Faculty discusses options on Thanksgiving proposal

The University faculty discussed several options in relation to the Student Association’s Thanksgiving proposal at their meeting Tuesday, but no official decision has been reached. The SA had proposed to the administration that the Thanksgiving break be extended by one day, by including the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week in the vacation. The day would not necessarily have to be made up elsewhere in the semester, but the SA suggested that if teachers did insist that they need that day of class, classes could begin on Wednesday of the first week of school, and registration could somehow be rescheduled or revised.

“Teachers believe this proposal has merit.”
—Mike Stewart
SA President

According to Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., president of the University, the faculty expressed “many, many different opinions” during the informal discussion about the proposal. “I guess about every possible opinion was voiced,” added Dr. Neale Pryor, vice president of academic affairs.

Ganus said a straw poll was also taken, but that since it was an unofficial hand vote, it was hard to establish a definite count. He did note, however, that although the vote was well-divided, a few more seemed to be for taking Wednesday off than for any other suggestion.

He asked the faculty to write a note to him if they had any alternative suggestions.

Mike Stewart, the SA president, said, “Although there is considerable faculty support, there also exists concern by several that the students will take advantage of it and leave earlier.”

He emphasized that the teachers could provide incentive for the students to remain on campus (if the proposal passed) by giving tests or assigning work that would make it important for the students to attend class.

Stewart added, “We know that teachers believe this proposal has merit.”

Reasons for the proposal, Stewart said, are that many students and faculty members need the travel time to drive to relatives’ houses for the holiday, and that many classes do not meet on Wednesday anyway, so for some the stay of another day is not worthwhile.

No official decision was reached on the proposal at the faculty meeting. But Ganus said the administration will get together sometime this spring and decide on the proposal.

Concert speaker to highlight Black History Month program

A speaker from the governor’s office and the Gospel Explosion are to be featured in the campus’ observance of Black History Month next week. The programs are sponsored by Skotia, a campus club promoting an awareness of black culture.

Rodney Slater, the director of minority affairs for the governor of Arkansas, will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the American Heritage Auditorium. The same night, several students will present a program paying prominent black leaders.

Several black choruses, including a number of groups from Arkansas, Oklahoma and New York, will join a Harding group for the third annual Gospel Explosion on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the American Heritage Auditorium. The program will include gospel songs and spirituals.

University students participating in the program do not have to be black or members of Skotia.

“The purpose of Gospel Explosion is to display the unique black style of harmonizing,” said freshman participant Margaret Farmer. “But we welcome white students to join us. Our purpose is not to make a racial comment, but to bring about unity through education.”

For the third time in as many years, February has been designated as Black History Month. During this month, the black people of America reflect upon their past, and then present their heritage to their fellows for the purpose of mutual understanding.

According to Richard King, assistant professor of Bible, the foremost purpose of both Black History Month and the club Skotia is to educate people of all races about black culture. And secondly, the club strives for unity and fellowship.

“When we formed Skotia last fall,” said King, “we had in mind the idea of bridging gaps and unifying the blacks through their common heritage. We feel this new awareness of who we are has created unity between races on campus.”

The officers of Skotia for this year are: senior Bobby Jones, president; senior Angela Dean, vice president; junior Jeanine Dinkins, secretary; junior Dee Collins, treasurer; and sophomore Drake Jackson, who serves as mediator between faculty and students.
opinion

Graduating seniors succumb to inconsistent terminal illness

There are a bunch of sick people on campus. You see them all the time, and you may not even realize how sick they are. How can you spot them? The most obvious symptom is they count.

Yesterday, on Valentine's Day, they were going around saying, "Only 87!!!" But they were not counting Valentines. Feb. 2 was a big day for them, the day their counting fell below 100. They mark off days on their calendars like prisoners chalking off days on a cell wall. May 12 they have circled in brilliant, joyful red.

Look around today and see if you can spot one of them. Grades may be slipping, pressures mounting, problems piling up, but they are still cheerfully counting. "Only 86 more days!"

The disease — I think you've probably guessed it by now — is senioritis, and affects only a select group of students, the graduating seniors. The disease is terminal (related to an end), but not fatal, and it is characterized by both the countdown and a marked inconsistency.

For example, seniors sense their own age. Comparing themselves to the freshmen, they feel so much older and so much more mature. They are so mature. They cannot believe how four whole years have flown by so quickly. They cannot believe how the future of the world, so intellectuals who like to search for hidden meanings will be frustrated. They do, however, say some simple, truthful things about human behavior.

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Offbeat

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Grenada invasion example of distortion of history

Last year the national College Republicans hosted a speaking tour of some of the American medical students who lived in Grenada at the time of the American invasion, one of whom spoke here last semester. Before his arrival, a number of posters appeared in the Student Center advertising his appearance. On these posters were two photos, the photo on the left depicting a blindfolded Iranian hostage and the other photo showing an American medical student kissing American soil after being evacuated from Grenada. On the poster was the phrase: "What is the difference between a diplomat in Iran and a student in Grenada?"

Occasionally I run across one of these posters, and their distorted view of history disturbs me. These posters depict the medical students in the same kind of danger as the Iranian hostages. Even the media participates in this distortion by referring to the students as "rescued." Contrary to the image the posters and the media imply, there is a big difference between an Iranian hostage and a student in Grenada.

According to the newspapers printed prior to and after the invasion, the students were in very little, if any, danger. Gary Solin, who lived in Grenada for seven years said, "Our safety was never in danger. We were used as an excuse by the government to invade Grenada. They needed a reason to go in and we were it."

On Oct. 20, 1983 the pro-Marxist government of Grenada was overthrown by the more extreme military. Four government officials were executed and a crowd of rioters was fired on. The new government immediately enforced a full-time curfew and closed the airport.

On Oct. 21 the American Embassy in Barbados called the school and was told, "the situation was quiet." On the 22nd a Defense Department spokesman emphasized that there was no indication that the Americans faced any immediate danger. During the day the campus ran out of water, which was not unusual, and the military sent two fire trucks to replace the loss. That night, the vice-chancellor of the school called the students together and asked who wanted to leave the island. Only 10 percent said they wanted to leave.

On the 23rd the government invited American officials to the island to be assured the Americans were safe. Two diplomats answered the invitation. That day the parents of more than 500 of the students, meeting in New York, sent a telegram to Reagan assuring him their children were safe and asking him not to take "precipitous or provocative actions."

On the 24th the curfew was lifted and the airport was reopened. Some students left on chartered planes while others went back to classes. The government said, "Efforts to achieve better relations with the United States will continue." The Defense Department said, "There was no indication that the Americans faced immediate danger."

One student said she did not feel her life was in danger till the next day when the Americans invaded. She said "I woke up with a great start to artillery fire."

The wall of one of the dorms was shelled and a student got on his ham radio and asked the State Department to divert U.S. helicopters from the area. The student did not want to leave till the invasion. "Monday morning the curfew was lifted and classes began. We were told on Monday that the idea of an invasion was ludicrous. At that point I wanted to stay."

Clearly the students were not in the same kind of danger the Iranian hostages were. Yet, political posters and the media imply, there is a big difference between an Iranian hostage and a student in Grenada.

The characteristics were "L" for the love of the people, "I" for the instruction they learn, "L" for the lowliness of everyone and finally "J" (this was my favorite) for yourself. He said that the "L" was perhaps the most important characteristic of the pool of people because it represented the importance of individuality in pool or body of Christ. He stressed how your relationship plus your worship of God should be a personal one.

An inner cry screamed inside because this had not once been mentioned to me in my long years of growing up in the church. I had always been taught conformity, never questioning whether I was conforming to what was right or wrong. But tonight had changed things. For this was the type of worship that the Lord intended for His family to participate in — a very personal, deep, heart-moving worship not found in large masses but in smaller groups.

I had told myself long enough that I would never become an active member in such a distorted church and such a messed up world. But now I had found what I had been searching for, a personal God, and a personal family.

And so I cried softly down my cheek. A similar tear to the ones that were streaming during the devotional. But I guess you could say it was a tear of hope, because I knew that there was no question in my mind that 'a kingdom' was here on this earth. For I saw it, beyond a shadow of a doubt, in the hearts of most who were present that night.

Editor's note: This column by David Martin is a fictional account, not a personal narrative.
Making decisions
Junior Steve Grissom, representative for Titans, and senior Lisa Warren, representative for Sigma Phi Mu, consult each other before voting for Executive Board members at the InterClub Council meeting. Board members elected at the Sunday meeting were Linda Collier, representative of Zeta Rho, Fran Coon, representative of Regina, Rebecca Davis, representative of OEGE, and Dave Finley, representative of Kappa Tau.

Campusology

TODAY
Engaged and Newlywed Couples Seminar, College Church of Christ, starts at 5:30 p.m.
SA Movie — Somewhere in Time, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium.

TOMORROW
Engaged and Newlywed Couples Seminar, College Church of Christ, begins at 12 noon.
SA concert — The Smith Sisters, 7 p.m., Benson Auditorium.
SA Movie — The Last Starfighter, 9:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium.

SUNDAY
Beth Mengleberg, Senior Art Show begins, Stevens Art Gallery.

MONDAY
Phi Beta Lambda Tax Seminar, 3-5 p.m., Mabee 110.
Bisons vs. ATU, 7 p.m., New Gym.

TUESDAY
Women's Open House.
Rodney Slater, director of minority affairs for governor of Arkansas, speaker, 7 p.m., AH Aud.
University Band Concert, 7 p.m., Benson Auditorium.

THURSDAY
Men's Open House.
Arkansas Symphony String Quartet, 7:30 p.m., AH Aud.
Bisons vs. UCA tennis match.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22
High School Bowl.
Management Seminar, speakers Don Hutson and Don Beck, AH Aud.
SAT., FEB. 23
AIC Invitational Track Meet, 10:30 a.m., New Gym.
Management Seminar, American Heritage Auditorium.
SA Movie — John Wayne Night, Flying Tigers, 7 p.m., Benson Auditorium.
SA Movie — John Wayne Night, Rio Grande, 9:30 p.m., Benson Auditorium.
MON., FEB. 25
Bisons vs. UCA, 7 p.m., New Gym.

Phi Beta Lambda
to host tax seminar for students Monday

Phi Beta Lambda, the University business club, in conjunction with the School of Business, is hosting a tax seminar 3-5 p.m. Monday in Mabee Business Building, room 103. The main topic for the seminar will be tax considerations for ministers and missionaries.

The seminar will be conducted by a panel of five men, Ervin Sandlin, a University accountant; Rowen McCloud, from the University development office; Ken Johnson, associate professor of accounting; David Johnson, assistant professor of accounting; and Mark Van Rheenen, assistant professor of accounting.

Anyone interested is invited to attend, especially Bible majors and students in the School of Biblical Studies, according to James McCreary, Phi Beta Lambda's seminar chairman.

Phi, Sharon, and Carla,
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FRIDAY NIGHT

Beyond fantasy. Beyond obsession. Beyond time itself... he will find her.

To Mary,
Life is so good with a sweetheart like you.
Happy Valentine's Day!
JCL

Stacy, Carla and Paula,
I hope this isn't the only Valentine you get this year.
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Lizard

Mushroom (Dino) Chicken Man
(Irish Setter) and Music Man,
Have an Oingo Boingo Valentine's Day! Don't get too violent.
Love,
C-6

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Professor dies at 52, scholarship established

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A native of Memphis, she taught in Memphis public schools from 1967 to 1978. She received the doctorate in education from Memphis State University. She graduated from Harding in 1954 and was assistant to the director of publicity for two years.

A quiet, unpretentious educator, she was dedicated to her students. "A lot of my teaching is in modeling the way I feel the students ought to be able to teach," she had said.

She was also highly respected among her colleagues. "She was very, very professional," said one, "yet she was very warm, and knew just how to relate with the students to make them want to accomplish."

She was a member of the International Reading Association, Council for Exceptional Children, Kappa Delta Pi, education fraternity and the College Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Jack D. Harris; her mother and stepfather, Margaret and Carney Moore of Memphis; two sons, Lee of Memphis and Bob of Harrison; a brother, Robert Whitaker of Nashville, Tenn., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the College Church of Christ. Members of the Chorale and A Capella choruses, directed by Dr. Arthur Shearin, associate professor of music, sang at the funeral.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the Mary Ann Harris Fund of the Harding School of Education, where a scholarship will be established to assist students in their education.

String quartet to perform Thursday

The Arkansas Symphony String Quartet will present a concert in the Harding Recording Studio at 7:30 p.m., Thursday. Music will be selections by Silvestre Revueltas, Anton Dvorak and Ludwig van Beethoven.

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Love, Jill

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I really appreciate you.
Happy Valentine's Day!  Ed

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The Weight-Busters are now meeting on campus. Join us at the Career Library on Mondays at 6 p.m. We want to assist you in tailoring an exercise and diet plan to help you lose weight.

We love you AGO
Beth, Cheryl, and Monica

Monday, February 18, 1985
is Harding Night!!!

Buy one meal, and get the second entree of equal value for half price with coupon.

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Smith Sisters to perform tomorrow

The Smith Sisters, a singing duo, are to perform at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Benson Auditorium. The concert is sponsored by the Student Association and the SA’s Student Activities Committee.

The Smith Sisters, Debi and Megan Smith from Falls Church, Va., will be performing songs by a variety of artists, as well as some of their own music. Some of the entertainers whose songs they sing include the Beatles, John Den-...
Trivia Buff's to air this semester on trial basis

by Thressea Harrison
Bison staff writer

"It's fast, it's furious, it's Trivia Buffs, with your host Jim Henderson," announced senior Kerry Smith as the new "Trivia Buffs" game show began filming their first semester of shows last weekend, on Harding's TV-12 cable station.

The show will be aired every Friday night at 6:45, right after the evening news at 6:00. Questions like, "Who wrote Gone with the Wind" and "What did Norma Jean Baker change her name to?", are some examples of the type of questions that are asked on this 30-minute local game show. And if you knew that Margaret Mitchell wrote "Gone with the Wind" and Marilyn Monroe changed her name from Norma Jean Baker, then you might have been a winner on "Trivia Buffs."

"Trivia Buffs," a game show which is run by Harding students, uses contestants from White County and Harding. The master of ceremonies is Dr. Jim Henderson, associate professor of accounting.

The fast rise to fame has not changed Henderson. "At first when people would stop me out in town and say they've seen the show," he said, "it took me a while to realize what they were talking about." Henderson said that he enjoys doing the show and working with the University students on a different level than teaching. "It gives the students a chance to better use me up," he laughed.

The show uses two teams, a blue and a green team, each consisting of two players each. The game is played with three different five-minute rounds and a super round.

The show begins with Henderson asking a question from the potpourri category. The team which first answers the question correctly receives ten points and control of the selection of question. It is then their opportunity to choose from potpourri and four other categories. Categories used include films, music, history, literature, sports, Bible, television and potpourri. If they are correct again they receive 20 points and may again choose from the category of their choice. However, if they answer incorrectly or not at all, the question goes to the other team. If they answer correctly they receive ten points and control of the selection of questions.

The team with the highest number of points at the end of the three rounds advances to the super round. In the super round, Henderson reads as many questions as possible in three minutes. The player can give an answer or may choose to pass to the next question. Contestants must answer at least 25 percent of the questions by the end of the round to be declared the winners.

The show is sponsored by various Searcy food establishments, which supply the prizes for each night. The winner receives a prize of ten dollars or more in value and a consolation prize is given to all contestants.

This semester's shows have already been recorded for broadcast every Friday night. If the show is received well by the Channel 12 audience, the station plans to bring the show back again in the fall.

So if you're a trivia buff and if you knew that Richard M. Nixon was the only other president of the United States to be a Quaker, besides Herbert Hoover, then you will enjoy watching "Trivia Buffs" each week, playing along as Henderson leads us in a half hour of trivial questioning and adding, "Hey gang, I don't write them, I just read 'em."

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The Wal-Mart adventure

Students find ways to waste time, combat boredom while shopping

by Liz Herrel
Senior Hearne staff writer

A woman rolls her cart into the shampoo aisle at Wal-Mart. Suddenly she hears the thundering wheels of several other carts nearby. As she turns toward the noise, she sees some college students racing at her with shopping carts in front of them. They crash into each other as they turn into the shampoo aisle, the leader shouting, "I won!"

Though this scene may not be typical at Wal-Mart, some students actually do race carts through the aisles, play hide and seek and ambush their companions with perfume and toy guns while wasting time at the store.

David Kee, a senior from Geneva, Switzerland, said that whenever he goes to Wal-Mart, the first thing he does is get a cart, "That is the essential item for having fun," he said.

Once a cart has a cart, he and his friends, who also have carts, play a variety of crazy games. Usually Kee's friend, junior Clark Sutherland from Anaheim, Calif., jumps into the cart, and Kee pushes him around. "Sometimes you just run around and get people's reactions," Kee said. "You can also tell people they are having a blue light special on your friend."

Kee added, "Be sure to go through the checkout line with your friend in your cart."

Other games Sutherland, Kee and several of their friends play include forming caravans with carts, suddenly dispersing from the caravan to a designated aisle, or ramming carts into poles on purpose. "We make sure somebody sees us run into the poles," Kee said. "We also make as much noise as possible."

Sometimes Wal-Mart shoppers play more conventional games. Steve Hines, a senior from Birmingham, Ala., said that he and his friends used to play hide and seek during his freshman year. "You hide anywhere you can find," he said. "In clothes. In back rooms. In carts. You have to be creative."

Mike Stewart, a senior also from Birmingham, recalls one game of hide and seek in which he hid inside a sleeping bag. His friends, one of whom was Hines, could not find him for two hours. "They knew I didn't leave the store and they did not want to leave without me," Stewart said.

And Kee and friends play treasure hunt when not harassing customers with their wild antics. Kee said that one of the members of the group mentions an item when the group first enters the store and they search for it. "Usually everybody starts together at a certain point and then we just disperse," Kee said.

Not everyone goes to Wal-Mart with specific games or pranks in mind. Most students go with the intent of eventually purchasing a necessary item, but wind up playing.

"I usually go with something in mind," Hines said. "But I wind up buying stuff I don't need because I think it's a good buy." Stacy Sizemore, a junior from Birmingham, said that she always makes a list before she goes to Wal-Mart, but sometimes she ends up in some kind of mischief. She remembers one incident when she and her roommate were over by the car stereos and one of their favorite songs came on the radio.

"We were turning knobs on the stereo like crazy to try to turn the volume up," Sizemore said. "I finally found it and my roommate and I started jamming in the aisle. Just as I was singing the words 'I think I love you,' I turned around and an older man was staring at me."

Waiting for her image to appear on the security camera or gazing loudly behind another shopper about the prices are just a couple of the things senior Sara Scott does when she is bored in Wal-Mart. Scott also gets excited about the blue light specials. Blue light specials are sales that are announced over the P.A. system and a blue light flashes to indicate the location of the bargain in the store. "One time my friend and I thought it was 50 percent off at the make-up counter, and we were racing to the counter with our cart, and I ran over a big lady," Scott said.

Mark Dillingham, a senior from Naples, Fla., had several suggestions to cure boredom in Wal-Mart. "I like to try on the Halloween masks and scare children," he said. "I also like to make cat noises out loud."

Hines said that whenever he and his friends went to Wal-Mart, they used to knock over items from the shelves and blame it on each other. He told a story of when he and former student Tim Geery, also from Birmingham, went to Wal-Mart together. "There was a stack of about 20 boxes of Pampers, and I knocked them all over," he said. "It looked like Tim did it so he had to pick them all up."

Becky Jouett, a junior from Little Rock, recalled an embarrassing moment when she was shopping with one of her friends. She said that she and her friend were buying tissues and that there was a special sale on them that week.

"The tissues were all stacked up at the end of the aisle and there were all different colors," Jouett said. "Of course, my friend had to have a white box and they were on the bottom of the shelf, so when she pulled it out all the boxes fell. I was the one standing there so they (the management) made me pick them up."

Almost everyone who goes to Wal-Mart goes with a specific item in mind but somehow gets distracted into buying something else or just plain goofing off. Junior Carla Campbell, from Memphis, Tenn., said that she always goes to Wal-Mart with a list, but does not go right to the aisle she needs. "I usually look around first and then get to the things I need," she said. "But I'm never usually bored enough to go to Wal-Mart just for the fun of it."

Most students go to a favorite aisle or department almost every time they go to Wal-Mart just to look. Campbell said she goes to the magazine rack or the cosmetics department and so does Sizemore. Hines said that he looks at the records, sweatshirts and sporting goods nearly every time he shops at the store.

Dillingham said he likes to wait around in the perfume section for his friends to come by so he can squat some of the sampler bottles on them. Kee and Sutherland did not have a favorite aisle or section. They seemed to find mischief in whichever aisle they rolled into.

"Whenever the aisle, whatever the purpose for going to the store in the first place, students never stop creating ways to have fun in Wal-Mart. In fact the purpose of some is solely to have a good time," Kee said, "I just go for fun. I never have any money."

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Bisons win 1, lose 1, face elimination from playoffs

by Wendell Hudson

The Harding Bisons men’s basketball team had another 1-1 week in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference but are slipping toward elimination from the District 17 tournament.

The Bisons avenged an earlier loss by beating Henderson State 66-48 before losing to Arkansas College 64-57.

"Each game is becoming more important for us to win," head coach Jess Bucy said. "We feel like a 9-9 season will put us into the playoffs, and we must start winning now in order to get there.

The Henderson game, which started one hour and fifteen minutes late because of icy roads between Searcy and Arkadelphia, was a close game before Harding erupted for 15 unanswered points between 15:14 and 9:26 left in the game.

"During that stretch our starters stayed in the game," Bucy said. "They were into the flow of the game so well that I didn’t have to change a thing. That was without a doubt the best half, both offensively and defensively, that we have played all year."

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Bucy was quite pleased with his guard play against Henderson. "Our guards played with a lot of aggressiveness and poise," he said. "They grew with confidence as the game went on. I could not have been happier with them."

After the game, Henderson coach Grady Bean decided for safety reasons to stay in Searcy and to have an impromptu practice which lasted approximately 40 minutes.

The second half proved to be fatal at Batesville as the Bisons ran into cold shooting, converting 10 for 25 field goals for 40 percent.

"Our shooting and their second effort baskets really hurt," Bucy said. "They got 12 points off offensive rebounds, and that killed us. That was one of the big differences in the game."

Harding had a nine point lead midway through the first half before allowing Arkansas College to draw back within five at halftime.

"Not being able to put them away really hurt," Bucy said. "We let them get momentum going into the locker room and it carried over into the second half."

The Bisons will be facing their second straight week of three games as they host Arkansas Tech on Monday before going to Southern Arkansas on Thursday and Arkansas-Monticello on Saturday. Game time in the New Gym Monday is 7 p.m.

Jumpshot

Jumping over Hendrix defenders, junior forward Kenny Collins fights his way to the rim. The Bisons lost to Hendrix 70-68 in overtime on Monday in the New Gym. Also, Kristen Beeson, a sophomore from Jonesboro, was crowned Winter Festival Queen.

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The Lady Bisons dropped three games and picked up a technical victory as they bring to a close their second year of competition.

The Lady Bisons lost to Arkansas-Pine Bluff 72-69, Southern Arkansas 76-52 and Henderson 69-56. The games were played on consecutive nights.

"I know the women were tired after last weekend, but I was happy with the way they played each game," head coach Phil Watkins said. "They came out each game and gave us everything they had."

The UAPB game, which was rescheduled from last Tuesday, was close throughout before the Golden Lionettes pulled out to the three point victory.

"We really played well against UAPB," Watkins said. "One trip down the floor without scoring was all the difference.

"Turnovers proved to be a big factor against the Southern Arkansas Riderettes as Harding was tabbed with 24 turnovers while SAU only had nine."

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—Coach Phil Watkins

If we would have been able to hold on to the ball we would have had a good chance at winning," Watkins said. "We just gave the ball away too much.

The foul line cost the Lady Bisons as the Reddies converted 13 of 18 from the line while the Lady Bisons converted a very respectable but much fewer 4 of 4 from the line.

"The unusual thing was that neither team shot any free throws in the second half," Watkins said. "If we could have kept them off the line we would have won the game."

The technical victory, which was their first AIC win, came against College of the Ozarks when the AIC ruled that the Lady Mountaineers had used an ineligible player in the contest.

The Lady Bisons will be at home tonight against Arkansas-Monticello before going to Ouachita Baptist on Tuesday. Game time at the New Gym is 7 p.m.

Freshmen to help tennis team considerably

Another season for Bison tennis is now beginning, with a crew of freshmen, who Coach David Elliott says will help the team considerably.

This year's team will include seven freshmen, two seniors, two juniors and a sophomore.

Among the freshmen will be Greg Barden and Andy Thomas of Searcy; Vernon Lewis of St. Lucia, West Indies; Jorge Woog and Arturo Reyes-Varela of Mexico City; Scott Ward of Memphis and Scott Harper of Parkersburg, W.Va.

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Women's AIC sports see tremendous growth

by Wendell Hudson
Searcy sports writer

Women's sports, though only in their second year of sponsorship by the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, have seen tremendous growth in the AIC. "After two years in the AIC, women's sports are alive and well," Harry Hall, commissioner of the AIC, said. "I feel very good about the program and feel like we have been very successful in all areas.

Before women were sponsored by the conference, they were under the direction of the Arkansas Women's Intercollegiate Sports Association (AWISA)." The transition from the AWISA to the AIC went very smooth," Hall said. "I can't think of a single problem that we ran into during that switch."

There was some study done before the sports went into the AIC. "There were several things which had to be determined before the switch was made," Hall said. "The conference had to decide what sports would be sponsored, which ones would have scholarships and how many scholarships could be offered and come up with a system of determining champions."

The AIC currently sponsors sports for women in basketball, volleyball, track, cross country, softball, swimming and tennis, with basketball and volleyball being scholarship sports.

Harding sponsors women's sports except for swimming and tennis. "We sponsor seven sports for women and eight for men with two scholarship sports for each program," Hall said. "From an administrative point of view, both the men and women's sports are treated equally."

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AIC Commissioner

Hall would like to see more support for the women outside the administration. "Our women's sports are very competitive, so lack of attendance cannot be blamed on a lack of competition," he said. "Right now it is just a matter of women playing at the college level being accepted by everyone."

Hall cited some examples of parity and competition in the AIC. "Last year (1983-84) our seven women's sports championships were won by five different schools and the two champions decided this year have been won by two different schools," he said.

"We have shown our competition level early in the basketball season," Hall said. "Washburn University from Topeka, Kan., came to Arkansas with a 7-1 record and ranked 17 in the nation to play four of our AIC schools. When they left, they were 7-5 and had fallen out of the top twenty."

"Right now I would say that women's basketball in the AIC is as tough as any other conference in the NAIA," Hall added.

Hall also had some praise for the Harding women's basketball team. "Phil Watkins and the women's team at Harding have really done a super job," he said. "They have made tremendous progress in only their second year and I am very happy for them.

However, Hall feels that some sports may be dropped because of a lack of school participation. "Right now we have some sports which we are concerned about," Hall said. "Softball and swimming have only two schools participating right now and some wonder if only two schools competing can make it a healthy sport."

"We will probably wait until the end of the 1985-86 year before we make any decisions," he added. "I would really hate to see any sport dropped."

It would not be the first sport dropped by the AIC. In 1989, bowling was dropped as a conference sport.

Hall best summarized the addition of women's sports into the AIC. "It was a great thing the conference did in finally giving the women a home, and I know the women feel good in having a home."

Track teams' performance average

The Bison track teams participated in the 17th Annual Northeast Louisiana University Invitational indoor track meet last weekend at the Monroe Civic Center in Monroe, La., placing only two team members in the finals.

Coach Ted Lloyd, professor of physical education, said, "The team ran about average throughout the meet, but I know we can do better."

The only two members on the team to place in the finals were junior Al Bates, who finished fourth in the 1,000 meter run with a time of 2:16.83, and junior Ed Van Der Kaaij, who placed third in the pole vault with a jump of 15 feet.

"This was our first big meet and the results should be expected considering the competition," said Bates.

Looking at the women's division, coach Cliff Sharp, associate professor of physical science, said, "Our girls ran extremely well. They improved in every event except the long jump, but the fact is, no one placed in the meet." They did improve their mile relay time by five seconds.

Among the teams the Bisons faced were Florida A&M, Alabama State, Alcorn State, Louisiana Tech and McNeese State in the men's division.

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