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World



East German leaders have suggested a remarkable array of reforms: free and democratic elections, a secret ballot, proposed laws on freedom of assembly and the press. Details have not been offered.

Philippines' President Aquino visited the White House where the Bush Administration has launched a bid to keep United States military bases in her country. Mrs. Aquino has made no comment on the issue yet.

A killer cyclone swept across coastal areas of southern India. At least 50 people are dead and 50,000 are homeless.

Nation



Conflict has arisen over an agreement letting a cigarette company take part in the National Archives' Campaign commemorating the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights. The Public Citizen Health Research Group wants Congress to revoke the agreement on the basis that it "smears the Bill of Rights with the blood of all Americans killed as a result of smoking," said group director Sidney Wolfe.

State



A Glen Rose High School student filed a lawsuit in federal court Wednesday challenging a drug-testing policy that was to go into effect Tuesday. School members have 30 days to respond to the lawsuit.

Campus



The senior art exhibit of Robert J. Foster will be on display at the Stevens Art Gallery from Nov. 13th through the 17th daily. All are welcome to attend. The theme will be "Traditions" featuring a wide range of mediums.



MURDER SHE WROTE

TV 19's Ann Marie Miles interviews an Arkansas State Trooper in Kensett during the search for John Michael Cox, who is wanted for questioning concerning a triple homicide case. (photo by Wayne Westerholm)

Security urges students to take precautions

by Wayne Westerholm
Bison staff writer

John Michael Cox, from North Little Rock, is being sought for questioning by White County police about the deaths of three persons killed in Kensett last Wednesday.

According to Rick Dickinson of the Arkansas State Police, Cox was seen last Thursday in Kensett. Since then, police have received reports of sightings over the entire White County area. So far there is no evidence to support any of the sightings, although investigation is still underway.

Cox is wanted by police in North Little Rock on a charge of attempted murder stemming from several armed robberies. Cox was also imprisoned several years ago for shooting his brother five times and also on arson charges. At this point, Cox is wanted for questioning by police concerning last week's case when firemen found three bodies in a burning house in Kensett. The

victims had been bound hand and foot with tape and wire, according to the coroner's office. They were also stabbed before the fire was set. The only survivor, Cox's grandfather, was pulled from the fire by police.

Dickinson stressed that Cox is only wanted for the NLR warrant. They would like to question Cox about the deaths, though there is not enough evidence to arrest anyone.

Last Thursday morning at 2:30, police arrived at Cox's sister's house to question Cox and serve the North Little Rock warrant. Cox is believed to have fled the house when the police arrived.

Cox was seen at 3:30 that afternoon crossing a field outside of Kensett. Upon being seen, he entered a small wooded lot encircled by open fields. Aircraft patrolled the area for an hour while approximately 40 police officers arrived at the scene. When the planes left at 4:30, Cox attempted escape, tied by an officer. That was the last time he was seen by police.

but he ran back into the woods when spot-

Bloodhounds were sent into the woods, but were unable to pick up Cox's scent. The police department began receiving calls claiming to have seen Cox over the Kensett area. Officers were pulled to investigate the reported sightings, but no evidence was found. A SWAT team entered the woods approximately 11:00, but were not able to find him.

Cox's whereabouts are still unknown. Local police and Harding security urge all students to take precautions at night. An escort service has been provided on the Harding camps. Anyone walking in the evening hours is encouraged to call Security for escort information.

Cox is a 5'5" white male with brown hair and weighing 160 pounds. If he is sighted, call Harding Security.

Additional reporting was done by Bison Editor Angela Haley.

Editorials

Time Out

by Mark Thomas
Bison contributing writer

Woody Allen summed it up by saying, "It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens."

I hate death and death hates me because I told it so. I can't stand the site of a casket or colored carnations. It really bothers me to know that someone is dead, especially if that someone is one that I love very dearly.

Carrying my grandfather's casket last week wasn't my idea of fun. In fact, it hurt deeply. I still have trouble sleeping at night. I had talked to him last Tuesday and he seemed to be doing well, but five days later, he issued his last sigh before laying beside the woman he loved for over 50 years.

My grandfather was a very big inspiration in my life. He taught me how to make a lot out of a little. Words can't describe how I felt when I saw his casket go down in the ground. I felt scared for some reason. I felt scared for the fact that I take so many things for granted and don't give a bit of credit to whom it is due. I would give up all of my football career to have five more minutes with my grandfather alive. I was comforted in an odd kind of way when, after everyone left, I stayed behind to retrieve my grandfather's glasses from the casket. I seemed to have a thought of conversation looking onto his face, and I noticed how peaceful it looked. In a way he looked happy as if all the world was lifted from his shoulders.... And so it was... Satan, you failed. Before the casket was finally shut I touched my grandfather to bid him a final farewell only to ponder that I will see him again. Yes, it was a cool November afternoon, but I had a warmth in my heart that will keep me comforted until I see him again.

My grandfather lived a full life, but I know of many people who haven't. I also know of many people who are dead in one way but alive in another. We can't take for granted our physical life because in an instant, it can be taken from us. God gives us eternal life in Him that we might one day live with Him. God has provided a way of salvation and we need to heed to its calling. Think about it....

The Editor would like to graciously thank those who have responded in Letters to the Editor. However, for letters to be printed, they must be signed. All are encouraged to continue in responses.

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Last Writes

by Greg Taylor and Mark Moore

How to cure 'foot-in-mouth' disease — Mark

Pedo-dentriosis is a terrible, life-damaging disease. Millions of Americans have suffered and continue to suffer from its cruel side effects. I know because I am one of them. Nearly every week for the past 15 years I have suffered a pedo-dentrial attack of some sort. In fact, I suffer so severely from it that I have twice been nominated to serve as the national Pedo-dentrial poster child. It can strike at any time without warning, leaving its victims writhing in excruciating pain. Its Latin name sounds harmless enough but in English it strikes a chord of fear in the American heart as dreaded as cancer or even AIDS...in the layman's terms we call it "foot-in-the-mouth" disease.

Ok, so it's not listed on the American Medical Association's list of "Most Wanted" diseases but none-the-less it's real. Every day across the nation thousands of people just like you and me die a thousand deaths a piece by sticking their feet in their mouths. Talk about an alarming statistic, that's a hundred thousand people a day walking around with athlete's tongue! The disease is out of control and America's sitting around with Desenex on its breath oblivious to the entire epidemic. No chemists searching for a wonder drug, no med-students studying Pedo-dentriology, and certainly no stars conducting "P.D." telethons.

The question comes then, "What are we to do?" Should we wait for Washington to declare "war" on it? If they did, the White House would have to be quarantined. Should we look to TV evangelism, where Jim Bakker has ingeniously acquired a ball and chain to keep his toes out of his tonsils? Maybe, if his wife, Tammy Bay Faker, would

keep her feet out of her mouth long enough for the lipstick between her toes to dry. We can't look to big time sports (Jerry Jones) or Hollywood (Zsa Zsa) for everywhere we look, from University students to Universal Studios, someone, somewhere is saying something incredibly stupid.

The answer, I think, is painfully obvious. Over the last six weeks its been slowly but surely revealed to me in a way that I won't soon forget. Since Sept. 17, I haven't tasted my metatarsals even once. I haven't yelled at any officials or chastened any teammates. I've held my tongue in the presence of idiotic motorists, stopped criticizing TV preachers and actually listened to other people's conversations without offering my two-cents. What happened, you ask, on Sept. 17 that caused such a radical transformation? Was it a latter day revelation? No, I just had my jaw wired shut.

Never mind why he did it but ever since Dr. John Cannon had to relocate my maxilla and fixate it to my mandible, I've been forced to limit my verbal comments to what truly had to be said. For the first time in my life I realized that some comments are optional and really not worth the effort required to say them. It's amazing how fast that nasty "foot taste" can disappear from your mouth when you can't open it to stick it in.

These last six weeks have been hard, the longest month and a half of my life. But as much as I long for the day that I can once again brush my teeth and lick my lips, I dread it because it marks the inevitable return of pedo-dentriosis. Oh, I'm determined to fight it, but unfortunately my willpower isn't quite as strong as my wires were.

Hercules' dog food — ducks on the pond

— Greg

was a detective else we would've connected white feathers floating across the lawn with Hercules' barbecue binges. Ten geese, nine ducks, eight chickens and a partridge in a pear tree later we nabbed Hercules. Our pup was a serial killer.

What had once been an ecological wonderland (a pond) in our neighbor's backyard, Hercules single-pawedly relegated to a sludge swamp. No water fowl. Just fish. And the neighbors were a tiny bit peeved.

Then, hesitantly and cattle-prodded by Mom, Toby (my brother, not my other dog) and I traipsed across the tall grass and a couple barbed wire fences to apologize to the Fugates. That was probably the toughest apology of my brothers' and my collective lives. And because of that...dog.

We showed Hercules a few human grudge tactics in the

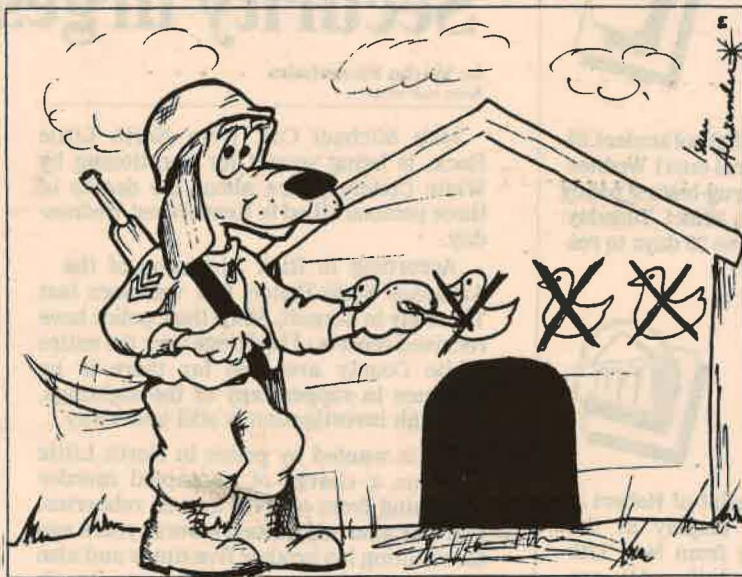
weeks to follow. Like the cold human shoulder and "how would you feel if you were me." We asked him some cutting questions, "Didn't you think before you wiped out the entire water fowl population of the neighborhood? What motivated you, instinct?" Funny. We expected him to behave like a human and not kill ducks and chickens. But doggone it if he didn't act like a pooch.

You know, I'm sorry Hercules killed my neighbor's birds, but in a way I kinda respect the

His name was "Hercules," our pure bred mutt. And he found his niche hunting big game. Hercules, shaggy and black with a golden bib, was always so full of slobber he could hose you at 50 paces just by slinging his head in your general direction. He considered any hunting kill under three pounds a toss-back. Hercules was no ordinary Rin Tin Tin. He was the antithesis of Lassie. He had a thick doggie skull. So when that dry feeding time of the week rolled around (when we fed the ol' boy bargain brand chow instead of scraps from the table), Hercules donned his hunting cap, strung some decoys and set his sights on de-fowling a two-acre area in our rural neighborhood. I'm not sure but I think he had strategical aerial zone maps of the neighborhood pinned up in his houndhouse. Maybe I just dreamed it but I think Hercules borrowed a

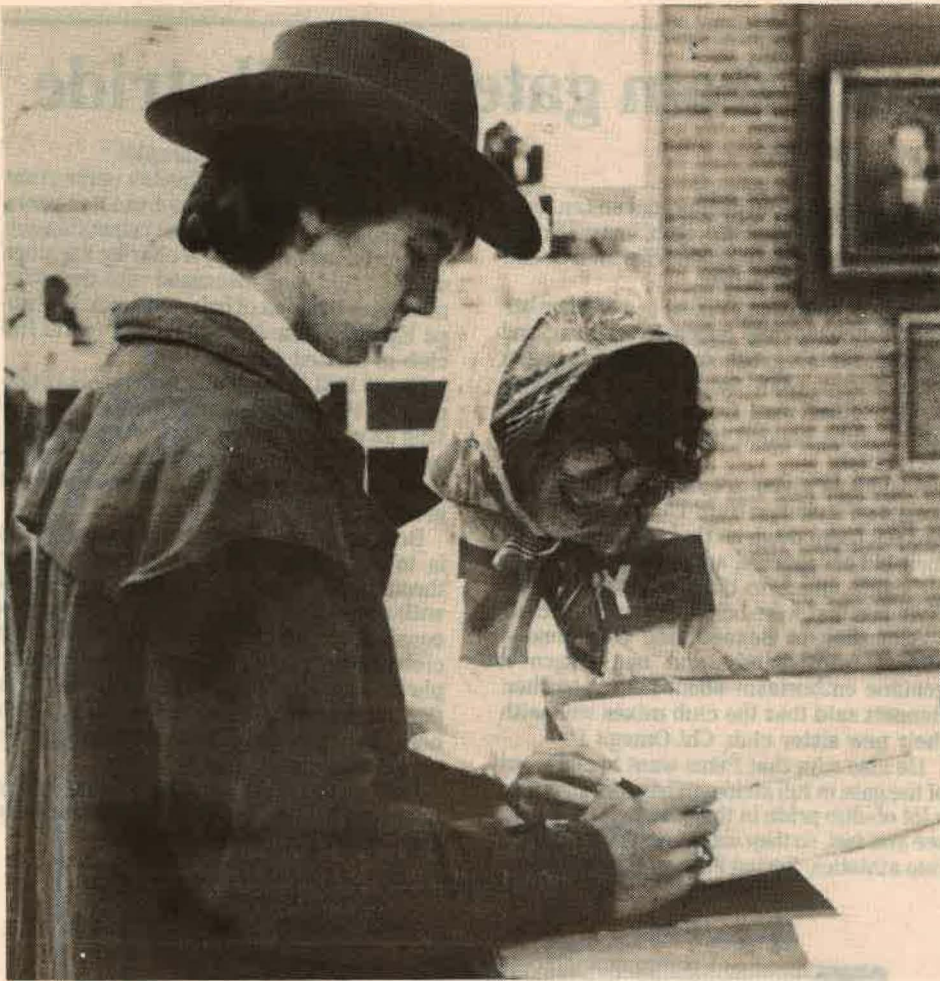
"Marks-A-Lot" from me and never returned it. He mumbled something about needing the marker to initial his underwear but probably used the pen to shade in regions on the map where he had decimated dozens of ducks. Hercules had waged war on ducks — OUR NEIGHBOR'S DUCKS. He just marched across the pasture, first stalking, then he'd dash and bark "ducks on the pond, ducks on the pond!" He was not the most cunning of canines.

Not only was Hercules after the Fugate's ducks but also their geese and chickens. We should have suspected a chicken caper when Hercules turned down dinner for five straight nights. Confronted, he growled some claim about buying a barbecue chicken at Kroger. No one in our family



ol' mutt because in a doggie society where more and more mongrels are pushing away their dog dishes and begging on hind legs for gourmet people food, Hercules ate 100 percent natural animal food. Just a second.

Hercules! Hercules. Get outa the neighbor's yard.



Shantih pledge, Nicole Mantle, has her pledge book signed by Robert Davis, Sigma Tau Sigma pledge, while dressed in Silly Day attire during the annual Pledge Week.

(photo by Wayne Westerholm)

1989 holds quietest pledge week yet

by Robin Jackson
Bison staff writer

The week that turned Harding upside down with wild costumes, constant singing, and dates to accompany one's every move is finally over. In answer to many prayers, torturers found it in their hearts to be semine this year. Patti Barrett remarked, "This was the quietest pledge week yet."

Many factors went in to make this year's pledge week so much better. For starters, the clubs who usually tend to find themselves in trouble, put forth a lot of effort to "be good." Another big bonus for this year's pledges was the two new clubs that were formed, Chi Omega Pi (for women) and Pi Kappa Epsilon (for men). These clubs were formed especially for those who put a large

club as their first choice and did not get in.

However, there were still some complaints. Feeling like an incompetent slave was the way one pledge described his self image during the week. Unnecessary mental harassment was also a common complaint. When another pledge was ordered not to smile, she asked frankly, "How can you have a good attitude about being made to look like an idiot when you can't even smile about it?"

Most of the problems that were reported seemed to be individual problems that did not involve the whole club. Although the system may not be perfect, it is vastly improving. This year, the overall response appears to be that of satisfaction.

Pre-registration response increased

by Kathleen Eyman
Bison staff writer

Spring pre-registration, the event marked by long lines and schedule changes, is in full swing in the lobby of the Administration building.

Registration for juniors and seniors began Wednesday, Nov. 1 and continued through Monday of this week. Registration for graduate students also began on Nov. 1 and will continue through Nov. 16. According to Assistant Registrar Wayne Milner, the usual problems involved in registration have been minor.

"We haven't had a line and things have gone smoothly," Milner said. "We have had a problem with sophomores trying to register with the juniors and seniors."

Registration for sophomores began on Tuesday, Nov. 7 and ends on Friday. Freshman registration will be held Monday, Nov. 13 through Thursday, Nov. 16. Because of the large size of the two classes, the computer terminal set-up was altered to alleviate schedule problems.

"We anticipate a lot of closed classes by the end of the week," said Milner. "In addition to the three terminals located upstairs, we will move one downstairs to check for closed classes before the students register."

So far, 710 students have pre-registered. Registration lasts from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and closes from 11:30-1:00 for lunch.

Bridal show in fashion

by Mark Hodges
Bison assistant editor

A bridal fashion show with proceeds going to the Sunshine School will be held tomorrow morning. The show, which is hosted by Zeta Rho social club, will begin at 11:00 a.m. in banquet rooms B and C of the Heritage Cafeteria.

Lunch will be served for those in attendance followed by entertainment and the bridal show. Sponsors for the event include the Bridal Boutique, Carren's Flower Shop, Cothorn's Men's Store and Tara's Gold.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance from members of Zeta Rho social club or at the door tomorrow morning.

Ministry Seminar held

by Carmelita Bandy
Bison staff writer

The Youth Ministry Seminar is here once again. This semester, the topic is "Creativity in Youth Ministry." The seminar is being held in the Mabey Business Building, room 218. The speaker for this semester's seminar is Lee Milam from Huntsville, Ala.

Specific topics to be covered include: "Philosophy of Creativity," "Losing Your Imagination," "Making Memories," "Using Creative Video and Photography," "Creative Camps and Retreats," and "When the Wells Run Dry." Thursday and Friday, seminar sessions are 3-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., and Saturday the seminar will run from 9-12 noon.

To get credit for this seminar you must sign up in the Bible office and obtain an "add" card, which can be taken to the Business office where payment for the one hour's tuition can be paid. The card will then be put in the computer in the Registrar's office. All those wanting credit for the seminar must be present at all times until its entirety, and complete all seminar assignments.

Next semester's seminar will feature Rex Eaton from Indianapolis, Ind. Eaton will discuss how "clown certification" can be a great Christian ministry tool to spread God's word, cheer, and happiness to the elderly and the children.

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New clubs, Pikes and Chi-O's, jump from gates in full stride

by Joe Larsen
Bison staff writer

"It's the greatest thing that's ever happened to me," said Deanna Taylor when asked how she feels about the new club, Chi Omega Pi.

This fall semester, Harding University saw the formation of a new women's club, and the new members are excited to say the least. Taylor, from Hurst, Texas, is one of the 61 freshman women that will make up Chi Omega Pi.

Penny Irwin, the club's temporary president, says that they're all "really enthusiastic about getting started. Initially, we were worried about starting with a large group of girls who didn't know each other. But these girls have really pulled together as a club."

According to Irwin, the club was formed by women from Ko Jo Kai, Zeta Ro, and Ju Go Ju, after a couple of faculty members asked them if they would consider the idea. Irwin feels that it was because there were too few clubs on campus from which to choose for the people who did not want to be a part of a small club.

"Irwin says that all of the women who helped form Chi Omega Pi are still in their own club. "We will just be helping them, helping them out, by showing them how to function as a social club. Next year we'll let them take over."

Patty Barrett, director for club activities, says she approves of the new club, but she does have one concern. "I think it made a lot of people happy but I'm concerned about the number of freshmen they have. Because of their size they won't be able to allow many more people into the club until four years later when most of them will graduate." She also added that Chi Omega Pi has the right emphasis and should be a successful club.

The temporary officers are: Penny Irwin, president; Angie Haley, vice president; Mary Pat Miller, athletic director; Lori Ward, devotional director; Mary Kaye Baker, treasurer; Stacey Faires, secretary; Esther Pipkin, historian and ICC rep., and Shannon Waggoner, activities director. The club sponsors are: Mary Lou Dunn; Sally Paine, and Lora Fleenor. The club's beaux are Lee Bell, Stan Bennett, Todd Gilliam, and Chad Massey.

by Darren Bonham
Bison staff writer

"Shown from the excitement so far, we'll be a very enthusiastic club," says Frank Merritt, new member of reformed social club, Pi Kappa Epsilon.

Pi Kappa Epsilon (Pikes) is a 57 member middle club that was reformed this year, and they are off to a great start. The club began when senior, Stan Bennett, grouped with several other men from Titans and TNT social clubs bonded to form a new men's social club.

A bid was given to each person who did not get an invitation from Titans or TNT who had put them down as their first choice. At their bid acceptance, approximately 60 people came, much to the surprise of the individuals that were helping to start the club.

According to Bennett, the club bonded almost immediately and has shown a genuine enthusiasm about being together. Bennett said that the club mixes well with their new sister club, Chi Omega Pi.

He also says that Pikes want to come out of the gate in full stride. "They already have a lot of club pride in the potential they both see and feel, so they want to carry that pride into athletics, Spring Sing, and most impor-

tantly their Christian examples."

The name Pi Kappa Epsilon came from the former club on campus from five years ago. This year is the official reinstatement of Pikes. Spence Smith, a charter member of Pikes this year, discussed with the other members the idea of bringing back Pi Kappa Epsilon. Pike alumni agreed to aid the club in needed support.

David Bell is currently serving as president for Pikes while Randy Williams is serving as vice president. The officers are upperclassmen who have given much of their time and energy to get the new club off the ground.

Bennett said the long term goal of Pikes is to be a new club that sticks together through all those early club hardships without folding. "They want to become a constant in the club scene and to develop club pride and respect through their example as a club for Christ." Bennett also says they want people who will be choosing a club next year to look at Pikes and see a quality organization with quality people.

This year's queens are Angie Haley, Penny Irwin, and Mary Pat Miller. The sponsor is Neville Adams.

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A National Campus View

(CPS)

Western Michigan University freshman Chuck Hynek tried to pay a \$25 campus parking fine in early October with a 2' x 2' concrete slab he had made to look exactly like a regular check drawn on his bank account.

Hynek, who had a friend help him lug the "check" to the appropriate office to pay his fine, told the Western Herald, the campus paper, that he believed the slab might be legal tender, and that everyone except campus police Capt. Jack Welsh seemed amused.

Nineteen students showed up for the first meeting of Harvard's newest social club, the Society of Nerds and Geeks (SONG), in October.

The club aims to "encourage the outside world to take more notice of nerds and geeks, and to recognize our value," organizer Jeremy Kahn told the Harvard Crimson, the campus paper.

Kahn said the club will hold BYOB (Bring Your Own Books) parties, match members with "learning partners," show movies like "Revenge of the Nerds" and "Real Genius," and hold an "all-geek dance where only non-dance music will be played."

Six-foot, seven-inch Iowa State student Daniel Hartman says he answered all the questions correctly and whopped 100 other ISU students in a contest to appear on MTV's "Remote Control" game show, only to be unfairly disqualified from the show at the last minute because he was too tall.

It's true, confessed MTV publicist Irene Fu. Although Hartman's knowledge of TV trivia qualified him as a finalist to appear on the show, he was too long to participate safely in a regular "Remote Control" feature in which contestants are strapped to a big wheel and spun around.

Claiming that fans use them to form gooey bombs that they throw from the stands, University of Michigan officials said they would stop students from bringing marshmallows into Michigan Stadium.

Housecall

Dr. Mike Justus

Dr. Mike Justus

Some things just don't matter, but occasionally, eyes do. And when they do, it is just a matter of time until a look in the mirror reveals a pink eye.

The conjunctiva is a transparent mucous membrane which covers both the anterior surface of the eyes and the inner surface of the eyelids. Because it is more exposed than any other mucous membrane, the conjunctiva is vulnerable to a host of infectious agents.

Conjunctivitis (inflammation of the conjunctiva) presents as a painless, red eye

associated with sticky exudate...reminiscent of the STA-PUFF marshmallow man. Increased tearing is often noted and serves as a natural defense mechanism for irrigating the inflamed eye.

While viruses and allergens are both capable of creating conjunctivitis, the discharge from the eyes tends to be more watery. The most frequent form of conjunctivitis results from various bacteria. When left untreated, bacterial conjunctivitis resolves in 10-14 days. By choosing appropriate antibiotic eye drops, the course of

the disease can be shortened to three-five days.

Usually, the symptoms of conjunctivitis first present in one eye. Because of the highly contagious nature of the disease, the infection can be transferred rapidly to the opposite eye. Person-to-person spread of the bacteria is common via shared washcloths, towels and unwashed hands.

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Sports

Tennis team set for tough season

by Caryllee Parker
Bison sports writer

The Harding tennis team served up two 9-0 wins over Henderson State and Ouachita Baptist Universities last week to close their fall season undefeated.

Highlights of the 7-0 season included tournament championships in the Freed-Hardeman College Fall Classic at Henderson, Tenn., and in the Heart of America Fall Classic at Oklahoma City, Okla.

According to Coach David Elliott, the team has "good experience, overall team depth and chemistry — three factors important for the success of any team."

"We did really well in pre-season this fall," team member Todd Gilliam said. "There wasn't as much pressure as in the regular season. This was mostly for the freshmen to get used to college competition."

Although regular season does not start until February, Gilliam said the team is continuing drills and practices to stay in shape.

"We want to be prepared to do as well next spring as we did this fall," he said.



Left end, Kenwick Thompson, 45, and right end, Matt Thompson, 91, take down the opponent at the conference game with Southern Arkansas at Magnolia. Pete Philips, 15, and Eric Cook, 33, look on. The Bisons defeated SAU, 30-17, in Saturday's game.

(photo by Wayne Westerholm)

Bisons stampede for victory

by Ryan Gjovig
Bison sports writer

The Harding Bison's offense exploded in the fourth quarter Saturday, putting 16 unanswered points on the board on the way to a 30-17 win over Southern Arkansas University. Harding had two rushers tally over 100 yards, with Darrell Biggers picking up 120 yards on 21 carries and Richard Holmes adding 103 more on just 12 carries. Most of Holmes' yardage came in the first quarter, when Holmes scampered 75 yards off right tackle for Harding's first score. "The linemen gave me some great blocks," said Holmes. "The split end made a great block on the cornerback, and I just ran as fast as I could." Holmes' score put the Bison up 7-3, and Darrell Biggers added a 22 yard touchdown run to make the score 14-3 at the half.

However, SAU came out of the locker room fired up and ready to play in the second half. SAU halfback Marcus Jackson scored on a 45 yard run and a seven yard pass to put SAU

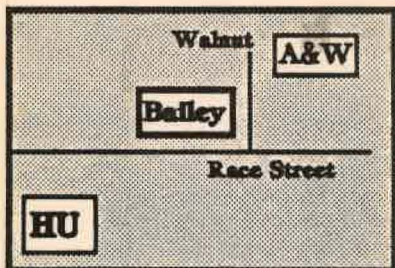
up 17-14 at the end of three quarters.

"It kind of scared us to fall behind," said sophomore quarterback Tad Niblett. "We (the offense) knew it was time for us to carry the load for the team," and carry the load they did, as Niblett passed and ran for a score and kicker Brent Goodwin booted a 42 yard field goal to close out the scoring at 30-17. "We've moved the ball pretty consistently all year, but we hadn't been able to really put it in the end zone until Saturday," said Niblett. Niblett would turn in another solid performance at the helm, completing 11 of 19 passes for 194 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions. One hundred and thirty-nine of those yards went to receiver Barry Bowens on just six catches.

Saturday's win kept Harding in a second place tie with Henderson State behind UCA for the AIC title. "We definitely have two tough ones left in Ouachita at our place and UCA in Conway," said coach Larry Richmond. "We just have to worry about the next one to have a chance."

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Cook, Rodgers contribute to this year's strong defense

by John Bossong
Bison staff writer

As the football team winds down its season, a conference title is in their reach. There are two teams that stand in their way, sixteenth ranked Ouachita Baptist University, and the number one team in the country, the University of Central Arkansas.

Defense, which has been strong all year long for the Bisons, will be a key for the Bisons to win the conference title. This week's profile is on two of the members of the Bison defense, juniors Eric Cook and Lance Rodgers.

Strong safety Erik Cook is from Batesville, Miss., where he attended Westpanola High School. Cook starred in two sports at Westpanola. He lettered four years in both football and baseball.

When football season ended, Cook then traded his football pads in and played short-stop for the baseball team. Playing four years of baseball at Westpanola, Cook earned All-Conference honors three years, and was selected to the All-State team his senior year.

Coming out of high school Cook had offers from three major universities. Mississippi College offered Cook a full scholarship in football or baseball. Ole Miss and Southern Mississippi also recruited Cook.

Cook looked at four schools and decided to attend Harding. "I came to Harding

knowing I would play defense and be able to make a contribution right away," said Cook.

Cook has started two years for the Bisons. In addition to defense, Cook also returns punts and kick-offs.

"The main reason I chose Harding University is because I knew I could get a scholarship; the business school is great and the people are really good here," stated Cook.

Being only 21 years old, Cook has many things to look forward to in life. Cook has set many goals in life on and off the field one of which is to use his degree in running a fitness center after graduating from Harding.

One of the starting cornerbacks for the Bisons is Lance Rodgers. Rodgers is a junior, physical education major from Ponca City, Okla.

Rodgers has started for two years for the Bisons at cornerback and his presence is known all over the field. Rodgers currently leads the team in interceptions with four.

Rodgers was a standout athlete at Ponca City High School, where he lettered in three sports. Rodgers played football, baseball, and basketball in high school. While at Ponca City High Rodgers earned All-Conference honors in all three sports.

Rodgers played defense in high school and has continued to play defense here. "I wanted to go to a school where I could play soon. I knew at Harding I would have that

opportunity; that is why I decided to come to Harding," stated Rodgers.

Rodgers was recruited by three other schools besides Harding. Those three schools include Northwestern Oklahoma, Northeast Oklahoma, and Washburn, Kan.

Eric Cook and Lance Rodgers are just two of the members of the Bison defense which has dominated opponents all year long. The whole Bison defense needs to be commended for their outstanding effort. With defense being a key to the Bisons hopes of winning a conference title, they have the talent to win; the rest is up to them to perform during the next two weeks up to their ability.

Around the Horn with Sports Editor Rick Butler

My high school baseball coach told me something four years ago that comes back to me from time to time. He said, "I didn't really like the school, but I stayed two years because of the club and intramural sports program."

Eric Ogren, an Alpha Tau graduate and former intramural assistant, once told me, "You won't, you can't, believe how much you miss it."

When my two best friends finished their first year at Harding, all they could talk about was how much fun club sports were.

They were right.

Club sports have been described as "the bread and butter of the school" and I'm sorry, but I agree. I can't think of a single time that I was on my way to a club championship game and found myself thinking, "Man, we've got a great business school." I have, however, sat in class and daydreamed about what a great program we have here.

I was walking through a cemetery the other day, relaxing and trying to group my thoughts. I had walked about a half-mile when I suddenly glanced down. It was as if someone was trying to get my attention, trying to point me to something. Chills ran down my spine as I read the inscription, "M. E. 'Pinky' Berryhill." The man whom no one thinks about when they're striding through the smooth green grass of our intramural football field. The man no one thinks about when they're banging a softball around either of our two softball fields. The man no one thinks about when they're shooting lay-ups and jumpers in one of our two gymnasiums.

Pinky Berryhill would be proud of his program and its progress. A lot of this is due to the dedication and dreams of Cecil Beck.

We've got it all right here. Freshmen, jump in and enjoy yourselves. Make the most of every minute because it's not going to last forever. Thanks to men like Pinky Berryhill and Cecil Beck, we have a program to be proud of. Take care of it and it will take care of us.

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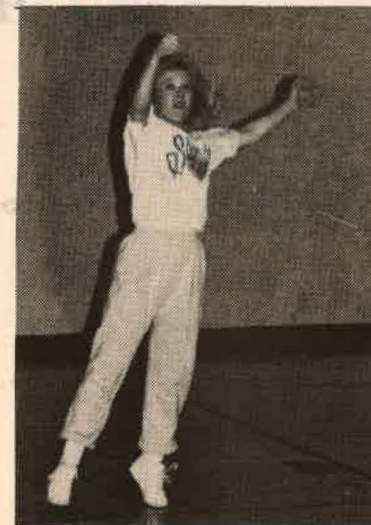
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