Red Cross gets shot in the arm; donors give 601 pints of blood

by Susan Waugh
Bison staff writer

It was the week of Halloween, but most of the blood-sucking took place in the Administration Auditorium as the Red Cross drew 601 pints of blood in its annual blood drive. The drive, which was held Oct. 27-30, was promoted by OEGE social club as a community service project.

"The Red Cross is pleased with the response to the drive," said a spokesman. "Even some Harding Academy students gave." Among the campus students who gave were Paula McGee and Paulette Dickerson. McGee is a freshman from Little Elm, Texas, who had never given blood before.

"It isn't as bad as I thought it would be," McGee said. Dickerson, who has given blood many times, said, "It is an easy way to serve other people." There were 142 who gave on Monday, 149 Tuesday, 148 in a four hour period on Wednesday and 162 on Thursday.

Students sat quietly around the Administration Auditorium stage on the last day of the drive. Some had given blood before, while some had not. The stage had been converted into a hospital ward with beds, nurses, and medical instruments everywhere. Jackie Lawson, White County Red Cross secretary, explained the four-step process of giving blood.

First, the donor completes a registration form which is kept by the Red Cross for future reference. Medical data is required, along with information regarding hepatitis, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and travel abroad. The registration form is evaluated before the giver can proceed.

The second step is a work-up which necessitates additional approval. The blood pressure and pulse is checked. Then the ear is pricked and a drop of blood is tested for anemia. Anemia is a condition in which the blood is deficient in red blood cells, hemoglobin or in total volume. If the donor passes the first two steps, he is allowed to proceed to the third.

The third step is drawing the blood. The donor lies on a bed while a nurse inserts a needle into the large vein in the bend of the arm. One pint of blood is drawn out through the needle into a small bag. It usually does not take very long. However, it does take longer for some people. A nurse is in attendance at all times while the blood is being drawn.

The fourth step is the recovery period. A giver must go to the canteen, which is set up below the stage, and spend ten to 15 minutes relaxing. Cokes and cookies are served to replenish blood sugar. During this time the donor is carefully watched to be certain he is all right. The entire process generally takes about 45 minutes.

Many people contributed to make the drive a success. The Red Cross, through the White County Red Cross office, organized the event. Their staff of volunteers and professional nurses consisted of about 20 people. The OEGE members volunteered to assist in holding a donor's hand, serving in the canteen, walking students back to their rooms and helping in any other way they could. Public relations students worked on publicity and promotion.

Then there are those that gave. It could obviously not have been a success without them. They gave "the Gift of Life."
Homecoming recalls special memories for returning alumni

"We'll keep you close as always; it won't even seem you've gone. 'Cause our hearts in big and small ways will keep the love that keeps us strong."

Homecoming is a time when alumni are reunited with family and friends. They are welcomed back to campus amidst a flurry of reunions, receptions, banquets and other activities. These events are planned for entertainment, but they also serve another significant purpose.

These lyrics from the classic song "Friends" illustrate the strong friendships that people develop as students at Harding. Homecoming provides the opportunity for alumni to renew and strengthen these special relationships.

Most of the social clubs are having receptions on Saturday morning. Many of the strongest bonds that students form at Harding develop within their social clubs. Since the clubs comprise the core of social life at Harding, club brothers and sisters are the friends with whom most students spend a majority of their time. Enduring pledging activities ("these will be some of your greatest college memories"), sharing victories and losses in club sports, and going to hayrides and banquets provide innumerable opportunities to form close relationships.

Many other factors contribute toward the strong friendships between Harding students. Cheering the Bisons at ballgames, beginning the English 103 term papers the night before they are due, and sitting in the white swings. Running across the front lawn at curfew to avoid late minutes, going home with friends for the weekend, and sharing every detail of your life with a roommate. These, along with countless other activities, create memories for Harding students and enable one to enjoy time spent with friends.

Friendships at Harding are special because they are friendships that will endure for eternity. These relationships are fostered through club devotionals, lily pool devos (regardless of where they meet), chapel, and worship services throughout the week. This special bond between friends can only strengthen the relationship and encourage one another.

As the song tells us, "Friends are friends forever, if the Lord's the Lord of them. And a friend will not say never, 'cause the welcome never ends." We welcome you back to the Harding campus, and hope that you enjoy the activities that have been planned for Homecoming weekend.

Letters to the Editor

American freedoms come at high cost

My dear friends in Christ,

It is not often that I find myself this deep in thought about a problem that I am so far removed from, but it is in this instance that I am on the very verge of tears. I am a free man.

Daily we live without fear of persecution, enjoying the freedoms that we all take for granted. We seldom realize that the freedom that we all share has been bought with the blood of men and women who have fought for America in the past wars of our nation. We have yet to experience the emotions of war.

I feel that I can safely say that none of us students here at Harding have personally felt the effects of a war-torn society. Maybe some of the faculty members remember what it is like, but want to forget. I regret that I cannot fully understand what it must have felt like to live in such an unsettled time.

I have asked myself, "What exactly is war?" and the only answer that I am able to give can be found in any text book.

So, let me ask you. What is war to you? What words can accurately describe the pains of war?

Take a moment to place yourself in the life of a frightened nurse or soldier hiding in a make-shift foxhole, faced with the possibility of dying at any minute. It has been raining all day. You are cold, hungry and scared to death. The enemy is near. You do not move for hours. The enemy is nearby. Silence...imperfect, horrible silence. Sweat is pouring from your skin. Your hands are wet with fear.

Thoughts of home tease you and torment you.

You hear footsteps, friend or foe. Instinctively you grab your only comfort, your rifle. Nothing but a machine, right? Months earlier this same rifle was just a piece of metal that you knew nothing about. Perhaps you felt a little uneasy even firing it, but now, comfort.

If you are forced to, you will use it. And when, you are face to face with the enemy you find yourself almost looking in a mirror. Now, you are face to face. For a flash of a moment you not only look at your enemy, but you are able to look inside your enemy.

There is a common bond. The fear is the same. Each of you have your comforter. The reason is the same: seek out and destroy. Then, with no pain, no second thoughts, you fire. Perfect shot! You are thankful that he didn't yell. No pain, no yelling, no emotion. There, surrounded, you are alone.

The rain continues to fall. You reload. That was easy, but next time you are not going to look inside. Too much pain. The silence continues.

There is a war at home also. Parents quietly wait for news. Secretly, each fears the same thing. A letter comes. Their son will never come home again. Perhaps there is no pain there, either. Mother begins to sob...silently she absorbs the pain that she knew might one day come. Dad, such a clown, comforts mother. It is night and the rain is gently falling.

So, what is war? There is this physical type of war, but also there must be this silent war. And what about your freedom, now, this very moment? Understand? I doubt it. Maybe one day I will.

May God bless you and keep you.

In loving memory of those who died for me,

Richard Pippin

Pardon our error

Last week, the Bison mistakenly identified Dr. Bill White as Dr. Ed White in a story concerning the Southern Night benefit program put on by the Associated Women for Harding.
The elections of 1986 are now history. The outcomes of most of the elections were drastically affected by one factor that the United States Constitution makes absolutely no statement about — political parties. As the elections of 1988 draw near, political parties will become even more active. Various contenders for office, especially for the Presidency, will be thrust into the forefront of public attention as the two parties attempt to choose the best candidate for each of the particular offices. Only a small minority of independent candidates ever win any of the important national elections.

Often, political scientists determine the quality of democracy in a particular nation-state by comparing the relative strength of the political parties in that nation-state. If one party dominates all others, then the quality of democracy is generally considered poor.

Democracy was not founded with political parties in mind, however. Democracy, as it evolved from the European Middle Ages, was seen as the common man's chance to choose government leaders and government policies. From peasant backgrounds.

The elections of 1986 were dominated by interference of political parties choosing the best candidate to promote their own personal interest. Several examples of groups who support political parties to protect some interest can easily be given. Large labor unions have traditionally supported the Democratic Party because of the benefits that the group receives from that group. The "Old South" has supported the Democratic Party because of historical reasons. The political parties often identified as "big business" has generally supported the Republican Party because of the favorable policies of that party toward that group.

Other examples could be given, but these few serve as proof that political parties in the United States often are merely a false face for some interest group. Such a view of political parties encourages one to question the validity of any political system that is based on political parties. Parties would seem to be the true Trojan horses of Democracy.

Political parties can, however, play a very important role in the democratic system. Because parties ultimately depend on the votes of the electorate, parties must compete among themselves for the support of the electorate. Competition between political parties produces good products for the electorate to choose from, similar to the way in which competition between supermarkets produces good products for the consumer.

The unfortunate part of the whole situation is that the same consumer who chooses the best buys from different supermarkets will often vote exclusively for the candidates of one political party. Although such votes are often cast to protect some personal or group interest, the quality of the candidate for whom the vote is cast is never considered.

In a democratic system with two or more political parties, the livelihood of the system is competition between those parties for power. Although one might identify more closely with the policies of one party than he does with the other, one must vote with the qualities of the considered candidates in mind. When the electorate "shops around," it learns what the political parties can and cannot offer.

In that sense, parties depend as much on competition as does the political system itself.

In his farewell address, President George Washington identified political parties as a source of divisiveness and factionalism. Since American democracy has become rooted and grounded in political parties, the electorate must force those parties to present acceptable candidates for the various offices. Only then can political parties serve their proper function. If divisiveness must exist then the electorate must take advantage of that divisiveness to produce superior public products.
American Studies students go to 'Big D,' learn big business

by Amy Blankenship
Bison assistant editor

A presentation by Tom Landry, head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, highlighted the American Studies trip to Dallas last week. Forty-six students, accompanied by three faculty members, visited with representatives of a dozen companies in the Dallas area.

Landry addressed the importance of values and consistency in all facets of life. He also answered numerous questions from the students, ranging from his family life to Super Bowl predictions.

"The most important thing you can have is the right relationship with God through Jesus Christ," Landry told the group. "That's what it's all about."

"He was really inspirational," senior Kevin Roberson commented. "He talked about converting coaches and players that have come through Dallas. I thought it was interesting to hear how he implements Christian principles to have a winning program."

"Landry related Christian values to success in sports, business, and life in general," senior Nancy Morgan added. "It's easy-going and down-to-earth. It didn't seem like success had gone to his head."

Harding alumni Brant and Blair Bryan addressed the students at The Staubach Company, a real estate firm owned by former Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach. They discussed careers in real estate, including opportunities for students with different academic backgrounds.

"It was really impressed with them," senior Marvin Holmest said. "Brant had such good ideas about maintaining a good balance between all areas of life."

"They were very informative as far as telling us about the current situation in real estate," junior Ryan Blickenstaff added. "It made me realize just how fierce the competition is in Dallas."

The group was also given a tour of Baylor Medical Center. They met with administrators of the Center, watched films outlining the purposes of Baylor, and visited several wards in the hospital.

"I was really impressed with what they were doing at Baylor," senior Eron Frey said. "They are well-equipped with the most modern medical technology."

"They outlined their goals, and showed us what they were doing to meet them," Blickenstaff said.

Also included on the agenda were meetings at Republic Bank, KTVT, Trammel Crow, Rosewood Industries, Dal-Tile, Southwest Bank, Electronic Data Systems, American Airlines, Bloom Advertising and Brookshire. The group also attended a reception for students and alumni at Highland Oaks Church of Christ.

The students that participated in the trip commented that they learned about different aspects of the business world. "It helped me see all the different fields that are open to me as a marketing major," senior Dana Bingham noted.

"We made a lot of good contacts for our future careers," senior Steve Ruble added.

Senior Barb Walker summarized what many of the students learned. "We learned that you can be successful, but still have time for other things," she concluded. "They showed us that you can stand up for what you believe and still make it to the top."

The President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, popularly known as the Grace Commission after its chairman, J. Peter Grace, was given the task in June 1982 to find ways the federal government could cut spending without raising taxes or adversely affecting social programs.

After 18 months of study, the commission presented President Reagan with 2,478 recommendations which, over three years, could save $424 billion. The proposals were contained in a two-volume summary which was gleaned from 47 separate reports and supported by 1.5 million pages of documentation.

Under Grace's leadership W.R. Grace and Co. has changed from a Latin American and steamship line heritage into an international company with worldwide interests in chemicals, natural resources and selected consumer services. Today the company operates 268 plants, 268 offices, 446 sales units, 131 warehouses, 681 retail outlets and 367 restaurants in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and 45 countries of North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia.

Grace graduated from Yale University. For several years he has been speaking to various business and education groups about the need to reduce federal government spending and waste. He is a member of President Reagan's National Productivity Advisory Committee.

The lecture presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

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Grace scheduled to address American Studies audience

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Queens reflect on bygone coronations

The name Carolyn Barton should bring back memories to many alumni. Barton was selected as Harding’s first Homecoming Queen in 1959. Since then, the selection of Homecoming Queen has become a tradition at Harding. But Homecoming is a lot more than just selecting a queen during the football season. Homecoming is just what its title suggests. It is a time when many students who have graduated from Harding come back to see what the old campus looks like and to feel so special by nominating someone else for the honor.

Kellee Citty, Queen in 1983, remembered what it was like, “When they first even told me I was nominated, that was the biggest surprise.” Regarding the actual Homecoming day, Citty commented, “On the day of crowning I didn’t even consider it to be me. It was the neatest experience...the whole thing was like a dream come true.” Citty, in her fifth year at Harding, is a senior nursing major.

Sheryl Latimore reigned over Homecoming activities last year. “Being Homecom-

The Homecoming
Tradition

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remember things they used to do when they attended Harding.

Nancy Blue, Homecoming Queen in 1970, said there have been some changes in Homecoming activities since she was a participant. “Back then, they named the queen at the game, now they announce it in chapel,” said Blue. “We had a Homecoming parade...it was real short, and all of the nominees rode on the back of a pick-up truck.” That year, each member of the court was required to wear something white.

The Homecoming football game will get underway at 3 p.m. Saturday. The Bisons will face Southern Arkansas University in an Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference matchup. Kyle Colvett, who doubles as mascot Bobby Bison, has prepared some special antics for the Homecoming crowd. Half-time entertainment will include the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and a special performance by the Thundering Herd marching band.

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For a complete schedule of weekend activities See page 8

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Weekend whets retail appetites
by Lee H. Kuek
Bison staff writer

Homecoming! The word spells nostalgia for graduates of Harding. It is a time for celebrations, reunion and renewing friendships.

A morning stroll among the flowers and trees amidst the neatly manicured lawn surrounded by the same old buildings is a euphoric experience for many of them. The elation of being on the very same spot, years ago, is a reminiscence of the good-old times, the funny times, the silly times, the romantiic times, and moods of times past.

For the present students, Homecoming is probably a time to see Mom and Dad, relatives, friends or just one of the activities on campus.

Homecoming, like a diamond, has different facets to different groups of people in our community; it is an event filled with anticipation by the business community. The hustle and hustle created by the influx of people from all over is an event of economic significance. Businesses ranging from the gift shops, florists, hairdressers, gas stations, boutiques, food-marts, restaurants and motels are geared up for the Homecoming event.

As yeasts is for dough, events such as Homecoming act as a lubricant to the economic-wheels of Searcy. It provides the community with economic activities, generating job opportunities for many of the residents.

For the class of '61, Homecoming is more than a reunion. The class of '61 will become a milestone in the history of Shoney's Inn.

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6:00-8:00 p.m. - Black & Gold Banquet - $6.50 per ticket, George Tipps, Master of Ceremonies - Presentation of Distinguished Alumni Award
8:15 p.m. - Homecoming Musical, “Annie” - $5 per ticket

November 8, Saturday
8:00-9:30 a.m. - Complimentary Continental Alumni Breakfast, “Apples and Annie,” Hammon Student Center
8:00 a.m. - Bison Stampede - Road Race, Fun Run, Bicycle Race, Heritage Center $6
9:45-10:30 a.m. - Alumni Chapel (Class of ’61 in charge, Heritage Auditorium
10:00-11:30 a.m. - Social Club Reunions
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - Belles & Beaux, Benson Auditorium
12:30 p.m. - 25th Anniversary Class Luncheon - Olen Hendrix Building
3:00 p.m. - Football Game - Harding vs. Southern Arkansas University
3:00 p.m. - Reception for Morrilton Alumni - Olen Hendrix Building
5:00-8:00 p.m. - Class Reunions
8:15 p.m. - Homecoming Musical, “Annie”

Special Reunions
Friday
Cross Country Alumni Reunion - Following Black & Gold Banquet - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday
Cross Country Alumni Varsity Race - Golf Course Dining Range, East of Baseball Field - 10:00 a.m.
Cross Country Alumni Barbeque - Cloverdale Church Fellowship Hall - 6:00 p.m.
School of Nursing - Reception - Olen Hendrix Bldg.
Third Floor - 10:00 a.m.
A Cappella Chorus - Supper - Music Bldg., Recording Studio - 5:30 p.m.
Former Football Players & Cheerleaders - Athletic Center, Room 100 - 5:30 p.m.
Chorale - Reception - Music Bldg., Recording Studio - 1:00 p.m.
Former Media Center Employees - Reception - Media Center, Mabee Bus. Bldg. - 10:00 a.m.
Business Associates Continental Breakfast Meeting - Mabee Business Center Lobby - 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and continuing in Room 107.
Home Economics Dept. - Reception - Olen Hendrix Bldg., Room 100 - 10:00-2:30 p.m.
Business School Alumni - Reception - Home of Dr. David Burks - 6:00 p.m.
Alumni Art Show (November 3-14) - Open House - Art Gallery - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Class Reunions
Saturday, November 8
1936 - 50th Anniversary - Luncheon, Heritage Room, American Heritage Center - 12:30
1941 - Light Supper - Olen Hendrix Bldg. - 5:00-8:00 p.m.
1946 - Dutch-treat Luncheon - Western Sizzlin’ Steak House - 3210 E. Race - 12:15
1951 - Dinner - Home of Wyatt Jones - 5:00-8:00 p.m. - 229 Indian Trail
1956 - Luncheon - Home of Neale and Treva Pryor, 13 Harding Drive - 12:00 noon
1961 - 25th Anniversary - Complimentary Luncheon, Olen Hendrix Bldg. - 12:30 Dinner - Mrs. Harris’ Cafeteria (court square downtown) - 6:00 p.m.

1966 - Luncheon - College Church Fellowship Room - 11:30-1:30
1971 - Dinner - Heritage Room, American Heritage Center - 5:30-8:00 p.m.
1976 - Luncheon - Harding Academy Gym - 12:30-2:30
1981 - Informal Reception - New Gym, Room 106 - 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Social Club Reunions
Saturday, November 8
10:00-11:30 a.m. Unless otherwise specified
TNT - Harris Cafeteria, downtown Searcy, West Side of Court House - 11:45 a.m.
Ko Jo Kai - Heritage Room, American Heritage Center Phi Delta - American Studies Bldg., Room 114
Gata - Breakfast - Science Bldg., Room 156 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Zeto Rho - Brunch - Home of Mrs. David Burks, 1301 Deener Drive
Sigma Phi Mu - Reception - American Studies Bldg. 202
OEGE - Reception - American Studies Bldg., Room 104
Shanti - Tea - American Studies Bldg., Room 212
Omega Phi - Reception - Mabee Business Building Lobby Regina - Breakfast - Home of Besbie Mae Pryor, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Chi Sigma Alpha - Donuts & Coffee - Science Bldg., Room 90 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Ju Go Ju - Brunch - Banus Bldg., Room 112
Kappa Tau Omega - Brunch - Banus Bldg., Room 201
Tri-Kappa & Kappa Sigma - Brunch for Alumni & Parents - American Studies Bldg. 203
Sigma Tau - Reception - Banus Bldg., Room 202
Chi Lambda Chi - Reception - American Studies Bldg., Lounge (First Floor)
Titans - Brunch at Harris Cafeteria
Sub 7-16 - Breakfast - King’s Inn Restaurant
Tri Sigma Delta - Tea - Home of Lynn England, 928 E. Market, 10:30 a.m.

Annie
'Annie'
Homecoming 1986
It's a dog's life for Heitschi

by Sharon Kunkle
Bison staff writer

Have you noticed the big, copper-colored dog hanging around campus these last few weeks? Well, he may look like the average American pet, but there is a lot more to him than that.

The dog's real name is Heitschi-bumbheitzki or Heitschi for short. His rightful owner is Sindi Graber, a freshman who calls both Padre Island, Texas and Austria her home. "I raised Heitschi in Austria," says Graber, "so he only understands German commands." Graber named her dog after her favorite Austrian Christmas song.

The main purpose for Heitschi being on campus is so he may perform in the musical "Annie." He is playing the dog "Sandy" that befriends little orphan Annie, played by Alice Gill.

Graber has been training Sandy to follow Annie around the stage. "He's not afraid of the audience, he's a ham and loves it," says Graber. "The problem is getting him to mind someone else besides myself."

Teacher opinion poll —

What does Homecoming mean to you?

Betty Ulrey, English Dept. — "The best thing about Homecoming is to see former students, classmates, and my own children again."

Stan Green, Art Dept. — "Homecoming for Harding alumni is a real coming home because they have a chance to renew some very meaningful memories."

Jack R. Shock, Communication Dept. — "As an alumnus and a faculty member, Homecoming is a double treat for me. The opportunity to visit with old friends and students makes the weekend special."

Graber, who lives in Cathcart Dorm, hopes Heitschi will be allowed to stay on campus once the musical is over. "My dorm mother says she really feels safe with him there to protect her girls," says Graber. "He's a very friendly dog and won't hurt anyone but he will attack on command and will protect properly."

Graber described Heitschi as being a one-person dog. Many students have already noticed that the dog follows his owner constantly and rarely raises his head when someone else calls to him.

Every day, Heitschi walks Graber to each of her classes and waits faithfully outside the building. After an economics class earlier in the semester, Graber left through a side door instead of the front door where Heitschi was waiting. Hours later, Graber went back to the Mabee Building to find Heitschi still there. "Sometimes, it's hard to remember he's a dog," said Graber.

Heitschi celebrated his second birthday on Nov. 2. His favorite sports include soccer and frisbee. To top it all off, he even has his own passport.

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Alumni Field
Alumni chapters keep students close

by Bobby Davidson
Bison editor

"Keep in touch!"

It’s the phrase that is uttered perhaps more than any other at graduation ceremonies and class reunions. But keeping in touch with old friends and Harding classmates can be difficult, especially when one is separated from the campus by distance or demands on his time.

Fortunately for alumni, the University has begun a program to help keep them abreast of Harding happenings through the establishment of alumni chapters in various cities. Presently, there are chapters in Dallas, Atlanta, Memphis and Fort Worth, Texas, with another getting on its feet in Houston.

In some locations, such as southeastern Oklahoma, Washington, D.C. and Ohio, for example, there are no formal chapters because the alumni are located so far from each other. But for interested alumni in isolated areas such as these, there are occasional gatherings that take place about once a year.

"The chapters satisfy the alumni’s needs for information and institutional fellowship. Our best recruiters are happy alumni, so maintaining the tie is mutually beneficial," Tim Bruner, assistant director of alumni relations, explained. "In terms of money and bringing in new students, Harding depends on alumni more than ever before."

"To an alum, the most important part of ‘keep in touch’ is not actually getting back to the physical surroundings of the campus," Bruner continued. "When people describe their warm feelings about Harding, it’s all about the people. So getting together, wherever they may be, is important to our alums."

The idea of keeping alumni attuned to campus happenings is not a new one. Many schools, most notably large state universities, have built very strong alumni associations.

"Someone wrote in years ago, requesting that we do something like this, but we just didn’t have the time or personnel to devote to the project at that time," Bruner said. "Still, most of the legwork in the individual cities is done by the leaders of the chapters. We mostly handle things like mailing for them and helping them set up and evaluate the programs."

The activity that the chapters engage in, usually between two and four per year, include dinners, picnics, Time of Day performances and receptions that feature informal speeches by speakers such as University President Dr. Clifton L. Ganus and President-Elect Dr. David B. Burks.

"Since Dr. Ganus and Dr. Burks can’t possibly visit all the homes of alumni individually, we try to gather the alumni at central locations so they can be addressed in larger groups. The actual activity that is scheduled usually depends on what my key contacts in that area feel would be best," Bruner stated.

Bruner also points out that, while fund-raising is not a purpose of chapter establishment, alumni donations should be enhanced by the feelings of involvement elicited by the chapter functions. Because it is not specifically included in the goals of chapter establishment, Bruner says this fund-raising boost is a "by-product" of the program.

Homecoming brings exes ‘home’

by Steve Ruble
Bison staff writer

The undergraduates term the alma mater means very little. It is only after graduation day that the term’s meaning (“my mother”) starts to affect your feelings.

During the first 10 to 15 years after graduation, the college years seem very special, and many graduates make it a point to try to return to the school for the activities of Homecoming:

What is it that causes alumni to come back for Homecoming? Many people have pleasant memories of their undergraduate work and want to see the friends that made these years special. Homecoming is a very convenient time to do this.

"A large number of alumni come back to Harding for planned Homecoming activities," according to Dr. Jimmy Carr, Homecoming chairman, "but most come back for the informal meetings with their friends from former school days."

"We do bring back many alumni because we have a good balanced program available for them," Carr says. The alumni chapel to be held tomorrow and conducted by the class of 1961, is a very special time for most alumni. Special reunions, ranging from the A Capella chorus to former media center employees, will draw many people, as will the social club reunions tomorrow morning. These provide still another chance for one to reunite with classmates that one may or may not recognize.

Another reason Homecoming is special is the work that the present students put into the program. The football team, band and those involved in the musical production all practice hard to make the weekend a success. According to Dr. Carr, the alumni do realize and appreciate this.

"Harding alumni are the most loyal I’ve seen in my 45 years of work in education. The donations from alumni demonstrate their good feelings toward the school," Carr said.
Homecoming games bring cheers and tears

by Kristi McCartney

Homecoming football games have become a tradition here at Harding. Every year hundreds of former students return to the campus to pay allegiance to their alma mater and to enjoy an afternoon of Bison football.

The Bison football program re-entered intercollegiate football in the fall of 1969, after a 28 year absence. Excellently equipped with a new playing field, new equipment and a competent coaching staff, Harding was ready for competition. The team had not experienced a shut-out score of 21-0.

Despite these handicaps, the Bisons were prepared for the hard work ahead while trying to establish Harding's football program in conference competition. Fortunately, they were prepared for a few disappointments along the way.

Harding's first Homecoming football game was definitely one of those disappointments. After a fought to the finish, Southern State defeated Harding by a score of 42-14. The team just didn't have the experience it needed to have a successful season.

But a lack of experience wasn't enough to stop the Bisons. After only two years of conference competition, Harding proved that hard work pays off. In an exciting Homecoming game against College of the Ozarks, the Bisons showed their talent with a shut-out score of 27-0. Nineteen-eighty was a more unfortunate year for the Homecoming game. The excitement was breezy and warm — a perfect day for the Homecoming game. The excitement began at the kickoff as a jam-packed crowd cheered on the Bisons. But the festivities were dampened when Harding suffered a 15-7 defeat. The Southern Arkansas Mulieriders were just too tough.

Homecoming 1985 had the fans on their feet right up to the last seconds of the game. UA-Monticello held the edge after a Bison touchdown late in the fourth quarter. In an attempt to take the lead, Mannie Lowery went for a two-point conversion but was knocked out-of-bounds just before reaching the end-zone. The final score was 21-20.

Ronnie Peacock, shown making one of his 201 career receptions, still ranks as Harding's all-time leading receiver in several categories. Peacock, like many others, holds fond memories of Homecoming football games.

(photograph courtesy of Public Relations Office)
New state requirements to affect student teachers

by Marti Hinds
Staff writer

Second only to senior nursing majors, student teachers seem to be the most unheard and unseen group on campus. Their relative state of seclusion will be extended from eight to 12 weeks beginning in the fall of 1988, when new state requirements take effect.

Dr. Bobby Coker, dean of the school of education, is a member of a committee appointed by the State Board of Education. The committee studied the teacher education requirements of Arkansas schools and recommended the new standards which were adopted by the board.

The three major changes to present standards will be: 1. Student teaching will be 12 full weeks instead of eight. 2. Students must maintain an overall 2.50 grade point average and no less than a 2.50 grade point average in their major courses to enter the teacher education program. 3. Students must have no less than a C in written and oral communication and math classes.

Much of this, Coker said, is already required by Harding. The biggest change will be the 12 week period of student teaching. As the program stands now, students have an eight week block of courses followed by eight weeks of student teaching, all in one semester.

"How it has to change our program, we're not sure," Coker said. "Faculty are talking about studying the new standards and making recommendations."

In a dean's meeting a week ago, "the review of the new standards met with mixed reactions," Coker said. "They agreed with the standards, but the question is how are we going to do it all?"

Students in the education program also seem to have mixed feelings.

Tom Martin, a graduate student certifying in English and Spanish, is doing his student teaching at Harding Academy. "Eight weeks is plenty long enough now, but at the end of eight weeks, I may feel like I need more preparation," he said.

Senior Mindi Williams said, "I think it would be good to be in the schools longer because that's practical knowledge." One teacher recommended to her that students work for a semester or more, she said. "But I think 12 weeks will be plenty of time."

"College classes can't show the details that make a difference in the classroom, but the block courses are important to teach you the basic knowledge," Williams added. "You couldn't do without either one."

Students already in the teacher education program will not be affected by the new standards if they graduate before September 1988, when the new standards go into effect.

Pam Fore, a sophomore who will be required to meet the new standards, said, "Twelve weeks will give you more time to spend in the classroom to get what you've learned across to the kids, but it's unfair. Other teachers are teaching just fine with eight weeks of experience."

About the grade point average requirements, Fore added, "It might be hard to bring the grades up, but if you really care about your classes and you want the kids to learn, you need to study."

Dr. James Nichols, director of field experience, said, "The new standard will improve the quality of Arkansas teacher education programs and provide increased efforts to carefully select those who enter the profession."

"Some changes will have to be made, hiring new faculty members, adding several new courses. At this time it is too early to speculate. The education faculty has been meeting to discuss and make recommendations about these new changes."

"There has been no decision at this time," he stressed.

Students certifying to teach also will have to pass the Pre-Professional Skills Test and the professional education section of the National Teacher Examination test, as well as their specialty areas. Cut scores, which are not yet determined, will become effective September 1988. Last year, Harding had a 99 percent passage rate for the NTE.
Students sporting flattops are slightly a-head of the times

by Karen Reynolds
Bison staff writer

You may have to look a little closer to see it, but the hair is there. Short and immovable, flattops have become an epidemic! A number of students on campus have chosen this particular hairstyle for various reasons.

Perhaps Senior Pete Colligan was "a-head of the times," when he arrived on campus in the fall of 1983 with very little hair—all of which was standing straight up! He had had the cut ever since he came out of the Marine Corps in 1981.

"I don't have to brush it, comb it, worry about it—I don't even have to dry it!" Colligan said. Sounds easy enough, though Colligan did mention a problem: "One time a lady told me I looked like a punk rocker!"

However, one fall when Colligan returned to school after having let his hair grow out, he said no one recognized him. He's kept it ever since.

Enrique Gomez, a freshman from San Antonio, voiced his reasons for having the cut. "It was cheap—a $3 haircut. It doesn't take as long to dry, and little or no shampoo; just run a bar of soap across the top." Gomez, sharing another positive note, added that there is a noticeable increase in the number of dates! Despite the benefits, Gomez said, "Your ears get cold and you have to put up with questions like Are you in the Army, Marines, etc.

Freshman Tom Lloyd from Shreveport, La., says he does it, "To be different, to make a statement." He continued, "It's a clean cut, but watch out for split ends!"

Freshman Mark Ammons from St. Louis, shared Lloyd's incentives. "I just wanted something different. I saw it in a few magazines and video, and some of my friends at home had them." When asked the benefits gained from a flattop, Ammons replied, "It's an attention getter, also it makes wearing hats easier."

Freshman Kelly Helpenstil from Longview, Texas, wore his flattop throughout high school. "It's easy to keep, and you don't have to worry about it." One problem, however, that Helpenstil stated was that "everybody wanted to touch it." Benefits are that it is "cooler, and cheaper on the shampoo."

Freshman Derrick Martin from Bartlesville, Okla., believes, "It gives you a positive attitude on life!"

The motivations and attitudes about flattops vary across campus. Nevertheless, it is a widely accepted and, as we can see, widely experimented trend. To "top it off," flattops are here to stay for a while.

Roundballers ready to go

by Greg Taylor
Bison staff writer

Watch for an exciting year of Bison basketball this fall, beginning just one week from Monday. A red-letter recruiting year, the new three-point line and outstanding perimeter shooting ability on the squad should make this basketball season an interesting one.

"It's true; this has been one of our best recruiting years ever," Coach Jess Bucy said. Roland Garcia and Sean French—both freshmen and both 6-4—should help to fill the gap left by the absence of Kenny Collins, the Bisons' former two-time Academic All-American. "Kenny's graduation was a big loss for us," Bucy commented. "We're certainly not as strong inside because of it.

There is still a Collins in the Harding lineup, however, even though it is not Kenny. Carl Collins, Kenny's younger brother, should get plenty of playing time in which to show his ability this year.

Collins will be joined by freshmen Curtis Washington, Cory Camper, David James and David White. They all have the talent to pursue starting positions in time, but for now, Bucy is looking for solid players to fill in the gaps.

Harding has the youngest team in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, according to Bucy. "We have the best quality I've ever seen in a freshman class, but freshmen don't come ready to play immediately," Bucy explained.

"Several freshmen will play in the first game," Bucy remarked. But he will rely heavily on the experience of seniors Shannon Hughes and Marvin Mathis, junior Tim Smallwood, sophomore Barry Thomas and Keith Miller, a senior transfer who saw playing time at Oklahoma Christian College last year.

Okay, enough about experience, let's talk about the newly-adopted three-point line. The Bisons should profit from the new rule, since they have several outstanding outside shooters. Hughes averaged 13.7 points per game last year, and had outside shooting help from Smallwood.

So what do the players think about the three point line? "I love it!" Hughes said, referring to the 194-foot perimeter arch, which is well within his range, as well as Smallwood's.

"The three-point line will result in fewer zone defenses," Bucy said. "We will use it, especially when teams play the zones defensively."

"The line will cause the defenses to be spread out," Hughes commented. "It ought to make the game more exciting to watch. Three points can put a team back in the game quickly."

The Bisons play their first game Monday, Nov. 17, against Evangel College in Springfield, Mo.
Running what Coach Ted Lloyd called their "best race of the year," the men's and women's cross country teams Wednesday fulfilled everyone's expectations by sweeping the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and NAIA District 17 Championship Meet at the Bald Knob Country Club.

Both teams accepted the challenge of the grass course's hilly slopes and came away with performances that earned 10 of the athletes All-AIC honors, as well as All-District 17 recognition for nine of the runners.

The men's team ran away with their 16th consecutive AIC title, recording a team score of 24. The individual top finisher in the men's division was Clint Daniels of Arkansas Tech University, who turned in a time of 24:55.

Senior Eddie Neal put out a gutsy second-place effort, finishing the five-mile course in 25:34. Neal began to experience problems about halfway through the race when cramps developed in both of his shins.

"They (the shins) got really tight at about two or two-and-a-half miles, so I had to really stretch them out on the downhill stretches of the course," Neal explained. Neal was confronted with the same problem at the Southeastern Championship Meet two weeks ago in Nashville, when he dropped from first to fifth place because of cramped shins.

"The Nashville race was kind of in the back of my mind, but there was no way that I was going to let cramps stop me today. This is what you wait for and work for day after day, so I wasn't going to let it get away from me," Neal remarked.

Lloyd, in his 18th year as the Bisons' mentor, found Neal's determination impressive, but not uncharacteristic.

"I'll tell you, if Eddie had legs like his heart, he'd be an All-American immediately. He's been a real leader for our team," Lloyd said.

The Bisons also placed four other runners in the top 10. Freshman Jon Murray, 25:40; sophomore Rich Lockhart, 25:59; senior Darryl Halbert, 26:02 and junior Jon Partlow, 26:03; took fourth through seventh places, respectively. All five athletes were named all-conference and all-district for their performances in defense of the AIC title.

Ouachita Baptist University, the team that was touted as a possible contender for the men's championship, finished a distant second to the Bisons with 42 points. Placing behind Ouachita's Tigers was Arkansas Tech University, 78; the University of Arkansas-Monticello, 106; Henderson State University, 139; the University of Central Arkansas, 153; College of the Ozarks, 198; Hendrix College, 225 and Arkansas College, 244.

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Lloyd said, "I'm optimistic that we could finish in the top 15 teams in the nation."
Footballers will look many places to find Homecoming motivation

by Bobby Davidson
Bison editor

Tomorrow afternoon, as the Bison footballers take the field to do battle with Southern Arkansas University, they should have no problem getting motivated.

Their most recent source of inspiration came last Saturday in Monticello, where the Bisons were unable to handle the University of Arkansas-Monticello in a 23-17 loss.

But another important factor for Coach John Prock's team is the chance that it has to break a streak of winless Homecoming games that reaches back to 1978. Eight years ago, the Bisons pulled off a Homecoming win over the same school they will face tomorrow, Southern Arkansas, by a 31-14 margin.

Since then, however, Harding has suffered through a winless dry spell, even though its cumulative record for Homecoming games stands at 14-11-2. The closest the team has come to a win in the eight-year span was a 21-21 tie with — you guessed it — Southern Arkansas in 1984.

So tomorrow, Prock hopes that his team can put its Homecoming problems behind with a long-awaited victory.

Last week, the Bisons had their hands full with a tough UAM squad, dropping out of the heat of the AIC race with a 2-2 conference record, while standing 3-3-1 overall.

"We don't have a realistic chance at the playoffs anymore," Prock said. "We were in the thick of it with just one loss, but two losses is enough to eliminate you this year.''

While Monticello racked up 374 yards of total offense, the Bisons accumulated only 294 yards, 135 of which came on the ground for 43 team runs.

Senior Bison quarterback Manny Lowery completed five of his 20 pass attempts for 49 yards and an interception. Much of Lowery's passing woes were caused by a jammed index finger on his passing hand, an injury which occurred on his first pass attempt when he struck a defensive player's helmet on the follow-through.

"We didn't play well enough last week to beat anybody; the only really good thing we did was punt returns. We just didn't capitalize on our opportunities; we had the ball twice inside Monticello's five-yard line and could only come up with three points," Prock explained.

"It really surprised me that we looked that bad, because the game was preceded by one of the best weeks of practice we've had all year."

The Bisons' only touchdown from scrimmage came from junior halfback Derrick Williams, who scampered in from eight yards out in the second quarter. Williams' scoring dash was set up by a fumble recovery at the UAM 12-yard line by junior defensive tackle Kevin Hunt.

That score, paired with a 19-yard first quarter field goal from junior Stu Varner, kept the Bisons within two points at halftime.

Harding's play of the game came in the midst of a lackluster second half, when senior halfback Daron Cathey returned a punt for 76 yards and six points.

"The return was set up for the right side, so when the wedge opened up the holes I only had one man left to beat, and that was the punter. I just gave him a little fake and went on in from there," Cathey commented.

Harding's main defensive problem was controlling Monticello's Terry McClinton, who led his team in both rushing and receiving. McClinton ran the ball 23 times for 79 yards and caught it once for a 49-yard gain.

Prock believes that one good thing that may have come from last week's loss was motivation for this week's game.

"If our players get as mad looking at the films (of the Monticello game) as I did, they won't have any problems with motivation for Southern Arkansas," Prock said.

Another point of motivation for the Bison defense will come in containing Kenneth Brown, the AIC's leading receiver by a long margin. With 27 receptions on the year, 14 of which came last week, Brown is only five catches short of the conference record of 62 season catches, established by Bison assistant coach Ronnie Peacock in 1976.

Southern Arkansas, just one game out of the AIC cellar at 3-5 overall and 1-3 in league play, dropped a 24-14 decision to Henderson State University last week. But Prock feels that SAU, despite the won-loss record, is "one of the best teams in the conference."

"They have an excellent receiver in Brown, the second-ranked running back in Mark Mason and a pair of fantastic quarterbacks," Prock explained.

The Bisons' defensive unit has had to prepare to face Alan Hafford, a speedy junior who moved from wide receiver to quarterback when starting quarterback Cody Vanderford went down earlier in the season with a broken jaw.

"Vanderford is an outstanding athlete and he may return to action against us (tomorrow), but the way Hafford has been playing, Vanderford may have a hard time getting his job back," Prock remarked.

Tomorrow's kickoff is scheduled for 3 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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Seniors halfback Daron Cathey, shown in action against Henderson State University two weeks ago, was the lone Harding bright spot in a 23-17 Bison loss to the University of Arkansas-Monticello. Cathey returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown to highlight the Bisons' game.

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