don't think the problem is opportunity. So what is it? In my estimation there is a combination of several factors. For instance we always hear from the same group of people at Lily Pool devotions. Therefore only a portion of the campus is affected or appealed to on the whole.

Students would attend functions if their needs were met. I admit some students don't attend because of reasons we think are not valid, but many students are discouraged because they don't get anything out of the services. Some say it's a boring lesson, or not applicable, while others say we rush through the communion.

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Students help to organize telephone counseling service

"You reach out your hand and we'll reach out our's, and together we'll make CONTACT." These words reflect the intent of a newly formed telephone counseling service called CONTACT. Currently gathering volunteers for counseling positions, CONTACT has hopes of filling a need of the community.

"Counselors answer incoming calls from persons experiencing emotional problems or looking for help of various sorts," said Cheryl Willmann, student director of the program. Subjects ranging from wife-beating to drug abuse are all problems that CONTACT deals with.

"Our primary purpose is to be a center of resources," Willmann said. "When a caller phone in, we can assist him in talking about his problem and if need be, we can help him find specific places or services where his needs can be met. We have phone numbers of various social services offered within our community, as well as state and federal services that can be useful."

CONTACT workers gather on Thursday nights with social work instructors and other community professionals who help educate them in ways to counsel callers, and on the aspects of the various social services that are available to the caller. Counselors maintain anonymity. Neither the caller nor the counselor is asked to reveal his identity; often an assumed name is used by both parties in order to make conversation easier. "The phone counselors take the position of a friend who will listen, and they really are, since all have offered their time and effort because of their desire to help others in trouble," Willmann said.

CONTACT, though predominantly manned by students, has hopes of becoming a Searcy community effort. "The program is not just another outreach of the university, but simply an effort in which members of the community and university cooperate," Willmann said. "Students have been great in volunteering their time and support, but what we really need now is for people from the Searcy community to get involved," said Willmann. "If the CONTACT phoneline is going to be successful, we need to keep the phone open on a consistent basis. Since most of our counselors are students, this means that during vacations, most of the counselors will be leaving Searcy. Our pressing need is to find more community people who will help keep the service a credible and consistent service."

The phone counseling service is free and offered to all. The phone is operated daily from 5-11 p.m. It is moving toward 24 hour operation in the future.

Anyone wishing to become involved in the program should phone 268-6161 ext. 425. "It only takes a few hours of your time, but when you get a call, and you were there when someone needed you you can't imagine how valuable that service was," Willmann said.

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Final Examination Schedule

December 10-15, 1983

(For classes extending over two periods, the time of the final examination in the course is determined by the time period in which the course is listed on the class schedule.)

Counselor will meet at 10:45 at HTWT, December 13-15.

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Two-hour classes will schedule finals for the first hour and 40 minutes of the test period. Finals in physical education activity classes and in laboratory classes will normally be given at the last class meeting before the December 10-15 period.

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Quizzes, tests, finals, term papers, projects and parties; the pressures build up to frustrating levels for college students at this time of the year. Yet most students learn over the years how to deal with the strain.

Despite the stresses, many students claim that they enjoy finals week. "It's fun because you just study for one test at a time, and you have more time to play," Jaime Deeter, a senior English major from Kennett, Mo., said.

Becha Evans, a senior art major from Searcy, agreed: "It's my favorite week of the year because I have more free time to spend with my friends."

Student Association president Kyle Beaty, a senior political science major, said, "Things go crazy, and I think everyone's adrenaline starts flowing."

David Wall, a junior marketing major from Goldsboro, N.C., has a tradition that he enjoys the weekend before Dead Week every year. "The Saturday before," he explained, "I always take a nice long drive to Little Rock, eat, have a nice time, and relax. Then I'm ready for Dead Week."

While students may have a good time during finals week, Dead Week, the supposedly weeks too late to rescue grades students said that Dead Week is more than the week of final exams.

"We have projects, tests and regular week of school," Deeter said. "I think it should be the week before those not before the finals themselves."

"Teachers give assignments to b time," Beaty said. "Sometimes it seems to be the week we spend the most time doing something other than final exams.

Students deal with these pressures by doing anything but study. Some study downtown just to get away from the tension building. Some students just take a break from studying and have a nice time doing something other than final exams.

As most students who have bet the semester already know, Deeter said, "dead," because of the pressures a end of the semester and last minute.

According to Dr. Joe Pryor, torn for academic affairs, Dead Week the SA about 20 years ago because more freedom from extracurricular activities.

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help make finals week easier

Despite the fact that Dead Week doesn't start until Wednesday, Pryor chuckled, "it's easier to say Dead Week than Dead Half-a-Week."
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Students active in one-act dramas; plan spring shows

by Ray Goree

It has often been said that "at Harding, we sing." But we also act. This fall a number of students were involved in productions offered by the speech department, including seven student-directed one-act plays.

Kim Hudson directed Visitor from Farveld Hills, a delightful show about the problems of a middle-aged couple who are unable to convince their daughter to come out of the bathroom on her wedding day.

The Pat交流合作 directed by Jeff Johnson, was a spoof on Agatha Christie-type murder mysteries. If Men Played Cards as Women Do poked fun at the bridge party sets of the world. Directed by Ray Lacy, the play showed men playing poker using the mannerisms and conversations that women use in bridge games.

Connie Hill directed Chinasnaps, which showed the problems involved with not knowing who is coming to dinner. The wife is unable to convince her daughter to come out of the bathroom on her wedding day.

The Michigan Christian wins its division of Business Games

Sixteen high schools and junior colleges recently completed eight weeks of decision-making in the 1983 Harding Business Games.

The games were divided into two divisions, high school and junior college. In the high school division, winners in Industry I were: first place, Judsonia High; second place, Lubbock Christian.

The shows offered valuable experience both in directing for the students in the directing class this fall, and in acting for a number of very talented performers.

For those interested in getting involved in drama this spring, auditions for two major productions will be held the first full week of classes for the play Between Two Thieves, to be directed by Robin Miller, and Antigone, to be directed by Morris Ellis.

Scripts for the shows are on reserve in the library.

Ellis is looking for about 30 people for his show, which has six speaking parts, a speaking chorus and a chorus leader.

Antigone deals with the conflict between the rights of the individual to take action and the rights of society to forbid those actions if they seem inappropriate.

Production dates will be March 28-31 at 7 p.m.

Auditions for the show will consist of presentation of a reading. Ellis said. The reading can be provided by the prospective performer or there will be some available at the audition.

Ellis advised those who audition read the script on reserve at the library and note the passages that are marked to be used as part of the auditioning process.

Between Two Thieves is a re-examination of the trial of Christ to see if there is enough evidence to warrant the death penalty.

Auditions will consist of reading sections from the script, Miller said.

The production dates will be Feb. 19-25 at 7 p.m.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Alpha Kappa Phi men's club formed

A new men's social club, Alpha Kappa Phi, recently chartered with 30 members. The club is mainly comprised of members of the disbanded Fraters and Koinoia social clubs and several freshmen who weren't members of any club.

The name was chosen because it means "brothers and friends," according to David Partlow, a member of the club.

The officers are Perry Covington, president; Alan Walters, vice-president; Craig Kisseberth, treasurer; Richie Roth, secretary; Danny Grah, spiritual life director; and Val Hernandez and Mark Forster, junior executive officers. These seven members make up the executive board of the club. The junior executive officers are holding that position "to prepare them for eventual leadership," according to Partlow.

The sponsor for the club is Jack Boustead, assistant professor of physical education and swim coach. Partlow said that the club is currently looking for an additional sponsor.

The queens for the club are Murice Miller and Sheila Sweet.

The club is playing basketball, and according to Partlow, they also plan to be active next semester in bowling, softball, track and swimming.

Official club motto, colors, song and scripture have not yet been chosen.

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Prock has hopeful outlook despite dismal ‘83 football season

by Bobby Davidson

Although Coach John Prock and his Bison football team suffered through a dismal 1983 season which produced a 3-6-1 record, five conference losses, and an epidemic of injuries to key players, an optimistic outlook is held toward the 1984 football year.

"The injury situation," Prock said, "was just unlucky. Not many players stayed healthy, and an epidemic of injuries just hit us. We've been hit a lot harder than we do here at Harding and for that usually prevents a lot of injuries. We were just very unfortunate to lose as many players as we did to injuries. Our defensive line will be rebuilding next season because we're losing more of the line to graduation. On offense, though, most of our line will be returning and the experience will help out tremendously."

"The Bisons will be losing the services of linebacker Greg Poston. He, along with Bobby Jones, was selected to the All-AIC team," Prock said. "Jones, who will be a senior next year, made the All-AIC squad as a kickoff returner, the category in which he led the conference. Jones returned 27 kickoffs for 609 yards, a 24.4 yard average.

Gary Hill, who will also be a senior next year, led the AIC in punt returns with 11 returns for 168 yards, a 15.3 yard average. However, because of a conference rule stating that punt returners must receive a cover of at least one defender, Hill was not eligible. He received only 1.1 punts per game.

In contrast to this season, Prock's ace-in-the-hole for the 1984 football season will be his quarterbacks. "Manny Lowery and Johnny Johnson will be competing for the quarterback spot next year, along with Tal Sanders. All three have a good shot at the position and we've been looking at some excellent quarterback prospects. We'll have quarterbacks running out our ears next season, which is a very good situation to be in," Prock said.

Prock said the starting two games as quarterback, feels he is in a very good position to fill the vacancy left by Darwood Dry.

"I feel very confident about next year. Coach Prock was patient with me last season and gave me the opportunity to get some experience. We have a good running ball club and my main strength is in running the option. This off season I'll work a lot on throwing the ball and lifting weights to get my arm stronger. If I can throw the ball 55 yards by next season, I can be the starter," Lowery said.

A question mark for next season is the knee of tailback Z.C.O. Uhatafe, which was injured seriously in the Southern Arkansas game. Although Uhatafe missed the last two games this season because of surgery on the knee, he finished in the top 10 rushers in the AIC with 546 yards. "Z.C.O. is such a determined football player, he's the kind of guy who will be running and lifting weights as soon as possible. He should be ready when the season begins," Prock said.

Uhatafe echoed Prock's optimism concerning his playing status for next year, saying, "I won't be able to hit during spring training, but I'll be ready to play when the season starts. I'll work on my leg as soon as the doctor takes the cast off. There will be a little bit of fear for me at first because of what happened when I got hurt, but when I start playing again it will be okay." Uhatafe doesn't foresee any danger in taking hits on his injured knee once it has healed.

I don't see any problems with running the ball again, I expect my knee to be the same as it was before. I'll try to protect it all the time," Uhatafe said.

Prock will soon start recruiting new players to fill the holes left in his team by graduation.

1983 TEAM STATISTICS

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'Outstanding' defense leads Bisons to victory in recent basketball games

The Bison basketball team, aided by a strong defense, has managed to post a record of 5-4.

After finishing second to the University of Arkansas at Monticello in the Harding Classic, the Bisons defeated John Brown University Nov. 22, 72-66. In avenging an earlier loss to John Brown, they were led by Floyd Smith with 19 and Allen Gibbons with 15. According to head coach Jess Bucy, the key to the victory was the fine play of guards Floyd and Lloyd.

A week later the Bisons defeated Christian Brothers College at home 66-54, scoring 20 points per game going into the game, to only nine points. Overall, CBC shot 34.5 percent from the floor and only 20 percent in field goals.

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By Vernon Rogers

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Poston proves to be bright spot in disappointing season

by Brent Alexander

Although the Bison football team finished its 1983 season several weeks ago with a disappointing 0-5-1 record in the conference, there were some bright spots to look back on.

Perhaps the brightest was post on. The linebacker from Memphis led the defense with 73 tackles and also had the most unusual occurrence of the year, a 39-yard return for a touchdown. Poston, at 6'4", 230 lbs., was definitely the mainstay of the Bisons' defense this year, heading the list of every defensive category.

The line-backer from Memphis led the Bisons in tackles with 141, in fumble recoveries with four (including a 39-yard return for a touchdown), in passes intercepted with five, in quarterback sacks and was definitely the mainstay of the Bisons' defense this year, heading the list of every defensive category.

The Lady Bisons basketball team has gotten off to a slow start, but the players are optimistic that the team is sure to improve in the near future.

The Lady Bisons are not in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference this year but may elect to get in next season.

Last week's blood draw netted 719 units. The 141 tackles had this year helped him get 39 tackles in his three-year career — second in Bison football history. Poston started his football career at Harding Academy in Memphis. In high school he played linebacker on defense and split end on offense. He came to

Lady Bisons remain enthusiastic despite five losses during first season

Although the Lady Bisons basketball team has gotten off to a slow start, the players are optimistic that the team is sure to improve in the near future.

The Lady Bisons haven't won since last April, 1983, in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. Many losses have been against five losses, having lost to Arkansas College, Mississippi County Community College, Southern Baptist and John Brown University twice.

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"We're getting better," said sophomore forward Barbara Elrod. "We only lost our last game by 28 points!" The girls are setting goals for themselves and reaching some of them. Elrod adds, "We're learning new plays and becoming stronger on defense. We're running more man-to-man defense."

Players from John Brown University told the Lady Bisons that they could really tell a difference in their playing skills during the second encounter.

Blood draw drains 719; spring goal set at 1,200

Last week's blood draw netted 719 units of blood according to Blake Eubanks, Auxiliary representative for the Red Cross.

Eubanks said that this blood draw was the most unusual one he had ever seen, because the units donated increased with each day of the draw. Although the goal of 1,200 units was not reached, Eubanks felt that the draw had been very successful.

The goal for next spring's draw has been set at 1,200 units.

Harding as a freshman looking to be a receiver, but as a sophomore, moved to linebacker and now thinks that there's no better position for him.

Head coach John Prock said he needed a hour and a half to talk about Poston, saying, "He's such a competitor but also one of the most compassionate people when it comes to the team and his family. "He is 100 percent competitive," said Prock. "We asked so much from him. He's had to gamble so much on defense and had to do things he shouldn't have to do because of our injuries. He's always come through for us."

As far as his future is concerned, Poston hopes to graduate next December with a major in Business Systems Analysis. He said he's glad to go to some tryout camps if any of the professional teams seemed to be interested in him.

At 200 lbs., Poston said he's a little light for the pros right now. "I've always wanted to be bigger," he said. Prock agrees, "If we can put some weight on him, he'll be ready for the pros."

Poston said he appreciates all the friends he's made on the team because all the guys seem to be so isolated from the rest of the students during the season. He said the players have become some of his best friends and stated his appreciation for the coaches and all they've done for him to help him get where he is now.

Poston is recognized for his achievements more than just around campus. Prock summed it up, speaking of his All-AIC selection, "He's one of the all-time greats in the conference," he said. "Everybody knows Poston."

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