Two-day Thanksgiving break not likely to be lengthened; attendance policy studied
by Liz Herrel
This week's edition

The Student Association's proposal for a week-long Thanksgiving holiday is likely to be turned down. The attendance policy is still being evaluated for possible revisions as they requested, according to Dr. Neal Pryor, vice-president of academic affairs.

Pryor said that both he and Dr. Clifton Gaus, president of the University, have discussed the Thanksgiving proposal and have decided not to close school for the three days prior to the holiday, as the S.A. suggested.

"I think we have as short a semester as we need to have," Pryor said.

Some of the feedback that Pryor has received concerning the Thanksgiving plan is that if there is going to be a week-long vacation during the fall semester, it doesn't need to be three weeks before the semester ends at Christmas break, he said.

"I think they don't want to give us a holiday. They want it to be right after Thanksgiving. But we don't do that," Pryor said.

"The city doesn't want to give us a holiday," he added.

Pryor said that he might be willing to consider beginning the holiday the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. If school were to start a day earlier in August, Arrival at school one day earlier would mean a streamlining of the current registration process, he said. The S.A. did not ask for specific revisions in the absence policy but for a general revolvement.

The proposal was sent to an ad hoc committee chaired by Dr. Kathleen Shults, dean of the School of Nursing. Members of the committee are Sharon Foster, representing the health center; Dr. Jim Henderson, assistant to the dean of the School of Nursing; Dr. Woodford Wright, chairman of the department of Modern Foreign Languages; and Kyle Beattie, president of the S.A. Foster thinks that the administration or faculty members be allowed to set their own policy for the students, regardless of the reasons for the absences. She said that it would create a more personal relationship between teachers and students and would also "alleviate the burden on the health center."

From the survey the committee hopes to design a specific recommendation for the faculty and administration to improve the attendance policy, she said.

"If we could have our own sister school, they would be allowed to set their policy," Shults said.

"We don't care if you go to a state school, they don't care if you go to class," Shults said.

"A lot of people think that if you go to a state school, they don't care if you go to class, but that is not necessarily true," Foster said.

She said that the responsibility of attending class is left up to the student. "It (the current attendance policy) puts the responsibility on me to decide whether or not the student is sick enough to miss class," she said.

She said that she would like to see a policy which allows students to miss a certain number of absences for a particular class, regardless of medical or any other excuses.

"Foster hopes that by eliminating the requirement to have a written excuse from the nurse, the center will be able to spend more time with students in need of medical care. "When you see more than 100 students in a day, it's like rushing them through an assembly line," she said.

Foster thinks that the administration or department heads should set a policy for faculty members to follow. "There has to be an attendance policy because not all students are responsible enough to go to class on their own," Foster said.

In researching the attendance policy, Shults said that the committee is "examining what they have, hoping to add as soon as possible, and of course, keeping the good parts."

Foster said, "I think we have come a long way, but we have a long way to go."
Nurse or excuse writer?
The SA has asked that the University's class attendance policy be evaluated. The policy as stated in the handbook gives each teacher the right to set his own policy. The major problem does not seem to be the policy per se, but the requirement of written excuses from the nurse for absences due to illness. The removal of this requirement could be beneficial in several ways.

First, it would reduce the number of students who invade the health center merely seeking excuses for reasons other than valid medical problems. That students abuse the center is shown by the number of excuses written by the center, which has decreased drastically since Sharon Foster, director of the center, began requiring that students see her before obtaining an excuse.

A change in the system would keep students who are actually too ill to leave their dorm room from having to go to the nurse to be excused from class. It would also take the responsibility of determining who is sick enough to miss class from Foster and give it to the students.

But would that responsibility be transferred to the teacher? Wouldn't he also be swamped by students asking to be excused? Hopefully not.

As Abilene Christian University states in its attendance policy, "A good and honest rapport with each teacher is very important." If the policy is changed, students will quickly realize the value of good student-teacher relations. Instead of sleeping, reading or writing letters in class, they will try to keep that rapport with the teacher.

This will also force students to learn part of the public relations skills they will need to survive in the work world: When he misses work, an employee must explain to his superior; but he is not required to show them a doctor's note testifying that he was ill.

Obviously, if a class lecture is not interesting or relevant, the student is more apt to miss class and abuse the system. In this case the policy change should motivate teachers to make classes important enough that students will not want to miss them. Those teachers who currently have no attendance policy often have the least problem with student attendance because their lectures are crucial to those who want to do well.

We realize that some students are not mature enough to be without some type of attendance policy. But we believe that people rise to what is expected of them. Because college is a time to learn to accept responsibility and develop rapport with others, and because we would like to see the health center used as a health center and not an excuse center, we would like to see a change in the requirement of written medical excuses.

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God provides strength in weakness

Struggling is a normal collegiate activity. So many times we are presented with obstacles and barriers that seem insurmountable. The struggle may be a required course in our major, and the Lord knows how difficult some required courses are, especially in a semester when we want to graduate so much. But it is the times when we realize just how inadequate we are that the Lord chooses to make us strong.

How do we view struggles? Sometimes we are afraid to admit that we are involved in one. We feel that we shouldn't have to work as hard as we are, or that we are of such super intellect that such a trivial thing as academics shouldn't ruffle our feathers. But when we are faced with the awesome responsibility of pulling a grade up to acceptable standards, we find ourselves in one of life's little struggles.

These struggles afflict different people in different ways. Needless to say we should have had it all together in the beginning so we wouldn't find ourselves in such a situation. But we are real red-blooded University students, so we will dismiss the notion that from day one we have been perfect.

How do we deal with the inner struggle of knowing that we could have done better if we had just put out in the beginning? How do we deal with the struggle in knowing that we are going to have to work like a maniac to do what we know we are capable of producing?

Realize that your salvation isn't dependent on a grade at the semester's close. We must never allow grades, tests or teachers' expectations to shift our focus from Jesus Christ, our Lord. You might think that you would never allow your faith to take a lower position than school. Don't kid yourself — and don't lie to God! It takes little, if any, effort to place the things of this world before our view of the cross.

It takes more effort in a time of struggle to realize that we are what we are by the grace of God. And when all is said and done we are at best unprofitable servants in the eyes of the Father.

After we realize that we are involved in a struggle and know that above all else our faith is secure, we need to do what we know we should and quit worrying. In our struggles if we accept that in all Christ is Lord of our lives — we are molded into more perfect vessels for God's glory. Our weaknesses are made into strengths for the Lord, and we move closer to the kingdom.

Excuse us

In the article about the Petit Jean's All American rating in last week's Bison, Mariann Cox was inadvertently left out of the list of editors. She served as copy editor for the 1983 Petit Jean.

Also, senior Becky Maupin was not listed among those who attended the Alpha Chi convention in Louisiana. She presented a dramatic reading of works by Ray Bradbury, John Silkin and Randall Jarrell.

Photography Scholarships

The Bison is accepting applications for Photography Editor for the 1984-85 academic year. The position offers a $500 scholarship. Each applicant should send a letter of application and samples of his work to Dr. Dennis Organ, faculty sponsor, at campus mail box 811 or American Studies Room 308, no later than Monday, April 16.
Country music lovers not disappointed by Milsap

More than 2,700 country music fans converged in Benson Auditorium, entertainer Ronnie Milsap came from a Nashville recording session to the Benson stage, and the concert was a hit Friday night. Neither Milsap nor the enthusiastic crowd was let down by the evening's event.

Amid much picture-taking, Milsap started out with an up-tempo rendition of "What a Difference You've Made In My Life." After showing the crowd that the night's mood was not going to be all syrupy mood music, Milsap broke into one of his more recent hits, "Don't You Know How Much I Love You!"

Milsap then started into a conversation with the crowd about how grateful he was for them making his dream come true. He talked about the varied success he has had with country music, saying that he is very proud to have a total of 16 albums to date. To finish the evening, Milsap soared up to a towering A-flat and almost only be described as worldly, but they listen in the privacy of their rooms and must answer to their own consciences. For Harding to allow Milsap, or any performer, to present their own worldliness on stage is a case of very poor judgement.

searches your RAM, finds what you need and lets you change it.

140 - The third kind of memory is the kind that stores the information you give to a computer but does not allow the computer to read it. This is WAM, or "write only memory." It is completely useless because the computer does not know what you have told it since it can not read your input. You can not just write it. Because of its utter uselessness, WAM is the memory the computer likes to use most frequently.

150 - There must be some of you who are getting a headache from all this, so the next line is for you.

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170 - Now that you understand how to put information into a computer and how the computer forgets it, the next step in the process is to learn how the computer gives information back to you.

180 - The computer gives you information through the use of a "symbolic stack dump." You are aware that letters and numbers are only symbols; they make sense because the symbols have been assigned meaning. The computer gives those symbols to you in a stack dump so that you get all the information at one time. If you had to read the results of a program one letter or number at a time, it would take you a long time to get any meaning from the output. By using the symbolic stack dump, the computer is making it easy for you to read the results of your program.

190 - You should see now why you need to be precise in talking to a computer. In order for it to get information, play with it and give it back to you, it has to understand you. That is one of the good things about a computer; it is very understandable.

200 - Although a computer has a great deal of memory, it is willing to forget disagreements with you. If you have been working on a program for four or five days and are getting nowhere, you might understandably become frustrated with the computer. But a computer holds no grudges - if you just type "PURGE ALL FILES - EXIT," the computer is willing to let bygones be bygones and just forget everything.

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Letter to the editor

Cooperation requested with surveys, elections

Dear Editor:

In the last BluePrint readers have been concerned with this problem. As the final decision concerning this issue is to be made by the administration.

Due to the fact that the SA is the only legitimate representative of the student body, we consider it a responsibility to properly reflect student sentiment concerning the survey.

In order to gauge student sentiment concerning the survey, the administration.

In the process.

Sincerely,

Kyle B. Beatty
Student Association President
**Sexuality to be theme of social work seminar**

By Kay Greene Walker

The seminar was designed with students in mind. The issues that will be discussed are of a sensitive nature that could lead to concern on the part of some people. Concerning possible criticisms, Mary Shock, director of the University’s social work program and advisor to the students planning the seminar, said that she is hopeful that no problems will occur. “It’s been approved and the speakers are qualified professionals. The students need to be informed about their own sexuality,” Shock said.

The professionals scheduled to speak include Dr. Joel Johnson of the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis who will discuss “Accepting Your Own Sexuality,” Dr. Susan Mirror of the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) will speak on the topic of sexual dysfunctions.

Two members of the University faculty will speak during the seminar. Dr. Lew Moore, director of counseling services, will deal with issues involving the sexual relationship in marriage, and Dr. Dwight Ireland, assistant professor of psychology, will discuss the topic the homosexuality. “Developing Your Child’s Sexuality” will be the topic of Joanne Carder of the UALR Graduate School of Social Work.

The seminar is under the direction of Dorough, Sharon Layne, John Maceky and Becky Taylor. It will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students who attend will be excused from their classes and from chapel, and admission is free.

**Education loans available for state residents**

Arkansas residents can receive financial assistance for college costs if they either live in rural areas or are planning to teach math or science in an Arkansas secondary school.

Loans are available from the Arkansas Rural Endowment Fund, Inc. (AREF) which has helped 194 students attend Harding since the fund began operations in 1989, according to an AREF brochure. Additionally, 250 White County residents have received loans which cover a sufficient amount to meet educational costs,” according to the AREF official.

Borrowers must attend a school in Arkansas and they may train in any occupation or profession, although, according to AREF literature, “training in fields that will benefit rural areas will receive preference.” Students who are away from home attending college should contact their home county’s Cooperative Extension Service to apply for a loan. Anyone interested can also write to Arkansas Rural Endowment Fund, Inc. 1306 West Fourth, P.O. Box 760, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

Under the Emergency Secondary Education Loan (Math-Science) Program enacted by the legislature in 1985, residents can receive loans of up to $2,500 per academic year, according to a news release from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. If a recipient teaches math or science in Arkansas for five years after he graduates he does not have to repay the loan. Applicants must be U. S. citizens, enrolled as full-time students in an eligible Arkansas institution and satisfactorily meet academic standards.

For more information, write to: Larry Snow, Arkansas Department of Higher Education, Math-Science Loan Program, 1305 West Seventh, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. Deadline for applications for the 1984-85 school year is June 15.

**More volunteers needed to work in Special Olympics next Saturday**

Volunteers are still needed to help with the Special Olympics to be held at the Scarey High School stadium next Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to Phil Watkins, assistant professor of physical education and coordinator of volunteers for the event.

“More individuals have signed up to help this year, but fewer social clubs have volunteered,” he said.

Holding the conclusion of the day away from campus and the occurrence of Spring Sing the following week are the two main reasons for the fewer number of volunteers, according to Watkins.

“Last year the Special Olympics were held at the high school field because the University’s track had just been resurfaced and couldn’t be used. Area special education teachers voted to use the high school field again because it is a more confined area than Alumni Field, and it’s easier to keep the kids corralled there,” Watkins said.

Regarding Spring Sing, he said that one other time the Special Olympics were the week before the show and that reduced the number of volunteers. “People are busy around the time of the show with rehearsals,” Watkins said.

Lori Henley, a senior special education major, wrote a letter to social clubs asking for more clubs and individuals to volunteer. She said that a week later the letter went out that “30 or 60 more people” were still needed.

“Runners are needed — people to go up in the stands and bring the kids down for their events,” Henley said.

Workers can volunteer for the morning, afternoon or all day, according to Watkins. “To sign up, just come the athletic center office and fill out a form,” he said.

**Preregistration opens for fall semester**

Preregistration for the 1984 fall semester is now in progress. Juniors and seniors began preregistering on March 28, sophomores will begin on April 9 and freshmen on April 16, according to Virgil Beckett, University registrar.

If preregistration is not completed, students must wait until Aug. 27 to register, Beckett said.

The following steps should be taken to complete preregistration:

- Pick up a trial study schedule and a registration card in the foyer of the Administration Building.
- Complete the trial study schedule with your academic advisor.
- Take completed registration card to the business office
- Take stamped registration card and trial study schedule to Admissions 212 and have your classes entered in the computer.

Registration for Intersession will be April 23-24. Summer school registration for both terms will be April 25-27.

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Beaus and queens: more than coaching, Rice Krispie treats

by Rick Beckler

The signs are obvious. The guy is beaming. He has on a t-shirt jersey with "Mary" on the back and he walks around for two or three days with his hands full of cookies that’ve been stuffed in his mailbox. He is a new inductee to the phenomenon of being a Beau for a woman's social club.

A Beau is fairly easy to spot also. Her new jersey is three sizes too big; she is getting about fifty hugs a day from the men's club members that selected her and she has a worried expression on her face because she wishes she had paid attention when her mother was trying to teach her that new icing recipe.

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Senior Wade Rowland and Cheri Lewis, queens for King's Men social club, prepare refreshments for the next club meeting.
Students run for SA offices; president

by Liz Herrel

The Elections Committee approved ten students to run for the Student Association executive offices this week, which included five presidential candidates.

The five candidates for president are senior Cindy Billingsley, junior Todd Gentry, junior Lonnie "Lonzo" Jones, senior Kent Means, and junior Mike Stewart.

Running unopposed for vice president is junior Brad Burt. Candidates for the office of treasurer are sophomore Jason Dean, sophomore David Stills and sophomore David Wall. Cary Gilbert, a sophomore, is running unopposed for secretary.

Junior economics major Mark Dillingham of Lansing, Mich., will be a write-in candidate for secretary.

Elections will be on Wednesday and runoffs, if necessary, will be next Friday. The ballots will be in the Student Center from 9:45 a.m. until 5 p.m.

On Tuesday the presidential candidates will give their speeches to the student body in chapel to discuss their platforms. A brief synopsis of each candidate's platform and his or her background is listed below.

Cindy Billingsley, a senior systems and accounting major, from Lemoore, Calif., has been involved in student government and national committees at California Polytechnical University. She is an officer in the Data Processing Club, a member of the American Studies program, Phi Beta Lambda, College Republicans and Tri-Sigma Delta social club.

Billingsley plans to establish more improvements in food services, and she wants to continue the positive attitude with the administration that this year's S.A. has already started.

"I like the direction the SA has taken within the past year . . . especially the positive attitude with the administration."

— Cindy Billingsley

Three of the presidential candidates, Todd Gentry, Lonnie Jones, and Lonzo Jones, are running unopposed.

Gentry is a junior Bible major and business minor from Troy, Ill. and his plans for physical improvements in food services, arid she said, "I want people to be proud to be here."

— Todd Gentry

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— Lonnie Jones

"I want to improve the system of withdrawing the money from the accounts in the business office."

Gentry said he would like to work on getting the library open on Friday nights. His plans for physical plant include fixing the holes in the parking lots by the dorms, he said.

"Harding takes on an attitude because of each person's attitude," he said. "I want people to be proud to be here."

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Chairman for the SA, and currently teaches Bible classes in Velvet Ridge. He will be preaching for the next eight weeks in Salem. He is a beau for Tofteb women's social club and a member of King's Men social club.

Jones said that he uses a little slogan to typify his campaign, "What you get out of something depends on what you put into it." He said that he plans to give "his all" and "be enthusiastic" in order to get positive results.

"I would be willing to give the time and effort necessary to make things happen," Jones said.

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Mike Stewart, a junior accounting major from Birmingham, Ala., is currently the SA treasurer, and was treasurer of his freshman and sophomore class. He is a member of the American Studies Program, Pi Gamma Psi, Delta Mu Delta and TNT social club.

"The daily association with Kyle (current SA president) has allowed me the opportunity to observe firsthand the mechanisms of running a student government," Stewart said.

He said that he plans to continue the current success of the SA and use this
Library can be helpful as filing deadline nears

By Linda Ford

Are you single and did you earn at least $1,500 last year? Are you married and did you and your spouse earn $3,000 or more during 1983? Are you dependent? Did you collect over $1,000 in unearned income last year? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may have to file an 1983 income tax return by April 15. Others who must fill out an IRS form include those who were self-employed and made at least $400 during 1983, those who received tips on the job and people who paid into Social Security during the year.

According to the federal government, if you fall into any of the above categories you are probably a number of people who are required to file an income tax return. The deadline for mailing the 1983 form to the IRS is only 10 days away, there are probably a number of University students who have not filed their tax returns.

Any information that could be needed in filling out an IRS form can be found in the University library, according to Henry T. Verrill, assistant librarian for government documents. The library has "anything having to do with taxes," he said. "We have all that is sent out from the government printing office to us as a federal depository library.

There are several instructional IRS booklets concerning tax returns on reserve at the library's front desk. One booklet, "Your Federal Income Tax," contains a simple chart explaining who is required to file a tax return. Also on reserve is "Tax Publications," which contains the IRS' most requested publications.

Several specialized booklets not on reserve are shelved in the reference room under number 722.44. These are directed at the tax questions of particular groups such as students, foreign scholars and religious workers.

If the thought of reading all that print makes you want to forget about completing and filing your tax return, the White County Library may be able to help you. They have cassettes containing line-by-line instructions for filing out tax forms.

For further tax information Tele-Tax information service provides recorded tax information on a variety of tax topics. A brochure containing Tele-Tax information numbers and newly revised tax topics can be found at the front desk at the University library.

Terror said the library workers cannot answer tax questions, but can guide people to information. Students who need personal

PBL chapter places third in state

The University chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national collegiate business organization, placed third in sweepstakes and won six of the 15 events they entered in the annual state competition in Little Rock on March 28 and 29.

First place winners were David Swanson, Business Law; Bruce Pickering, Job Interview; Lorrie Young, Data Processing I; Dean Burton, Data Processing II; Cindy Costello, Administrative Assistant Typing; and Stephanie Carter, who was appointed state parliamentary.

Placing second were Charles Dupre, Bruce Chilton and David Swanson, Business Decision-making; Charles Dupre, Impromptu Speaking; Karl Smith, Accounting I; Cassandra Martin, Marketing; and Kelly Rowland, Management.

Third place winners were Tim Thrasher, Accounting II; Stephanie Carter, Jimmy Benny, Kevin Thompson, Roger Hubred and Mike Britton, Parliamentary Procedures.

Each event had approximately 36 entrants, according to Dr. D. P. Diffel, faculty advisor.

First place winners will attend the national competition in Atlanta in July.

French club visits New Orleans

The University French Club, Le Cercle Francais, toured southern Louisiana and New Orleans last Thursday through Sunday and visited the history of the French and their culture in Louisiana.

The trip was the highlight of the club's spring semester activities and the first trip to New Orleans, according to senior Kirk Eckerberg. "We've been talking about going to New Orleans for four years, and we finally went," Eckerberg said.

The group toured through several cities in Cajun country visiting historical sites and places of interest, including several Antebellum homes. They also toured New Orleans.

Team members Eddie Heaton, Glenn Carr, Ed Elliott and Bradley Yarborough were presented plaques for winning the computer programming contest March 24 which was the second contest sponsored by the mathematics department and the School of Business.

Nine problems were presented to the eleven participating teams. The teams were judged according to the number of problems solved during four hours. Both the winning team and a team consisting of Bob Key, Dewanye Agin, Floyd VanPool and Mike Vinten had completed five questions at the end of the period, but the first place team had used the shortest amount of time.

The contest was coordinated by David Kratzer, assistant professor of math and computer science, and Dr. Stephen Baber, associate professor of math and computer science. Members of the computing faculty from both the math department and the School of Business judged the contests.

According to Kratzer, the faculty attempted to make the questions challenging. "We tried to be creative in our problems," he said.

The contest problems are posted on the bulletin board outside of the computer center in the Mabee Business Building.

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Buck Night, rustic atmosphere contribute to Rialto’s charm

by Jaime Deeter
Bison Staff Writer

Walking double-file to the downtown theater, the Rialto, was a major event at Harding College in 1941. Back in the days of inexpensive entertainment, going to the Rialto in couples (a rule — whether a date or not!) was a highlight of the weekend. Although the University and campus life have undergone many changes since then, the Rialto remains a permanent fixture in Searcy.

Currently, the popular attraction at the Rialto is Tuesday's Buck Night. Jane Easley, manager of the theater, said it began about two or three years ago when the theater chain which owns the Rialto designated one night of the week as Buck Night. Now, every Tuesday, unlike the other nights of the week, a crowd gathers to see a relatively recent release.

This week’s feature was the hit movie “Footloose.” Lines for the first show extended around the corner and down about a block an hour before the show was scheduled to start. Both shows were sold out and the large crowds pushed and shoved each other for an hour or so in front of the theater.

According to Easley, Buck Night sold out every week when it first started. There is still a good crowd, but the numbers have become more manageable recently.

Easley said the Buck Night crowd consists equally of “townies” and Harding students, and both sometimes create trouble with an unusually high noise level. “Several times I've had to stop the movie until the crowd calms down. They get rowdy on Buck Night for some reason. It’s not as bad on other nights,” she said.

Easley thinks that sometimes groups of Harding students come just to “have a party for a buck” and are sometimes chronic and take advantage of the situation. But she said that most of the real trouble comes from younger kids, and added that she's glad Harding students come to the Rialto.

Students are sometimes annoyed when they have been to the first showing and upon leaving the theater find the crowd for the late show crammed up to the doorway, so that exiting is extremely difficult. Easley said there is just no solution to this problem, because there is no set time for the second showing. It begins when the first showing ends, no matter how short or long. The first show, however, always begins at 7 p.m. sharp.

Students think of the Rialto, (or the Rathole, “as they call it) as an old-timey theater. Antique curtains draw across the screen add to the stuffy atmosphere. The old concrete walls that absorb all sound and the Rialto’s aging speaker system contribute to poor acoustics.

Chuck Fuller, a junior from Millington, Tenn., compares the Rialto to something that might be found in a town like that of “Mayberry, R.F.D.,” but says that it is more fast-paced. “I go several times during the semester,” he said. “It’s old and kind of run-down, but sometimes you can see a good movie for a dollar.”

Laura White, a junior who has grown up in Searcy, said that she doesn’t really think about going to the Rialto unless there is a “big” movie showing. “It’s just not one of the places to go, and there’s too much else going on at school.” She said that during the summer, summer school students sometimes get together and go on Buck Night but hardly ever go on weekends.

Junior Steve Harris and sophomores Grant Deeter and Keith Jones said they sometimes go with a bunch of guys — if there’s absolutely nothing to do and if there are no tests the next day. “There are usually quite a few people from Harding there, which makes it more fun to go. People will go after they’ve already seen the movie once just to have a good time,” they said.

Fuller agreed and added, “Especially when it’s crowded. It’s fun to see how the townspeople act — people you don’t see at school all the time.”

For Kyle Beatty, a senior, the theater brings back memories of campus movies. “Sure, I go to the Rathole on Buck Night every once in awhile,” he said. “It reminds me of rowdy crowds when movies used to be in the Main Auditorium of the Administration Building.”

For a buck, students don’t seem to mind the spilled Coke on the floor and the popcorn-splattered aisles. And they can endure the overcrowded doorways between the first and second showings.

As Fuller put it, “I’m glad it’s here. It’s a rustic place, but it’s a nice alternative available every once in awhile.”

A crowd gathers at the Rialto theater, proving that waiting is worth it when a ticket costs only a dollar together and go on Buck Night but hardly ever go on weekends.
Championship requires more than raw talent

Monday night most of us watched Georgetown defeat Houston in the NCAA basketball championship game, 84-75. How could anyone predict the outcome of a game like this one when the two teams were so alike in many ways, yet so different? I was wrong. I picked Houston to beat Georgetown only because I thought it was due time for Houston to blow someone out like they did against Louisville last year.

The final games of the NCAA basketball games do not have a direct bearing on very many things here at Harding, but they rank only behind the Super Bowl and World Series as being the most popular sporting event in America. The game was a perfect example of what can happen to a team that plays the smartest with what they have and that doesn’t have to depend entirely on raw talent. Houston's starting five were some of the most talented players in college basketball, but that's about as far as it goes. Although one of the most physical teams, Houston was not disciplined. Because of that, they played in spurts, having a good game one week and maybe a bad one the next. Really, Houston had only one game the whole tournament where they played to their potential — that against Wake Forest. Georgetown, on the other hand, had been playing very consistently during the tournament and therefore, didn’t have to worry about whether they would be 'on' or 'off'.

Georgetown came out on the floor with their heads on straight and their minds in the game. They knew exactly what they wanted to do — bring Houston's defense out, then get the ball in the middle and look for the high-percentage shot with their 3-on-2 situations. Georgetown's guards played very well for the most part, considering the smothering press that Houston showed during some of the game.

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Pitching highlights Bison wins over OBU in doubleheader

by Shawn Goodpaster

Helped by the pitching of Steve Pilkington and the base stealing of Randy Hindman, the Bisons topped OBU. In the first game, the scoring for Harding started in the second inning, when shortstop Hindman, after stealing second and then third base, scored on an error by an OBU fielder. In the third inning, Hindman got on base with a single, stole third and later was sent home by Bruce Brantley's sacrifice.

In the sixth, Billy Tucker extended the Bisons' lead to 3-0 by being driven on Payton Burgess' single. Making up for the lackluster show of hitting was Pilkington's pitching eleven strikeouts and his allowing only four hits and two walks.

The nightcap scoring also began in the second inning, when Hindman and Marty Ninemire Tucker singled in the third, driving home Dale Barches.

In the sixth, with the Bisons down 4-3, Hindman and Greg Thompson both got on base with singles. Hindman scored on an OBU error and Thompson reached home on Ninemire's sacrifice fly.

The lead was secured in the seventh inning, when freshman Jay Wescaver scored. He was pinch-running for Kevin Mangrue.

Starting pitcher Jimmy Sites upped his record to 2-1, striking out six and walking two. Steve Pilkington, who relieved Sites in the seventh and final inning, picked up his second save of the season.

The Bisons' wins were also highlighted by Hindman's all-around performance. While going 4 for 5 with five runs, Hindman stole five bases to increase his season total to 16. He is on the pace necessary to reach the school record of 22 and the AIC record of 30.

The Bisons face AIC for University of Arkansas-Monticello tomorrow at 1 p.m. on their Jerry Moore Field, while next week the team will travel to Little Rock to face University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

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SA polls students on club inducitions;
recommends smaller meal ticket

The Student Association voted Tuesday night to send out a survey to the student body about the proposals of the InterClub Council (ICC) regarding club induction, and to recommend a smaller meal ticket for American Heritage Caterer.

The proposals were sent to the ICC on Thursday night, and the induction period from one month to two weeks and to move it to after midterm week of the fall semester.

The SA sent the survey out this week, and President Kyle Beaty asked that they be returned by Monday. The questionnaire examines student opinion on the length of club induction activities, the scheduling of the activities, and the effect the timing will have on club sports.

"Specifically," the questionnaire says, "the Student Association would like to know if the Club membership is aware of the implications of the suggestions of the ICC, and if the Club has the opportunity to ratify (vote) on decisions made by their ICC representatives."

Beaty explained, "What I'm concerned about is the representative nature of the Golfer take third in AIC competition

The Bison golf team finished third in the first round in AIC competition at Belvedere Country Club in Hot Springs Tuesday.

Arkansas Tech placed first with a score of 288, followed by Henderson State with 291 and the Bisons at 327. Harding's top golfer was Mike Siegert, who finished with 77, only one stroke above Arkansas Tech's Sam Hardin, the top finisher of the round.

The golfers will travel to Little Rock Wednesday to compete in round two of the competition at Hindeman Country Club.
Boxer takes state title, loses at Mid-South Regional

by Bobby Davidson
Bison Staff Writer

Sophomore Dave Hicks, one of two Harding students competing in the Arkansas Golden Gloves tournament in Little Rock on March 24, won the state championship in the 147-pound welterweight division, which qualified him to fight in the regional championship where he was narrowly defeated in his first match.

Lowell Marchant, a 20-year-old freshman majoring in business management and physical education, also fought. Hicks, a 20-year-old management major from Davenport, Iowa, didn't begin boxing until he was a senior in high school. Before his Golden Gloves bouts, Hicks had only two fights under his belt, both victories by knockout. He overcame his relative inexperience, however, as he showed his boxing ability and won the state championship.

In the preliminary round of the Golden Gloves tournament, Hicks, who represents the Ray Rodgers Boxing Club, knocked out Robert Ray of the Knox Nelson Boxing Club in just over a minute in the first round.

"I was a little bit worried going in because I hadn't seen the guy fight before, so I didn't know what he could do. I was planning to just take my time and box with him, but I got him in a corner and ... I just started punching."

—Sophomore Dave Hicks

Hicks, a veteran of 81 fights with a record of 61 wins and 30 losses, was planning to just take his time and box with his first opponent but was unable to fight because of an injury to his right elbow. The fight was called off on the first round, and Hicks was eliminated from the tournament.

The following night, Hicks fought Wardell Barber, also of Ray Rodgers, for the Arkansas State Championship.

"I had seen Wardell fight before, and I knew that I'd have to be the aggressor. He's taller and weighs more, so I had to rely on my jab and quickness to beat him," Hicks explained.

Hicks won all three rounds of the championship bout, qualifying him for the Mid-South Regional in Jackson, Tenn.

The first opponent matched up against Hicks was Mark Taylor of Jackson, Tenn., a veteran of 81 fights with a record of 61 wins and 30 losses. Hicks won the first round over Taylor, who bounced back in the second round and knocked out Marchant with a left hook. The fight stood even going into the third and final round which, according to Hicks, could have gone either way.

The panel of five judges awarded the victory to Taylor in a close decision; three judges scored the fight 59-58 in favor of Taylor and two tallied the score at 58-57 for Taylor.

Taylor stated that, although he plans to box a little bit longer, it doesn't fit into his future plans.

"It's not totally out of the question yet; I really haven't decided how long I'll keep on boxing. I think that after I get out of school, I'll be busy with things that are more important to me," Hicks stated.

Fighting in the 178-pound light heavyweight class, Marchant knocked out his first opponent but was unable to fight the next night because of a hyperextended elbow.

"The injury happened in the second round; I went over the top ropes and out of the ring, and the guy I was fighting also fell out and landed on top of me," Marchant said.

The fall hyperextended Marchant's left elbow but, being a very determined fighter, he got back in the ring and dominated his opponent until the referee stopped the fight, giving Marchant the victory by technical knockout.

"I wasn't able to fight the next night for the championship because of my injured elbow. I was let down, to say the least because of all the training I had done, but I'm just glad that I beat the first guy," Marchant commented.

Marchant will continue his boxing experience as he travels in June to New York City for a tournament and in July to St. Louis for further training in full-contact karate.