Consultant, author Pinchot discusses intrapreneuring

by Amy Blankenship
Bison assistant editor

People in business should only pursue activities that fit their personal values, said Gifford Pinchot III Tuesday at the 15th annual Management Seminar: "Go to places where what you're doing are things you really believe in," the founder and chairman of Pinchot and Company, a management consulting firm, said. "It is important that the things you commit yourself to fit your values.

Pinchot, the author of *Intrapreneuring: Why You Don't Have To Leave The Corporation To Become An Entrepreneur*, said that this dedication to reaching goals helps one to successfully innovate within a large company, or become an intrapreneur. "We're seeing that many intrapreneurs fail when they don't do what they believe in," he said.

Pinchot stressed that people, not products, are the key to successful innovation. "The fundamental secret of success in innovation is trusting people," he said. "What really matters are the people involved.

"It isn't just new products," he continued. "Innovation is anytime something could be done better. It's overcoming the tiny troubles necessary for doing your job better every day."

Opportunities for intrapreneuring frequently arise in organisations, and innovation helps people take advantage of these occasions. "Every change provides an opportunity for intrapreneurial activity," Pinchot said. "Imagination is the most concrete skill people have. It is in your mind that intrapreneurial work must be done."

Pinchot said that the stereotypes of entrepreneurs, "dreamers that do," are incorrect. While many view entrepreneurs as greedy and immoral, he said that people in business who fit this stereotype are promoters, not entrepreneurs. "Real entrepreneurs are driven by a vision, and they keep score with the money," he said.

Since intrapreneurs often focus on their own visions and ideas, they are frequently not promoted because they differ from the workers that managers prefer. Intrapreneurs are often experimental and focus their attention on technology and marketing, while managers are concerned with consistency and maintaining the internal corporate environment.

Pinchot said that promotion is not a prominent goal of many intrapreneurs. "The most important reward that can be given to an intrapreneur is freedom," he said. "Capital is a measurable, concrete form of freedom." This capital should be given in the form of intracapital, a "one-time discretionary budget to be used on behalf of the corporation."

Intrapreneurial teams within an organisation must be autonomous, but it should most importantly stay together from the start to the finish. Pinchot stressed that rotating people on these teams will lead to failure. Pinchot provided students attending the seminar advice in searching for jobs. "A company that wants to be first and best is more likely to be innovative than one that says it wants to be third," he said. Large companies seem to be good at generating ideas, but smaller companies more often allow intrapreneurs to pursue these ideas.

"The best way to succeed in business is to do something intrapreneurial early in your career, and learn from your own experiences," he stated. Believing in one's ideas and working toward making these a reality will help enable one to succeed as an intrapreneur.

The next American Studies lecture will be Thursday when St. Louis football Cardinals Head Coach Gene Stallings speaks at 7 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium. Stallings served as a player or coach under Paul "Bear" Bryant for 12 years at Texas A & M and Alabama and served as head coach for seven years at Texas A & M.

During his 14 seasons serving as Dallas Cowboy assistant coach under Tom Landry, he was involved with 12 playoff teams that won six divisional titles, three conference championships and one Super Bowl title.

Kissinger lecture rescheduled

by Amy Blankenship
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Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will speak at Harding on April 14 instead of April 28, according to Dr. David Burks, dean of the School of Business and director of the American Studies program. Burks said that Kissinger had been requested to remain in Europe for several extra days and would be unable to speak on the original date, though a contract had been signed six months earlier. After extensive negotiations, Kissinger agreed to speak on April 14.

"Dr. Kissinger is one of the two or three most sought-after speakers in the world," Burks said. "We are fortunate to have him speak on our campus."

The rescheduled date caused a conflict with Spring Sing dress rehearsal, as both activities require the Benson Auditorium. According to Burks, the 7 p.m. lecture is tentatively scheduled to end at 8:15 p.m. with rehearsal to follow.

Tickets, which are required for admission to the lecture, will be available in the School of Business office after spring break.

Kissinger received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973. He was a member of the presidential Cabinet from Sept. 1973 to Jan. 1977, and also served as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. He has also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Medal of Liberty. He is currently the chairman of the international consulting firm Kissinger Associates, Inc.
Kissinger audience: ‘Animal, vegetable or mineral?’

Picture for a moment if you will a scene that could soon unfold on the Harding campus.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, a man who even the much-respected American Studies program was fortunate to have, has consented to appear as a guest lecturer.

Mere seconds into his speech, this paragon of historical importance looks into the Benson Auditorium crowd, only to find his gaze returned by a mixed gallery of carrots, cannibals, cowboys and cavemen.

Surely, with such a fine and important man appearing on campus, the powers that control the wacky characters of Spring Sing could find a way around embarrassing Harding in front of the entire stage. Wrong.

Well, maybe Spring Sing participants could be given half an hour to prepare for the dress rehearsal after Kissinger has finished and curfew could be extended just a little further for such a special occasion. Nope, not this time.

Instead of asking these college students to delay their dalliances for 30 minutes, the “powers that be” prefer to present a man of historical significance with an audience that he can’t even classify as “animal, vegetable or mineral.”

Last week, as Gifford Pinchot III visited our campus to speak, business attire was the required dress for those in attendance. So why is it that Kissinger should receive so little deference?

With all due respect to Pinchot, Kissinger will be the biggest name to set foot on Harding soil this year. The least that those involved in Spring Sing could do is to give up 30 extra minutes of sleep in order to greet this speaker with the respect he deserves.

After all, we shouldn’t expect a man of Kissinger’s stature to serve as a ringleader for the Spring Sing circus.

Christians must avoid closed-mindedness by diligently seeking truth of the Gospel

When the Pharisees first came into being, their purpose was noble. During the period of time prior to the Roman takeover, the Jewish people had been involved in a harsh struggle to keep their national identity. In this struggle many of the Jews turned their attention away from God and His laws. The most orthodox of the Jews then separated themselves from the rest and gave themselves wholly to zeal for the law. The word Pharisees comes from a Hebrew word meaning “separated ones.”

After the Romans conquered Jerusalem, the people started depending on God more and looked to the Pharisees for spiritual leadership. Once they had attained this position of leadership, they became the watchdogs of the Jewish faith. They slandered and often took action to kill anyone who taught contrary to their teachings.

I think you can see the error of their ways in that their closed-mindedness led them and said, “Go ahead, make my day.”

A good illustration of “searchers” might be the Bereans we read about in Acts. Upon hearing the Gospel they searched the scriptures to see if what Paul said was true. They were open-minded. They weren’t open-minded in a foolish way that would cause them to drift with any teaching that would come their way, but in a wise way that caused them to diligently seek the truth even if it was contrary to what they had formerly been taught. God convicted them of what was right and many became Christians.

As young Christians, we must commit ourselves to being searchers. We must avoid the sin of closed-mindedness. We must never let the devil stifle our growth by luring us to proudly think that we have the truth in its entirety. We must always be willing to admit we’re wrong when faced with truth and change our thinking when needed.

The devil has lured many into the trap of closed-minded guardianship. These people openly rebuke and slanderously write up many who have given their lives to the work of God.

Sadly, these people have a great deal of influence. Many are leaders. Their influence not only injures individual reputations but also stifles the work of our Lord wherever their words reach.

As brothers and sisters in the Lord, let us humbly keep an open mind and expend our energies not to cause division and bring others down but to saving lost souls with the truth of the Gospel. In all things let us prayerfully seek the truth and allow God to lead our lives in whatever direction He would have us go.
President Reagan's term of office started with the release of the long-held hostages. Whatever might have motivated the release of hostages at the beginning of Reagan's first term had evaporated by the middle of his second term. Once again, hostages were held and negotiations with the Iranian government failed to secure their release.

That is, negotiations were failing until the Iranians were offered parts for military equipment that had been given to Iran by the United States while the Shah was in power. Iran needed the parts to put forth a more effective offensive against neighboring Iraq, a nation-state just above the United States on the list of the top ten enemies in the Ayatollah's viewpoint. (President Carter had frozen Iranian assets at a time when the Ayatollah was just beginning his war with Iraq.)

President Reagan had promised to be uncompromising with terrorists and had made his point clear with a surprise attack on Libya, a suspected center of terrorist activities. When hostages were at stake, Reagan, like Carter, struck a deal in an effort to alleviate frustrations at failed negotiations. Carter made his deal with the chief-of-staff of the various branches of the military and President Reagan, through lieutenant-colonel marine Oliver North, made his deal with the Iranians.

Reagan's deal leaked out to the press before it was finished and Carter's deal was unknown to the press until he himself announced it. If the press had not blown any chances for the deal to be finalized, President Reagan could at least point to the former hostages and say, "I did it to save these people's lives." Many of those people may now remain unrescued.

Several important lessons can be learned from the experience of former President Carter and President Reagan. If violent tyrants are being supported by U.S. funds, such support should be stopped and peace made with those who overthrow the oppressive government. Perhaps the end result in the Philippines has been the deposition of a tyrant and subsequent peace with his successor.

Secondly, no matter whatever might have been true about the Shah, his successors are certainly prone to consider the United States as an enemy. Ayatollah Khomeini has claimed that the U.S. is in league with Satan. More and more hostage situations are now being traced to Iranian activities. When hostages were at stake, President Reagan, through lieutenant-colonel marine Oliver North, made his deal with the Iranians.

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Water seepage damages many Beaumont books

by Bill Everett
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Water swept through Apache Territory, flowing from Our Mississippi down the Road to Santa Fe, narrowly missing Huey Long's Louisiana in last week's heavy rains. Damage is expected along Alabama's Road to Freedom in Byzantium.

Rain entered cracks in the roof of the Beaumont Memorial Library while closed Sunday night, damaging 96 books and soiling carpet.

"The way the roof is made, every time it rains it leaks and we have to get out the buckets," Winnie Bell, library director, said. "Mainly because people always respond quickly and seal the tar on the roof but somehow it leaks once the tar hardens."

Rain water entered through a second-floor air-conditioning duct over the 900 and 900 sections. The water leaked into offices on the first floor as well, damaging ceiling tiles. Cleanup began Monday.

Damaged books have been sent to a company to be freeze-dried to remove water from the volumes. Cost of the damage has not yet been assessed.

Fourteen inducted into Kappa Delta Pi

Fourteen students were inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the National Honor Society in Education, at its spring initiation Sunday evening.

New members are Susan Cason, Jamie Clark, Jennifer Crow, Tammy Curtis, Cheryl Baker, Thomas Delmore, Shannon Lockhart, Sally Anne Lougbery, Shelli Miller, Donna Spence, Lockie Heffington Vaughan, Melissa Welchel, Linda Raeding and Deborah K. Burke.

An undergraduate must study for a career in education and have a GPA of 3.00 or higher on 60 or more hours to attain membership in the honor society. Graduate students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher on 12 or more graduate hours. All students must have completed a minimum of 12 hours of professional education courses.

Ryan, Hollaway to head departments

by Amy Blankenship
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Dr. John Ryan, professor of speech, and Dr. William Hollaway, professor of music, will become chairmen of their respective departments it was announced Monday.

Ryan will become chairman of the Department of Communication in August when Dr. Evan Ulrey retires from this position. Hollaway will assume the role of chairman of the Department of Music when Dr. Kenneth Davis, Jr. retires in May.

Ryan taught speech communication at Harding from 1961-1967 and returned in 1969. He received the Distinguished Teacher Award in 1967 and 1978.

He received his bachelor's degree from Harding in 1969, and a master's from the University of Illinois the following year. He earned his doctorate from the University of Missouri in 1973.

Ryan is currently serving in his 13th year as director of Spring Sing, a role he will continue at least one more year.

Hollaway joined the Harding music faculty in 1966 and received the Distinguished Teacher Award in 1974 and 1975. He holds a bachelor's degree from Henderson State and a master's from North Texas State.

Hollaway has composed several band and choral pieces for Harding groups. He composed "Symphony for Band" in 1973-1974 as a part of the 50th anniversary of Harding. His music was also performed at the opening ceremonies of the Benson Auditorium in 1980.

He is a member of Alpha Chi national honor society and Pi Kappa Lambda honorary music fraternity.

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Senior bachelorette Shelley Howell considers her alternatives during last Friday's "Dating Game," coordinated by the Student Association Movie Committee.

"You have won a trip for two to lovely Hawaii, where you will stay at the Hotel Excelsior on the Island of Waikiki. Your chaperone will accompany you both via TWA for a five-day, four-night visit to ..."

A description by Darren Finlay, chairman of the Student Association Movie Committee, of the prizes given at Harding's first annual "Dating Game!" Not quite, but the prizes given were equally as welcome.

The game took place last Friday, but the process began several weeks before when the movie committee passed out questionnaires in chapel. Students had a week to send them in; then the committee called people with interesting answers. "We've thought about this for a while. I guess this year we finally got the nerve up to do it," Finlay said.

In lieu of Valentine's Day and the complaint from many coeds that they are lacking in Valentines (or dates in general), the Student Association and the movie committee decided to put together Harding's first "Dating Game."

The differences between Harding's game and the nationally televised version: the contestants were a little more modestly dressed, they were all Harding students, the questions were a little less suggestive and the prizes were a little more local. Differences in the hostesses? Those who went know. For those who didn't, we'll pass on the comparison.

Denise Crawford, an alumna of Harding and the movie committee, played the part of the hostess. For the first session, the hostess was a freshman Kristen Webb. The three bachelors were Number One, Sam Perry; Number Two, Rich Brown and Number Three, Jon Dugger.

Number Three took the lead when he melted Kristen's heart with his French greeting. Number One gained ground when he answered that Number Two was best suited for the sport of checkers, but Number Three pulled through in the home stretch by serenading Kristen with a love song. Her choice was no surprise. Number Three won her over with his sweet sentiments. (Guess it proves, guys, that old-fashioned romance is the best way to win a woman's heart.)

Senior Shelley Howell played bachelorette for the second game. Her choices were between Number One, Curtis Brodie; Number Two, David Kent and Number Three, Jeff Klein (alias "Beef"). Numbers One and Two reacted with the expected answers when asked about their idea of a romantic date.

But Klein, in his best John Wayne impersonation, said "We'd saddle up some horses, hit the dusty trail to Wyldewood, shoot us a rabbit and barbeque it for dinner." He immediately became the crowd's choice from that point on.

The competition mounted when Howell asked Number Two what kind of pizza Number Three reminded him of. He answered, "One with 'beef' topping." Number One, Mr. Creativity, remained speechless the entire game. At one point he was heard to utter, "I think I'm gonna lose."

Maybe Miss Howell is attracted to the quiet type, or maybe she felt sorry for him, (or maybe she knew him), but she chose Number One over the two comedians (Guess it proves, guys, that sometimes it pays to be the underdog. Sometimes...).

The consolation prizes are tickets for two to "The Shoppe," hypnotist Gil Eagles and a small pizza from Mazzio's. The grand prize for the lucky couples is a dinner for two at Casa Bonita in Little Rock, a movie at any Little Rock theater and desert at Porter's in Little Rock's McCain Mall. The tab was picked up by the sponsors, the S.A. movie committee, Mazzio's and Quattlebaum's Music in Searcy. Wonder who the chaperones are?

LaLonde art display underway

I started in college. Most of it has not been done in classes, but as an escape from classes...

Painted in a series of dots, "The Kingdom, The Church" impresses LaLonde as her personal favorite. "It took me 80 hours to complete. It meant a lot to me because the subject matter came from my hometown. Part of it also came from Harding. At that time I was thinking, "Is the Kingdom the Church?"

Having worked for different art-related businesses locally, including Harding Press, Terry's Touch of Art and John Baker Photography, LaLonde's career interests are just as diversified. "I may go back to the professional photo lab. I'd also like to write and illustrate some books for children. Definitely, my long-term goal is teaching, but there's a lot I want to learn," LaLonde commented.

LaLonde also aspires to eventually earn master's and doctorate degrees in art. "It's always been inside of me — a creative spirit. When you're an artist you see things a lot differently," LaLonde explained. Her deepest motivation is "knowing that God has given me an artistic ability, which I express through a variety of media."

"Dating Game" brings dates for several, fun for many
Harding student stuck on 'Gilligan's Island'

by Bill Everett
Senior assistant editor

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale. No, it's not that legendary tale of the mighty sailor, his two-left-footed mate, the rich eccentrics, country girl and egghead professor — cast of that ever-popular TV escape "Gilligan's Island." But rather a tale lacking neither as much sensitivity nor seriousness to its teller. Hop aboard as we set sail through diverse and sometimes bizarre waters for the world of one student's fancy.

Many people make a hobby of television, but few study it. That is, few are obsessed with it, or more specifically, with "Gilligan's Island." Junior Ron Turner could very well be mistaken for a "G.I." ("Gilligan's Island") connoisseur.

Ron feels that the show has a deeper meaning than most of its watchers think and has been neglected. He considers it a television masterpiece in comedy. Ron's interest with "Gilligan's Island" was at one time a mere fanatic of Schwartz (of "Our Miss Brooks") and "The Bionic Woman." So, one day on the phone, Ron talked to Schwartz and asked if he had any framed certificates for the members, but he only sent him synopses of all the original scripts to episodes from MGM studios. Dozens of pictures of the Gilligan crew followed, some of which were autographed. Ron also has several sets of Gilligan figurines.

"I talked to Schwartz one day on the telephone," Turner said. "Mr. Schwartz sounded like a very nice man. He told me there were currently three books being written on the show. He is writing a book entitled "Inside Gilligan's Island," a detailed discussion of the conferences and meetings he had before anyone really liked the concept. I'd one day like to author a book on the show."

Ron's interest with "G.I." took on an entrepreneurial dimension for him this semester. Going through fan-club directories he discovered that "G.I." had been neglected and set out to start his own club. And it's been no small investment.

"Fan clubs are non-profit. The investment of time alone, however, has been taxing," he said. "I'm having the "Gilligan's Island" Fan Club listed in the National Association of Fan Clubs' directory. I don't have any framed certificates for the members, but I am making up membership cards, having a number of autographed photos printed and I'll be writing a regular newsletter."

The fan-club people tell me there've been numerous requests for such a club by avid watchers nationwide and I think my club will really fill a need. I'm looking for people on campus to join, too. I know there have to be a dozen or so Gilligan fans here besides myself."

Turner, a radio/TV major, has interests beyond "Gilligan's Island" as well. He owns original scripts to episodes from "The Addams Family," "Bewitched," "Happy Days," "Alice" and two soap operas. He hopes to one day use his interest in television comedy to enhance the quality of the American mass media.

"Our entertainment industry has provided us with many quality shows, but it has recently started sharing some very immoral ideas also. So many movies today are about the guy who needs to lose his virginity. This is not a very Christian theme. The Lord needs people to put good back into the things we are influenced by (books, movies, television, radio and many other things.) I believe that island someday."

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These are desperate creatures (though not as desperate as the soon-to-be addressed love-beasts) and should be treated with extreme caution.

But now for the love-beast, or library-villain (if you will). This is a strange creature who, either because he is a senior and realizes that he doesn’t have much time left or because he is beginning to get worried about who he will take to his banquet, (by the way, you do understand that I am using “he” here in the generic sense and don’t necessarily mean that the being in question must be a male. Also, please rest assured that I have no desire to be labeled as a chauvenist but am simply employing a grammatical technique which has a long history of usage), has felt the pressing need for a simple date. These rogues may be identified by a number of telltale activities — a constant presence in the periodical room, a sudden and renewed interest in the bound periodicals, a somewhat magical talent for being able to read books (even upside-down) when someone interesting enters (so as not to look too desperate), and an inability to pass by the glass doors in the reference room without using them to tell if their hair looks okay.

Many of you may never have guessed that such an activity was going on before your very noses, but it is... and with a vengeance. Why, just last week I saw a young lady attack an innocent business major, and within minutes she was engaged. Her poor victim never knew what hit him, and now it’s too late. I pray that such a fate will not befall you!

Hostess Denise Crawford, a Harding alumna, questions bachelors during the first game of last Friday night’s “Dating Game,” coordinated by the Student Association Movie Committee. Bachelors are (from left) freshman Sam Perry, senior Rich Brown and freshman Jon Dugger.

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Strep throat can be a real pain in the neck

As the credits roll and the cowboy rides into the sunset, that sentimental lump rises in your throat. Sentiment gives way to movie even though I have strep.

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A Gentleman and a Scholar

by Bill Everett

Former professor continues dedication to excellence

Dr. James D. Bales, former professor of Christian doctrine, gathers materials for one of his many theological debates.

On atheism —

"You can't resort to a moral law without God; no matter how refined the matter may be, if the universe is a balance then no matter how thin you slice it, it's still balance...no matter how intricate the arrangement."

On debates —

"In some controversy I have wept, sometimes because of my close, personal attachment of the individual involved, in other cases because I know that some people will feel hurt."
Lady Bisons pull close to SAU, but come up short

The Lady Bisons played host to Southern Arkansas University last Saturday evening in a conference game. The final score was 76-67 in favor of SAU. There was a ray of hope for the Lady Bisons with 1:51 remaining in the game. After trailing the entire game, and by as much as 15 in the second half, Rhonda Bradford sparked Harding to make a run at the lead. After a bucket by Stephany Smith, two consecutive three-point plays by Rhonda Bradford and a turnover by SAU, the Lady Bisons had the ball with the score 66-61 in favor of the Riderettes. Twenty seconds later, Andrea Bledsoe added two more to bring Harding within five points at 68-63. They had cut the lead from 13 to five in two minutes, but SAU again took command with two free throws and a field goal to stop the Harding attack.

SAU upped its conference record to 6-9 with an overall record of 15-9, while Harding dropped to 2-13 in the AIC and 5-16 overall. The Lady Bisons were plagued by turnovers throughout the game, giving the ball up 38 times while SAU had 16 turnovers. Harding was also out-rebounded, with 24 to SAU's 36 rebounds.

The shooting was even more evenly matched as Harding shot 46 percent from the free throw line and SAU made 67 percent. From the field, Harding made 48 percent while SAU hit 51 percent.

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Bison tracksters establish school records in home meet

Last Saturday, the men and women Bison track teams hosted their second All-Comers Meet. Harding made a very strong showing by taking nine of the 16 events. Again there were records broken. The first was senior Darryl Halbert, who ran the mile in 4:21, breaking a Harding Athletic Complex record. Freshman Kevin Brewer set a new school record by jumping 23-5/4 in the long jump. This meet consisted of all AIC teams except for the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff and the University of Arkansas-Monticello. UAPB is considered to have the best women's team and UAM could have the best men's team. "We have one of the best teams in the AIC, and I think we will be taking a few guys to the Nationals," Coach Ted Lloyd said.

Attah Frimpong and Tony McCoy both won their heats in the 60-yard dash. Also, Eric Van Matre and Gardner won the 1000-yard run in each of their events.

The team of Melynda Davis, Jodie Murray, Teresa Durham and Cheryl Bednosky combined to win the distance medley relay.

There were two double winners on the team. Freshman Kevin Waller won the 400-yard dash and the 300-yard dash. Dawn Mason took first in the 60-yard hurdles and the 300-yard dash. Te Howard won the high jump, with Olester Bernard winning the shot put. Jodie Murray won the 800-yard run and Ruth Meecham took first in the 600-yard run.

Yesterday, the Bisons hosted the NAIA District 17 Championship Meet, which also is held to determine what runners will compete in the national meet in Kansas City.

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Monday night, freshman Rolando Garcia took another step toward becoming a grizzled Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference veteran, hitting two free throws with 20 seconds left to lift the Bison basketball team to an 85-84 conference victory over Henderson State University in Arkadelphia.

The game, which improved Harding's record to 14-12 overall and 11-7 in the AIC, was yet another in a long line of back-and-forth battles for the young Bison squad.

Midway through the first half, the Bisons established an 11-point lead, only to see it slip through their hands as the Reddies went into halftime with a 35-32 advantage.

"From then on, it was a real dogfight," Coach Jess Bucy remarked. The second-half struggle climaxed with senior Marvin Mathis at the free throw line for a one-and-one opportunity, and the Bisons down by two points. Mathis, who led Harding's scorers with 17 points, hit the first end of the one-and-one, but missed the second shot, which was promptly rebounced by freshman Cory Cameron. After a Bison timeout, Cameron inbounded the ball to Garcia, who was fouled in the act of shooting to set up his last-second heroes at the line.

Following Mathis in double-figure scoring were freshman Curtis Washington with 13 points, Camper and Garcia with 12 each and senior Keith Miller with 10 points. Camper and Garcia also attacked the boards, raking in 11 and nine rebounds, respectively.

"In the past, we haven't been able to play poorly and still win," Assistant Coach Nicky Boyd stated. "At Henderson, we hit only 37 percent of our field goal attempts but we pulled it out; that means that the defense is really getting the job done.''

Going into last night's contest at Hendrix College, the Bisons needed to win only one of their final two games to finish fourth in the league and thus clinch a home court berth in the first round of the NAIA District playoffs, which are slated to begin Wednesday night on the home courts of the top four seeds.

"We've won our last four in a row; our team has peaked at just about the right time to head into the playoffs strong," Bucy said. "We're very confident."

Monday, the Bisons host the University of Arkansas-Monticello to close out the regular season, before heading into Wednesday's first-round playoff game.

The Bell Woodel of UAM last year finished as runners-up in the NAIA National Championship Tournament, but are currently fighting to keep their playoff hopes alive.

"Monticello is one of the most talented teams in the league, and they've been coming on strong," Bucy commented. "They've got a very big lineup, especially that front line that played so well for them last year!"

Bucy's game plan will undoubtedly focus on junior Ike Corbin, a first-team All-American selection last year, who can do a world of damage down low.

"They'll probably have to win to make the playoffs, so this will definitely be a big game for them (UAM)," Boyd said. "They're really going to be scratching and clawing for a victory."

Monday night's tip-off is set for 7:30 at the Harding Athletic Complex.

Freshman Curtis Washington pours in three of his nine points in the Bisons' 79-65 victory over Southern Arkansas University last Saturday night. Washington, who has developed a dead-eye aim from beyond the three-point line, has recently seen a notable increase in playing time. (photo by Michael Rodgers)
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Kevin Waller, a freshman sprinter from Lonoke, was a double-winner in last Saturday's All-Comers Meet, the Bisons' second of the indoor track season. Waller took first place in both the 300- and 400-yard dash events.

Bisons only as good as homecourt crowd's support

Viewpoint
by Lance Duncan

Jerry Sullivan of Newsday recently wrote, "Basketball players draw energy from a crowd and transmit it back. It's that kind of assimilated energy that makes basketball such a wonderful game and creates its peculiar rhythms. The relationship between the crowd and the players helps make it a game of shifting fortunes and emotions."

Simply put, a team is sometimes only as good as its fans. And vice-versa. Therefore, that kind of team can be best described as "inconsistent." And according to Harding's last two home games, the Bisons are "that kind of team."

Proof: In last Saturday's matchup against third-ranked Southern Arkansas, the fans were great and so were the Bisons, coming out winners, 78-65.

But only two days earlier, after Harding assistant Nicky Boyd had been quoted as saying, "The crowd support here has been superb. I believe anyone in the conference can tell you that our crowds are the best," the University of Arkansas-Fine Bluff came into Harding's Athletic Complex sporting an overall record of 3-21 and gave everyone a smile and a warm feeling inside.

But a word of warning — if you're sending reservation deposits to Kansas City in hopes of taking in some basketball in the near future, you may be wasting your time and money. Besides, the Kings moved to Sacramento a long time ago.
Reid Hayward, a freshman from Fayetteville, has become somewhat of a cult hero among Bison basketball supporters. Here, Hayward is carried off the floor following his season-high four-point performance in the Bisons’ 93-67 rout of Hendrix College Jan. 19.

Cries of ‘Reeiid! Reeiid!’ serenade overachiever
by Brett A. Kirkman

Piercing cries of “Eugene! Eugene! Eugene!” frequently reverberated through the solemn mountains of northwest Arkansas just a few short years ago. And on a given night, similar cries can now be heard at the Harding Athletic Complex in the peaceful foothills of central Arkansas.

Yes, the University of Arkansas had its Eugene “The Dunkin’ Machine” Nash, and now Harding has its Reid Hayward.

Hayward, a 5’11” freshman point guard from Central Arkansas Christian High School, is a walk-on for Coach Jess Bucy’s 1986-87 basketball team.

“I’m living a boyhood dream,” the spindly, effervescent Hayward said, as he tightened his hightops — scuffed from hours of outside play.

“All of my friends have really encouraged me,” Hayward added, while reminiscing the chants of “Reeiid! Reeiid! Reeiidii!” heard at most home games this season.

Many teams have a Reid or a Eugene and in most of their respective home arenas, the student section pleads unendingly for their Reid’s presence on the court. “I think people pull for the underdog,” Hayward said.

“They may feel as if they were that person — up against the school of hard knocks.” Hayward is quick to add that nothing has been dropped into his lap, but instead he sets his goals and goes after them — one at a time. Hayward and others like him are best described by a term used flippantly by many — overachievers.

“I love basketball,” Hayward said with a convincing smile. “First of all, I poured blood to make the team,” Hayward said, “I put in at least three hours per day, 12 months per year on a court. That doesn’t include lifting some and running.”

“My next goal is more playing time, but above all to keep praising the Lord because he’s right here beside me and I can’t make it alone,” Hayward said.

After talking with Hayward, it becomes clear that his story extends far beyond the hardwood and into life.

“My role right now as a walk-on is to encourage my teammates and be a spark plug from the ‘real’ hardwood,” the cheerful Hayward mused. “But as a walk-on I don’t know where I’ll be next season or even tomorrow, so I have to keep my chin up and keep surging forward. If I do my absolute best, the Lord will take care of the rest.”

The chant begins as a murmur near the center of the student section. It becomes clear, first as a rumble and then a roar, “Reeiid! Reeiid! Reeiidii!” His palms are unusually red and damp, muscles taut, face hot and heart beating rapidly. The game clock shows five minutes and two pairs of eyes meet — one pair confident and the other somewhat precarious.

“Reid, get in there,” the coach exclaims. The crowd thunders as they read his lips and hundreds watch nervously as their dream is fulfilled.