SA adorns campus for Christmas

by Mark Hodges

The Student Association adorned Harding’s campus for Christmas this year like never before. Last year saw the introduction of lights on the campus buildings, but this year the SA added over 11,000 more lights to the already existing decorations to give the campus a look that has everyone talking.

Instead of lights just outlining the buildings, lights were also purchased by the students through the SA to decorate the bushes, trees, and anything else organic that would hold luminating bulbs.

This year also saw a huge Christmas tree trimmed on the front lawn. The tree, which stands over 40 feet tall, was also decorated with lights and bows to help bring yuletide cheer. The tree also sported large wrapped boxes for decoration until some students decided to avail themselves of the decorations that were not attached to the ground.

“The tree would not have been possible without a lot of people’s time and effort, especially Brent Abney, Vaughn Ward, Dr. Bill Ryan, and a whole lot of others from the physical plant,” said SA president Craig Cheatham.

A truck carrying one-half ton of explosives exploded Wednesday morning in Bogota, Columbia, killing at least 35 people.

The right-to-die issue has surfaced again in the Supreme Court concerning a 32-year-old comatose woman.

John Michael Cox was apprehended Tuesday in White County. He is being charged on three counts of capital murder.

Tuesday and Thursday classes will meet on Saturday to make up the extended Thanksgiving break.

O CHRISTMAS TREE

A 40 foot tree, donated by a man from London, Ark., was erected on the front lawn by the Student Association. The tree and campus decor was funded by student donations. Over 1,000 lights cover the tree.

— By Carmella Bandy
Radical journalism sweeps onto campus

by Angela Haley

Three months ago, Ronon's "The Sho Ain't No Jive, Bro!" screamed a headline meant to prove blacks illiterate. The article harped on noses,山民 and angry, protesters leveled the shocks, of anti-apartheid demonstrators. Staff members cynically forgave themselves at a champagne and lobster dinner during a staff day at a bar against world hunger. Conversation at a staff meeting was secretly taped and released on campus.

All of this was the work of the Dartmouth Review, a campus publication at Dartmouth College, the smallest of the Ivy Leagues. In response, a swastika was sprayed on the newspaper office door; bottles were thrown through their windows and death threats flooded their dorm room doors and answering machines. Students huddled and tossed names such as "Nazi" and "racist" at them while walking across campus.

Over the past decade a change has occurred in campus journalism. An era of radicalism has begun among newspaper editors and their writers. Many campus publications have taken a turn toward conservatism to the point of radical change.

A specific example of problems dealing with this is the Dartmouth Review case, where three editors were suspended from Dartmouth College on charges of harassment, invasion of privacy, and disorderly conduct.

The radical trend began almost ten years ago and continued until its peak, which resulted in the explosion in 1988. Two of the three Review editors, Christopher Baldwin and John Sutter, received outside support from two organizations and conservative backers who put pressure on the administration to allow the students to be readmitted. The case was taken to court and Judge Bruce Mohl elected the students to be tried before a new unbiased panel. Previous evidence proved the panel was unworthy due to the fact that the panel members were all against the Review. The students were readmitted.

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The incident costing the students expulsion resulted from a long-term bantering of a professor at Dartmouth, Bill Cole. The staff believed Cole to be incompetent, incidentally, the largest peeve of the Review.

The legendary encounter with the black music professor occurred after several other happenings.

The Review staff had been annoying Cole in print for years, suggesting his incompetence. In 1988, the paper's lawyer suggested that Cole be provided with an unedited space in the next issue to be used as a response to the accusations. After three unsuccessful phone calls to his house, the editors met Cole after one of his classes with rolling tape recorder and camera. Cole became infuriated, cursing and calling the students racists.

The campus became a turmoil protesting the incident in defense of the professor. The Review editors were labeled "racists" and were discussed during a meeting of the COS. After the students were dispersed, received outside support from two organizations and conservative backers who put pressure on the administration to allow the students to be readmitted. The case was taken to court and Judge Bruce Mohl elected the students to be tried before a new unbiased panel. Previous evidence proved the panel was unworthy due to the fact that the panel members were all against the Review. The students were readmitted.

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Time Out

Church needs positive outlook

by Mark Thomas

There is a category in this poem for everyone and maybe some can be added. The church has suffered a bad blow due to the carelessness by some of the members and others who claim to be Christians. Jim Baker and company have shed a bad light on religion, and we are faced with an uphill battle to do good. Even though ones like Baker are not members of the Church of Christ. We need to cast a better light for the church and the members bring us a new start. We need to take advantage of what we have here at Harding and find the little extra that will make us better people. For many of the readers last year who have seen this story before, please bear with me. For the ones that have not, this is a story I submitted last year and have had many people ask me to print it again.

"He died such a cruel death and suffered more pain than we ever will."

One spring morning, on a prosperous Ohio farm, a young boy was a runaway and was looking for work. Mr. Taylor, owner of the farm, knew nothing about the boy except his new name, Jim, but gave him the job anyway. Jim worked hard doing chores around the place, and he slept in Mr. Taylor's barn. Taylor had a daughter who grew very fond of Jim, but when Taylor refused to let Jim marry his daughter telling him that he had nothing and could not amount to much. Jim quietly packed his things and left. Thirty-five years later, Mr. Taylor pulled his old barn down to make way for a new one, and on the top rafter he noticed that Jim had carved his full name: "James A. Gerfield,... he was then President of the United States.

Every time I read this story or think about a first impression I have had with someone that was unique I have to stop and think what Jim fell, I would like to be in Jim's mind to feel his determination. Just like Jim, we can make something out of nothing. My last thought of the 80's is to say look before you leap. Many times we get caught up in our own selfish thoughts that we only see the surface of people. Give things a chance. The Bison football team could have called it quits after a 1 and 2 start of this season, but determination and work paid off with being 1989 A.I.C. Champions. Think about it.

Last Writes

I think Christmas is good. I hate eggnog, the word "Yuletide," and that guilty pleasure I get when I lie to Salvation Army bell ringers about not having any change, but overall I'd have to say that Christmas is good. After all, anything that little kids stay up late dreaming about is good. Anything that makes adults sing and tell each other to be merry, is not miraculous, at least good. And anything that releases our inhibitions to the point that we can feel comfortable sitting around a finish tree, eating things out of socks, is in a weird sort of way, kind of good.

I also think that birthdays are good. I hate age jokes, card prices and forgetting about my mom's, but if it came to a vote, I'd still have to say they're good. After all, anything that little kids stay up late dreaming about is good. Anything that makes adults sing and tell each other to be happy is good. And uniqueness, at least good. And anything that releases our inhibitions to the point that we can feel comfortable sitting around a flaming cake with pointed hats, is in a weird sort of way, kind of good.

Just about everyone would agree with me on those two stances. It's the combination of the two that never has seemed quite right. More than once as a child did I devote a silent moment of sympathy to the poor souls who had the ultimate mixture of being born on Christmas. I cringed at the thought of being gyped out of presents and then thanked the Lord for blessing me with a normal birth. Luckily, I've been taught that Christmas wasn't really Jesus' birth day or I would have been faced with the unbearable question of why God gave Himself out of presents.

Last year I was visited by a ghost from Christmas past named Donny, and he answered those questions for me. I wrote what he told me in The Bison and many have asked me to print it again this year.

"No, No, No!" bellowed Donny, scaring Don for his blatant ignorance. "It's not his birth day and don't let anyone tell you any different. No one knows when his birthday is!"

Donny sat there for a while almost embarrassed that he had even asked. He knew better than to argue theological issues with a guy who went to church on Wednesday nights, but under his breath he mumbled, "if nobody knew when my birthday was I couldn't mind if they just picked a day."

I didn't think about it then, or for years to come but eventually I realized the wisdom in what Donny mumbled that day in the snowbank. Donny, who had never been to church a day in his life, saw a smiling Jesus who said, "Go ahead, just pick a day" and I saw an angry Jesus screeching, "No, No, No!"

Sixteen years later I wonder if Don remembers what I told him. I hope not, because now he has a two-year-old who might someday ask him the same question. What a shame if that's all he remembers about his friend who went to church three times a week.

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Deck the dorm with holly

by Caryllee Parker
Bison staff writer

Harding students are decking more than just the halls this Christmas season. From windows and shelves to doorways and countertops, nothing is off limits from glittering tinsel and garlands of greenery.

What provokes this urge to hang candy canes on every stationary object and to spray snow-in-a-can on every window within reach? For Julie Owen, it's simply a way to ease those holiday blues.

"Usually at this time of year, my mom starts to decorate our house in Palm Springs," she said. "This is a way for me to feel closer to home when I'm so far away."

For Mark Pruitt, this need to decorate is caused by a higher ceiling.

"We feel it is our solemn duty to emit the Christmas spirit to all those untouched by yuletide warmth," he explained.

Pruitt is part of a group living on New Dorm's third floor who have strung Christmas lights in their windows.

"There are at least seven of us in a row now," he said. "The collective effort gives a better effect, and besides, it just looks neat."

Wade Osburn agreed. "It's great to look from outside and be able to say, 'Hey, that's our window!'"

Osburn continued, "Some lights are in the shape of an X, but ours is just outlined. We're not too creative, but we're hoping that people will see and think it's a good idea and do it, too."

Osburn was especially proud to be part of his wing's endeavor to share the Christmas spirit. "My lights blink the fastest," he said.

"But what about those grinchies who say, "Bah, Humbug!" to room decorations? Amy Sherwin's answer was typical.

"We're just too busy," she said. "We don't have the time, money or motivation to put up decorations. But it does look nice in other people's rooms."

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Shot required for spring

by Mark Thomas
Bison Staff Writer

Starting in the spring, all students enrolled at Harding must have proof of vaccination for measles and rubella. Those students who do not have proof on record will not be able to register for classes.

"It's a state law for students to have proof of this vaccination," said Foy O'Neal, Dean of Men. "It has been a state law since 1987, and we have been lenient, but now we have to comply," O'Neal said. O'Neal also stated that this Friday, Dec. 6, there will be a list posted in the student center with the names of those students who still need to show proof of vaccination. O'Neal said, "There are still about 100 students who need to show proof."

Those students needing a vaccination can get one at the Student Health Services Building free of charge. New students will have 30 days in order to show proof or get vaccinated, but returning students need to have it before registering.

Pat Rice, Harding's nurse, said, "It became a law to be vaccinated in 1987 because there was a measles scare in 1986. It cost the state about one million dollars to get rid of and educate the people against the measles. "We have had a grace period of a couple of years, but now we have to deal with this law," said Rice. Rice also stated that some students may have had the vaccination too early and it wasn't effective. Rice mentioned, "There have been improvements on the vaccine, and people who had the vaccine before 1980, should consider getting another vaccination."

"The Public Health Department is giving us the vaccination free so students should take advantage of the opportunity," Rice said. She also stated, "A vaccination of this sort will cost about $18 at a clinic."

There have been approximately 110 shots already given. The Student Health Services Building is located west of the Heritage Cafeteria.

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Congratulates the Bisons for their AIC championships and their outstanding seasons!

914 East Lincoln • 279-9116
Bisons defeat UCA 16-11 for District 17 title

by Steve East
Democrat staff writer

CONWAY — At approximately 9:35 p.m. Thursday night, a collective cheer went up from the other five Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference football schools. Central Arkansas can be, and was, beaten.

The inspired Harding Bisons caused and took advantage of eight UCA turnovers and undefeated Bears for the first time in 12 years, 16-11, in front of a crowd of 6,846 at Estes Stadium.

The win not only broke the Bisons' decade-long and the conference's four-year-long losing streak against UCA, but gave the Bisons a share of the AIC title — their first since 1981 when they also halved it with the Bears.

Harding (7-5 overall and 5-1 in AIC play), as the head-to-head winner, received the AIC's automatic bid to the NAIA Playoffs, which began Dec. 2.

UCA, 3-4 and 3-3, was absent from the playoffs for the first time in seven years when the playoff pairings were announced.

The Bears lost two fumbles and were intercepted six times by the Bison defense, which came in ranked No. 4 in the NAIA in scoring.

Sophomore linebacker Tommy Shoemaker had three interceptions. The Bisons gave up 499 yards and 11 first downs but offset that with the turnovers.

"This is a great feeling." Harding's second-year head coach Larry Richmond. "Our defense just played a great game. They got the big turnovers and held them when they had to.

UCA, after giving it up five times in eight possessions in the first half, coughed it up three more times in the second and got inside the Harding 16 just once.

The Bisons, trailing 14-13 since halftime, pulled to within 14-11 with a nine-play, 64-yard drive that ended with a 15-yard pass from Daryll Biggers to Al Walker with 1:08 to play.

Wallace then hit Willie Davie with a two-point conversion to close the gap to three.

UCA scored a punt and got a final shot with 1:34 remaining. Wallace, who was just 16 of 35 for 260 yards, threw incomplete three straight times and was sacked for a safety by Kenwick Thompson on fourth down.

I think we played enough of our offense for scoring 14 points on a great defense like UCA's," Rich­mond said. "And with our defense, that will usually be enough, and it was tonight.

"Our defense has carried us all year long, and they are a young group. We only had one senior playing and that was John Spann, and he got hurt in the first half. We were playing the second half with all underclassmen."

These young Bisons gave up 260 yards rushing and 409 total yards to the nation's No. 6 rushing offense.

The Bisons took full advantage of an uncharacteristic rash of UCA turnovers in the first half and led 14-3 at the break. The deficit was UCA's largest of the season.

The UCA-Harding game, for the second year in a row, was moved from Saturday to Thursday to accommodate the Harding students who are home for Thanksgiving break beginning Friday.

Someone knew something.

Thursday night, what might have been the whole Harding student body rode into Con­way, stood and hollered for three hours and left with an AIC co-championship and the school's first NAIA playoff berth.

One can argue until the cows come home about which team is the best.

Harding gets votes for hold the vaunted UCA offense to just 11 points on its home turf. The Bears get theirs for running up more than 400 yards of total offense and holding Harding to just 11.

The Bisons and Bears share the kudos for UCA's eight turnovers. Being fair, several of the passes were tipped and batted around like badminton birds. But also in the sake of fairness, some of the five interceptions were, plain and simple, good efforts by the Bison defense.

You don't luck into three interceptions like Tommy Shoemaker got, or even two like Pete Phillips had.

Who wanted it the most?

The vote here goes to the Bisons. Whether they were flat or just didn't realize a playoff berth could easily be lost (surely not), the Bears were outplayed from the start.

Cockiness, something not usually associated with a Harold Horton team, may have also played a part in the Bears ending their season sooner than they or anyone else expected.

Enthusiasm is great, but not to the point where you're calling for your team to win more games than the coach's record indicates you could.

Especially when you're behind on the scoreboard.

The fact is, Harding deserves what it got.

The Bisons had the support, the talent and the class. And they were due.

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Fall conference sweep

In fall sports action, Harding teams and Harding coaches are kicking, throwing, running, and snapping a thousand.

For the first time, the women's volleyball team, and both the men's and women's cross country teams all won or shared AIC conference championships. These sports are the only ones to wind up season play during the fall semester.

In addition to conference recognition for the teams, three Harding coaches have been named AIC Coach of the Year. Dr. Karyl Bailey, Ted Lloyd and Larry Richmond were honored by their coaching colleagues in the AIC with recognition.

Bailey coached the women's volleyball team and has been at Harding since 1987.

Lloyd, who coached both the men's and women's cross country teams, has been associated with Harding since 1984.

Head football coach Richmond has been at Harding since 1966.

Harry Hall, the commissioner of the AIC, made presentations to the teams and coaches in a recent chapel ceremony.
The decade was a time of laughter and a time of tears but mostly a time of change. The staff invites you to experience the change with us with our special issue.
— Angela Haley

The 1980's — A decade for all

by Carylee Parker
Bison staff writer

The 1980's were eventful years. The Statue of Liberty and a memorial to the soldiers of Vietnam were dedicated. Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II were shot. The Challenger space shuttle, KAL 007, and PanAm 103 exploded. Iran and Iraq continued their war while Americans fought AIDS and drug abuse on the home front. Earthquakes rattle California, hurricanes ravage Texas and South Carolina, and Halley's Comet lit America coast to coast.

On a lighter note, we watched two royal weddings, two summer Olympic ceremonies, and three presidential elections. We also mourned the deaths of the Duchess of Windsor and Laurence Olivier, Fred Astaire, Lucille Ball, Roy Orbison, Karen Carpenter, and John Lennon.

The next-to-last decade of the 20th century held its share of human-interest events, too. Many of these never received world-wide or even national press coverage. But their stories must be told, for often the marks they have left behind are as visible and as lasting as those caused by "historical" events.

These are the stories of an eclectic group with one common trait: They are heroes. A few are pioneers, famous firsts who left their impact on a decade by attempting something never done before, something representing their lives and loves and ideas. Others are ordinary citizens caught up in extraordinary situations, thrust into the limelight by some twist of fate. Whether they succeeded or failed, all are heroes, simply because they tried. The events surrounding their experiences are not always politically, religiously, or physically life-changing. Yet they have shaped a decade through their emotional significance. They remind us of values such as cooperation, selflessness, and understanding in a modern world where many have deemed these values "old-fashioned."

Below, year by year, are their stories.

Inola, Okla., is a small town. Most would consider it insignificant. But 72-year-old Carrier Barefoot Dickerson is protective of her turf.

When the former nurse, schoolteacher, baker and farmer's wife read a newspaper article about a nuclear power plant to be built in her neighborhood, she rapidly became a political activist. She organized a group called Citizens Action for Safe Energy (CASE), which soon attracted 8,000 members, and began fund-raising efforts.
After an evaluation of her skills, Dickerson decided she was most accomplished in quilting. So quilt she did. For nine years she raffled her handmade quilts to raise money to support her cause. Dickerson is a heroine because she was willing to stand by her values, regardless of the consequences. In her case, those consequences included lost friends, hate mail, a mortgage on her farm, and the draining of her life savings. But in 1982, the company responsible for the nuclear power plant halted its plans. Carrie Barefoot Dickerson had won.

Her fairy tale wedding to Prince Charles in 1981 was viewed by an estimated television audience of 750 million worldwide, marking the transformation of shy Lady Diana Spencer into Diana, Princess of Wales. The uniting of Charles Philip Arthur George, 32, and this 20-year-old schoolteacher was also witnessed by 2,500 guests under the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, arrayed with the best of England's pomp and pageantry. Princess Diana brought a younger, fresher spirit to the royal family of Britain at a time when it seemed encumbered by stuffiness and tradition. Though the marriage has been fraught with rumor and speculation, perhaps it is largely due to its placement under constant public scrutiny. Nevertheless, the Prince and Princess of Wales continue to live in the spotlight and to invite renewed interest in the royalty of Great Britain.

In 1982, 11-year-old Samantha Smith charmed hearts on both sides of the Iron Curtain as America's youngest ambassador. Worried about the possibility of nuclear war, the fifth-grade crusader addressed her plan for peace to "the Soviet leader at the Kremlin in Moscow," Samantha and her parents were then invited to the Soviet Union as guests of Yuri Andropov in a notable display of Soviet hospitality. Although tragically killed in a 1985 plane crash near her Manchester, Maine, home, Samantha is remembered as a nation's sweetheart who proved to the world just how effective one self-described "regular American girl" can be. She originally wanted to become a test pilot or a Los Angeles Dodgers' Billie Jean King suggested she quit school entirely to play professional tennis. But Sally Ride had higher ambitions in mind when she decided to apply for one of 35 slots in NASA's astronaut class of 1978.

Ride was selected from 8,000 candidates while she was finishing her doctoral work at Stanford University. She was later chosen as a missions specialist on board the Challenger's 1983 six-day, 96-orbit journey.

Her status as the first American woman in space has made Sally Ride a star in her own right. Her achievement not only opened the door for other women interested in aeronautics, but it also fired the imagination of those back home who dreamed of participating in the 20th century's greatest adventure. Although her life was brief, casting barely a flicker across the pages of history, tiny two-week-old Baby Fae illuminated the consciousness of the world in 1984. Born with a malformed heart, she was given a baboon's heart that kept her alive another 20 days, longer than any other human recipient of a heart transplanted from another species. Her surgery raised ethical controversy, yet her plight remains a tribute to the medical progress of the 1980's.

In the year of the passing of Halley's Comet and New Coke, Walter Polovchak turned 18 and became a U.S. citizen. As a 12-year-old, he had made headlines by refusing to return with his parents to the Soviet Union, from which the family had emigrated. Politically sensitive court battles waged between the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and the American Civil Liberties Union for
several years, trying to determine the fate of America's youngest defector. His embracing of everything meant a sure jail term or stay in a mental hospital if he were forced to return, yet the ACLU protected. Polovchak was still a minor and subject to his parents' authority. Finally, a federal judge ruled that he must return to the Soviet Union, but an appeals court overturned that decision. Before a new hearing could be scheduled, Polovchak turned 18 and filed for his parents' authority.

Nevertheless, the ruling set an important precedent. Today, Walter Polovchak is 22 years old and seems typically American. He lives in a Chicago apartment with his sister and a cousin and works as a mail clerk. He enjoys unfamiliar delicacies, such as bananas, Jell-O, and ice cream, as well as the freedom to attend church services and to travel as he likes. In a 1985 interview for People magazine, Polovchak said, "I would do it again. You've got to live in both countries to really see the difference."

On Oct. 22, 1986, a giant tractor-trailer driven by Brownie Sprouse crashed into a guardrail on Washington, D.C.'s 11th Street Bridge. The injured driver struggled to keep from falling through the truck's open door as the rig dangled precariously 30 feet above the pavement. Washington firefighters watched helplessly below, for they had no safety nets and their ladders extended only 24 feet. Weakened by his injuries, Sprouse began to plummet toward the ground, head first, to a sure death. But firefighter Richard Young raced forward at that moment in hopes of cushioning the trucker's fall. Both men were bruised and dirty when we first saw her. But 18-month-old Jessica McClure rapidly became America's darling after being freed from her 56-hour imprisonment in a well shaft in her Midland, Texas, backyard. An estimated 450 rescuers worked around the clock as the toddler 29 feet below sang nursery rhymes to comfort herself. Today, Jessica lives with her parents, Chip and Cissy McClure, in her modest suburban home, surrounded by stuffed toys and a $70,000 trust fund from well-wishers. She is convinced that she was rescued by her grandmother and Winnie-the-Pooh, and all that remains of her nightmare are two small scars on her little toe. Baby Jessica's rescue remains a reminder of the value of a single human life and a symbol of the power of a community that cooperates in times of crisis.

Traditional "Save the Whales" campaigns took on a new life in 1988 when three California gray whales were discovered stranded in icy waters near Point Barrow, Alaska. The trio apparently had failed to migrate with the rest of their herd and were encircled in a ring of ice caused by an early October freeze. Private corporations financed the rescue mission to free the trapped whales; the U.S. and Soviet governments contributed ice-breaking equipment, and private citizens lent their manpower to this labor of love, hacking 24-foot breathing holes along the four-mile path to open waters.

The smallest of the mammals, a yearling named Snowflake, appeared below the surface and was presumed dead. But the others reached the ocean three weeks after the colossal rescue efforts began, becoming two more that got away in a sea of otianish fish stories.

The collapse of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge due to a massive earthquake that shook that area in late October was faulted for 27 billion in damage and 67 lives. The quake, measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale, toppled a 1.5-mile section of Nimitz Freeway in rush-hour traffic. Rescuers sifted through the rubble for four days, pulling dozens of mangled bodies from cars flattened between the highway's upper and lower decks. With hope running out and weather turning foul, weary workers were about to end their search when they saw a slight movement within the tons of broken concrete. Their jolt of adrenaline was caused by the discovery of Buck Helm, a 57-year-old cargo supervisor trapped in the wreckage of his compact car for 90 hours.

His trauma left him with kidney failure, broken ribs, and a chest wound, but doctors reported a hopeful prognosis. American breathed a collective sigh of relief at his rescue, then a gasp of shock at his death from respiratory failure 28 days later. Helm's death was not a symbol of defeat, but rather a symbol of survival under harrowing conditions. At the very least, this near miracle of human resilience was given a fighting chance.

We can be sure that these stories are but a few of hundreds that could be told. These examples of courage, determination, and faith are real-life ways of sunshine and hope in the midst of a world that seems to be in unending state of decay.
1990's will hinge on inner self

As Harding students sit on the verge of their last final week of the 80's, one has to wonder if closing down a decade is any different from closing down a regular year. Usually around Dec. 27 when people everywhere are planning new year resolutions, many are thinking back on and some are even finding those resolutions from last year which were never kept.

For this writer, the 80's has held everything from the death of a father to travelling the world over. With all of the events going on in the world during the past decade, the temptation to forget a self-evaluation is strong.

This issue of the Bison focuses on our past decade and the world it changed. Enjoy it — but do not let it take the place of personal thought about where we are going. Now is the time to ask what we will do in the last decade before the turn of the century. For some it may involve really making a change for Christ, and for others the decade may old coming to really know him.

Hopefully for all of us the turn of the decade will mean realizing what a vital part of Christ's body we are as young Christians. One of the most aggravating prayers to hear publicly is one that goes something like this: "Lord, please be with the young people here for they are the church of tomorrow." Hopefully the 90's will hold a realization that young members of the body are not placed on a waiting list but are an important, useful part of the church right now.

Another challenge for the 90's will be to become a generation that is about the business of saving people rather than quibbling over trivial things. Christ's challenge to the gospel has just grown two countries larger with East Germany and Czechoslovakia; and the Soviet Union is preparing to allow for the freedom of religion. With a world dying from sin every day there is no room for bickering among ourselves. Of course, if we are doing what is to be done, there would be no time for bickering.

Maybe the 90's will be a decade of a renewed focus. This writer is convinced that God's church is alive and well, and the 90's could be the dawning of a decade where saving souls takes precedence over order-of-worship arguments.

The challenge to take Christ to a lost and dying world is bigger than ever. Many have already chosen not to believe those experts who say the world just won't be evangelized in our lifetime. It is sure a good thing Paul chose not to listen to the experts.

The 90's are upon us and we face them with a God who is just as powerful as He ever was. A God that can create the world can keep His church on track. A God that can raise Jesus from the dead can revive some of us who need a little bit of that same treatment.

— Assistant Editor

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Music hits high note in the 80’s

Well, the eighties have now come and gone like a fickle lover. They only leave behind things to remind us of what she was like and musically speaking, she was the most fickle yet.

The early eighties were trying to recover from both the punk explosion and the Sex Pistols. New Wave seemed to be the answer at least for a few years. Devo, Flock of Seagulls, Duran Duran, Missing Persons, and others were the kings of plastic rock. This age was filled with weird people trying to “out-weird” the next guy, when actually, their music was more trite and concealed than they would’ve wanted to believe.

As a result, Los Angeles came through with a vengeance and spawned a heavy metal resurgence that, too, became trendy. In 1983, Ratt, Motley Crue, Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, Quiet Riot, Ozzy Osbourne, and many other metal-heads enjoyed commercial success for the first time.

But in time, this too became old and a resurgence of pure pop music came around to make the eighties a little more respectable. Steve Winwood, Phil Collins, Richard Marx, Paul Simon, Suzanne Vega, and Tracy Chapman had smash hits and are considered some of the best of the decade.

Now that we’re at the end of the decade, it seems that popular music is in a trend of the 60’s melodic tunes and reckless music. The 60’s have now become fashionable and are having an effect on the majority of music coming out now. Also, the eclecticism of the eighties is beginning to mushroom and is hitting the end of the decade like a schizophrenic maniac. There are so many different sounds that are associated with today’s music. The new buzz word in today’s music industry for this eclectic blend of popular music is “Post-Modern.” This includes hip-hop, psychedelic, folk-rock, alternative, hard-core punk, and several other types for which there are no “official” names.

It is with this eclecticism in mind that I offer my two cents worth on the musical achievements of the decade. I know you won’t agree with all of these...maybe not any of them. But I have the right to say what I want. It’s my article.

Yuppies gone, fashion changed

by Kathleen Eyma
Black staff writer

The 80’s, a decade which many of us can call our own, when we left childhood, agonized through adolescence, and maybe reached some level of maturity and adulthood. Yet, we might hesitate to claim some of the fashions and trends which surfaced in this aging decade.

One of the first styles to develop in the 80’s was the prairie or western look, a hodgepodge of denim, white, ruffled shirts and petticoats. In 1981, decorative headbands, knickers, and metallic shoes all made the fashion scene.

Later, a look which many mothers bemoaned as “truly tacky and tasteless,” began when teenage Madonna Wanna Be’s donned knit tank tops, tight miniskirts, and armloads of bracelets. At that same time, adolescent boys were looting around in parachute pants, camouflage outfits, and pencil-thin knit and leather ties.

And what about other 80’s fashion greats like Jams, jellys, twister beads, add-a-beads, rainbows, and unicorns? Can we even remember Jordache, Izod, Chic, and Gloria Vanderbilt? And where are our nylon nikes, short shorts, pouf skirts, and multi-colored rabbit jackets? They have all been banished from our closets and into the archives.

However, not all of the fashion trends of the 80’s were short-lived. The preppie look became hip again early in the decade and provided a fashion break from the gypsy look of the 70’s. Although most of us have now retired our floppy, paisley neckties, flip-ped our collars down, and started wearing our sweaters on our bodies instead of around them, the fashion scene.

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American pastime grows in 80's

by John Bossong
Boston sports writer

The 1980's have provided baseball fans all over the world with a decade of the American pastime that has been filled with individual achievement and disappointment along with teams that exploded with great pitching and hitting to dominate Major League Baseball.

Who can forget Orel Hershiser's performance in the 1988 World Series. Hershiser single handedly pitched his way past the Oakland A's to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to the World Championship. The 1988 World Series also provided one of the most exciting events in sports history. As he hobbled to the plate barely able to swing, Oakland fans were sure of a victory. Little were they to know Gibson would drive the ball over the right field fence to clinch a victory. Gibson's home run was later compared to Roy Hobbs's home run in the motion picture, "The Natural", — what a great moment for baseball.

This decade of baseball was also filled with disappointment when in the early part of the 1980's baseball players went on strike. Baseball would be postponed because of financial matters and player protection rights in free agency. Fans across the country would go half a summer without America's greatest game.

The 80's also saw baseball's all-time hit leader banned from baseball for life. Pete Rose was banned from baseball for life for betting on baseball. Destined for the Hall of Fame, "Charlie Hustle", one of baseball's greatest players, would no longer be a part of the game that he helped shape over his career.

Home runs, the part of baseball that brings a crowd to its feet, elevated to an all-time high in the 80's. With players getting bigger and stronger and pitchers throwing harder, home runs seemed to get longer and longer.

Mike Schmidt, of the Philadelphia Phillies, dominated the National League with his home run hitting ability. Schmidt led the league in home runs for five years in the 80's, hitting 192 dingers in the decade. Although Schmidt has retired, a new group of bashers will surely fill his shoes. Kansas City's Bo Jackson has already proved he can hit balls that tape measures can no longer measure. Oakland's Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire have combined for 80 home runs in the last two years for the A's. Other long ball hitters of the decade who have shown power are Kevin Mitchell, Darryl Strawberry, Andre Dawson, Jesse Barfield, and Fred McGriff.

The Los Angeles Dodgers to the World Champions leads the National League three times in a row: 1987, 1988, and 1989. Ozzie Smith dominated the American League with his bat also. Boggs won the batting title four straight years and just missed this year, which would have been his fifth. Boggs hit over .350 in 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1988. The All-Star game in the 80's was led by the National League. They won six of the ten all-star games played and had three consecutive victories in 1980, 1981, and 1982. All ten games were played at night.

What every professional baseball player works for is a World Series Championship ring. The 80's have provided many great moments in World Series action.

The National League won six of the ten World Series Championships in the decade, much like the All-Star games. Was there a trend? The National League also won three straight World Series, 1980, 1981, and 1982, the same as the All-Star games. In the 1981 World Series, the Dodgers were victorious in the Los Angeles Dodgers to the World Series. In 1981, they defeated the New York Yankees four games to two. And in 1988, the Dodgers home runs in the last two years for the A's. Other long ball hitters of the decade who have shown power are Kevin Mitchell, Darryl Strawberry, Andre Dawson, Jesse Barfield, and Fred McGriff.

Olympics live despite boycotts

Over the past ten years we have seen three different sets of Olympic games, each one bringing with it its own heroes and its own set of triumphs. Here's a look at some of the Olympic highlights in the last ten years.

In 1980 the winter games took place in Lake Placid, N.Y. It was there that a hopeful United States team shocked us all. In what was probably the most watched Olympic event in history, the United States hockey team won the gold medal, and gave the U.S. its first such victory.

However, the success of the Winter Olympics did not carry over into the summer games. In 1980, the United States boycotted the summer games in Moscow in response to Soviet involvement in Afghanistan.

Nineteen eighty-four was the year for firsts in the Olympics. A girl from West Virginia became the first woman gymnast in U.S. history to win a gold medal in the all-around competition. Not many of us could ever forget the moment when Mary Lou Retton nailed a perfect 10 on her first vault to clinch the gold and her place on a box of Wheaties. The men's gymnasts team dazzled us by winning the gold medal as a team; the women were edged out and won the silver. As our athletes competed on their home turf, tragedy struck. In the 3000 meter women's race Mary Decker collided with Zola Budd and fell and was injured. Budd went on and finished seventh. Carl Lewis clinched his gold with a four track and field events. In swimming, Greg Louganis won the gold in diving for the U.S.

In 1988 scandal struck the Olympic games. Several athletes were disqualified due to the use of steroids. Among those was Canada track superstar Ben Johnson who, as a result, was stripped of his gold medal in the 100m dash. Florence Griffith Joyner became the world's fastest woman as she brought home three gold medals from Seoul. Greg Louganis, after hitting his head on the platform while diving, went on to once again win the gold. And a young 14-year-old swimmer captured the heart of America as she became the youngest person to ever receive a gold medal.

All in all, in the past ten years, our athletes have proved to the world that they are a force to be reckoned with and that they have no intention of letting up. Most of all our athletes have restored a sense of patriotism in us as spectators and Americans.
Harding grows, changes with the times in 80's

The eighties brought many changes for the students and faculty of Harding. It was a decade full of transformations: transformations on the physical campus of Harding and also in the people at Harding. The Bison has preserved these changes on the pages of a limited newspaper archive. Bound copies of The Bison from 1960 to 1982 and 1983 to 1988 were used to complete this list of top stories in the eighties.

1980-81

The HUF (Harding University in Florence) program sent its first group of 20 students to Italy, with Don Shackelford and Gary Elliott advising. Dale Foster replaced Jim Woodroof as the campus minister. Construction of the campus minister. Construction of the Duke Business Building began. A student sues the University for a 1980 pledge week incident which triggers a debate over Rough Night. A computer science major is added for the fall of 1982. Shenandoah is performed for Homecoming. In the spring of 1982 Rough Night is officially eliminated from pledge week activities. Chi Sigs and Regina won the sweepstakes trophy in Spring Sing for their third consecutive year with a western performance of "This is a Good Place for a Stick-up." 1983-84

Pledge week is changed to a four week induction period. Women's curfew is extended to 11 p.m. on week nights. The Petit Jean is rated All-American. David Slater is chosen as one of the Spring Sing hosts, and Phi Kappa Epsilon and Kappa Beta won the sweepstakes trophy for "Service with a Smile." 1984-85

The Science Building is completed. The coed social club, Echad, is started. The 1984 Petit Jean received another All-American rating. A School of Biblical Studies is established in the Bahamas. Mike Cope began his work as the pulpit minister of College Church. A summer session for HUF is set to begin in 1986. Chi Sigs and Regina win the Spring Sing sweepstakes trophy with their cavemen singing about how "Our World's Caving In." 1985-86

Cable television is installed in the dormitories. Pattie Cobb cafeteria is renovated. The University's Channel 12 started airing programs for cable television. Alpha Kappa Phi disbanded. "The Music Man" is performed for Homecoming. The campus power plant began operating. Chi Sigma Alpha and Regina again captured the Spring Sing sweepstakes trophy with their hair-raising performance of werewolves in "Howl, Howl, The Gang's All Here." 1986-87

David B. Burks is named to succeed Clifton L. Ganus as president of Harding. The Student Impact orientation program began. "Annie" is performed for Homecoming. Lloyd Sears, one of Harding's original faculty members, dies after a brief illness. Clifton L. Ganus is named as Harding's first Chancellor. The power plant catches on fire causing damage. The Bisons won their first-ever District 17 Crown. Chi Sigma Alpha and Regina won the Spring Sing sweepstakes. 1987-88

Harding began using the ARA dining services. "The King and I" is performed for Homecoming. Heavy snow caused classes to be dismissed for the first time ever in Harding history. A week-long Thanksgiving break is approved. An 11 a.m. chapel proposal is defeated due to lack of interest by students. The Bison and the Petit Jean won honors, placing second for excellent statewide. AGO, Chi Alpha Rho, OEGE, Knights, Kirei, and Sharth won the Spring Sing sweepstakes trophies for "Just Clownin' Around." And finally in 1988-89:

The New Men's dormitory was completed and renovation was started on the library. The American Heritage Building was remodeled into a hotel for visiting parents. Two clubs, Kirei and Theta Psi, disbanded.

"Carousel" is performed for Homecoming. AGO, Kirei, Shanth, Chi Alpha Rho, OEGE, King's Men, and Knights won the Spring Sing sweepstakes trophy for an "Easter Eggstravaganza."
One of the 52 American ex-hostages shouts as he gets off an Air Force DC-9 medical plane at Frankfurt Air Force Base shortly after he and the other hostages arrived from Algiers. Harding students had tied yellow ribbons on trees until their return. (photo by AP World Wide Photos)

Former President Reagan dominated most of the decade in a consecutive eight year term in office, signifying a Republican era. Reagan’s right-hand man, George Bush, continued the tradition by winning the 1988 Presidential election to serve a four year term as President.
"Cats," based on T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," became the longest running musical of the '80s.

Former Beatle John Lennon is pictured with his wife, Yoko Ono, before his death. Lennon was murdered by an irate fan outside his New York City apartment. (Photo by AP World Wide Photos)

An assassination attempt on John Paul II occurred as the Pope rode through a crowd of followers in St. Peter's Square. The gun (circled left) was fired point blank. (Photo by AP World Wide Photos)

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### Those fired on

**by Robin Jackson**

Bison Staff Writer

So many of life's tragedies happen on dull, dark days. Such was the case in Washington on an ordinary Monday. President Reagan walked through the drizzle outside the Washington Hilton to his limousine after having eaten lunch. As he waved, his smile suddenly changed to grimace as the bullet struck him.

In the chaos, agents slammed the President into his car and sped away. Meanwhile, the bodies of three men lay sprawled across the sidewalk and a swarm of secret service men attacked John W. Hinckley, Jr., who held a pistol in his hand.

President Reagan arrived at the hospital thinking the pain in his left side might have been caused by the Secret Service tackle he had previously encountered. However, for the next two hours surgeons removed a .22-caliber bullet that was lodged in the President's left lung.

Likewise, a similar incident happened to Pope John Paul II. As he made his way into St. Peter's Square, standing up waving in a jeep, he suddenly slumped over and fell to the seat. Blood was soaking through his white clothes.

The gunman was captured almost immediately. Mehmet Ali Agca, a 23-year-old Turkish hit man, had been already credited with at least one murder. The Pope had won a place in the hearts of the world. The attempt to take his life, as well as the attempt to take President Reagan's life, was a morality crime.
Royal wedding fit for princess

by Robin Jackson
Bison staff writer

And so the Prince finally claimed his Princess, with every dash of storybook splendor at England’s matchless command. On July 29, 1981 Charles Phillip Arthur George, Prince of Wales, 32, and Lady Diana Frances Spencer, 20, were the “stuff of what fairy tales are made of,” as they were married at St. Paul’s Cathedral in London. She was the blushing bride lavishly dressed in ivory tulle and trailing a 25-foot silken train; he was the romantic groom outfitted in his naval uniform sparkling with medals.

The wedding extravaganza was a gold mine for television. The hearts of a dazzled world were touched by Diana’s shy smile as they watched her arrive in a glass-caged coach. In the United States, Americans awoke before dawn for wedding-watching breakfasts on the East Coast and stayed up for post-midnight suppers in the West. American networks were well represented in Britain by 180 staffers for ABC, 140 for NBC, and 85 for CBS.

The Royal Wedding brought together 2,500 distinguished guests such as: the kings of Norway, Sweden and Belgium, queens from Denmark and the Netherlands, Princess Grace of Monaco, the President of France, the President of West Germany, the Prime Minister of Australia, and even America’s own First Lady.

After the wedding the couple made the traditional balcony appearance at Buckingham Palace, attended a wedding breakfast for 120 select guests, and finally left for their honeymoon. The couple left with Charles dressed in a gray suit and Diana in a tangerine suit and a tricorn hat. An open carriage sprayed with blue and silver balloons carried the honeymooners to Waterloo Station, where a private train rolled them to their three-day vacation at Broadlands. Charles and Diana left her bridal bouquet at Westminster Abbey’s Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in honor of the late Earl Mountbatten, Charles’ great uncle, who was killed by an IRA bomb in 1979.
THE LADY APPROACHES "100" WITH A NEW LOOK. The Statue of Liberty celebrated her 98th birthday in 1984 and she began to show her age. The statue was worn by wind, salt air, and acid rain, and the iron ribbing supporting the copper covering was badly corroded. A two-year restoration began in July 1984, that included a new gold-plated torch.

Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale made history when he chose a woman, Geraldine Ferraro, as his vice presidential running mate.

Argentinian soldiers captured at Goose Green are guarded by a Royal Marine shortly after their surrender ended the conflict between Great Britain and Argentina.

007 goes down

by Wayne Westerholm

The world is full of irony and inconsistency. No two incidents are alike. They often have contrasting conclusions. Take for instance the pilot who flew his single engine plane across miles of Soviet airspace and landed in the Red Square in Moscow. In one flight he had violated Soviet airspace, trespassed on the almost sacred Red Square, and survived. Few of us will forget this incident, yet there is another which fewer of us will forget. Not many have forgotten or will forget the tragedy of Korean Air Lines Flight 007. KAL Flight 007 left New York on Sept. 3, 1983, bound for Seoul, South Korea via Anchorage, Alaska. It was bound for destruction in an incident that shocked the world.

The plane left New York on schedule and arrived at Anchorage in preparation for its final leg. The plane departed from Anchorage to its destination in Seoul. At 2:38 (Eastern Standard Time), the plane disappeared from radar. No warning; no SOS; it just disappeared. Not until 22 hours later, did the mystery begin to clear. The Soviets had shot down the airliner. Everyone agreed that the plane had drifted off course, but there was speculation as to why it had been shot down. Apparently, the plane had crossed over Soviet restricted airspace and had crossed over several military installations. The Soviets claimed to have tried to communicate with the plane, though there was no response. The aircraft was hit with a heat-seeking missile, which destroyed the plane. None of the 269 people aboard survived. None of the 30 Americans aboard would return home.

As the century ends, and a new one begins, there is a need to look to the future, but remember the past and the mistakes that were made.
The nation was struck by tragedy when the space shuttle Challenger exploded, killing 7.

The shuttle has helped us learn more about successes and failures, problems and solutions, life and death, realities and dreams.

Challenger explodes, kills 7

by Joe Cranford

America woke up one Sunday morning in 1981 and got a sneak preview of the future. On April 12, Columbia, the first space shuttle, carried Cmdr. John Young and Capt. Robert Crippen into space. It was the first time since the mid-seventies that American astronauts had been in space.

The shuttle was designed as a reusable space craft. It was lifted into space by two solid fuel rocket boosters, and returned to earth and landed like an airplane. After its fourth test flight in June, 1982, the Space Transportation System, as it was officially named, was declared fully operational.

Amid all of the following missions had a unique characteristic. Mission STS-6 in April 1983 was the first launch of the orbiter Challenger, and the first space walk since 1974 took place in its cargo bay. Sally Ride became the first U.S. woman in space in June, and Guion Bluford, Jr. became the first black U.S. astronaut in space in August. Later in November, Columbia carried Spacelab in its cargo bay. This onboard science lab provided a temporary space station for scientists to conduct several experiments in a weightlessness environment.

In February of 1984, astronauts boldly did what no one had done before. Using rocket-powered backpacks, they were able to walk in space without safety lines. The orbiter Discovery made its maiden voyage into space in August, launching three satellites. In October, Kathryn D. Sullivan became the first U.S. woman to walk in space, and Marc Garneau was the first Canadian in space aboard the Challenger.

Discovery carried Senator Jake Garn into space in April of 1985, making him the first member of Congress in space. Challenger was modified for three Spacelab missions that year, one of which took one Dutch and two West German scientists along, while another played host to two monkeys and 24 rats. The orbiter Atlantis was launched for its first flight in October on a secret mission. In a November flight aboard Atlantis, Rodolfo Neri Vela became the first Mexican in space.

Halley's comet was expected to fly nearby earth in 1986, but the crew of Columbia had difficulty photographing it in January. However, they did manage to launch the most powerful communication satellite to date. Two weeks after Columbia's return, Challenger was prepared for another ambitious mission. A diverse group of seven people of various religious and ethnic backgrounds were chosen as the crew. One of them was Christa McAuliffe, a schoolteacher from Concord, Mass. She would be the first civilian to ride aboard the shuttle into space and would teach lessons throughout the course of the mission. Challenger's liftoff was going fine. But something went wrong after the first minute.

A ruptured seal in one of the boosters caused a plume of fire to burst its way up the side of the rocket. Seconds later, the booster came loose and slammed against the external fuel tank. Only 73 seconds after liftoff, Challenger exploded, killing all seven on board. The country was shocked, and the rest of the world was stunned by the images they saw. The shuttle program was stopped until a complete investigation was carried out.

In the following months, the accident's cause was determined, and NASA's policies went through a great deal of re-evaluation and restructured its management. The entire shuttle fleet itself underwent many modifications to make the spacecraft safer. The booster rockets were also redesigned to prevent the same failure from happening again.

Finally, on Sept. 29, 1988, after a long two years and eight months, Discovery and its crew of five blasted off on a near-perfect five-day mission returning the U.S. to space again.

Since then, there have been seven more shuttle flights. With the program back in normal operation, Americans are looking forward to an exciting future in space. Discovery completed STS-33 on Nov. 27, and Columbia is to be launched Dec. 15 for a 10-day mission, the longest shuttle mission to date. President Reagan ordered the construction of another orbiter, to be named Endeavor, to replace the Challenger. He also called for a permanently manned space station, "Freedom," to be constructed by the end of the 1990s. More recently, President Bush has emphasized our need to maintain leadership in space, and pledged his support for missions to, and even bases on the moon. From there we may begin a mission to Mars, possibly with the Soviets or the European Space Agency in the next century. After Columbia landed upon completion of the first shuttle mission, John Young stated, "We're not too far, the human race isn't, from going to the stars."

The reality of his statement is reflected in the success and accomplishments of the shuttle program, the number of foreign astronauts that have traveled with U.S. astronauts on the shuttle, and the goals that we have set for the next two decades. The shuttles have carried us up above the sky so we can see and study our world from a different point of view. It has helped us learn more about successes and failures, problems and solutions life and death, realities and dreams.
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The Republican tradition continued with George Bush serving as President of the U.S. with Dan Quayle assisting as vice president.

Riots broke out in South Africa as blacks protested Apartheid. In downtown Johannesburg, a white man runs from an angry crowd throwing rocks.

The 1980's have not been good years for Iran and Iraq. These two countries have been in constant battle with each other since the late 60's, and the 80's proved to be no different. No one exactly knows why they are at war, but it has been somewhat established that the cause of the constant bloodbath is a narrow strip of land separating the two countries. Iran wants to control it, but Iraq has other ideas.

In the early 80's, Iran got the world's attention by releasing the 50 American hostages after months of negotiations with the Carter administration. Then the Shah was ousted as Prime Minister bringing the powerful Khomeini into the picture. His followers were very loyal even giving up their lives if their leader thought it would benefit his country. Khomeini was very antagonistic towards the United States and he openly shared his views with the people. Until his death this past summer, Khomeini openly blamed the U.S. for his country's economic problems.

Meanwhile, Iraq silently stood in the background slowly gaining the upperhand in the war. Even though Iraq is a smaller country than Iran, Iraqi soldiers have destroyed more of their enemy's property and have killed or wounded hundreds and thousands of Iran's citizens. Cease-fires have been called by both sides, but none has lasted too long. Officials from the two countries have yet to come up with a compromise.

Once again, Iran was in the limelight with the Iran-Contra affair in 1987. The Iran-Contra affair involved selling arms to Iran in return for the possible release of the American hostages being held in Beirut. In the middle of the controversy was a very powerful military leader named Oliver North. The Iran-Contra affair made the U.S. look like the attacker and Iran its victim, causing the negative sentiments to grow among Iranians towards the United States.

Now that the decade is coming to an end, Iran and Iraq are still fighting their war, more silently now, but the killings still take place. The children in both countries grow up being taught to hate each other, then later in adulthood, these same children will be killed fighting a war with no tangible results and no apparent end. Will the 90's be any different?
The worst drought on record spread throughout the southeast in '86 ruining crops in several states from Pennsylvania to Florida.

A young Cambodian woman stands in a hospital line with her baby in her arms at Sa Kaew. The child died before it received medical attention.

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The '89 quake
by Joe Larsen
Bison staff writer

Twenty-one minutes before the Oakland A's were to play the San Francisco Giants in the World Series, the long awaited earthquake known as "The Big One" struck. The jolt measured 7.1 on the Richter scale; its effects were felt 400 miles away in Los Angeles. Most of the damage, though, was inflicted on the San Francisco Bay area. In the expensive Marina district, an entire block of houses was burned to the ground after a gas line exploded. At least 60 buildings in the immediate area were so badly damaged that they will have to be torn down. Over the Bay, an entire span on the Bay Bridge broke causing the bridge to be out of commission for at least a month.

In Oakland, an entire mile long section of the Nimitz Freeway buckled onto commuters traveling home from work. The initial estimate of deaths was over 200. Fortunately, the count was lowered to under 100. In all, just over 100 people died in the earthquake, and over 3,000 injured. One of the survivors, Buck Helm, survived 90 hours under the collapsed Nimitz Freeway.

The 1989 earthquake brought fears of possible tremors along lesser known faults as the New Madrid and others. Geologists predict that a quake the size of 6.0 elsewhere would cause more damage than the California one because of the low building standards and the aging bridges.

The wall came tumbling down

On Nov. 9, 1989 the barrier was finally broken. The people in East Germany were free to go where they pleased. The gates were opened and through them walked the astonished East Germans into the arms of the anxiously awaiting West Germans. Families separated for over two decades were reunited. Adults, 28 years old, experienced for the first time life without confinement.

They had just received what many daily take for granted. The tears overflowed, the celebrating began, and the joy will continue throughout the endurance of the freedom.

The next day the papers were plastered with headlines such as "The wall is gone" and "East Germans open floodgates." The news was filled with heartwarming stories of reunited relationships and of those celebrating their new freedom.

The cameras showed East Germans side by side with the soldiers, who once formed that deadly human barrier, crying and laughing as together they freely chipped away at the hated wall with hammers and chisels.

The faces were as memorable as those of family. The joy they showed was quite possible incomprehensible to one who has lived in freedom all his life. They had just received what many daily take for granted. Yet they now know just how incredible the liberty is, and that day they felt it for the first time is one no one should forget.

The opening of the Berlin Wall was a matchless ending to a decade successful in keeping peace for the United States. Nothing else could so perfectly display everything this country stands for and tries so desperately to influence on others.

There are few things comparable to freedom, to East Germans there may be nothing.
Richmond finds success

by Darren Renham

Head football coach Larry Richmond is a man who feels truly blessed by God. It shows through his contentment at this point in his life and through his job of just having the opportunity to coach and work at a school he dearly loves.

He grew up in Marion, Ark., surrounded by a strong Christian home and a father that has been an elder for nearly 30 years. But he said that his life really started when he came to Harding as a freshman in 1969. He didn’t play football for Harding until his second semester. He only weighed 180 lbs. but wanted to get a shot at defensive end. “I really have to thank coach Sharp,” said Richmond. “He was our defensive line coach at the time. He gave me a chance, even though I was small for a defensive end. For that chance I’m thankful to him.” Coach Sharp had to be happy too because in Richmond’s junior year the Bisons were 10-1 and participated in the Cowboy Bowl. Then, in the following season, that 180 lb. defensive end made All-Conference.

While at Harding, Richmond was also a part of the first group of Kappa Sigma in ever-plugle. He went on to be club president his senior year. He was also a member of the prestigious academic club, Alpha Chi.

After graduating from Harding, he had the opportunity to help coach the Harding Academy football team with Coach Barden. Richmond thought very highly of Coach Barden then and now.

“Getting a chance to coach under and learn from Coach Barden was great for me. He’s definitely one of the finest Christian men and coaches around!”

Playoff berth spoiled by Emporia State, 32-9

by Steve East

EMPORIA, Kan. — Emporia State quarterback Mike Burch set out this season’s first meeting with Harding University due to academic problems.

The 6-4, 185-pound senior more than made amends Saturday in the first round of the NAIA Playoffs as he led the fifth-ranked Hornets to an easy 32-9 victory over the No. 9 Bisons at Welch Stadium.

The Hornets, now 9-2, advanced to the NAIA semifinals against top-ranked Adams State ( Colo.) in Alamosa, Colo. Harding, the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference co-champion, ended its season at 7-4.

When the Bisons and Hornets met in the season-opener, the defenses dominated in a 5-0 ESU win. Burch turned it into a personal offensive showcase Saturday as he had a hand in three first-half touchdowns and set up another in the second half with an 83-yard keeper.

Burch, who alternated with fellow senior Tim Kramer throughout the season, completed 11 of 20 passes for 159 yards and led all rushers with 185 yards on just 15 carries. Kramer missed Saturday’s game with a broken bone in his ankle.

“That’s as good a performance as I’ve seen by an individual since I’ve been on the coaching staff,” Harding Coach Larry Richmond said. “Burch was his difference. He had the two big plays in the first half and another when we had a little momentum in the second half.”

“Mike played very well today,” ESU Coach Larry Krumer said. “I think he made the difference today. They (Harding) hadn’t seen him except on film and that may have helped him.”

The Bisons came into the game ranked No. 4 in the country in points allowed, but gave up more than twice their average — 93 points a game — in the first half alone. Emporia finished the first half with 297 total yards and racked up 401 on the day. Burch accounted for 344 yards of that.

The expected defensive battle went out the window in the first series of the game as Emporia drove 80 yards in 16 plays with Burch finishing it with a 9-yard keeper around right end. Mike Robertson added the PAT for a 7-0 lead with 7:28 left in the first quarter. Burch ran for a pair of first-half TDs and threw for a third.

The young Bison offense had just 163 yards in 28 series of the game as Emporia drove 80 yards in 16 plays with

Detric Cayhty, a defensive back, leaps in a last ditch effort to block a field goal attempt. The ball stopped here.

The Hornets quickly made it 29-3 to start the second half as Burch, starting on his own 5, broke up the middle all the way to the Harding 0 where he was dragged down by Eric Cook. Alverster Robby went in on the next play and Robertson added the kick.

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The Harding University Bisons ran their record to 5-1 with an 80-66 victory over John Brown University in the Northeastern Oklahoma State Classic in Tahlequah, Okla. The win also gave the Bisons a 5-1 record on their five-day roadtrip. Harding opened the roadtrip with an 82-78 loss to Missouri Southern Friday night in the Pittsburg (Kan.) State Classic, but bounced back Saturday with a convincing 62-68 win over Pittsburg State. Monday night the Bisons downed Northeastern Oklahoma State 78-65 in the first round of MSU's classic.

Against John Brown, the Bisons fell behind 23-4 early before coming back to tie at 12-12 on a Michael Wood lay-up with 11:36 to play in the first half. A 13-6 run over a four-minute span helped the Bisons to a 26-30 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Bisons went on a scoring tear and led by as many as 17 points. John Brown chipped away and pulled back within seven, 43-36, on a Donnie Bostwick three-pointer with 5:25 to play.

Sean French rallied the Bisons in the end, however, by scoring Harding's final six points. Corey Camper led the Bisons with 19 points, followed by David James with 14. John Brown was led by Brad Cole's 14 points and Bostwick's 13.

Who's Who selected

by Kathleen Eyman
from out west

This year, 63 Harding students were selected for Who's Who Among Students in 1989-1990. They are: Scott Adam, Brad Allen, Leanne Baker, Doug Black, Bobby Bluford, Becky Boaz, Darren Bonham, Harry Brown, Sharon Bowles, Kirk Bowman, Levita Brown, Greg Brown, Angie Bowman, Christadon, Sharon Coleman, Diane Cope, Melynda Corday, Jon Daguer, Susan Ducan, Denise Edwards, Conrad Ekbergs, Tara Ellis, Margaret Eoff, Stacey Faires, Mike Foster, Don Alan Frost, Quen- dy Gibling, Clay Harland, Scott Harris, Mark Hedges, Jeff Holland, Jan Kesler, Suzette LaRochelle, Jim LaRue, Brian Mashburn, India McDeWn, Martin Miller, Jon Murray, John Ogren, Debbie Pierce, Kalai Pedrick, Gary Ritchey, Cheryl Riser, Murray Sanderson, Robby Schaffer, Jenna Shipman, Patty Slack, Devon Smith, Jill Smith, Kamp Smith, John Spann, Kim Stock, Jennifer Terry, Britt Thomas, Christy Thrasher, Jessica Tilton, Tammy Toland, Danetta Towomen, Louise Tucker, Phillip Tucker, David Vaughan, Joanna Walker, and Trent Williamson.

Students were nominated by faculty members and recommended by the Student Association. Nominees had to be seniors having a minimum GPA of 2.5. Other Who's Who criteria for nomination included the student's scholarship, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the university, and promise of future usefulness.

The University of Central Arkansas basketball teams showed no mercy for Hard- ing University's Bisons and Lady Bisons in the schools' Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference openers Tuesday night in Conway.

UCA's Sugar Bears held off a valiant comeback by the Lady Bisons to claim a 76-67 win in the opener. The Bears, meanwhile, had their way with the Bisons in a 74-42 victory.

The losses drop the Lady Bisons to 0-3 and the Bisons to 5-1. Both teams are now 0-1 in AIC play. Harding hosts University of the Ozarks in a pair of conference games Thursday in the Ganus Athletic Center.

The Lady Bisons pulled ahead of the Sugar Bears briefly before Kim Powell found the hot hand to the final minutes. Powell led all scorers with 19 points, with Tammy Schwarz adding 16 for UCA. Syrena Burch had one of her best outings for the Lady Bisons, can- ning seven of 14 field goals for 18 points. Gina Hudson and Lisa Kirk added 13 each, with Carrie White scoring 11.

The Bisons committed critical turnovers in the opening minutes of their game, and the Bears quickly grabbed a lead. UCA stretched the margin to as many as 20 points in the first half before going in the dressing room with a 44-26 cushion.

Corey Camper led the Bisons with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Rolando Garcia had 13 points as well.

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People helped by social clubs

by Kevin Kerby
Bison staff writer

Ya' now, I've always had it good. I live in America, I have a family that loves me, and I've always had good Christmas mornings. On Christmas day I would run down the stairs as fast as I could just to see what hoity toity Santa had left me. Never once in my 30 year life span, have I thought that anyone could be sad on Christmas morning. Luckily, Kappa Delta and Knights social clubs have realized that there are those less fortunate than most of us. Each Christmas Kappa Delta "adopts" a family to insure that they have a happy Christmas. For the past few years members have asked their home congregations for contributions of toys, food and/or money. This year they asked the students of Harding to donate these things. "We got a lot of toys from the dorms and a lot of canned goods from the apartments. We also got a lot of money from both places," says Chere White, president of Kappa Delta. "And we are still taking donations!" Knights social club is taking a more direct route to spread peace on earth and good will. Members collected almost $900 for the Brown's Home. "We go there and have a Bible study each week, and we've been having an annual Christmas party for about three years," says George Chinnici. With the money that they collect from the dorms the members are able to purchase toys for children at the Brown's Home ranging from five to 11 years old. Santa, you've got some competition.

Help with study

by Joe Larsen
Bison staff writer

The Learning Assistance Center is specifically designed to help students perform better in the classroom. The center offers periodic workshops on time management, note-taking skills, test preparation, study-habiting techniques, and more. The Learning Assistance Center is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except on Wednesdays it reopens at 7:30.) For more information contact Jane Morgan at ext. 4220.

Ensemble members picked

by Anita Chadwell
Bison staff writer

Although visions of winter wonderlands are top priority right now, plans are already in motion for the seemingly far away Spring Sing show. While clubs are simply deciding on themes and costumes, the Spring Sing ensemble is already in action and having practices. Robert Patton, director and dancer for the Spring Sing Ensemble, states great confidence in the talent and opportunities this year for the group. Tryouts were held following homecoming week and 36 of the 65 who auditioned were selected making this the largest group ever. They do three numbers throughout the show, including the opening, the finale, and a performance following intermission. The ensemble only has two, two hour practices a week unlike the large amount of practice time put into club shows. After many years of trophy winning shows directed by Patton, this year is even more important to him since it is his last. "This is my very last year," he sadly confesses, "so we've got to do it up right!"

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Students ready lectureship

by Mark Hayes

The second annual Student Lectureship is scheduled for Jan. 21-24.

The four day event, sponsored by the Student Association and JAY service club, features five keynote speakers and 12 teachers who have drawn their topics from 2 Timothy 2:1.


Jill Smith, Brenda Greer, Kamy Smith, Sara Gaston, Susan Vaughn, and Jenna Shipman will be teaching the women's classes. Scott Adair, Alvin Henry, Jay Lightfoot, David Vaughn, Denton Smith, and Mark Hodges were selected to teach the men's classes.

Ogren said one of the goals of the lectureship is to uplift and challenge the students. "There are so many calls to action in 2 Timothy," Ogren said. "I hope we can rise, as young ministers to these calls and challenges."

Barton, a senior Bible major, said the power of the student lectureship is in peers relating to each other. He said, "Every student is a participant in the lectures, not just the speakers or teachers."

Social science major, Trent Williamson, said although he feels somewhat inadequate to speak along with the other keynote speakers, he is thankful for the opportunity. "I hope I can say what God intends to be said in 2 Timothy," Williamson said.

The Student Lectureship will take the place of the Spring Meeting at the College Church.

SABEX successfully sells

by Angela Haley

"This year, the bookstore will be surprised," said Jim Hill, chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Association, in reference to the new SABEX program. "SABEX stands for the Student Association Book Exchange, and this year the program is in full swing."

According to the statistics so far, the response has been "incredible," with over 2,260 books to be linked with buyers. The program works by allowing students to turn in statements listing books they want to sell followed by a sheet listing books they want to buy. The buyers and sellers are then entered into a computer and each student is provided with a sheet listing all the books for sale with the student’s name and number.

The program was created by Jason Pace who is also on the committee and a member of the Roemenes Team.

The SABEX program surprisingly has many advantages over the "buy back day" at the end of each semester. A student can average $5.00 a book by using the SABEX either buying or selling. Usually, the bookstore will buy back a book for approximately ten dollars what was paid for it originally. Through SABEX you can sell a book between the price the bookstore would buy it back for, and the price you originally paid, leaving an average of five dollars.

Mr. Hill says that this year is very experimental for SABEX, but so far they’ve smelled success.

The Backwash

by Mark Beshirs

We are all fairly proud of our own personal cultural heritages. All of us like to think that the place we came from is so interesting that every poor slob who walks by wants to hear about it. Yeah. Well, I don’t feel that way about my home town. What is there to be proud of when your home is a fouled picture of urban sprawl?

True, the suburbs hold adventures of their own, but every house is the same. Our house was a very nice house with two cats in the yard, um, actually, one of the cats didn’t fare so well.

For some reason the contractors reroofing our very nice house killed him. He had a favorite spot in the yard where he would sit and bake in the sun; there was plenty of sunshine there and the roof must have knocked him senseless; he wasn’t so stupid that he would have sat there as the debris rained around him. So, I walked up just as the old man was climbing down the ladder.

"Say, your pile there is right on the spot where my cat normally convalesces. I don’t suppose that you have seen him around?" I said.

"Your cat? I don’t know about the con-volating stuff, but he was sleeping there this morning." He slithered through the rubble and found him resting comfortably dead in the mess.

"Well, well," he said, "that’s a shame. I guess we didn’t see him there."
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I was alone and in the beauty of the morning air; I learned something about my town at that moment. It could actually be silent. I could actually feel a holy calm. The wind that was blowing carried none of its usual afternoon exhaust; instead it had the saltiness of the nearby ocean. My nose tingled.

I laid down in the yard, in the same place my cat used to bask, and I smiled as the dew came. But had they spent the morning dazed and imagined the rain of meteors that were about to fall on me.

The hours passed without a spark, without a flash. There were no tears falling from the sky that morning. It occurred to me later that the trouble was my nearness to the city lights which tended to cut down on the cosmic spectacles for city-dwellers.

And in the thrills of catatonic disillusionment I screamed for justice; indeed, there was none to be found. I was a victim of circumstances, and a slave to my own confusion. So, instead of wallowing in pity on the grave of my cat, I got up and went to bed for the first time that morning.

I kept my shame to myself, even while all those around me babbled about the supposed meteor shower last night that never came. But had they spent the morning in the dawn and dark and felt the real agony that I had felt?

After school ended, a friend of mine and I climbed in his truck to drive home. I was the first to broach the subject.

"You know, I got up at 4:30 this morning to wait for St. Lawrence's Tears. I waited and waited and never saw a thing."

He looked at me in astonishment, and I told myself that I should have kept my mouth shut.

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