Dorm reservation deadlines set

Dormitory room reservations for fall, 1988, will be made beginning March 14, said Patty Barrett, assistant director of housing.

Students must pay a $25 deposit in the business office, and take the receipt to the housing office in order to reserve a bed for the fall semester. One person's deposit cannot reserve a whole room. Therefore, anyone with a roommate preference should make it known upon visiting the housing office, either by bringing a note of approval from the potential roommate, or by actually bringing him or her to the office at the appropriate time of reservation. Room deposit receipts and housing reservation cards for both must be turned in together.

If one does not indicate a specific roommate, the other bed will be made available to anyone who wants it, without the other person's permission.

Certain dates have been set up for reserving rooms on the basis of classification. March 14-April 5, however, has been scheduled for students desiring to stay in their present room.

From April 11-14, students of junior standing or higher who want to change rooms may do so. April 18-21 is for sophomore students wanting to change rooms, and April 25-28 is for freshmen.

Students currently residing in Armstrong or Cathcart dormitories must move, unless they are resident assistants or their roommates.

Those wishing to move into American Heritage dormitory must obtain permission from Assistant Dean of Students Butch Gardner prior to visiting the housing office. This permission, however, does not guarantee a room in American Heritage.

Any room or bed not reserved by April 5 will be available to anyone requesting it afterward.

Room deposits will be refunded if the housing office is notified of one's cancellation at least one month before school begins; the deposit will be forfeited if notification is not made within the proper time. Otherwise, the deposit will be credited to one's account in the fall.

Bowl team competes

This weekend, the college bowl team is competing at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in a tournament.

There are 20 schools represented from Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. The tournament is a double-elimination competition for region 12.

The final team roster competing at the tournament includes Dan Shill, captain, Kyle Colvett, Nancy Adams, Kendall Sharp and David Adcox. These students were chosen from a campus tournament during the fall semester.
Opinion

Classrooms are for educating, not campaigning

For the last year, the focus of media and discussion has been the race for the 1988 presidential nominations. With Super Tuesday just 11 days away, in which 20 states will hold primaries, attention has turned toward the south, which contains 14 of these states.

In this election year, it is important for various political ideas to be studied and discussed. Political awareness and knowledge of candidates’ positions on issues are necessary to make a rational decision at the polls.

It is good for politics to be discussed in the classroom, as it can help enhance this awareness, but this must be done objectively. Teachers need to avoid campaigning for a particular party or candidate in this setting, and pushing his or her views on students in that location. All teachers and students need to be aware of issues in the campaign. Supporting and campaigning for the candidate of one’s choice is admirable and encouraged, but the classroom is not suitable for this behavior.

Teachers also need to avoid preaching that sincere Christians must belong to a particular party or vote for a candidate in that party. This is a fairly common practice in classes at Harding, whether stated or implied. This is acceptable in most situations, but the classroom is not an appropriate outlet for such statements.

Most Christians vote in a certain manner because they determine the ideology of the candidate or party to be in accordance with Christian values. No political party holds a monopoly on these ideals.

Classrooms are places for teachers to encourage students to think for themselves. Students should be urged to study each candidate’s views before making a decision. This principle is not only applicable to politics, but to all areas of education and Christianity as well.

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Opinion

‘Baby Boom’ is sign of the times

If business lunches, designer suits and 70 hour work weeks are in your expected future, you had better make these things clear to all your relatives. Diane Keaton in “Baby Boom” learns the wisdom in that advice one baby too late.

Keaton is renowned as the “Tiger Lady” of her marketing firm, a woman who has lived for her career. In the middle of the night, she learns that her cousin and his wife have died and included her in their will. Keaton naively shows up to claim her inheritance and is awarded guardianship of a curly-haired baby girl named Elizabeth.

The fun begins here as it dawns on Keaton that she cannot be “super-everything,” at least not in the existing situation. Sam Shepard co-stars as a small town veterinarian who helps her straighten out her perspectives.

“Baby Boom” is very similar to “Three Men and a Baby,” earlier reviewed, in many ways. It has fast-paced yuppies, a baby girl and some very tender feelings.

But “Baby Boom” is more solemn and the central theme is a bit different. This is a movie about priorities and the driving forces in our lives. Although it specifically focuses on a career woman, it preaches a message that applies to both male and female. It says that you cannot have it “all.”

The boyfriend back home: fact, or is it an excuse not to date ‘geeks’?

I talked with Randy Williams.

He says it’s a lot of waiting up for Santa Claus — the excitement and anticipation of great things to come cascading through your veins and finally finding themselves intertwined together — a twisted knot in the pit of your stomach (also known as the EX LAX syndrome).

Baking the Nestle Tollhouse cookies, pouring the vitamin D fortified whole milk, and wearing your best Rudolf-adorned flannel ‘jammies are all for nothing.

Santa never comes.

The last time I tried to wait up for Santa was the Christmas of ’71. I was five. I wanted to see how his bag of assorted goodies could hold an official Otasco 3 ft. by 5 ft. genuine vinyl space patrol module with riveted seams. I fell asleep before midnight on the floor heater grill. I woke up at seven the next morning to discover my face was that central focus.

Many of the same feelings involved with waiting up on that jolly bundle of nothingness are associated with the act I now speak of.

I speak not of the anticipation of the Winter Festival Queen coronation. I speak not of the anticipation of another chapel run by Mark Moore. No. No. I do not.

Instead, I speak of the act that is for naught. I speak of...bracce yourself, guys...going out with a girl WHO HAS A BOYFRIEND BACK HOME.

EEEEEEEEK!

Yes, the irrepressible horror involved can’t be expressed by the poetic limits of this trivial column.

I try not to go out with THOSE kinds of girls. I always tend to question their mentality. Dating a guy “back home” is like living in Searcy while having your bank account in Boise, Idaho.

It’s purposeless. It’s impractical. It’s stupid.

“But it is an investment because we really love each other.”

Reel Action

by Christine Kernodle

‘Baby Boom’ is not an “all” where every facet of your life is equal.

People must choose an area of their lives that will come first and structure everything else around the main priority. And to be sure, “Baby Boom” pushes for one’s family to be that central focus.

It is no mistake that there seem to be a lot of baby movies out right now. Movies are made with the audiences in mind and that would be yuppies. These are people that were predicted would never have kids. But studies are showing that as they get into their 30s they are beginning to have children.

Perhaps that is a sign that even after achieving success in their careers they realize that there is something even more fulfilling and more challenging they could do. The movie does an excellent job in capturing that mood. So as an entertaining film and as a sign of our times, thumbs up for “Baby Boom.”

Inside Out

by Doug Buce

Yeah...sure. Samson loved Delilah. Glenn Close loved Michael Douglas. Mary Johanson loved Tyler Rossmeyer. you probably never heard of them because their relationship never developed...it was purposeless, impractical and stupid.

Many guys choose to avoid the mental turmoil this dating action accompanies. And mental turmoil it is!...as well as financial.

“Hi, Sabrina. Wanna go out to eat ($11.47), go to a movie ($80.00), go to the mall to check our ideal weight (25c x 2), grab a weinersnitzel ($2.95), a shake ($1.35), and a cookie from the Cookie Factory ($13.88). Basically, what I am trying to ask is if you will allow me to spend $40.15 to listen to you tell me about your BOYFRIEND BACK HOME?

“Please!”

You see THOSE kind of girls every day. And in their shadows you can hear the discontented grumblings of desperate men. “What a waste. She could have anybody she wants...Maybe she’s just using it as an excuse.”

Ah, yes. An excuse.

And now I will reveal to you a recording I made last week in the hall of Sears: “Guess what, Janie. David, the bimbo of all bimbi called me AGAIN and said that he wants to go ON A DATE...TO THE BENSON...IN VIEW OF EVERYONE.”

“No can do, Chrissy. Did you give him the boyfriend back home story?”

“Oh of course...he is such a geek. Pass me another Twinkie.”

Yup. It’s like waiting up for Santa.

When I was six I learned there is no Santa. Christmas eve of ’72 I was in bed by 9 p.m. I didn’t miss a thing. Or did I?”
Rules, though strict to some, help to form character

Several times during my stay in college, I've had friends occasionally ask me where I went to school. When I answer Harding, I often get a similar reaction: "How can you stand it there with all those rules?"

In response to that statement, I'd like to share the following ideas concerning rules.

Rules are vital to the functioning of any society. Harding is no exception. Indeed, the rules here seem a bit steep at times. Our behavior is constantly monitored as well as our dress and choices of recreation. We feel smothered, maybe, made to feel incapable of taking responsibility for ourselves as well as our actions. It's almost as if once we were finally ready, to leave home, we packed up and headed for the babysitters instead. Or is it?

A disappointing reality of life lies in the fact that rules, although made for the deviants of a society, also restrict those who are strong. As long as we are here, we must accept what to us, are good rules, right along with those we're not too happy with. If we just maintain a healthy attitude toward rules, we can see, in times past, that they have helped to initiate guidance and discipline for us.

Maybe we should take some time to read between the lines of the rules. After all, Harding isn't really a school of "don'ts," i.e. don't drink, don't smoke, don't dance. Harding is a "do" school. We do have fun, we do care about other people, and we do know how to make a difference in the real world.

For now, perhaps we should buck up and cheer up. Who knows—someday we may look back with grateful hearts to confirm, "School days, school days, good ole golden rule days!"

God's blade can cut the hardest heart

Is the power in the message or in the man? When I was younger I had always heard that the power was in the message, but I wasn't so sure that was true. I had been in a lot of Bible classes and heard a lot of sermons and it seemed like the power rested not in what was spoken, but in who was speaking and how he spoke it. The message seemed dependent on the man. However, I'm a little bit wiser today because of my friend Chris. Chris taught me that it is not man-power but message-power.

Chris was my best friend. He was not a Christian and I really didn't think he ever would be. He was wild sometimes and had a lot of rebellion in him. However, while I believed the above statements to be true, I do not find every Harding rule of vital importance. For example, I have always heard that the power of God does not seem living to me. I don't think I'm going to be baptized. "Do what?" I said. He replied, "I don't think I'm going to be baptized. "Oh," I said, being the eloquent one.

The next day Chris and I went into the minister's office and I told him what Chris had been thinking. The minister returned and sat across from Chris. For the next few minutes we opened the Bible and read from it. The minister didn't say much; he mostly just showed Chris passages and read them. When he finished there was silence. Finally he looked at Chris and said, "Well, Chris, speak to me." Chris paused and then stated, "I want to be a Christian."

Reynolds Rap

by Karen Reynolds

away our lives...well, our behavior to be that of rule keepers, not rule breakers.

The truth is, rules will always exist. This campus is full of all types of people. Not everyone needs every rule, but we all need some rules. Some are weak in areas where others are strong. As long as we are here, we must accept what to us, are good rules, right along with those we're not too happy with. If we just maintain a healthy attitude toward rules, we can see, in times past, that they have helped to initiate guidance and discipline for us.

The author of Hebrews gives a very good explanation of what happened that day: "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Heb. 4:12)

It was the sword. A blade that is able to cut through even the hardest heart. The word of God became living and active for Chris that day because he allowed the sword to cut him.

For many of us, the word of God does not seem living and active because we're afraid of the sword. We have a fear of being cut. You see, if I get too close to that sword, it might cut me and convict me to do something that I don't want to do. It might convict me to make changes in some things that I've become comfortable with. Being cut by the sword hurts. So instead we study God's word at arm's length. We get close enough to where we feel safe and religious, but not close enough to be convicted.

If we want God's word to be living and active in our lives, we must get close to the sword. We may even have to be willing to bleed a little.

HERKAMEL

AHHHHH!

I'M A KOALA BEAR! WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING IN COLLEGE? KOALAS DON'T WEAR CLOTHES, SHOES, OR EVEN TALK! I SHOULD BE SWORING EUCALYPTUS OR SOMETHING! I SWEAR THIS IS ALL A BAD, HORRIBLE DREAM, AND IF... I...I:

SMACK!!

HURRY UP OR WE'LL BE LATE FOR OUR 9:30 CLASS!

RIGHT! WHERE ARE MY S0I's?

NEXT TO YOUR REEBOKS!

BINGO!
Chorale plans European tour
by Steve Townsdin

The Harding Chorale plans to sing in Europe during a six-week tour in the summer.

The Chorale will present concerts in a number of countries including Germany, France, Belgium and Scotland during the 41 days of the tour, which is scheduled from May 9 until June 18. This will be the fifth European tour for the group in the last ten years, as they have gone in 1979, 1981, 1983 and 1985, in addition to this summer.

Dr. Cliff Ganus, III, professor of music and director of the chorale, said that the chorus members are required to raise funds to offset their expenses, which total $1,700. The cost is reduced because the host Church of Christ congregations plan to help with food and lodging expenses as they are able. The members are required to raise funds to offset expenses, which total $1,700.

The trip is being made under the oversight of the elders of the College Church of Christ.

In many cities a concert will be given in a public hall and a subsequent concert will be held in the church building to draw more attention to the local congregation. Ganus said that the tour will bring many benefits to the host congregations, including enhancing the public image of the church and encouraging the church members themselves.

The concert band performs one of the many numbers they played at a concert Tuesday night in American Heritage Auditorium. (Photo by Kerri Breser)

Chorale members are also expecting to benefit from the tour. Wayne Jones, president of the Chorale and a junior marketing major from Rock Falls, Ill., said that he believes that God expects men and women to use the gifts and talents He has given them. “I have never been an eloquent speaker when it comes to the Bible,” he said, “but God gave me a singing voice — and I feel that through music God has given me the means to touch hearts just as effectively as a fine gospel preacher.”

Tony Gentry, a junior Bible major from Troy, Ill., said he was excited about the chance to share part of his world with the Europeans. “I will get to tour, sing and experience what many will never see. But most importantly, I will represent Harding, the United States and Christ, the savior of men in every nation.”

Mike Andersen, a graduate accounting student from Mooshead, Minn., said, “The tour will give me the chance to encourage Christians in Europe, while also enhancing my view of the church as a worldwide institution.”

Between 35 and 40 people are currently scheduled to make the trip this summer. The tour is open to those with choral experience, and anyone interested should contact Dr. Ganus in the music department as soon as possible.
Side effects plague steroid use

Substantiating claims of improved performance with steroids has plagued the world of athletics. While results vary significantly among athletes, taking megadoses of several anabolic steroids simultaneously can be dangerous. Whatever increase may be noted in muscle mass must be weighed against subsequent side effects. Most notably, steroid use alters sexual hormone production. Men may experience breast enlargement, atrophy of testicles, decreased sperm production, and clitoral enlargement. In women anabolic steroids produce a reduced breast size, baldness, beard growth and clitoral enlargement.

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Bisons post fourth consecutive win

by Greg Taylor
Bison staff writer

The Bisons have turned the tables. They have won five of their last seven games. They've cranked out four wins in a row, including a 77-66 "welcome back to the District 17 tournament hopefuls hemisphere" win over Arkansas Inter-collegiate Conference co-leader Southern Arkansas University Monday night at the Ganus Athletic Center.

When the Muleriders of SAU rode into Searcy Monday night, the top-ranked AIC team must have expected the same sluggish, cold-shooting Bison bunch that they played during the Bisons' mid-season slump. Instead, they were met with the quick-moving, board-crashing style of play from Harding that characterized the team last season.

The Bisons have not played like that all season, however. They took the dive four times in a row against Ozark College, Ouachita Baptist University, University of Central Arkansas, and Southern Arkansas, but meeting these four times in the second and final round of the AIC play has proved to be a Bison bonanza. Four straight wins against the same four teams that beat the Bisons has set the slate for some fingernail-biting, fist-clenching excitement as Head Coach Jess Bucy's boys try to grab a spot in the NAIA District 17 tournament. Harding is hanging inside the top eight in the District, but only by a thread. Last night's game in Monticello against the University of Arkansas was played after press time. That game and tomorrow's matchup against Henderson State here at 7:30 p.m. are crucial to District tournament plan for Harding.

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Bisons guard Corey Camper goes to the hoop during the Bisons' 77-66 victory over Southern Arkansas University Monday night in the Ganus Athletic Center.

Lady Bisons lose to SAU, 81-65

The Lady Bison basketball team played a solid first half and jumped out to a nine point halftime lead, but faded in the second half. They've lost five of their last seven games. They've turned the tables. Harding is hanging inside the top eight in the District, 77-66 "welcome back to the District 17 tournament hopefuls hemisphere" win over Arkansas Inter-collegiate Conference co-leader Southern Arkansas University Monday night at the Ganus Athletic Center.

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Senior trio helps make Lady Bisons competitive

by Toby Taylor

Harding women's basketball has come a long way since the time when Head Coach Phil Watkins shaved his mustache in celebration of a single victory. That was the team's first ever win and it came halfway through the 1983-84 season. A great deal of the progress has been the work of this year's seniors.

Shawn Bradford, Teri Loven and Stephany Smith are "the glue that holds us together. In the two years they've done a great job in getting the program off the ground," said Assistant Coach Dennis Davenport. In two more years, this trio could put the Lady Bisons on the proverbial sports map.

However, in the two years spent at Harding, these three junior college transfers have made Harding a competitive squad in the AIC. "They stepped into the program and adjusted well to the new college and have since supplied leadership and poise to the team," commented Watkins.

Going to high schools just about 10 miles apart, Loven and Bradford were "big rivals" in high school. Loven attended Clinton High in Arkansas while Bradford went to South Side High. The rivalry was even until Smith came to Harding. Watkins said of all three transfers, "They came from traditional programs that were used to winning. They could have just sat back and looked at their scrapbooks but they adjusted to the young basketball program and gave it 100 percent."

Stephany Smith from Brookhaven, Miss. also came from an established program at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in western Mississippi. Smith is a physical education major and social science minor. Noting that the enthusiasm for the women's basketball team from Harding and the student body is weak, Smith said, "With a little support this can be a good program." Bradford was in agreement saying, "The program needs a stronger winning attitude."

By themselves, Bradford, Loven and Smith would make an all-around three-on-one player. "Stephany is a forward who has the athletic ability to take it to the hoop or to put it from the perimeter. "Teri is a good one-on-one player. When she gets the ball, we look for her to do something," Watkins affirmed. Smith is one of the best shooting and rebounding forwards in the AIC. "Stephany is an all-around athlete. She's the leading rebounder and plays tough defense," said Watkins. Since they are the team's top three scorers, they have accounted for most of the team's scoring this season.

The Lady Bisons complete their regular season tomorrow night with a home game against Henderson State University. This game may decide if the squad will qualify for the district tourney, but as Smith asserted confidently, "We'll beat Henderson."

The game is tomorrow at 5:30 in the Ganus Athletic Center.

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Shawn Bradford (center) and Stephany Smith (50) battle Ouachita Baptist University in a game earlier this season. (Photo courtesy of Public Relations Office.)
Swimmers rewrite record books at AIC meet

by John Riley
Bison staff writer

Kappa Tau is champs

automatically qualified for the Nationals
with his times in both events.

Joining Gainey as all-AIC were another
freshman, Kirk Woltman, and senior Gary
Ashley. Ashley set school records in the 100
and 200 freestyle and the 100 butterfly. Along
with those three swimmers, Rusty McAlister
and Paul Killingsworth will be going to the
Nationals by helping the team qualify in the
400 medley relay and the 800 freestyle relay.

Boustead was also proud of his four
freshmen divers (Gary Haycraft, Corey Hut­
son, Patrick Bingham and Dave Park), all
of whom were novices to competitive diving.
All of them competed in the AIC meet, com­
pleting the 11 compulsory dives on the one
and three-meter boards, with Hutson plac­
ing sixth overall on both boards. Fifth-year
senior Lek Jittimaporn from Thailand, of
Bison tennis fame, impressed the coaches
with his hard work and the encouragement
he provided.

Assistant Coach Denney, reflecting on the
conference, said “the guys swam exception­
ally well. I was unsure how the taper was
going after an earlier meet. Gary Ashley
surprised me in the 100 butterfly (in which
he broke Denney’s four year-old record).
They’re still swimming well and I look for­
ward to equally good nationals.” Denney felt
rewarded by a letter the coaches received
from the athletic director at Hendrix who
commended Harding’s swimmers not only
for their competitiveness but for their
sportsmanship and character in the meet
with Hendrix.

All that is ahead for five of the swimmers
is a trip to Orlando right before spring break
to compete in the nationals. “Brian has the
best chance to be competitive there,” said
Ashley. “We’re going to have fun. The hard
part is getting there. The senior Ashley, who
is from San Diego, appreciated the competi­
tion that the freshmen Woltman and Gainey
brought to the team. “They pushed me all
season,” he said, which may help account
for the three school records Ashley set at the
AIC’s. Ashley was also pleased with the uni­
ty that prevailed on the team.