HUF summer session approved to start in 1986

A summer semester program at Harding University in Florence (HUF) will begin in the summer of 1986, according to Dr. Don Shackelford, HUF director. The summer semester will allow more students the opportunity to study and travel in Europe.

The decision to start the program was made three weeks ago by Shackelford, University president Dr. Clifton Ganus, Jr., and Dr. Neale Pryor, vice president for academic affairs.

Thirty-five to 40 students, the normal number of students attending a HUF session, will be in Europe from May 15 to Aug. 15. Students will be able to earn up to 16 hours of credit in general education courses during the session. Expenses for the summer session will be the same as in the fall and spring semesters (about $1,900 more than regular University tuition and fees).

This is not the first time a summer HUF session has been attempted. In the summer of 1980, students from the Art department and the School of Business conducted departmental tours. Shackelford said two major problems developed: the brief amount of time spent here did not allow students to "get a feel for Europe," and a large number of students participating in the summer meant very few (11) signed up for the following fall program.

The new summer program is hoped, meanwhile, to reduce the number of students placed on the waiting lists for the current sessions. The HUF sessions for this spring and the fall and spring sessions of the 1985-86 school year are "all booked up," Ganus said, adding a summer session would allow 120 to travel to Italy annually, compared to the current 70-80.

Shackelford said the program would also allow certain students, such as nursing majors, to go who could not otherwise. "If they're locked into a major that requires certain courses in the spring that they can't get any other time, this will permit them to go." It was also hoped certain faculty members will be free to teach in HUF.

Another factor leading to the establish­ment of the summer HUF involved the school's II Palazzacco villa purchased last July. Because of the fact that the University must pay for a caretaker family to maintain the villa and its grounds during the summer, it would be financially better to occupy the villa during the season.

The format of the summer program: will not differ much from the fall and summer sessions. Each week, students will attend classes for four days, while the rest of the week is reserved for travel. The warm weather, however, will allow for more outdoor activities, Shackelford said.

The biggest drawback with a summer session, said Shackelford, is "it is during the height of the tourist season, a situation that will force us to make sure to plan all the field trips ahead of time."

"The only thing it could affect adversely would be, as when they're (the students) are on their own, finding accommodations," he added.

Faculty for the 1986 summer session include: Dr. Joe Pryor, professor of physical science, teaching physical science and earth science and assisting with the humanities classes; Tom Bass, assistant professor of Bible, teaching and resident associate HUF director Terry Edwards, teaching music appreciation and Italian.

Eddins, in commenting about being chosen of the summer HUF faculty said his family was excited about the opportunity, adding, "The girls are old enough to enjoy nights they'll see." Pryor, having served on the Harding faculty for 41 years, said he will be making his first journey to Europe.

34 students, 2 faculty members leave for Italy in HUF program

Thirty-four students left campus Wednesday morning for three months of study and travel at the Harding University in Florence, Italy (HUF). Two other students plan to join the group on their way to Florence, Jan Coker in Atlanta and Laura Daniel in Amsterdam, and Kevin Klein is waiting on the group in Florence.

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Two faculty members, Dr. Karyl Bailey, professor of physical education, and Dr. Ken Davis, professor of music and chairman of the music department, are accompanying the group as teachers. Associate HUF director Terry Edwards is in residence at the Florence villa.

The group left from the front of the American Heritage building at 9 a.m. Wednesday. A bus took them to Little Rock, where they boarded a plane to Atlanta. From Atlanta they flew on to Amsterdam, and they will travel by train from there to Florence.

The students were on campus Monday and Tuesday for registration, orientation and classes. Other things that had to be done included buying last-minute items and packing, each student allowed only two suitcases and one carry-on bag. Students also spent their few days here visiting with friends and talking to old HUF students about their experiences.

During the semester the students will take a group tour of Athens. Each will have a Eurail pass for travel. Also, several students plan to stay after the conclusion of the HUF program for individual travel or for international campaigns.

This group will be living in Harding's recently purchased villa. The top floor of the villa is used for dorm rooms. Downstairs are the classrooms, library, kitchen and staff offices. Located in the basement is what the students call "the dungeon," a spot where they can play games, relax and visit.

Courses offered this spring include Italian, a humanities survey course, music history, music appreciation, Bible classes on the life of Paul and Biblical archeology, the introduction to physical education, snow-skiing and conditioning activities.

A new course being discussed for the HUF program next fall is a class of orientation to European studies, a one-hour class designed to help the students survive in Europe, according to Dr. Don Shackelford, director of the HUF program. The class will acquaint the students with the cultures and customs of Europe, maps and railroad schedules.

The students participating this semester are: Ben Anderson, Andy Benney, Mark Brown, Mark Christaldi, Tom Covington, Mike Davis, John Farner, Alan Granberg, John Madden, Paul Maynard, John Park, David Rector, Trey Reely, Mark Rowland, Eddie Shields, David Stills, Jay Wals, Kevin Klein, Lori Bailey, Jan Coker, Laura Daniel, Laura Davidson, Kelly DuVall, Kristie Gillette, Karen Hays, Holly Hooper, Laura Kilien, Dana Latham, Dawn Martret, Marsha McNut, Monna Miller, Marianne Mott, Melanie Park, Ronda Reely, Jill Seal, Penny Smith and Sandra Todd.
New HUF summer semester to benefit more students

Wednesday was a very special day for 37 students. After months of preparation, planning and nervous excitement, after last-minute shopping, last-minute visits and last-minute advice, after packing and repacking, throwing things out and repacking again, a group of Harding students left from the front of American Heritage Wednesday morning on their way to spend a semester at the Harding University in Florence, Italy (HUF).

For the many students who have gone to Florence, the "Huffers," a semester in Florence is usually considered to be one of the best experiences of their college careers. It is a period remembered not only for travel, sight-seeing and the exhilaration of living in another culture, but also for the formation of very close friendships, for personal growth and for a broadened world view.

For many other students, though, this program has been denied because of their majors. For example, students in the nursing program, pre-med majors, and any others that have classes that must be taken in consecutive fall and spring semesters often cannot participate in the HUF program because they are locked into a certain schedule of coursework.

But beginning in the summer of 1986, a summer semester in Florence will be offered. The summer session will allow such students to take advantage of the many opportunities afforded by the HUF program without their getting behind in their classes, and without having to possibly delay their graduation dates.

Another benefit of the program is that up to 120 students will be able to go to Florence annually. Presently only about 80 students can go, approximately 40 each semester. With more students being able to participate in the program, there should be less of a problem with waiting lists for the other semester sessions, which have become increasingly longer since the inception of the program. The HUF sessions for the fall and spring of the 1985-86 school year are already booked up.

With more people able to attend the increasingly popular HUF program each year, especially with those students being able to attend who previously were practically denied the chance because of their classes, the creation of a summer semester in Florence is an excellent idea, a profitable extension of an already beneficial program. — E.M.

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God can help us learn unexpectedly

Harding can be educational in unexpected ways. For example, in food preparation lab last Thursday I discovered an exciting new variation to Mrs. England's suggested dish. I call it "Pyromania Stir-Fry."

Basically, I prepared the vegetable dish the way it should have been, except that I added a small kitchen fire in the middle just for variety. The two-foot flames were very pretty, but I was glad they died out even before our lab assistant could extinguish them. (Being the level-headed girl that I am, I merely watched the event for two minutes while trying to remember if salt was the correct substance to throw on it.) The whole event was embarrassing, but I learned a lot about kitchen fires. Sometimes our days just seem to work out differently than we plan for them to, and if we've had an especially rough time our natural tendency is to feel bad about the day. Yet we usually learn more from the hard days than from the easy ones.

We know that Paul told people to not feel sorry for him because he was in prison. He knew that his chains served a purpose and that "... all things work together for good for them that love the Lord." (Rom. 8:28)

However, many times we pray that God will be our own personal bodyguard, reaching down and moving obstacles out of our way. We seem to forget that the Almighty is perfectly capable of guiding our lives in His own way, and that maybe we need the lessons He gives us.

For example, what is our typical prayer at 4:59 a.m. the morning before a major exam? Usually we pray that God will guide our instructor to pull out an easy test from his files, or decide that what our section needs is a few more days of review. Rarely do we pray, "God, please let my teacher make this test extremely difficult so I will be motivated to study more next time." It could be, though, that that is what we need.

Last Thursday I was hoping that my lab would progress smoothly, but since I had a few exciting moments, I can only pray that God will help me learn from those times.

Let's not pray for more kitchen fires, but let's do pray that we can keep a good attitude about the events that happen in our lives. Solomon said, "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevail." We must believe that our human knowledge is limited. Surely our Father can take care of us.

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Henley continues excellence

"Building the Perfect Beast" — Don Henley (Geffen Records)

Don Henley's second solo album since the demise of the Eagles shows him to be about the only member of the band (with the exception of Joe Walsh) to continue the traditions of excellence which were originally associated with the Eagles and their music.

"Building the Perfect Beast" is an album about the darker sides of the human disposition. This darkness, according to Henley, is a result of what is without a doubt the most often used theme in music, the result of imperfect relationships in which one or both parties are left with broken hearts and feelings of disappointment or despair. This theme is probably best illustrated in his current hit single, "The Boys of Summer," a ballad about summer love on the beach and the loss of such as the summer comes to an end.

Helping out Henley on the album is a cast which reads like a list of who's who in rock today. Lindsey Buckingham (formerly or the late Fleetwood Mac) lends his guitar talent on "You Can't Make Love," while Belinda Carlisle (lead singer of the Go-Go's) performs a vocal harmony with Henley on "Man with a Mission." Notables helping with vocals also include Patty Smyth and Martha Davis (of Scandal and the Motels, respectively) on the title cut, "Building the Perfect Beast" and "All She Jeffer Douglas Wants To Do Is Dance." (Oops! how about choreography?)

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KHCA provides solid background for students

by Deanna Hollifield
Bison staff writer

Radio station KHCA transmits its programming across campus at 720 on the AM dial, giving communications students an opportunity to practice their skills.

Staffed entirely by students, the station proves to be an educational training facility for students in communications, providing both the theoretical and practical aspects of broadcasting.

Operating from the basement of the Ganus Building, the station is run on a commercial carrier current system, which limits transmission to the campus dorms. KHCA airs 6:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Monday through Friday and 4 p.m. to midnight, 7 days a week.

KHCA tries to have shows for every taste and has five-minute version spots of popular programs aired on other stations. They have a Christian program called “I Care, We Care,” by Bob West from West Monroe, La., and “Heartbeat,” by Landen Saunders of Abilene, Texas. KHCA also has a program the staff produces themselves called “Time Out,” a Christian-oriented show that talks about problems students may encounter.

Highlighting the sports programming is the play-by-play coverage of the Bison games which are occasionally aired live. The station screens all the music before broadcast in an attempt to eliminate songs that advocate an ungodly lifestyle. The only type of music that is not played is classical.

The staff consists of senior Kerry Smith, operations manager; junior James Kiggins, on-air coordinator; senior Alan Greenhaw, news director; senior Alan Kelm, production director; junior Debbie Grant, traffic and public relations director; senior Cliff Plumber, sales director; and senior John Super, music director. The faculty advisor is Lou Butterfield, assistant professor of speech.

According to Butterfield, the last two semesters KHCA has had a lot of people wanting to work with the station, and all the current directors have worked well. “There’s hardly a hitch,” he said. “Very seldom is there a problem.” Students who wish to work at KHCA have to pass an on-air test and a writing and production test, and they must learn how to run the board and equipment.

Butterfield does have a few suggestions for improvement of the station. He said he would like to see the station get an FM channel. The transmitters are hooked into an electrical system in the dorms and sometimes the reception is very poor, especially on the third floors. If KHCA could get FM, people in town could also tune in.

“There is a lot more involved in an FM program, like 18 hours a day,” said Butterfield. “There would be a lot more expense involved, too, and we would have to weigh expense to educational benefit of the students.”

“We want the best interest of the students,” Butterfield added. He also emphasized that KHCA is not a “stepchild” because the Communications department has a large television station (TV-12). “We can give students a good basic radio background and help them to be the best radio person they can be,” he said.

“KHCA has come a long way,” concluded Butterfield, “and we’re getting better all the time.”

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Crystal Gayle cancels concert, SAC will seek replacement

The Crystal Gayle concert, originally scheduled for Jan. 26 and then postponed until Feb. 22, has been cancelled, according to Dr. Jerome Barnes, director of the Student Association and sponsor of the Student Association.

The original concert, which was to be sponsored by the Student Association, was cancelled because Gayle had an offer from Cinemax to do a television video performance. The S.A. then contacted Gayle’s agent to reschedule the concert for Feb. 23 or April 19. The agent hoped to let the S.A. know by the end of January whether or not Gayle would be able to reschedule for either of those dates, Barnes said.

“I state in almost all contracts that if they (the performer) get a T.V. offer, they have the option to cancel the date,” Barnes said.

Gayle had to cancel a date in Houston, which she was also going to have to reschedule, adding to the difficulty of rescheduling her concert here. “She has a fairly new baby,” Barnes said. “She’s trying to be on the road only part of the time and to be home three or four days a week.”

Although the S.A. has no definite plans for a replacement for Gayle, Barnes said that S.A. representatives will attend a National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) convention in early April to talk to several agents about a possible contract for April 19.

“We would like to schedule something for after spring break and Spring Sing,” Barnes said.

Because of the cancellation, the S.A. has instead planned an all-school talent show for Feb. 22, the tryout dates and details to be released later.

McKelvain resigns as ICC sponsor, board members to be nominated

Dr. Bob McKelvain, associate professor of psychology, resigned as sponsor of the InterClub Council last Thursday at the first ICC meeting of the semester. Harold Valentine, dorm manager in Armstrong Hall and sponsor of Titans social club, will replace McKelvain.

McKelvain resigned because he said people have been saying he “has too much influence” over the ICC representatives. “I wish I had that kind of influence,” he added. He also said that he was disappointed that “we have spent two years haggling over induction.”

Valentine said that he feels “totally in the dark” about what McKelvain has been doing with the ICC, but that through contact with students he can learn. “There are lots of things that come to me through the dorm and through being a club sponsor,” he said.

Patty Barrett, coordinator of social clubs, will continue to serve as the other sponsor of the ICC. When the ICC representatives meet again Sunday night, they will nominate three men and five women for the ICC executive board. There can be only one nominee per club. Jay Reese, president of Sub-T social club, and Todd Gentry, the ICC representative for Chi Sigma Alpha, are the only remaining members of last semester’s executive board.

The club representatives will also vote on suggestions developed over the last two years about induction activities. The representatives will then have their individual clubs vote on the suggestions so that they can vote accordingly at the next ICC meeting.

Seminar set for engaged couples, newlyweds

An enrichment seminar for engaged and newlywed couples will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16 at the College Church of Christ. The seminar is being sponsored by the Campus Ministry and the Family Life Center.

The seminar will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday with a Valentine’s Banquet in the College Church fellowship room.

Speakers Friday night will include: Lew Moore, associate professor of psychology, speaking on the Biblical basis of marriage at 6:30 p.m.; Mike and Diane Cope, the College Church minister and his wife, speaking on the differences between males and females; and Cliff and Debby Ganus, the professor of music and his wife, speaking on the spiritual dimension of marriage at 8 p.m.

Saturday’s sessions will begin with Bob and Charriann Reely, associate professor of management and his wife, speaking at 8:30 a.m. on money management, followed by a question and answer period at 10 a.m. Dwight and Barby Smith, the campus minister and his wife, will conclude the program with a discussion of the sexual side of marriage, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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Though the recent snowstorm was a nuisance for some students, it provided hours of fun for others. (Clockwise, from lower left) One student took time out from his schoolwork to sculpt Rodin's "Thinker" in front of the Bible Building, and several fellow students entertained themselves by adding some finishing touches. Another student carefully walks to class on the icy sidewalk, an umbrella shielding her from the freezing precipitation. Tim Weatherspoon gives Tim Dean a push down Center Street in front of the Student Center on his cafeteria tray, an item many students found to make a good substitute sled. Two county geese bask in the bright sun reflected off the snow. And a group of warmly dressed students take a break by playing rugby on the front lawn of the campus.

'Sno days like snow days!'
Concert band to start tour

The University concert band will go on their spring tour Feb. 14-18, according to Warren Casey, assistant professor of music and director of the University bands.

The first stop on the tour is Batesville, where the band will perform at the high school. Southeast Missouri Christian Academy in Sikeston, Mo., will be the site of a clinic with the academy band and an evening concert. The final stop will be Clarksville, Ark.

Tunes that the band is preparing for the tour include "The Glory of the Yankee Navy," "Gershwin," "Colin Breugnon Overture" and "Flourishes." The latter selection was composed by W. Francis McBeth, a member of the faculty at Ouachita Baptist University.

"Some of the tunes are easy, and some of them are pretty tough, but they're learning them," Casey said. "They're all good musicians."

According to Casey, the band includes about 40 members this year. "We have students from different majors, not just music majors," he commented. "We have some students in more than one band, most of whom are music majors."

The band rehearses Monday through Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. "We've been practicing pretty heavily in January for this tour," Casey added.

Several of the band members are looking forward to the tour. Tammy Lockhart, a senior from Tyler, Texas, said, "It's fun. You (the band members) become one big happy family. It's also a five-day tour this year, so that's a nice length."

Sue Birrell, a sophomore from Milan, Ill., said she is looking forward to getting away from the campus for a few days. "I also like the people that we stay with," she added.

Harding students will have the opportunity to see the band perform several times during the spring semester. They will present a concert at 8 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Benson Auditorium. They will combine with several choruses to perform during the Youth Forum on Apr. 5, and will present their outdoor concert on the afternoon of Apr. 23.

SA to sponsor Friendly Week, auction

The Student Association is sponsoring Friendly Week next week, providing students with opportunities to show their appreciation to others in conjunction with Valentine's Day Thursday.

Monday is "Be Nice to Students Day." Mike Stewart, the SA president suggested that teachers could lighten weekend assignments for that day. Tuesday is "Be Nice to Teachers Day." Brad Burt, SA vice president, said this day was chosen so that men could get church dates, which cost nothing. Thursday is "Be Nice to Bisons Day," and the SA is encouraging everyone to attend the home game against the College of the Ozarks.

Friday, "Be Nice to Men Day," has been planned as a Sadie Hawkins Day. "This is a chance for girls to ask out the guys," said Stewart. A special Valentine's movie, "Somewhere in Time," will be shown in the Benson Auditorium at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

The SA movie committee also has planned an auction of movie posters for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center. According to Darren Findley, movie committee chairman, about 300 movie posters will be offered.

Lists of available posters are to be posted in the Student Center. The price range will start at a minimum of $4-$8 for more recent posters, with a minimum of $9 or $10 for the well-known movies like "Rocky III," said Findley.

In the past, the committee simply kept posters on file. They were not allowed to sell them because of an agreement with the film companies.

The money raised is to be used to help pay for the movie projector and an editing table purchased by the committee.

Deadline today for applications for May degree

Today is the final date for each senior to present an application for degree to the registrar's office if he is planning to graduate on May 12.

A graduating senior must also report to the registrar all grades in independent study courses, correspondence courses, credit by examination and exemption examinations.

To graduate, a student must have completed 120 hours of work and maintained a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in all work done at Harding. A degree applicant must also have completed 53 hours of general education courses plus 45 hours in advanced level courses.

Each student must also satisfy the junior English proficiency requirement and register with the Placement Office. A student completing the teacher education program must take the National Teacher Examination before becoming a candidate for graduation.

A transfer student with an A.A. or an A.S. degree from a junior or community college is required to take 48 hours of the general education hours. This rule, however, does not apply to non-graduates of junior or community colleges, who must meet the regular required amount.

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Huffers anxious to leave cold weather, confusion

by Alison Gore
Bison staff writer

Despite disheartening weather conditions and some confusion concerning the departure date, the excitement level was still high among the students who left Wednesday morning for Harding University in Florence.

The students were told to pack and be prepared to leave early if bad weather, such as the snow and ice storms that swept the area over the weekend, seemed likely.

According to sophomore Lori Bailey, the students were told to pack and be prepared to leave early. "I'm very excited," she said. "I'm hard to believe that I'm actually going. I don't think the reality of it all will hit me until I'm on the plane."

But even as excited as the students were, some still admitted to being tired. Most were ready to arrive in Italy just so that they could relax. "Things have been really tense," sophomore Dawn Martret commented. "But even as tired as I am I can't sit down because I'm so excited."

"Everyone just wants to leave because of the weather," junior Mark Brown added. "It's not been fun running around trying to get everything done in the cold."

Still expectations were high. "I'm going to have a blast," said Brown confidently when asked what he expected from his semester in Italy.

Martret said she didn't really know what to expect. "I know so many people who have been," she said, "and they all have different impressions. There are a lot of different mental images running through my brain. I'll just have to wait and see."

Preparing for the trip to Italy was difficult most of the students said. The many items needed for a three-month stay in a foreign country must be packed into the smallest space possible.

According to Bailey, packing everything into small bags was a real challenge. "I keep reminding myself that I have to carry all of my luggage myself," she said. Many old HUF students can relate to the problem of packing. And many, too, can remember packing some seemingly sensible items that proved to be utterly useless in Italy.

"If I had it to do over again," says sophomore Lee Anne Exum, "I would not pack my makeup. I never wore any while I was there." And according to senior Brenda Heinen, the most useless thing she took were her electric rollers. "They blew up the second day I was there," she said.

Shari Nelson and Daniel Stovall, both juniors, said that if they had only known at the time they packed, they would never have taken their razors.

But junior Fran Coon could undoubtedly win the prize for the most useless item packed. "When I went to Italy," she said, "I intended to exercise everyday so I packed an ankle weight. I only packed one because I didn't want to carry around any more weight than I had to."

"Of course, the only exercise I got was carrying that weight through the airports," she added.

West Side meeting to start Sunday

James Walters, assistant professor of Bible, will be the guest speaker in the spring meeting of the West Side Church of Christ, Sunday through Thursday. The theme for the meeting is "Until Christ Be Formed in You."

Service times are 8:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, and 5:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Walters is a native of Dothan, Ala., and a graduate of Harding. He earned the master's degree at Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis in 1979. That same year he joined the faculty at Harding. He and his wife, Marla, have two daughters, Charissa and Elizabeth.


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Bisons win one, lose another; finish first half of AIC race at 3-6
by Wendell Hudson

Things seem to be improving for the Bisons men's basketball team, despite a break-even week in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. The Bisons defeated Southern Arkansas 58-55 before losing to Central Arkansas 68-65. Harding broke a two game losing streak in defeating the Muleriders. The game also broke a three game losing streak at home.

"We really needed that win," Bisons coach Jess Bucy said. "Finally winning a close game makes up for some of the others that we have lost."

The Bisons and the Muleriders switched leads through most of the first half before entering the locker room deadlocked at 30-30. The game stayed close throughout most of the second half with both sides seeing leads. A Southern Arkansas basket by Jerrold Merrick put the Muleriders ahead.

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Food services meet to study ideas from Heritage system

The National Association of College and University Food Service (NACUFS) held its annual region seven conference at American Heritage Cafeteria on Jan. 24 and 25, according to food service director Kevin O'Leary. NACUFS consists of more than 400 member schools in nine regions. Its purpose is to share and study ideas concerning college and university cafeterias. Region seven contains 50 members from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. Fifteen members from region seven attended the conference to study Heritage Cafeteria's "ala carte" system. O'Leary said Heritage's system of paying for individual items of food as opposed to full meals is becoming more popular across the nation. He said this was the first time the conference was able to study Heritage Cafeteria's system and the members "seemed to be impressed with the way it was operated."

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A great way of life.
Ex-HSU player enjoys aspects of college coaching

by Wendell Hudson
The News-Sentinel

The time: March 1984.
The place: North Little Rock, Ark.
The scene: A young guard has just completed his high school career at Ole Main High School. He feels like he has the talent and ability to play college basketball, but because his team had so many other players who did the scoring, he has not received any scholarship offers.
The time: September 1984.
The place: Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Ark.
The scene: This young guard from North Little Rock has just enrolled in college with the hope of earning a scholarship with the Reddies basketball team. He knows that this may be his only chance, because he has only been able to save enough money to attend for one semester. Without the scholarship, his college education will be finished in December.

He soon impressed Coach Don Dyer enough to earn that scholarship. In the four years that follow, he will start his junior and senior years, be a part of two AIC and District 17 championships, reaching the quarterfinals of the national tournament his senior year.

"The first thing I learned is that the same things work in the college game that do in the high school game." - Nicky Boyd, Assistant basketball coach

The place: North Little Rock, Ark.
The scene: The young guard from North Little Rock, who has aged some since then, has just completed his second successful season as coach at Harding Academy. With an opening now available, he has just been named assistant coach at Harding University.

His name is Nicky Boyd. Boyd, who replaced Butch Gardner, has fulfilled a life-long dream to get here. "I have known since the eighth grade that I wanted to be a coach," Boyd said. "I have always wanted to coach at the college level, and it feels good to now be here."

"At the high school level, you have to devote so much time to the classroom and then the rest of your time goes to basketball," he said. "At the college level, you can devote more time to coaching. I also enjoy the students here. Everyone has been very friendly and receptive since I've come over here."

One of Boyd's main responsibilities as an assistant coach is recruiting, and no one knows about the work of that task more than Boyd's boss, head coach Jess Bucy. "Recruiting is probably the most important part of college coaching, and Nicky has done a fine job in that capacity," Bucy said. "We could have one of our finest recruiting years in a while, and he can take a lot of the credit for that."

"I really have enjoyed the recruiting part of my job," Boyd said. "Of course, I don't know how well I have done because I haven't signed anyone yet, but I feel like we are going to sign a lot of good players this year."

Yet Boyd has to put in long hours on recruiting. "Recruiting really takes a lot of time," he said. "I usually spend two nights a week at high school games and countless hours on the phone. It is a good thing that I have a understanding wife and family."

Boyd's wife, Carolyn, and his three children, Tracy, Beth and Stephen can be found behind the bench at every Bison home game.

There's an important factor that some may see as quite unimportant to recruitment, but which Boyd sees as quite crucial, and that is the student body. "Our students can really play a tremendous role in our recruiting," Boyd noted. "If we have a prospect on campus, students coming up and introducing themselves can really make an impact on them."

"In the same way," he added, "if a prospect is at one of our home games and sees a quiet, sparse crowd, he will be likely to remember that. No matter how much we as coaches show or tell them, what they see in our student will make more of an impact than anything else."

Even though he has moved from the high school to the college coaching ranks, Boyd has found that some things never change. "The first thing I learned is that the same things work in the college game that do in the high school game," he said. "The only difference is that in college you have bigger and quicker people running the plays."

After compiling an impressive 169-52 high school record (76.5 winning percentage), the college life is starting to agree with Boyd, and it may be a match that will last for a long time to come.

Memphis troupe to perform two plays in Little Theater

A travelling drama company from Memphis State University will perform two plays at 7:30 tonight in the Little Theater.


The company is directed by two Harding graduates, Cliff Thompson and Robin Cannon.

There will be no admission charge for the plays, and the performance should conclude in time for the late SA movie, "Star Trek II, The Wrath of Khan."

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55-52 with 2:43 left to play, Southern Arkansas then went into their delay game but its only effects wound up being two turnovers and two unanswered Bison baskets which put Harding in the lead 56-55 with 1:02 left to play. The Bisons then went into their delay game which lead to junior Kenny Collins' basket with seven seconds left, making the final score 58-55.

"We handled the ball in the delay game like it is supposed to be run," Bucy said. "Shannon Hughes did an outstanding job, especially in the delay game."

Things did not go as well as the Bisons played the only game in the AIC Jan. 31, losing to UCA 68-65. Harding fought back from nine point deficits twice to bring the game within two points with just under one minute left to play before an errant pass with :08 left diminished any hopes of a Bison victory.

The final score was argued after the game when it was discovered that senior David Allumbaugh was credited with a basket that he, nor any other Bison scored. The "phantom basket" could have played a big role if the game had been won by the Bisons.

The Bisons finished the first half of the AIC race with a 3-6 record, but Bucy feels the best is yet to come. "Our players have seen every team in the conference, and they know they are capable of beating every one of them," Bucy said. "I feel like you will see a different team in the second half of the AIC."

Either sophomore Kristen Beeson, junior Kellee Citty or sophomore Sandra Garner will be crowned Winter Festival queen as the Bisons host Hendrix on Monday night. They will then host College of the Ozarks Thursday before going to Ouachita Baptist on Saturday. Game time at the New Gym is 7 p.m.

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