Faculty unanimously okays long Thanksgiving break

by Amy Blankenship
Bison editor

A week long Thanksgiving break will be instituted this fall as a change at the top corners of the image and student. Proposals for a week long vacation had been defeated in the past, primarily due to the days of classroom instruction that would have been lost, said President David Burks. However, with the streamlined registration process, minimal restructuring of the final exam schedule, class meetings will not be lost.

The proposal was unanimously approved at the faculty meeting prior to spring break. "The faculty was very supportive..." said Burks. "They were concerned about deleting days of classroom instruction... but we were able to avoid this with a few innovations."

Fall classes will begin on Wednesday of registration week, rather than Thursday. In the past, final exams had begun on Saturday of the last week of classes, but Tuesday-Thursday classes will now meet on that day.

December commencement will be moved from Friday to Saturday, in order to accommodate remaining final exams. "It was a very positive decision, and I am very pleased with it," said Burks. "It provides a break for students and faculty. The fall semester gets as busy as the spring, and it will give them a break from these pressures."

Burks said the proposal was approved for several reasons. "Many students are unable to go home for Thanksgiving because of distance to be travelled, and the week long break will allow many of them to go home."

The more efficient registration process, which will enable classes to begin one day early, was also a factor, Burks said.

Burks said the primary concern of the faculty was that students will leave early for Thanksgiving, as several currently do for spring break. However, this problem may be solved by giving four short exams immediately prior to Thanksgiving break. "I think it is an excellent change because of the amount of pressure put on students during the first semester," said Dr. Jerome Barnes, dean of campus life. "We go from Student Impact to pledge week to lecture week, and then students have to come back for final exams after only a few days vacation. I think a longer break will be good for the students."

"Tami Hix, a freshman from Cleburne, Texas, said, "I think it's wonderful. Whenever you live as far away as I do, it's so hectic just to go home for a couple of days. It will make it easier on students' families, too."

One week remains until thousands of visitors arrive on campus to participate in Harding's 24th annual Youth Forum weekend and to see the 14th annual Spring Sing production. Plans are well under way and "ready to go," said Dr. John Ryan, Spring Sing coordinator, and Chris Dell, admissions advisor. Dell said, Youth Forum-Spring Sing weekend is "probably the one event of the year that helps us more than any other."

Last year, 3,500 guests were registered for Youth Forum, and Spring Sing plays to approximately 12,000 spectators every year. Dell and Ryan are both optimistic that 1988 will be no exception to the large attendance figures of the past few years.

Youth Forum guests, which usually consist mainly of high school juniors and seniors, will have the opportunity to hear the Harding A Cappella Chorus, Chorale, Concert Band, Belles and Beaux and the Time of Day. They will also see the new Harding video presentation, hear a message from President David Burks and attend a campus-wide devotional.

Dell expressed a few unique components of next weekend's Youth Forum. Included is the opportunity for guests to visit classes on Friday morning to get a "feel" of what they are like. Also, a faculty/student conference has been planned for Friday afternoon at 3:45, in which guests and their parents may discuss plans with representatives from all campus departments. This year also marks the first time the Belles and Beaux have performed on Youth Forum weekend.

Guest speaker for Youth Forum will again be well-known Jeff Walling of Mission Viejo, Calif. Noted for his enthusiasm and ability to speak to young people, he is in constant demand at lectureships, workshops, and campaigns across the country. His topic will be "The Fight Is On: Living and Loving On the Christian Battlefield." He is scheduled to speak twice Friday and twice Saturday, which includes Friday morning chapel.

"I really want to encourage as many students as are able to come hear Jeff. If they've never heard him," Dell said. "He's excellent, one of the best we have in the department in speaking to young people."

Youth Forum weekend officially begins at 8 a.m., April 1, and ends after the movie, "An American Tail," on April 2. As to the progress of Spring Sing, Ryan said, "As you would suspect, the clubs are in very full swing — the pressure's on!"

Dress rehearsal is Monday for the show that will be representing 23 Harding social clubs. Four performances are scheduled next week for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and one Saturday afternoon, with seven club shows and entertainment by the four Spring Sing hosts and hostesses.

Ryan said the hosts and hostesses' performances, directed by Steve Holder, are at "the polishing stage," and the house band, which will provide all musical accompaniment for the show as directed by John Gilreath, is "wonderful, wonderful," after having practiced extensively with the club groups last weekend.

A new innovation to the show, brainchild of Bob Ritchie, director of technical services, is the use of two video projectors and screens at the top corners of the stage. These will serve two purposes. Instead of introducing each club show on stage in the past, a pre-recorded introduction by the hosts and hostesses will be shown, cleverly incorporating elements of campus interest into it. During the rest of the show, the screens will project close-up coverage with the use of five television cameras, to enable clear vision of the show for everyone.

Seven club shows are to be presented. They are "Here Today, Gone to Maui," with Tri Sigma Delta, Kappa Tau Omegna and Titans; "Santy Claus Takes a Sandy Pause," with Ko Jo Kai and Sub T-6; "All Bottled Up," with Ju Go Ju, Galaxy, Tri Kappa, Kappa Sigma and Phi Delta; "If at First You Don't Succeed," with Zeta Rho and TNT; "The Orient Express... Don't Leave Home Without It," with Regina and Chi Sigma Alpha; "Paintin' the Town," with Ka Re Ta, Gata and Sigma Phi Mu; and "Just Clownin' Around," with AGO, Chi Alpha Rho, Knights, OEGE, Kirei and Shanti.

With carpentry work completed, the program being printed and the 28 show judges lined up, Ryan is confident that all aspects of the show are progressing well. Sixty students will serve as ushers and 72 faculty and staff members and friends of Harding will serve as ticket-takers.

"I think all is in excellent shape," Ryan said. "And comparing what I have seen in the past, I think we'll have nice variety, both in the nature of the themes and in the costume types and colors. It will be another excellent bit of variety."

Tickets may still be purchased in the Benson Auditorium.
Opinion

Spring Sing good time to be serving, patient

The population of the Harding campus will more than double next weekend, competition between clubs will heat up on the Benson stage, as well as the softball field, and most students will be suffering from lacking sleep and falling behind in classes.

These factors are more than enough to cause one to complain, lose one’s temper, or be critical of others. However, these are inevitable products of Spring Sing/Youth Forum week and provide opportunities for students to strengthen friendships and serve each other and campus visitors.

The time and energy needed to produce a Spring Sing show enable club members to draw closer and establish greater unity. It also allows them to form bonds with other clubs, with the current trend of several clubs collaborating to be serving, patient administration week and provide opportunities for students to strengthen relationships and serve each other and campus visitors. Although conditions may be crowded and noisy at times, students can take advantage of the opportunity to serve guests and treat them according to the Golden Rule.

New Thanksgiving break to benefit faculty, students

The faculty is to be commended for approving the week long Thanksgiving break, as it will offer many benefits to members of the Harding family. The hectic pace of the fall semester needs to be slowed by an adequate break, allowing faculty and students to prepare for the pressures of the end of classes and final exams.

Many students who live long distances from Searcy will also be able to go home with the nine-day break. This will eliminate the problem of extremely poor class attendance the week of Thanksgiving. In order to prevent students from leaving even earlier and losing productive class days, faculty should give several exams on Thursday or Friday before break.

This new policy is an indication that the faculty and administration are working for the students’ benefit.

‘Switching’ not brilliant, but funny

Use a newswoman as a background, insert Kathleen Turner, Burt Reynolds and Christopher Reeve, stir in some romance and you get an entertaining bit of fluff for a movie.

Turner is a top anchor woman and reporter for a Chicago station. Her boss is played by Burt Reynolds, who besides being her superior, also happens to be her ex-husband. Everything is going along fine until Turner becomes engaged to a handsome and wealthy sporting goods tycoon, Christopher Reeve.

She decides that she is sick of sacrificing her life and future family for ratings, and announces her intention to quit and move to New York with her soon-to-be-husband. Reynolds is panic-stricken at the thought of losing his best woman, both professionally and privately. He sets out on ambitious but successful traps to see that Turner never glimpses the Big Apple. Along the way she becomes personally involved in an undercover case that she had been covering professionally.

Switching Channels is an odd movie in that while it has no socially redeeming value, superficial character development or improbable plots, it is entertaining. It moves at a quick pace and the dialogue is amusing. But most of the credit goes to the leads, especially Turner and Reynolds. They just act like they are truly having fun in this movie and the emotion wears off on the audience. In places the movie almost tries to make social statements or become maudlin but Turner and Reynolds are able to save it through some really good comic acting. They are particularly good in the scenes together. They may not behave like your typical divorced couple but they do an excellent job of appearing to be simultaneously amused and irritated by each other.

So if you are not looking for Ghandi, try Switching Channels. It is not a brilliant comedy but it is an amusing one.

Observing spring break frivolity develops into learning experience

“What is your favorite post-spring break activity?”

“One, two, three, four, five senses working overtime…”

—the words to a song.

I hate that song. I heard it 647 times over spring break in Lauderdale. Don’t call it “Lauderdale” unless you went there and you came back alive.

Spring break 1988 has been in the history books for two weeks. Dead skin in the student center and tan-faced skiers serve as notice that it is all over.

Many consider spring break a time to give the brain a rest. That was hardly the case for me. My brain was bombarded with insightful tidbits of knowledge. My last spring break was a learning experience, and I would like to share some of these newly embedded knowledge with you at this time. For those of you who went skiing, I’m sure some of the things I have to share are universally applicable.

The Trip There:

Remember this—One girl was 32 added minutes to the average trip. One male driver equals 32 minutes less than the average time to make the trip. We had eight girls and four guys in our caravan—we lost.

There is always one person who forgot to potty at the last stop.

There is one pillow for every 6.2 people.

No matter if you eat them or not, potato chip crumbs inevitably end up in the seats.

Somebody runs out of deodorant the night before the trip.

Girls create happy-time sing-a-longs for approximately 1,123 miles of a 1,200 mile trip.

Guys are easily annoyed for 1,123 miles of a 1,200 mile trip.

Once You Are There:

You spend one day at the beach and six days in the motel room because you can’t clothe yourself due to a twelfth-degree sunburn.

Every time you go by to see the girls you know from Harding, their conversations of “Chip and Greg” are interspersed with the singing of that song you grew to hate on the trip down.

All bling is abandoned once you are in a car on “The Strip.” Wearing messages like “Yow” and “Come on girl” (the latest made famous by the he-man of all he-men— Michael Jackson) permeate the ocean air. Unfortunately, most of these passionate yelps of love only blossom into a moment of rapturous eye contact. So...some guys’ creative mode clicks in.

“Yup. This great looking foreign chick picked me up in her Jag and we went for a cruise on her uncle’s yacht.”

Translated, that means he yelled at some girl from Nebraska who ignored him until she was within spitting range of his open T-tops.

And now...the OFFICIAL spring break list of nebulous information compiled by spring break participants:

Official song: “Hysteria” by Def Leppard.

Official food: Anything lacking nutritional value (i.e. —moonpies and lettuce).

Official drink: Diet Coke for Harding students...for others of a secular nature it might be different.

Official activity for girls: Getting ready to go somewhere.

Office activity for guys: Hiding the girls’ hairspray and discussing who left the sandy gunk on the floor of the shower.

Official average weight of girls’ luggage: 276 pounds. And then they wear their clothes all week long.

Official favorite post-spring break activity: Peeling.

My last spring break was fun. It was an activity I was with who made it fun. The relationships we develop with existing friends and those we create with new friends are invaluable. We all share common moments of THAT week.

I’ll remember “The Strip,” the vibrant nightlife, the broiling day-life, the muscle boys who didn’t know their names, the scantily clad girls who just sat there and tanned because that was right on their level, and the friends I made...most of all the friends I made.

“One, two, three, four, five senses working overtime…”

I still hate the song, but I love ones who sing it.
A lot of things have changed since the fall of 1984. A metamorphosis has taken place in me and so many others who soon, with a Harding kiss of luck, will be on our way to the "real world." Life after Harding... The continuing saga.

I remember when I set foot on the Harding scene four years ago. Life was simple, everything was a new adventure, and free time came in unlimited quantities. Freshmen were supposed to play. It was part of our majors (for those of us who even had majors back then). I remember how neat it was never to have homework except the night before the test, laundry parties, cafeteria riots, and the "Hello my name is..." badges at student mixers. Dorm life was one big, long slumber party and even our week-long kid-die chapel in the main auditorium held some subtle fascination for us vulnerable collegiate amateurs of yesterday.

Something happened, though. We grew up! Maybe we really didn't notice it at the time but it was happening — fast and furious. Once we're here, bits and pieces of that good ole Harding magic began to seep in and challenge us in every facet of life. Not long ago, I woke to see myself in a way I really never had before. My world had so much more purpose, more potential, and a calm sense of direction. My concerns were more mature ones. I had learned the value of life, and how it beckoned me to be a success, to be a senior was to be aware — aware of life, its opportunities, its challenges, and rewards. This is my life now, my responsibility, my adventure.

To be a senior is to be a searcher. Now, we've reached the point in life where there is no going back, no stepping down. We know too much. We've been given a solid foundation to stand on and though at times, life's vicissitudes jolt us a bit, we know ultimately where we stand.

Time, talent and training have prompted us to greater heights. We've gotten a taste of the liberal arts and swallowed a healthy dose of culture. We've taken all those career and personality tests to determine that we are really capable people. We have begun to seek our futures with zeal and intrigue. Now, we are down to the last straw, the four-year plan.

Indeed, being a senior does have its advantages! First of all, you just look like a senior. See, I remember what it was like to be a gawky freshman, thinking that G.B. 201 written on my class schedule meant that I would be having

Basic ethical speech in the George Benson balcony. Everything, but everything was abbreviated. Poly sci, psych, art apprec., even the ad building. I think seniors for decades have had that propensity for chopping off words. Nevertheless, now that I'm a senior, I can stroll confidently across campus without my trusty, little campus tour pamphlet. That's comforting.

Great things started happening my sophomore year, though, when I changed my name from 02-34-5678 to Karen. My teachers started talking to me and I began to give some serious thought as to what I wanted to be when I grew up!

Dear Friends,

On Feb. 26, 1988 I did something very stupid. I embarrassed myself, my friends, my family, the Harding football team and Harding University. I broke the law. I broke Harding's rules, but more important, I sinned against God. For this act, I will always be apologizing.

This was not my first time to drink, but I can assure you it is the last. One thing I ask; the next time you have the chance to drink, ask yourself these questions. Could I look my best friends and myself not to mention whoever you hit? I consider myself very, very lucky. You may think that sounds crazy. But I didn't plan on killing anyone; that is one thing I could not live with. Could you?

If I didn't get caught I would still be doing the same things and I hope you all are not as stupid as I was. One thing the arresting officer said was "I've got to do my job." And if he had not arrested me, I can see now I could never respect him. I consider what he did for me a big favor.

I hope you can see that, too.

I have heard speeches on drinking and driving before and I never gave them much thought. I always said, "It won't happen to me." I thought I was too smart. I know some of you think the same thing. Please don't be so foolish. It's not worth it.

John R. Coffman

Letters to the Editor are welcome. They should be typewritten and should not exceed 200 words. Letters must be signed to be printed, although names may be withheld on request. The editors reserve the right not to print letters which may be libelous or offensive. Letters should be addressed to Box 1192 and go, along with some friendships, our knowledge will accompany us, as well as our experiences.

Harding is not just a social life, it's not just a gold and black haven for academics, it isn't even always a spiritual utopia. Harding is the life that prepares for Life! The spirit of security and serenity in the midst of a world with no answers. To be a senior is to be appreciative of who we are today because of the past few years. As seniors we look back only to look ahead — persevering with pride and poise for the chance to live what we have learned. Yes, being a senior is not just fantasy, it is reality and in 44 days, it will be history.
Twelve suspended from HUF

Twelve students at Harding University in Florence (HUF) were suspended last week due to the use of alcoholic beverages. According to Dr. Don Shackelford, director of the HUF program, this is not the first time that students have been suspended in Italy. “Others have been suspended, and we will continue to do this in the future,” said Shackelford.

“Twelve of them drank, and the rule is very explicit that the use or possession of alcoholic beverages results in automatic suspension,” he continued.

Prior to leaving for HUF, students are required to sign a statement that reads “Upon my personal honor and with God as my witness, I promise that I will not drink alcoholic beverages while I am a student at Harding University in Florence, Italy.” Shackelford said students who will not sign the statement may have their $200 deposit refunded.

“If you do not have any respect for your word or the fact that you’ve made a promise before God, then I feel sorry for you. If you drink and we receive information on it and are able to prove it, you will be suspended that day,” he said. “We’re very serious about this.”

Shackelford acknowledged that students at HUF are on the “honor system” due to extended periods of free travel. He also said he would hope for HUF students to exhibit “more maturity and spirituality” than the average student.

President David Burks also expressed disappointment with the situation, but noted the clarity of the rules against the use or possession of alcohol. “It’s not unlike students drinking on this campus. The policy is the same whether it is on the Searcy campus or in Italy,” he said.

Marketing team wins honors

The Marketing Strategy Case team from Harding claimed the runnerup position behind Auburn University in the Southern Region competition at Memphis State University last month.

The four senior marketing majors, Kiwanis Harvey of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Sara Butler of Flint, Mich.; Salena Davis of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Brian Price of Tuscaloosa, Ala., won over the University of Tennessee and Texas Lutheran in the competition, sponsored by the American Marketing Association.

The team’s marketing strategy, developed for the American Red Cross, included both a written case and an oral presentation before a panel of five judges.

“The judges were complimentary of the professionalism of the students,” said Charles Walker, associate professor of marketing and business, and faculty advisor. “We were pleased with the performance of the team and felt that the group competed well despite the loss by a narrow margin.”

Harding’s strategy included both Cause-Related and Affinity marketing plans. Cause-Related strategies for quick-service restaurants, gas stations, service stations, hotels and theme parks were detailed. Affinity credit cards in which the Red Cross would receive revenues for card applications and usage on credit cards that would bear the Red Cross logo and name were also described.

The presentation included both a slide show and transparencies.

This was the second year for marketing case competitions through the American Marketing Association, the largest professional marketing organization in the world.

College Bowl team competes

The Harding College Bowl team competed Feb. 26 and 27 in a tournament with other schools from Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas, at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La.

The five member team consists of Dan Shill, captain, Kyle Colvett, Nancy Adams, Kendall Sharp, and David Adcox as alternate.

There were 18 teams in the double-elimination tournament. Harding played Texas at Austin in the first round, and won 26-23. In the second round, the Harding team played University of Texas at Arlington in the first round, and won 26-130. In the third round, Harding took on Texas Christian University but lost 195-145, disqualifying Harding from the rest of the tournament.

Dr. Dennis Organ, professor of English and chairman of the department, said, “We had a good team, but we didn’t play as well as we should have, especially against TCU.”

To become a member of the college bowl team, one must first compete in the on-campus tournament in the fall. Scores are kept and the winning team puts on the varsity, as well as four more high-scoring players. From those nine the final team is narrowed down to five.

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Education students perform teaching, practicums

Harding students began performing student teaching and practicums during spring break. Students teaching K-12 are Shannon Ayers, P.E. and biology, Ahlf Junior High School; Searcy High School; Brad Carter, Music, Sidney Deener and Harding Academy; Laura Carter, P.E., Harding Academy; James Grady, Art, Bald Knob (6-12); Susan Gray, Music, Bald Knob (6-12); Jeanne Lewis, Art, Searcy Southwest Middle; Tammy Randall, Art, Searcy High; and Leslie Rhoards, Music, Searcy High.

Special education teachers are Shelly Burgan, Bald Knob Elementary; Kelly Fuchs, Searcy McRae Elementary; David Hallam, Judsonia Elementary; Maggie Mayes, Sidney Deener Elementary; and Jennellyn Pugh, Pangburn Elementary.

Speech therapists are Julie Best, K-12, Cabot Eastside; Katy Goldman, 1-4, Sidney Deener Elementary; Becky King, 1-3, Cabot; Cindy McRae, Sidney McRae; Tammy Curtis, Judsonia; Mark Daughtey, Searcy Southwest Fifth; Brad Gist, Beebe.

Elementary school teachers are Karla Bergdahl, Central; Shawn Bradford, Clinton; Haley Briggs, Sidney Deener; Deborah Burke, Harding Academy; Joy Burns, Bald Knob; Becky Cagle, Judsonia; Linda Clayton, Searcy McRae; Tammy Curtis, Judsonia; Mark Daughtey, Searcy Southwest Fifth; Brad Gist, Beebe.

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Four members of the "Here Today. Gone to Maui" cast work on the backdrop for their Spring Sing production. Tri Sigma Delta, Kappa Tau Omega and Titans will present one of seven club shows in the 14th annual Spring Sing next weekend. (Photo by Chris Harlan)

Students earn forensic honors

by Rachel Sisk

Scott Stewart, a four-year veteran of the forensics team and one of the best persuasive speakers in the district, says, "The hardest part about getting a first place speech is the preparation." Stewart must have been well prepared because he again brought home a superior first place in informative speaking and a superior second place in persuasive speaking.

The other team members were not outdone at the Phi Kappa Delta Tri-Province Convention at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, March 3-5. Andy Olree rated a superior third place in poetry interpretation. The team of Olree and Wayne Hous rated a superior in discussion. Excellent ratings in prose were captured.

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Writers receive awards

Winners in the Jo Cleveland Creative Writing Contest were honored Tuesday night at an awards banquet.

The results were as follows:
- First: Debbie Smith; second, Karen Rubland; third, Tim Colby; Honorable mention, Michael Curtis, Annette Parson and Bryan Westbrook.
- Fiction: First, Roben-Marie Roberts; second, Bill Everett; third, Michael Curtis.
- Essay: First, Kendall Sharp; second, Michael Curtis; third, Amelia Baker.

Several of the winning entries were read following the dinner. First place winners received $30, second $20 and third $10.

Mrs. Betty Ulrey, associate professor of English, was chairman of this year's contest.

Leavey Award reunion attended by Diffine

Dr. Don Diffine, professor of economics and director of the Belden Center for Private Enterprise Education, attended the 10th Anniversary Reunion of Leavey Award winners on March 3 and 4 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The Leavey Award, which is funded by a grant from the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation, is given to individuals for their significant and innovative work in teaching private enterprise economics. Diffine received the $7,500 award in 1980.

The event, sponsored by the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, consisted of a symposium, reception and banquet. Guests included the Secretary of Commerce, William Verity, and Ursula Meese, wife of Attorney General Edwin Meese. Diffine was also able to visit briefly with Warren Burger, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Last year, Diffine received the Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor Medal in the category of "Published Works" for his article, "All-American Economics - Made in the U.S.A.,” a tribute to Wal-Mart's "Buy American" campaign. He is also the faculty winner of a $1,000 first prize in the Americanism Educational League's National Essay Contest, which was judged by noted economist Milton Friedman.

Diffine is the editor of Entrepreneur, a quarterly newsletter that has received five Freedoms Foundation Awards in the category of non-profit publications. He has also received eight other Freedoms Foundation Awards in the categories of economic education, public-affairs advertising, public address and published works.

A charter member of the Association for Private Enterprise Education, Diffine is listed in Personalities of the South and Outstanding Educators of America. He has provided Congressional testimony on business problems, economic impact statements and inflation-recession dilemmas.


Diffine joined the Harding faculty in 1971. He holds the B.A. in economics from California State University at Long Beach, the M.A. from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, and the Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. He is the director of Harding's Intercollegiate Students in Free Enterprise economics teams that have won first place in the National Students in Free Enterprise competitions in 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985 and 1987.

Publications committee chaired by Dr. Joe Pryor

Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, Harding professor of physical science and executive director of the national council of Alpha Chi, recently served as chairman of a publications committee and participated in a discussion at the 63rd annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Honor Societies in Jacksonville, Fla.

The ACCHS includes honor societies from academic disciplines and university-wide academic and leadership honor societies. Representatives from 45 member societies attended the meeting.

"Blueprints for Excellence" was the theme of the meeting which was designed to provide honor society officers with guidelines and information for improving honor society operations.

Pryor, who was accompanied by his wife Bessie Mae, served as secretary-treasurer of Region II of Alpha Chi for 22 years. For 13 years he was national secretary-treasurer after which he was named first executive director a position he now holds.

The retired academic dean of Harding, who is in his 45th year as a member of the Harding faculty, was a charter member of Harding's Alpha Chi Honor Society. He assisted in obtaining affiliation with a national honor society, Alpha Chi, and served as sponsor of the Arkansas Eta chapter 30 years.

Summer terms announced

More than 300 academic courses, a dozen workshops and a slate of camps and related programs will be offered in the 1989 summer sessions at Harding.

Dr. Larry Long, director of the summer program, said that courses will be available in Intercession May 9-25; First Session, June 6-July 8; Second Session, July 11-Aug. 12; and Summer's End, July 25-Aug. 10.

Four hours of credit may be earned during the Intercession and Summer's End, during which classes meet daily. Seven hours may be earned during each regular five-week session.

The workshops include sessions in Computer Graphics Design; William Faulkner works; Latin America Work/Study tour; Environmental and Geological Field Studies in Science K-12; Reading Strategies for Secondary Teachers; Summer Dinner Theatre; Also Microcomputers; Driver and Traffic Safety; Issues in Society (mental retardation); Diagnosis and Correction of Reading Difficulties; Clinical Reading and Topics in Microcomputers. The workshops range from two to three weeks in length.

Other related programs in the curriculum include Graduate Bible Courses offered in Memphis at the Harding Graduate School of Religion; Basketball Camps for junior and senior high boys; Tahkodah Music Camp; Tahkodah Bible Camp; Harding Academy Courses; Advanced Studies for High School Seniors; and Elderhostel.

"Summer Sessions can contribute significantly to a student's education plan," Dr. Long said, "and the sessions can be important both academically and economically."

Further information and a complete schedule may be obtained from the registrar's office.
Restless Heart to perform April 22

Ticket requests for the Restless Heart concert are arriving steadily, according to Dr. Jerome Barnes, dean of campus life.

The country group, recently nominated for several Grammy awards for their album "Wheels," will perform April 22 in Benson Auditorium.

According to Barnes, student requests are coming in moderately, while orders from White County are arriving heavily. Steve Beliech, Student Activities Committee chairman, said, "We want as many people on campus to go as possible. The concert has been advertised locally, but we'll avoid publicizing it statewide until students have had the chance to get their tickets."

Tickets are $12 for the three center sections in front of the break in the auditorium, while remaining floor and balcony seats are $10. They are currently available only by mail. According to Beliech, students who have already placed orders will receive their tickets in campus mail this week after Spring Sing.

The group scored several hits off of "Wheels," including "That Rock Won't Roll," "(Why Does It Have To Be) Wrong or Right," "New York Hold Her Tight," and "I'll Still Be Loving You," which they recently performed on the Grammy awards.

Restless Heart is comprised of five Nashville musicians who kept crossing paths until producer Tim Dubois brought them together. The group includes John Dittrich (vocals, drums); Paul Gregg (vocals, bass); Greg Jennings (vocals, guitar); Dave Innis (vocals, keyboards, guitar) and Larry Stewart (lead vocals, guitar, keyboards).

Seminars afford seniors taste of graduate school

by Steve Townsend

As graduation nears for degree candidates, a disease called "senioritis" often sets in. "Senioritis" can usually be overcome, but for students with senior seminars, the disease can be very harmful to one's academic career.

Various departments on the Harding campus offer senior seminars. One of the oldest is the social science seminar which was started by Chancellor Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., when he was chairman of the history department.

Ganus said he couldn't remember the exact year that the seminar was started, but he knew it was "a long time ago." Ganus was the seminar director until 1985, when he became chairman of Harding. Dr. Ray Muncy, chairman of the history and social science department, currently serves as the director of the social science seminar.

The original purpose for the seminar was to provide a broader perspective for history and social science majors, according to Ganus. This purpose has continued to the present. The only changes have been in content, emphasis and personnel, Ganus said.

Twelve students are enrolled in the seminar this semester. Majors represented are history, political science, social science, and American studies. The seminar meets for two hours every Monday night. Absences are allowed only for extreme sickness or emergency.

Muncy said that he felt the seminar was the best preparation students could have for graduate school. "In fact, it is conducted like a graduate seminar in that they (the students) have to establish theses and defend their papers publicly," Muncy said.

The topic of this semester's seminar is "Ethics." Topics of past years included terrorism, nuclear arms, energy, civil and religious rights, and world hunger.

The class is divided into history, political science and social science sections for the purpose of writing a research paper. Students' majors do not necessarily have to correspond to the section which they are assigned.

For instance, Juliet Gifford, a senior political science major from Dallas, Texas, is working with the sociology group. Their paper deals with how new medical technology is affecting the field of ethics. The political science group is dealing with the ethics of politicians, and the history group is analyzing the role of ethics in constitutional interpretation.

Each student in the group is expected to contribute roughly 20 pages to the paper, which will be approximately 100 pages in length. Gifford said that she has spent many hours in the library doing research. All of the research is done independently by the students before they begin to compile their paper. Each group meets for at least one hour every week. Gifford serves as chairman of her group and is expected to write the introduction and conclusion in addition to writing her section of the paper.

The papers are eventually shelved on the second floor of the Beaumont Memorial Library.

In addition to writing the paper, which is due in March, the first half of the semester is filled with guest lecturers who are invited to address the seminar. Both Ganus and Muncy will address the group this semester, along with Dr. Bill Verkler, chairman of the sociology and social work department, and Dr. Tom Howard, professor of political science. The midterm exam covers the material that is presented in these lectures.

The second half of the semester is for a
Gardner named All-American

Harding's outstanding "do-it-all" sophomore forward Butch Gardner has been named to the third team of the 1975 NAIA All-American Basketball squad according to an announcement made by NAIA executive secretary A. O. Duer.

With his inclusion into the elite of the NAIA, Gardner became the first Bison player in history to ever achieve All-American status as a basketball player.

Gardner led the AIC in scoring with 586 points for a hefty 21.7 average over 32 games this season and also maintained the runner-up position in the league rebounding charts with 10.0 retrievals a game.

The sophomore sensation was an early success as he became the AIC's second leading scorer with an 18.6 average in his first season of intercollegiate competition. For his proficiency on the hardwoods, Gardner was tabbed for first string honors in balloting for All-AIC and All-NAIA in 1974, a distinction he repeated again this year. His 1,101 career points ranks him seventh on the all-time Bisons scoring charts.

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Making their Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference debut, the Harding Bisons found Arkansas Tech to be a tough opponent on the baseball diamond Tuesday.

The Wonder Boys relied on strong bats in a 9-2 opening win of the doubleheader at Russellville. In the nightcap, Tech's Steve Phillips slapped a solo home run in the eighth inning for a 5-4 ATU decision.

The Wonder Boys tallied three runs each in the second and fifth innings of the opener to aid their cause. Harding scored in the first when Dennis Mitchell led off with a triple and scored on Robert Cooper's sacrifice fly, and later in the fourth inning when Perry Parr singled and scored on Daron London's two-out single.

David DePew went the distance for the Wonder Boys and took the loss. Jeff Grimes earned the win for Tech.

In the second game, Arkansas Tech jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead in the first inning, but the Bisons pulled back to tie it up in the seventh. Mitchell again led off with a triple, followed by singles by Cooper and Brandon Harrell. Mitchell scored in the first when Dennis Mitchell led off with a triple and scored on Robert Cooper's sacrifice fly, and later in the fourth inning when Perry Parr singled and scored on Daron London's two-out single.

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With John Kodatt running for Byrd, Cheshier drove him in on a single to tie the score.

Phillips ended the game in the bottom of the eighth with his home run off reliever John Labas, who took the loss. Marty Spears was the Bison starter. ATU's Dennis Emer­son earned the win.

Harding's leading hitters in the second game were Cheshier, who went two for four and collected two RBIs; Mitchell, who also went 2-4; and Kinser, who went 2-4.
Bisons named All-American

by Toby Taylor

The Harding Bison track team took 11 of their athletes to the NAIA Indoor Track Championships in Kansas City, Mo. on Feb. 26 and 27.

Three Harding men attained All-American status after placing high in their particular events. High jumpers Bill Baker and Te Howard tied for sixth place by clearing 6-8. Competing in the pole vault, this was Baker’s first time to be named All-American and Howard’s second.

Freshman Jimmy Sloan soared to a height of 10-6 which qualified him for fifth place.

The Bisons went to the finals in three events. The men’s distance medley comprised of Harold “Peanut” Hall, Eric VanMatre, Jon Murray and Mark LaValley placed ninth with a time of 10:29. While breaking a school record, the women’s 3,200 meter relay team of Margaret Roff, Teresa Durham, Cheryl Bednosky and Jodie Murray placed second with a time of 10:11. The same runners placed 11th in the women’s distance medley.

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Bisons play ball; make errors on unbeatable team

Apostles play ball; make errors on unbeatable team

by Mark Moore

“Strike three!” the umpire bellowes as the opposing crowd erupts in applause. There you are, standing at the plate frantically searching for any excuse whatsoever for striking out in slow pitch softball.

The excuses come... "Sun was in my eyes, bat’s too heavy, pitch was too high, wasn’t high enough." Then you hit the only logical answer, the umpire never said it! That’s it! The umpire was wrong.

Think about how unfair that is. You know it was ball four, the catcher knows it was ball four, the entire world knows it was ball four. Yet it’s a strike because he says so. That’s not fair!

There you stand in the most unfair of situations with a softball bat. The Great Equalizer, in your hand.

Somehow you resist the sudden urge to pummel his head with the bat and instead make a few comments about his family heritage as you lumber towards the bench.

After a few minutes on the bench the anger subsides and you begin to ask yourself, “Why did I say that? What does a silly softball game really matter?” The guilt sets in and the disappointment in yourself begins to grow.

At inning’s end you trot by the ump and apologize, assuring him that the comments about his family were purely speculatory and totally uncalled for. “Don’t worry about it,” he mumbles, thinking to himself what a jerk you are.

The apology helps a little, but the disappointment is still there and the question remains, “How do I control this?” How does a real Christian handle high-pressure sports, especially something as taxing as club softball?

It’s a tough one to answer because softball is never mentioned in the Bible. It’s hard to believe the apostles never had the chance to play a game of softball but if they had, I think it would have been a lot like this.

“Slide Peter, slide,” Andrew yells as his brother comes into third. Peter’s a wild man on the bases, always going from first to third on a single to right. This time the throw is right on target. The Pharisees was All-Palestine last season and has a deadly accurate arm from stoning prostitutes.

It’s a close play, but Peter is obviously safe. “You’re out!” shouts the ump as the bench explodes in protest.

“Why are you crazy!” he yells and reaching for his sword he hacks off the umpire’s ear.

Peter can be such a jerk sometimes. “Simon at bat, Phillip on deck, Judas in the hole.” “What do you mean in the hole,” he states nervously. “Our budget is right on and I haven’t touched one cent. We’re not in the hole at all.”


Judas has other plans. He’s got a deal with the other team for a free pizza if he strikes out. He swings and misses three times. Judas can be such a jerk sometimes.

It’s the day of a game and James and John come to Jesus with a request. “We’d like to talk to you about the lineup,” they say. “We were wondering if one of us could bat before you and the other before you after you. After all, they don’t call us the sons of thunder for nothing.”

The other disciples hear this and say, “James and John can be real jerks sometimes.” Sounds like we’d fit right in on Jesus’ team, doesn’t it? That’s because you’re already part of it; we all are. As a coach he hand-picked that first team by the sea of Galilee.

You think he didn’t know who we was getting when he picked that team? Sure he knew. He knew about Peter’s temper and Thomas’ doubts just as he knows about all of our downfalls.

So the next time you yell at an umpire or throw a bat, look to your coach. He may be a little disappointed but you’re still on his team. You’ll be there forever, unless you quit.

Lady Bisons end season with loss to Golden Suns

In their final game of the 1987-88 season, the Harding Lady Bisons stayed close early before falling to the Arkansas Tech University Golden Suns, 89-62, in the first round of the NAIA District 17 playoffs, March 1 in Russellville.

The loss closed out the Lady Bisons record at 7-18, their best season ever in their short five-year history. It also marked the first time the Harding ladies qualified for the postseason tournament. Arkansas Tech, the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference champion and top seed in the tournament, finished third in the NAIA national tournament this week.

For the first five minutes, the Lady Bisons appeared as if they would stay close on the heels of the Suns. After trailing by 10-3 when ATU scored the first eight points of the game, the Lady Bisons came back to score eight of the next 10 points to pull within 12-19.

Shawn Bradford and Lisa Kirk did the damage, hitting two field goals each in the run.

Bradford paced the Lady Bisons with 16 points, followed by Teri Loven with 13.

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Tennis team takes two Tuesday

by Toby Taylor
Blue sport editor

The Harding tennis team defeated two conference opponents Tuesday in Arkadelphia.

Harding won the first match against Ouachita Baptist University 9-0, after claiming victories in all six matches and all three doubles matches. That same afternoon Harding also defeated Henderson State University 9-0.

Harding plays each AIC team twice during the season, with only one of these counting towards the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference record. Tuesday's victories did not count toward this AIC record. The Bisons will begin the bulk of their conference matches on April when they begin a string of home matches.

Last year, the team won the AIC crown outright. In past years the team has managed to take several co-championships. The outlook for this year's team is very good, with a host of experienced returners and some good potential among the ranks of newcomers.

Senior Judd Sanderson is confident about the team's upcoming AIC season. "Our chances of winning the AIC are just as good or better than last year," he said.

Keith Olree returns a serve during a Bison tennis match last week.

(Photo courtesy of Public Relations Office)

Seminar...

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Process is unique to the seminar. The students present and defend their papers publicly. The students from the other two groups serve as the audience, and they are expected to question the theses that are put forth in the papers. All students are invited to attend these presentations.

Muncy grades the audience members' evaluations of the students. The remaining 20 percent of the grade is based on the papers, with a host of experienced returners and some good potential among the ranks of returners.

Gifford said that although the seminar is a real challenge, she hopes to learn a lot about her topic. "After I leave the class, I'll feel like I know how to do a seminar level. I'll know how to work with a group of people to write an in-depth research paper."
Bisons eliminated from tourney on final shot

A Roger Kendrick layup with four seconds left enabled the University of the Ozarks to slip by the Harding Bisons, 61-59, in the opening round of the NAIA District 17 playoffs Friday night in Clarksville, ending the Harding basketball season.

The loss eliminated the Bisons from the eight-team bracket and prevented them from pursuing a repeat of last year's Cinderella performance, when the Black and Gold captured their first District 17 title. Their season ended at 13-15.

Unlike their two previous meetings, which produced convincing Eagle victories, this Harding-Ozarks matchup provided outstanding play by both teams. In the end, it was the Eagles who drew the final nod.

"We played a hard game, but we didn't play a great game," Bisons head coach Jess Bucy said. "I left our starters in the game in the second half because we weren't getting any help from our bench, and they just gutted it out. We were as good as they were tonight, but they just got the last shot to fall."

Kendrick's dramatic bucket came after the Bisons tied it up with 10 seconds left on a Corey Camper three-pointer. The shot redeemed an earlier turnover when Camper was called for a five-second violation while trying to call a timeout.

Kendrick, a 6-3 senior guard from Russellville, drove the length of the court and for the off balance layup. Harding immediately called timeout, but the timekeeper allowed the clock to expire. After a discussion between the officials, which drew criticism from Bucy and the Bison players, one second was placed on the clock.

Camper threw a court-length baseball pass to Rolando Garcia on the inbound. Garcia clearly shot a 22-foot jumper from the corner in time, but it bounced off the rim to secure the Eagles' victory.

"We felt good going into the game, and we knew we could beat them," said Bucy. "Our men gave a hard effort. It's a toughing round of the NAIA District 17 playoffs."

Players, one second was placed on the clock. Producing convincing Eagle victories, this Harding maintained a grip on the state, Gail Sanders of Southern Arkansas, University of Arkansas at Monticello and Sandra Smallwood caps off career

by Greg Taylor
Bison staff writer

Tim Smallwood wrapped up the 1987-88 Harding basketball season with a 9.8 point scoring average.

The 5-9 senior has completed his college eligibility after playing four years for the Bisons. He posted 272 points in 28 games, and pulled down 3.0 rebounds a game. The Tulsa, OK native was instrumental in the success of the Bisons this season and in his career at Harding, according to head coach Jess Bucy.

"Tim contributed to the team not only with good statistics, but also by his leadership at the guard position," said Bucy, whose team finished 13-15 overall and 8-10 in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference.

Smallwood also dished out 74 assists and grabbed 43 steals while marking out a .404 field goal average and a .581 free throw percentage this season.

Smallwood's 9.8 point game average is the highest season average of his career. His scoring ended just short of 1000 points with 949 career points per game scoring average.

After the AIC implemented the 3-point line, Smallwood realized his specialty. In the first year of the 3-point line he averaged 1.5 of the 3-point buckets from the stripe a game.

Smallwood is majoring in management and plans to graduate in May.

Harding finished the season March 4 when the University of the Ozarks edged out the Bisons 61-59 in the first round of the NAIA District 17 tournament. In that game, Smallwood scored 7 points, and hauled down a team leading eight rebounds.

Loven named All-AIC

Lady Bison basketball player Teri Loven has been named to the All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference squad. A 5-7 senior from Clinton, Loven led the Lady Bisons in scoring through the season with a 14.5-point scoring average. A two-year letterman, she transferred from North Arkansas Community College last season.

Ten AIC women were named to the postseason squad, including six unanimous choices. They were Donna Brunson of Arkansas Tech, Ruth Smith of Henderson State, Gail Sanders of Southern Arkansas, Tina Webb and Charlotte Smith of University of Arkansas at Monticello and Sandra Reed of Central Arkansas. Others on the team were Loven, Cindi Patton of Arkansas Tech, Robin Marrur and Jana Treat of University of the Ozarks.

Arkansas Tech head coach Joe Foiley, who led the Golden Suns to the AIC title in his first season, was named the league's Coach of the Year.

Lady Bison Stephany Smith puts up a shot during a 89-62 loss to Arkansas Tech in the NAIA district playoffs. (Photo courtesy of Public Relations Office)