Queenly Quest

Reigning as the 1985 Homecoming queen is Sheryl Latimore (left), a junior from Memphis. Her attendants are Sandra Garner (center), a junior from Greenville, Ill., and Kellee Citty, a senior from Searcy.

Prime minister presents Belize to Harding crowd

by Alice Mankin

The American Heritage Auditorium was overcrowded Monday night as the prime minister of Belize, Manuel Esquivel, spoke about his country's demographic and economic status. Among those present were around 30 native Belizens, nine of whom were Harding students.

Esquivel's main topic was demographic information about that country. Located between Mexico and Guatemala on the Bay of Honduras, Belize became a British colony in the 19th century. Before then Belize was occupied by the English.

Formally called British Honduras, Esquivel explained that this year, Belize celebrated its fourth anniversary of independence from Great Britain. Esquivel said that, although Belize is now an independent state, it is still amicable with Great Britain as seen by the recent visit of Queen Elizabeth to their country.

The people in Belize speak both English and Spanish. The country has the same land size as Massachusetts and has a population of around 160,000.

Esquivel said that the present government stresses an economic policy aimed toward increasing industry, both in agriculture and tourism. Concerning the hopeful increase of Belize's buying power, Esquivel said, "The more we succeed, the more you succeed." However, Esquivel also said, "It is not just a problem of economics, but rather whose philosophy will survive - Thomas Jefferson's or Karl Marx's."

Focusing internally, Esquivel said that the country faces threats of serious ethnic conflicts due to the high influx of refugees. "Since Belize is a parliamentary democracy, many people seek refuge in our country," Esquivel said.

Another longstanding conflict Belize faces is its relationship with Guatemala. Belize claims its independence while Guatemala claims it inherited Belize from the Spanish Empire centuries ago. "We consider the security of our homeland as our highest foreign policy," Esquivel said.

Another serious problem noted by Esquivel is the large amount of drug trafficking in Belize. Esquivel said earlier in a press conference, "Only now are the United States and some of the European nations recognizing the need for international efforts to deal with the situation. The people in the drug trade represent an international corporate effect." Already 80,000 marijuana plants and 700 pounds of marijuana have been destroyed since the new administration took over 16 months ago.

Esquivel closed by inviting the audience to consider the security of the country, and the threats Belize faces. "We consider the security of our homeland as our highest foreign policy," Esquivel said.

"The U.S. aid to the contras in Nicaragua would not help end the Central American conflict, and he said he wishes "the U.S. would decrease the aid." When asked if the British troops on Belize's soil caused problems, Esquivel replied, "They are welcomed by all." Esquivel later added that Belize was founded with a religious base and religion still plays a vital role in the educational process of Belize. All of the elementary and secondary schools are operated by various denominational churches with the government paying the teachers' salaries.

Esquivel was to leave Searcy and fly to Houston on Tuesday afternoon, but before he left, he spoke to the student body in chapel.

His main concern was "striving for unity among nations without demanding uniformity." Esquivel, for an example, said that there are many students at Harding from different backgrounds and countries, and, although we don't have total uniformity, we still have unity.
National writing week
a necessary reminder

While standing in the Searcy post office last week, waiting for Karen Roseberry to mail a package for the Petit Jean, I noticed a poster on the wall, a rather nice poster with a pastel patchwork countryside, advertising National Card and Letter Writing Week, Nov. 3-9.

Pretty stupid poster, I thought to myself. Or at least a not-so-subtle ploy for more business next week. But later I thought about it again. Actually, I mean I thought about all the people I wanted to write. The poster made me think about them.

When's the last time I wrote my parents? The first week of school? Midterm grades come out soon. Wouldn't it be awfully convenient for Mom and Dad to find a nice letter from little Joe Bob off at school the same time they receive little Joe Bob's midterm grade report? Hmm, maybe letter writing isn't such a stupid idea after all.

And when was the last time I wrote Grandma and Grandpa? The summer of 1981 when I was at church camp? And bored? And what have I ever sent Uncle Joe and Aunt Helen'swayne's graduation invitation? And then there's that cute girl I met in Italy who's written me five times since I got back from campaigns. And my friends at Harding University in Florence, all of whom would love some mail from the States.

And (thinking less expensively) I think of all my friends here who would probably appreciate a little note in campus mail (which doesn't require postage stamps). Wouldn't it be great if everyone sent notes to their friends next week. Can you imagine all the happy faces as people opened their boxes after chapel to find real mail, not just traffic tickets, chapel notices and College Church bulletins. Everyone would be so happy. Especially the campus mailroom workers. You should have seen Karen White's happy face when I handed her a whole box of Regina Halloween notes this week.

I thought, too, of Mike Cope's recent sermon about encouraging one another daily based on Hebrews 3:13. What more convenient and effective way to do it than a simple note in the mail?

And I think of one final way to look at this idea. Remember checking the mailbox some days (anywhere from 12 to 437 times a day) and finding only empty space. How depressing. But for every letter sent, the more likely there'll be one in return.

People needn't think about South Africa

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to the article "Solution available for South African black suffrage problem" by Neil Thannisch in last week's Bison. First of all, I do not believe that the blacks are radical. They just want what should be rightly theirs, which includes the right to vote which he suggested, freedom of movement which they are denied and a share in the wealth of their country, among other things. But at this time they are not even considered citizens in their own country.

He also mentioned that most of the blacks are uneducated, which is true, although I do not think he stopped to reason why this is the case. Separate schools exist for the ethnic groups which means inequality of education. Since the blacks have no role in the governmental policies concerning education, among other things, they have to attend substandard schools.

I realize that the Soviets may be wanting to make South Africa one of their satellites, but who could blame the blacks for turning to them, if indeed they do. So far, no better offer of help has been given by democratic countries. Peaceful solutions may be available to solve South Africa's problems, but so far none have been successful. One that has been used in the past was the table talks between black African leaders and South African rulers. These leaders have now come to the conclusion that this is a waste of time, since the government has shown no willingness to change.

Needless to say, I do not foresee idealistic solutions like five-year general education programs. The whole idea is for the whites to stay in power; therefore to implement five-year educational programs would simply negate the white African's governmental policies of oppression. Allowing the blacks to vote would eventually lead to majority rule which they are trying to prevent.

Anytime a nation wants the freedom to rule itself it has to fight for it. You only have to look at America to see this. There had to be a revolution against Britain before Americans could rule themselves. The same example applies to numerous other countries in Africa. Some struggles were easier while others had to use force against the British.

I love happy endings, too, but it's sad to say some are hard to come by and South Africa is no exception. I'm sure that most of us would like to see a South Africa where all ethnic groups are represented in the government; whether or not that will be the case, remains yet to be seen.

Dorah Mukupa

One must set aside prejudices to understand apartheid evils

Dear Editor,

It is rather unfortunate. After reading the article entitled "Solution available for South African black suffrage problem" which appeared in the Bison of Oct. 25, 1985, the writer, with the help of whoever may be, was biased, and most important failed to tell the readers the whole true story.

I respect the writer for exercising his freedom of speech, but the world would be a better place if people could separate wrong from right — evil from right.

The apartheid system in South Africa is not only evil but also morally and spiritually wrong. The problem in South Africa is not Marxism. It is a matter of justice, the right to education, own property, move or travel within or outside the country without restrictions, and moreover to grow morally, spiritually and socially.

I do not think the writer did an indepth study of the chaos in South Africa, but rather wrote his article based on a myopic survey or whatever his source might be.

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Given to Extremes

Todd Thompson

them all just how you are faring in the world. The following is an example of a good bulletin bio:


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The following is an example of a poor bulletin bio:

Joe, the former student, couldn't believe it. "You're not the only one who picks the nose."

"I'd like to know just who you think you are, coming in here and cleaning up the room like this! You're the most considerate jerk I've ever known!" Todd yelled.

"Peace, goodwill, and all that rot!" offered your former classmates with little information, aside from the fact that your youth-ful enthusiasm for the holidays may have turned a bit. The bulletin biography gives you the chance to tell

Nice guys try to be self-centered

When Todd walked through the door of his dorm room and saw the beds had been made, the floor had been swept and the dust that had accumulated on the dresser top had been removed, he nearly cowered. His stomach knotted up and he felt like punching the wall.

"Joe has done some stupid things before," he thought, "but this is it!"

About that time, Todd, walked through the door. Todd stomped over and slammed the door so hard

"You're not the only one who picks the nose," Joe angrily added, "the one that was studying all night the other night and thought about what the other had said."

With both boys landed heavily, each upon his own bed and thought about what the other had said. An eerie silence enveloped the room, a silence coupled with heavy tension — tension so thick that breathing became laborious and their heads started to ache.

"You're doing it, you're doing it!" Joe shouted. "You're the one that was studying all night the other night and went down the hall so your light wouldn't shine in my eyes. And besides."

"I'm not the only one who picks his clothes up around here!"

With that both boys landed heavily, each upon his own bed and thought about what the other had said. An eerie silence enveloped the room, a silence coupled with heavy tension — tension so thick that breathing became laborious and their heads started to ache.

The room in which they sat was spotlessly clean as usual. Two pink housekeeping notices were lying on the desk. One, they had gotten because all their clothes had been picked up at room check and the other was for having their beds made. The five dollar fine wasn't much but it was part of what caused the tension between them.

Tod was the first to break the silence. "Joe," he said, "I've been thinking and you're right. I have been pretty considerate lately and I guess I put others before myself as much as you do. I'm really sorry, man. I guess I just need to be more self-centered."

"Ah, it's alright," Joe said. "I'm pretty considerate too. My mom used to complain about that. I'm sorry, too. I guess I need to be more self-centered also."

"Great," Tod said smiling broadly. "Now that that's over, it's about time for my afternoon nap."

Joe waited until Tod was almost asleep then he jumped up, belched loudly, turned on his stereo and cranked it up.
Alumni awards to be presented to five graduates

Five University graduates will receive outstanding alumni awards during the Black & Gold Alumni Banquet tonight in American Heritage Cafeteria.

They are Dr. John M. White of Austin, Texas, and Dr. Arthur Williams of Abilene, Texas, from the College of Arts and Sciences; C. Mac Angel, CPA, of Searcy, from the School of Business; Dr. Furman Keary of Monahans, Texas, from the Bible department; and Dr. Leonard Johnson of Montgomery, Ala., from the School of Education.

White, the Norman Hackerman Professor of Chemistry at the University of Texas, graduated from Harding in 1936. He has had more than 170 articles published in refereed journals since 1960.

Williams, a full-time sculptor, holds degrees both in Bible and art from Harding and the master's from Harding Graduate School in Memphis. He sculpts in stone, wood, resins, steel and bronze.

Angel, a 1957 graduate, is president of the Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, having been a member of the Society since 1962. He is an officer with Angel, Humphrey, Hamilton & Co., Ltd. in Searcy.

A minister, Keary received the master's from Harding in 1942 and the doctorate from the School of Education. They are Dr. John M. White of Austin, Texas, and Dr. Arthur Williams of Abilene, Texas, from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Johnson, a graduate of 1935, was one of the founders of Alabama Christian College. He has had more than 170 articles published in refereed journals since 1960.

The University Sociology Club will present a two-day seminar on "Violence in America" Friday, Nov. 8, in the American Heritage Auditorium and Saturday, Nov. 9 in the gymnasium room of the New Gym.

The Friday session, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., will include discussions of the topics: "Violence in America — Why?"; "Violence and Commission of Crime." "Violence toward the Elderly," "Violence in the Black Community" and "Coping with Violence.

The Saturday session will include two hands-on training classes, rather than lectures. The first class, 9:30-11 a.m., is open to the general public. Simple, common-sense self-defense techniques will be taught.

Get a grip

Sun Birrell flees to increase the flow of blood from her vein at the Red Cross blood drive. The drive, held on campus this week, was sponsored by Ogee women's social club and the Levi's 501 Blues Crew.

The second class, 1-2:30 p.m., is open only to active law enforcement officers. Advanced self-defense and physical control techniques will be taught.

Speakers for the seminar include Dr. John Miller, sociologist and assistant dean at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Dr. Duane McCampbell, professor of English at Harding; Perrin Jones, editor of the Searcy Daily Citizen; Chris Raff, prosecuting attorney, 17th Judicial District; James Vandiver, assistant chief of police, Little Rock; Mark Crane, professor of gerontology; UALR; Raywood Horton, professor of sociology, University of Central Arkansas; and Richard Morris, detective and self-defense instructor, Fort Worth Police Department.

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What effort did you make to help them have equal education with you? Is this how you are going to represent Harding when you go out to preach the gospel to all nations where Jews and Gentiles are equal? What happened to the highly educated South African black, Nelson Mandela, when he spoke about the evils of apartheid? Is he not in jail for 22 years? You want to achieve your own interest at the expense of others and still answer as a Christian? Who is a Christian? Do you and those folks in South Africa use a different Bible? It is extremely wrong for some of us at Harding to preach one thing and do the opposite.

Can you call a black man who demands his birth right radical? Why can't you consider yourself to be a black man and see how it hurts when someone deprives you of your rights and slaughters your brothers and sisters. It is time that you Christians stop making fun of blacks. We are created by the same God. Don't you know that it does hurt when there is calculated insult on an injury? Given there were reverse of such an evil system I do believe that the present oppressors would protest and opt for a change.

In the past 18 months, 1,015 blacks have been killed in South Africa, and only five whites have met the same fate. Why can't somebody do something and save the lives of blacks and whites in that region. My friend, Mr. Thannisch said, "It's quite clear that once the majority blacks get to vote, they will come to power. This, in and itself, is not the problem. The danger lies in having an unqualified leader in office. If this should occur we can expect this leader to turn to someone for help." Thannisch went on to say that naturally the Soviets would be there to offer help.

I want to know why it should be Soviets and not any other nation who would offer help to unqualified black leaders in South Africa. Why don't other nations go now and help the blacks in South Africa to vote and come to power so that they can enjoy the fringe benefits which Soviets would have gained in South Africa.

What do you expect will happen in South Africa in the next few months? Do you not think that somebody like Hitler can come out of that region and start another world war? Then America, Soviet Union, Britain, France and some African nations will send their soldiers to eliminate people. Who do you think will go there to die? I know most of you who are making tough decision for black men have not witnessed war. It will be better for us to stand up now as Christians soldiers and fight hard to stop the rage which will destroy some of us. I am not a politician, neither am I a businessman. I am not Republican, neither am I a Democrat. I am a missionary who believes and preaches equal rights and justice to any human being created by the image of God. If you know the good thing you can do to blacks and whites in South Africa, do it now that they are alive and do not wait till they all die at the same time.

Like Thannisch suggested, sending the blacks to college to graduate and come to power won't solve the problem. There is nothing the whole world can do to change the views of Afrikaners toward blacks in South Africa. The only solution which can lessen the problem and give the blacks and whites a sense of identity in South Africa is a four year interchangeable rule, whereby each race can have a taste of the government. If this fails, it means that the whites and blacks in that region should create a new world.

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A lengthy review of pledging activities was the main order of business at the last InterClub Council meeting held Oct. 22. Among those who attended the meeting were the managers of the men’s and women’s freshmen dorms, who contributed their perspectives of pledging and how it affected the freshmen in their dorms.

Sandra “Aunt Bea” Bouchareh, manager of Cathead Dorm, told the ICC representatives that she was pleased with most of what she saw during pledge week, but that she was also disturbed by some things. She said that most of the pledges she saw were nervous and apprehensive throughout the week, and many did not have much fun.

Specifically, she said that she had heard that some girls were initially told they did not make the club that did, a direct violation of guidelines for pledging set forth by the ICC. She also noted the use of bad language by some older club members and the fact that some clubs seemed to be trying to strip their pledges of their dignity, especially those pledges who had bad attitudes.

She said she wondered if there might not be a better way to correct poor attitudes, and she cited tradition as a possible reason for some of the problems that occurred during pledge week.

Armstrong manager Harold Valentine reported that there had been some problems with stealing in his dorm during the week as a direct result of pledging. Forcing an inductee to steal anything from anyone, even as a prank, was another violation of pledging guidelines.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in an open forum discussing pledging. Much of the discussion focused on the purpose of pledge week, and the majority opinion seemed to be that pledge week is for people to get to know one another better. Also, an opinion was expressed by several that fun rather than humiliation should dominate the week.

The scheduling of club induction was also discussed. Some representatives said that they thought the scheduling of pledge week during the annual Bible lectureship made a bad impression on some of the visitors on campus. Others said that they felt that the lectureship was good for pledge week, since it was easy for clubs to coordinate activities with the lectureship.

Another aspect of pledging discussed was table voting. The women’s clubs had nearly four times as many pledges go to the table this year as the men’s clubs, and one reason cited for the large difference was the fact that many of the women’s clubs put a quota system on their voting so that they accept only a certain number of girls. This keeps clubs from getting too big, but also means that many girls don’t get their first or second choice because of other members. It was suggested that clubs who impose a quota system not campaign so much to get many first choice pledges.

Bison wins five national awards

The Bison captured five awards for the Harbur chapter of the Society for Collegiate Journalists in the national SCJ 1984 competition for student publications.

The campus newspaper received a first place in display advertising for a Coke ad, and second place in the category for former student Gary Spindale’s full page “Emporium.”

Senior Rebekah Davis and graduate Jodie Nobbs won second place in news stories for the story, “Signed, sealed and foiled away,” a story about the student’s legal right to check some school records. The Bison also received two honorable mentions: in features for Cacky Supplee’s “Davidson inspires alumni to work for safer roads” and in sports news for Bobby Davidson’s football story on the Bisons’ defeating Henderson and UAM last fall.

For a student to become a member of SCJ he must work in any one of the campus media (the Bison, the Petit Jean yearbook, TV-12, or KHCA radio) for two semesters.

Officers of the chapter this year are Karen Roseberry, president; David Wall, vice president; and Mark Dillingham, secretary-treasurer.
Students begin teaching in schools

Students in the teacher education program began supervised teaching Monday in area schools.

The student teachers in elementary schools are Susan Bohanon, third grade, Beebe Primary; Margi Chinn, third, Harding Academy; Jan Coker, fifth, Searcy Southwest Fifth; Linda Calter, first, Sidney Deemer; Rhonda Cranford, fifth, Beebe Elementary; Donna Fletcher, fourth, Searcy McRae Elementary; Annette Gay, fifth, Searcy Southwest Fifth; Bobbie Harrison, fifth, Searcy Southwest Fifth; Krista Miller, third, Beebe Primary; JoAnna Pearson, first, Searcy McRae Elementary; Laura Picker, first, Sidney Deemer; Tracey Pryor, first, Searcy McRae Elementary; Linda Ramsey, sixth, Beebe Elementary; Tracy Willard, fourth, Sidney Deemer; and Shauna Wood, third, Sidney Deemer.

The special education student teachers are Lori Hockenberry, resource, Sidney Deemer; Pam McCaughan, resource, Searcy West Point; Candace Minna, resource, Searcy McRae Elementary; Sandra Riley, M-H-1-12, Central; and Sandra Todd, M-H-1-12, Lead Hill Elementary.

The kindergarten practicum students are Sue Ann Eichenberger, Sidney Deemer; Marsha Kaye Goodson, Kenneth Elementary; Sharon Logan, Searcy McRae Elementary; and Lisa Phillips, Searcy McRae Elementary.

Other student teachers are Scott Finley, physical education, Searcy High School; Terri Davis, social science, Searcy High School; Chris Helmuth, French and Spanish, Searcy High School; Tom Jernigan, physical education and math, Central High School; Ronnie Martin, physical education, Northeast High School; John Shelton, physical education and health, Harding Academy; Greg Lucas, seventh through ninth grade band, Lonoke Junior High School; Daphne Richardson, band, Heber Springs Middle School and Carol Trevalian, band, Searcy High School.

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The Underground Society

Saturday spent crawling in caves an inspiring muddy experience

by Sheila Underwood

Living in a cave was a Spring Sing tradition. For several years, the club would take a group of a dozen students on an overnight trip to a nearby cave. But for another campus club, life in a cave is more than a Spring Sing theme, and crawling around in a cave is considered a natural part of their daily routine.

The club is officially known as the CENark (for Central Arkansas) Student Geopris, but to most people it is the spelunkers, or simply the caving club. And if you ask anyone, the club is the type to rise at this ungodly hour for any reason.

Although the club is not extremely well-known around the campus, it is nonetheless an active organization. The 15 members meet regularly to plan trips and to familiarize themselves with new information from the National Speleological Society, with whom they are associated. Senior member Brent Baldwin said the club has already made five trips this semester, plans to make a few more before winter weather makes the trips impossible. They expect to visit four or five more caves in the spring as well.

Baldwin noted an increase in membership since last year, when the club had only six active members. The number has fluctuated rather noticeably over the years. In the sixties, the club had as many as 50 members; “but you don’t know what people did back then,” Baldwin quipped. Probably one factor in the club’s small size is the amount of time a caving trip takes. Most caves of much interest are at least an hour from Searcy.

For those who have the time and interest, though, the trips are very worthwhile. Although the satisfaction he feels after meeting the challenge of a new cave, especially one that hasn’t been explored before. He also likes caving just for the fun of it. The atmosphere is different from anywhere else, he said, “and everything that happens in a cave is twice as funny.”

Ken Pirtle, another senior member, enjoys the mystery of wandering what’s underneath the ground and then finding out. He agreed with Baldwin, though, that his main motivation for caving is having fun. “After spending hours in the computer lab, I always feel like a ‘hole in the ground’,” he said. “Also it’s a good way to spend time with friends. Everybody’s there to have fun. And there’s no pressure.”

Besides taking a break and being with friends, what is it that makes a cave such a neat place? Baldwin said he thought the neatest thing is that you see things you can’t see anywhere else. “Where else do you find orange salamanders and little blind fish?” he asked. “And sometimes bats fly around your head. It’s nothing like you see in horror movies. ‘though, we’ve never found more than one or two at a time, and they don’t screech like they do in the movies.”

There are some negative aspects one should consider before going caving. Although most trips are entirely safe and practically trouble-free, there are a few dangers. Sudden drops-offs can seemingly appear from nowhere, especially in a cave or part of a cave that is unfamiliar. There is the danger of underground streams rising in an unexpected rainbow, when you’re so far underground, you have no way of knowing whether it’s raining outside.

Arielle Underwood, a former member of the club who still joins them for occasional trips, recalled the only really scary time he had in his five years of spelunking. The group was splitting up. One member was caving feet first down a tunnel that went straight into a whale of a cave and the other female of the group. They discovered the chances and opted for the roomiest passage. We had to think of our cameras, not to mention our bodies.

Of course I wasn’t paying attention to their hearts’ content; I was some exploring of a huge bottle holding something that predated the T-Coke, Cherry Coke. When one of the other students discovered the entrance to the only thing I had in mind to do was hit the mud with anything or anyone or anything could be hiding. Kind of creepy.

If there’s one thing I realized how quiet the cave was. In our world above the ground, we were discovering the like to go private room for peace and quiet. That is the silence is a passive way. It is the silence of sounds that often distract us. But the cave’s silence was different. It was an active silence — when I sat still, it forced itself into my thoughts. I couldn’t notice it.

The darkness was the same way. We sat and turned off our lights at one point, and I experienced darkness in its purest form. The dark, like the silence, bombarded my senses and wouldn’t let me forget it. I remembered hearing of an experiment in sensory deprivation. After only a few hours of total sensory deprivation, subjects began hallucination. But I had no idea why.

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heads, totally unaware that this cave existed, and equally unaware that a girl named Sheila Underwood felt completely, geographically lost for the first time in her life.

Of course I wasn’t really lost. The other people in the group were used to caves and were better able to find their way around. They found us after they’d explored to their hearts’ content, while we had done some exploring of our own. We found a Coke bottle hidden away in a corner, one that predated the time of Old Coke, New Coke, Cherry Coke, Classic Coke, etc. When one of the other cavers came to where we were, he gave us a concert by hitting a long, thin piece of rock on the formations that looked like organ pipes. The pipes were actually hollow, and because of their varying sizes, they made different pitches when hit. It sounded a lot like bongo drums.

Coming back to that main room, I realized I was tired. I made my way back up the leafy slope to where we’d left our stuff. I sat down on a fallen tree and waited for the others who’d gone back after a dropped flashlight.

And the longer I sat, the harder it was to recreate the oppressive dark, the ominous silence, the lost feeling. It seemed almost like a dream.

For anyone who likes to try new things or simply to get away and forget about daily life for a while, I recommend a trip with the caving club—a journey towards the center of the earth. Who knows? I may be up at 7:30 a.m. again some Saturday myself, but this time I’ll know that whether I’m typical of the masses or not, crawling around in a cave appeals to me.
The students attending Harding University in Florence are slowly adjusting to life in a different culture. Although some are having difficulties, they are also finding enjoyable aspects of European life or are simply enjoying the experience of learning about lifestyles different from those in the United States.

Communicating with the Italians is a problem for many students. "The weirdest thing was getting my hair cut and not being able to talk to her at all," recalled Yvonne Young. "She didn’t know one word of English."

"How language barrier is definitely a problem, but we’re overcoming that little by little," said Craig Caldwell.

The HUF villa houses over 40 people, and this has caused everyone to change their routines. "Living with all these people in one house is difficult, because I’m an only child," said Leann Bullin. "It’s like having 40 brothers and sisters."

"Sharing two bathrooms with 19 girls is difficult, but it hasn’t been too bad," said Aleshia Showen. Keith Hedges added that it has been difficult adjusting to the lack of privacy at the villa.

"Some, though, find the biggest benefit. Friendships formed with other members of the HUF group have been some of the best experiences for many students. "I like living in the villa because it’s like having a group of people around you," said Phyllis Reed.

Delegates to attend PRSSA convention

Drs. Evan and Betty Urey and senior Betsy Talbott are planning to travel to Detroit Nov. 10-13 for the national conventions of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) and the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

Betty Urey said her purpose for attending the national conference is "to find out how PRSSA sponsors work with their chapters, meet new contacts and provide new ideas for Harding’s PRSSA." The theme of the PRSA convention will be the "Art of Persuasion," which she noted is her husband’s special interest.

The PRSSA consists of public relations students and related majors. "Attending the National Conference will provide valuable opportunities for career planning and for getting to know future colleagues and professionals," she said.

The theme for the PRSA convention will be "Life in the Fast Lane," and top professionals will discuss the biggest issues facing public relations practitioners.

The PRSSA is currently working on a Levi Strauss and Co. campaign promoting 501 jeans. Representatives of the PRSSA chapter that won the campaign last year will be speaking at the conference.

The students worship in Italian with the Florence congregation on Sunday mornings and have English worship at the villa on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Students such as Andrea Grimm have noticed several differences in the worship of the Italians. "The people here don’t take it as for granted," she observed. "It’s just a different attitude."

"Also," she added, "the communion wine is real wine."

What have the HUF students gained so far from their experience? "I appreciate America so much since we’ve been here," said Maria Haynes. "I think that this semester will help us all to appreciate what we have. Learning about other cultures is an opportunity that everyone should take." Students attending HUF this semester are Nicholas Wayne Atkins, Robert Bain, Amy Blankenship, Leann Bullin, Craig Caldwell, Michael Caudle, Gina Conner, James Brett Craft, Elizabeth Forbes, Laura Ford, Andrea Grimm, Maral Haynes, Keith Hedges, Tom Heffington, Donna Helms, William Helms, Allen Henderson, Jennifer Henderson, Julianna Jones, Laura Krout, Pamela Lorenz, Carol Magnes, Marty Moore, Nancy Morgan, Kimberly Oxford, Kellye Peacock, John Pike, Jeanne Pipkin, Deborah Bailey, Phyllis Reed, Michael Gregory Sannom, Aleshia Showen, Randall Woodall, Yvonne Young, and Anthony Price.

Faculty members from Searcy campus currently teaching in Florence and their families are Dr. Wyatt Jones, professor of English, and his wife, Sherry, and their children Michael, Phillip and David.

Editor’s note: Amy Blankenship, a member of the Bison staff, is currently attending Harding University in Florence, Italy.
Costume party

Chris Clarke, the SA costume party host (dressed as a cheerleader), seems inspired by the costume of Academy student Isaac Johnson, doing his own imitation of the Karate Kid. And senior Jennifer Falkner (far right) and freshman Nina Davis model their award-winning costumes. Falkner and Davis won the costume contest, which was part of the Student Association's Halloween party Tuesday night.
Music Man’ a delightful Homecoming musical

by Fran Coon
River City’s new pool table will surely decay the moral purity of its youth, says Professor Harold Hill, the serpentine (yet magically winsome) conman who proposes to counter the corruption of River City youth by organizing a boy’s band.

Review

That cozy little town snuggled away in turn-of-the-century Iowa will never be the same after Hill’s arrival. Despite his greedy intentions, he brings to River City a special luxury: a contagious, unbottomed happiness.

Brad Carter, a junior music education major, performs as Harold Hill with professional ease and commendable authenticity as he unfolds the plot and attempts to seduce into his scheme the stern, truly susceptible Mariann the Librarian, played by Lisa Lemmon, a senior English major. Typifying one’s image of a librarian and single music teacher, Mariann is introduced to the audience shrouded in a stately and nearly forbidding blue gown. As the plot unfolds, however, her dress becomes more and more impelling with an inviting softness, paralleling her change of heart from coldness to warmth.

The two main leads, Carter and Lemmon, move splendidly together in expression and song. Especially worth noting is the rich, vibrant, dainty-when-need-be, singing voice of Lemmon. “Madam Librarian . . .” - the rhythm of this scene and its choreography make it one of the most outstanding of the play.

The 26-piece orchestra crescendoes during this scene as the suave professor aims to pick up his “sadder but wiser girl” while the schoolchildren remain faceless, hidden in their books. It is the charm of the 22 schoolchildren - the precious little ones - who make the play so refreshing. Or “refreshing” as the lispng boy would say. His singing debut in the Wells Fargo scene swells into a full, great chorus to end the first half of the production. This is one of the several tremendous scenes with all of the performers on stage - the schoolboys decked out in white caps and knickers and the girls swishing through their moves in bright pink and purple skirts. Most all of the choreography is excellent. Enthralling - even to the most prim anti-dancing heart in the audience.

And talk about dancing. Pioneered by actresses Laura White and Sue Ann Eichenberger, the River City dancing class scenes are dangerously hilarious as those gossipy fiftyish matrons contort their plump bodies to personify a Grecian urn.

But the height of comedy is Marcellus, played by Jay Walls. He performs this comic role even more enthusiastically than his one last year in "Hello Dolly!"

Certainly there are many applaud-winning facets of the show. And several participants are to be commended for their special talents and hard efforts to bring Harding’s stage a delightful, imposing performance of the “Music Man,” especially Robin Miller, the director; Arthur Shearin, the director of music; and Morris Ellis, the technical director.

“The Music Man” will be presented tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15 in the Benson Auditorium.

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First loss of season ends Bison winning streak

by Wendell Hudson
Spectrum editor

Like is so often the case, all good things must eventually come to a sudden and unwanted ending. That came to the Harding Bison last Saturday night.

The Bison, ranked third in the nation and one of only two undefeated teams in the nation, dropped their first game of the season at Raygood Stadium in Arkadelphia to the Henderson State University Reddies 36-31.

"We simply got beat by a better team that night," head coach John Prock said. "They played better than they had any other game this year. They probably will not play that kind of football game again this season. We just happened to be the team that ran into them."

Following a sluggish performance at Pine Bluff, the Bison never seemed to get going after a big play in the first half," Prock said. "Against Henderson, we never got that big play early to get us going."

The Bison came out of the locker room at halftime and displayed the form that had earned them their undefeated record and top ten ranking, capitalizing on Reddie turnovers to tie the score 21-21 with 36 seconds left in the third quarter.

"This group knew that to win the game it was going to take a full 60-minute effort, and they did not quit," Prock said. "We got a few breaks with the fumbles and we were right back in the ballgame."

"You have to credit Henderson. When it got close, they did not fold up and quit."

They battled right back and stuck to their game plan," Prock added. "They did exactly what they needed to do to win."

The loss dropped the Bisons to 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the AIC with four games left to play.

"We have to pick up the pieces and bounce back next week," Prock said. "With the AIC competition, you really don't have time to dwell on the past but rather look ahead to next week."

Tomorrow afternoon at Alumni Field the University of Arkansas at Monticello Rolls Weevils will bring the top passing attack in the AIC for the Bisons' 27th annual Homecoming clash.

"We are going from the top ranker to the top passer in the conference," Prock said. "The Bisons hold a 14-10-2 record in Homecoming games with last year's game against Southern Arkansas ending in a 21-21 tie. Against UAM in Homecoming games, the Bisons are 6-3."

Game time is scheduled for 2:45 tomorrow afternoon at Alumni Field.

Major league baseball system shows room for improvement

There is one distinct characteristic that the Kansas City Royals, St. Louis Cardinals, Toronto Blue Jays and Los Angeles Dodgers have in common. They all have had a problem with questionable calls by the umpiring crews during the playoffs and the World Series.

Blue Jays fans still feel like they were played against 18 men on the field in every game of the League Championship Series against the nine defensive Royals and the six umpires.

Recently, a Sports Illustrated insert listed several calls which replays showed the umpire missed the call — badly. There were at least six different calls on the bases and the catch-trap play in center field.

In all fairness, there was one play that didn't deserve a questionable call. The Blue Jays fans who were in Kansas City when George Brett had the tying hit against the Red Sox. Brett was on second when he hit the pitch, the tag was on the man while he was off the base, causing an out.

That was about the only close call that I agreed with throughout that series, though.

The problem got worse in the World Series. The call in game 6 will go down in history as one of the most controversial calls in series history. When Cardinal Manager Whitney Hergo went out to question, American League Umpire Don Denkinger told him that Kansas City Royals pinch-hitter Jorge Orta was safe by half a step.

Half a step? Are you crazy?

I did not really care who won the World Series, but the umpiring throughout the seven games left something to be desired.

Did I mention that Denkinger, who made the call at first base, threw Joaquin Andujar and Hergo out in game 7? That was the way the rotation worked out.

Another thing that has now become known is that the umpires are selected on a rotation basis rather than a merit system. In essence, the best umpires during the year were watching the game on TV right along with everybody else.

Simply stated, the best teams were in the playoffs and the World Series, but the best umpires were not. Now that makes a lot of sense, doesn't it?

One clear thing that appeared in this, as
Searcy not likely to receive financial support

by Shawn Goodpaster

It does not seem likely that the Searcy football team will receive school financial support for the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference will recognize soccer as a league sport any time in the near future, said University athletic director Dr. Harry Olree.

Olree said the lack of AIC sanctioning is the main reason why the University does not sponsor a varsity soccer team. "We would have a tough time doing it," he said, in explaining the problems in fielding a team in a non-AIC sport, including difficulties in scheduling opponents.

Olree said that every time the issue of sponsoring soccer has been brought up at AIC meetings in recent years, only two to four of the league's 11 schools have supported the idea. "The inability to get a sponsorship is a result of a lack of interest in the sport in Arkansas," he said. "Students at state schools are mostly from Arkansas and have no real interest in sponsoring a soccer team, especially since we do not sponsor varsity soccer teams." According to Collins, the practice of shaving their heads has become popular among football players who decided to shave their heads, so far and the number is expected to increase, especially towards the end of the season.

Not only have football players shaved their heads, but male students not on the team have decided to show their support by shaving their locks as well. About five non-football players have shaved their heads for the cause. "I feel that is the best way to show our support," Olree said. "We are not only supporting the team, but also the other players who did not play football and have not been able to show their support in other ways." According to Collins, the practice of shaving their heads has become popular among football players who decided to shave their heads, so far and the number is expected to increase, especially towards the end of the season.

Bisons go for AIC championship

Ted Lloyd's men's and women's cross country teams will be at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia tomorrow as the Bisons compete in the AIC and District 17 cross country meet. The Lady Bisons are running fifth in the nation, followed by the men who are going for their 15th straight AIC championship at 11:45.

According to Lloyd, the men's and women's teams are running first at 11:15 a.m. followed by the men's and women's teams. "I feel that we have a good chance of winning," said Lloyd, "but it's important to predict how the other teams might run." Bayer's stiffest competition for overall winner will come from Jeff Peep of UAM and Clint Daniels of Arkansas Tech.

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AIC Representative

If soccer became a varsity sport, financing "would depend on what we're trying to accomplish," Olree said. "We (the athletic department) would sit down with the soccer coach and account for meals, uniforms and travel based on what we do for other teams." Olree said the school "could have a good team," while later adding that he does not pay much attention to the current team's on-field performance.

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