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SAVE THE BLADES. A Shantih slug participates in the early morning antics of Silly Day. Pledge week activities conclude Friday night.

(Photo by Kevin Kerby)



STRETCH. Heath Thomas reaches for a pass in last week's game against UCA.

GOPHER GIRLS. Candace Dyer and Windy Holland cheer for Tri-Kappa on Silly Day. See story inside.

(Photos by Matt Birch)



Campus erupts in strange behavior as Pledge Week returns in full force

by Carolyn Holmes
Bison staff writer

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. It was a time of craziness, and a time of humiliation; a time of laughter for some, and tears for others. For some, it was a time to lose inhibitions and have fun; for others, a time of seemingly endless torture. Many were filled with joy, finding themselves beneath a dogpile of their first-choice club members. Others felt the disappointment of not receiving a much-sought-after bid.

Harding Pledge Week is a time notorious for wacky, submissive and sometimes downright humiliating behavior for the sake of social club membership.

This year, pledges participated in everything from karate exhibitions to jousts to boat rides around the lily pool. Some wore dynamite on their heads, some were martians, and some found themselves attired as traffic signals. Major and minor dates, as well as desperately scavenging to fill pledge books with signatures, kept pledges on their toes. However, for the majority of them, these activities were only the beginning.

Galaxy Pledge Master Dennis Mann promised his victims far more than just the book's requirements. Among his threats, he vowed that "innumerable" amounts of dates would be distributed.

"I have to help them get to know the club and our sister club," he said. "That's the goal of pledge week."

Many pledge masters were in it for less honorable motives.

"The sophomores want revenge because they went through it last year," says Ke Re Ta Pledge Mistress Rena McCarty. "They're all thinking, 'it's my turn.'"

Previously, problems have arisen when a pledge master or mistress pushes too hard.

Cathcart Dorm Supervisor Sandra Bouchareb, who is often known to be vocal about pledge week activities, states that she is not anti-club, but "anti-abuse."

"I have yet to find another word that describes it," she explains. "Freshmen trying to adjust to a new environment have to go through enough. They shouldn't be forced to prove anything to anyone."

Dr. Allan Isom agrees that if taken seriously, pledge week activities can really contradict Christianity, but they are meant as a game.

"I advise students to go along with it and have fun, but to remember it's play. If it goes beyond the rules of the game, someone should be told."

Daniel Campos, a Knight's pledge, remarked, "It's okay (to be embarrassed) because everyone else is doing the same thing."

Some actually seemed to beg for the humiliation.

"Pledge week is going to be fun if they make me do lots of crazy stuff," assured Galaxy pledge Bobby Moore early in the week. "Deep down, most people are crazy, and this is their chance to show it."

Although most showed a little apprehension at first, pledges generally felt that fitting into a terrific club and gaining identity made it all worthwhile.

Ka Re Ta member Becky Owen recalls, "After pledge week, I felt a part of the school, like I finally belonged."

As pledge week now draws to an end, the benefits of pledging a club will become more and more evident. Club sports, parties, spring banquets and Spring Sing are just a few of the activities that clubs will share in this year. Clubs will also provide a way for people to meet and develop some of the best friendships of their lives.

Membership has its privileges.

Happenings



A CLASSIC: "The Sound of Music" will be shown this Sunday in the Benson at 7:30 p.m.



AMERICAN STUDIES: Admiral William Crowe will be speaking on Monday, Oct. 15, in the Benson at 7:30 p.m.



V-BALL: The Lady Bisons volleyball team will play UCA on Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the new gym.



GIFT OF LIFE: The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18, on the Benson stage. It is sponsored by OEGE social club.



BILLY AND PETER: Billy McLaughlin will be performing on Friday, Oct. 19, in the ARA banquet rooms. The SA movie "Peter Pan" will be shown in the Benson following McLaughlin's show.



JUST FOR FUN: The movie "Babar" will be showing in the Benson on Saturday, Oct. 20.



LADY BISONS: The Lady Bisons volleyball team will play Freed-Hardeman on Thursday, Oct. 25, in the new gym.



HOMECOMING '90: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26-27, is Homecoming weekend.



DEDICATION: The formal dedication ceremony for Brackett Library will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15. All faculty and staff members are invited.



PLAY: The first showing of the Homecoming play, "My Fair Lady," will be Friday, Oct. 26, in the Benson at 8:15 p.m.



THE BIG GAME: The Homecoming game between the Bisons and University of Monticello Boll Weevils will be Saturday, Oct. 27, at Alumni Field at 2 p.m.

OPINION

A lifetime passes too quickly to waste — even on Mondays

Flashbulbs popped all around me as I graciously waved to the crowd of screaming millions. I stepped up to the stage to shake Ed McMahon's hand and my roommate groaned, "Do you realize it's already 8:50?"

No, I didn't. Between accepting my Pulitzer and winning the Publishers' Clearing House Sweepstakes, I'd simply forgotten to check the time. How silly of me.

Monday arrived, as usual, with a bang. I catapulted out of bed to find a sink stuffed with towels and a note from my suitemate: "Please Do Not Use — Contact in Drain."

Terrific. After nearly drowning in the bathtub while trying to brush my teeth, I put my contacts in at the water fountain down the hall.

"What a Monday," I complained to my roommate as I staggered across the room with one leg in my jeans, brushing my hair with one hand and buttoning my shirt with the other. "I haven't studied for my Stats test, Pledge Week starts tonight, and we have to put out a 16-page paper this week!"

My fit of frustration soon intensified as I topped into the closet door and my helpful roommate began to croon, "Rainy Days and Mondays Always Get Me Down." This day was both of those.

As I lay on the floor, checking for broken bones, I glimpsed our "Countdown in Graduation" chart that hangs above my roommate's bed. Only 215 days until we'll be forced to enter the Real World. Scary.

And that means there are only 30 more Mondays to gripe about. Only 30 more Mondays on which to run frantically to chapel, to cheer at club ball games, to hang out in the student center, to laugh with my roommate.

Time passes too quickly on its own. It's a shame to miss today by looking ahead to next week, because next week may be overlooked in anticipation of next month.

Henry James, of course, said it better: "Live all you can; it's a mistake not to. It doesn't matter so much what you do in particular, so long as you have had your life. If you haven't had that what have you had? The right time is any time that one is still so lucky as to have."

I just hope we didn't miss anything good in chapel.

— CP

'Agonies of adolescence' fair trade for aging

Lately I have been feeling, well, kind of old. I know this makes no sense, because no one has ever told me that being 20 puts a person in the "old" category.

I think my status as a senior is responsible for this, so maybe "seasoned" would be a better word. But then I sound like a container of Molly McButter or paprika. So I will continue to use the word "old" to describe myself. The reasons I have for this profound conclusion are numerous.

The most obvious sign of age is my change of musical taste. I am getting mellower. I have switched from Styx to Streisand, Aerosmith to Manilow and Led Zepplin to Harry Connick Jr. Every so often I go out on a limb and pull out the old Bon Jovi, but I'm more likely to be listening to Bonnie Raitt. What will be next? Neil Sedaka? Manhattan Transfer? How frightening.

Another sign of my increasing age is my lack of parity with junior high and high school kids. They dye their hair black, keep their faces white, talk about the New Kids on the Block and shop at stores with names I can't even begin to pronounce. Some wear clothes that have no known origin, except maybe Boris Karloff's Five & Dime. I, in my L.L. Bean outfit, watch them walk to school and find myself thinking, "Boy, kids today are different." Then I wonder when I quit being a "kid."

My evening entertainment is also much calmer now that I am entering an older stage in life. When I go home, I am content to hang out with my family and my little dog. I don't try to hit the happening scenes in Dallas every night. On a recent trip home, my friend Cathy and I were giving my roommate a grand tour of the city. Two strange men stopped outside of Baskin-Robbins to talk to us because "we looked lonely." I hadn't realized it had gotten so bad so quickly.

To make matters worse, we got pulled over by a policeman for making an illegal left turn in an area Cathy and I knew well. After he waved us on because he recognized that we obviously weren't high school cruisers, we realized "Puff the Magic Dragon" had been playing on the car radio. How pathetic. A hoppin' Friday night in Dallas, three single women and Puff. We topped off our evening by playing Trivial Pursuit, which I won. What a thrill.

Then there is the classic example of seeing small children who are cute — until they ask we why I don't have little kids. I tell them sweetly that I am not married, that's why. They chirp in reply (with adorable candor of course), "Why not? You're old enough!" That is when I get a rope and hog-tie the small urchin until his mother claims him.

There are other, smaller signs of my old age. All of the cosmetics I purchase say things on the bottles like "Reduce those ravages of aging and soften those rotten wrinkles." How comforting. I don't even resemble the picture on my freshman I.D. And I have also begun to realize that most of what my parents told me was right and I will tell those same things to my children someday.

It's funny how we subtly enter new stages in our lives. As I stand on the brink of entering the "real world" and getting a job, I sometimes think how much easier those earlier stages were.

But then I remember all the agonies of adolescence. The small fights I thought were wars I had with friends. Wondering when I would ever go on a real date. Wanting to be "grown up" so badly.

And it reminds me I need to savor every minute of every stage, because I can never go back to fifth grade, tenth grade, or yesterday. All that is left of those are memories.

— KE

Club prejudice needs no part in pledging

"Quick to judge, quick to anger.
Slow to understand.
Ignorance and prejudice and fear
Walk hand in hand."

Neil Peart

I'm not going to come down on clubs. I personally don't know what to think of them. But as long as they are around and a part of this institution, they must be dealt with in a Christian perspective.

All through the Bible we are reminded of the Christian's purpose of making peace among the world and having unconditional love for everyone. With a social club system it's not that easy.

However, clubs become the scapegoat for disunion among the student body many times, but if we all would just shut up, sit back and look into our individual hearts, we would see that the prejudices all lie in each of us. Clubs don't serve up prejudice, people do.

That's what makes me so uneasy about pledge week. Clubs and club loyalty are so super-emphasized that the teachings of Jesus get laughed at in the midst of it all. Not literally laughed at, but at least ignored.

Is there any way of promoting both inter- and intra-club relationships? You bet. But as long as there are older

members who push loyalty and prejudice, all efforts for unity will become pointless.

What's my point? I usually don't know, but this time it's all too clear. Clubs are silly and really don't amount to much in the whole scope of mankind. It is only a social program at a tiny school in Searcy, Ark. What difference does it make if one club beats you in sports? Nothing, so get over it.

Like I said at the beginning, I'm not coming down on the club system. I am, however, coming down against club prejudice. No one will admit to that, but we all are because we are human and like to think of ourselves as being part of something special. It's the attitude that promotes self before others and is so wrong. This attitude does more damage for the cause of Christ because it is pure disillusion and ignorance.

Practical Lesson: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

To those of you who have just gone through pledging: I hope your relationships and experiences have been as rich and rewarding as mine have been, but please, for Christ's sake, don't limit your social circles to those who wear your colors. You'll become stagnate and bored, and you will miss out on some incredible people.

— RW

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Campus View

by Conni Clutter and Matthew Birch
Bison staff writers

What is your honest opinion concerning pledge week?

Michele Lindsey
Indianapolis, Ind.

"I like it so far. There's just a lot to do but everyone else is doing the same things as you are, so it's not so bad."

Arnita Lloyd
Houston, Texas

"So far it's been rather fun. It takes a lot out of you, but I've loved every minute of it."

Chris Taylor
Poplar Bluff, Mo.

"It's really wild! You have a good excuse to do the crazy things you've always wanted to do, but were too embarrassed to do them."

Traci Gilstrap
Crystal Lake, Ill.

"I am having the most 'excellent' time. Seriously! With the right attitude and an open mind you can have a blast. It's those who go around with a bad attitude who don't have fun because they won't take a chance or really try. Just let go and let the good times roll."

Christy Green
Hickory Ridge, Ark.

"I think waiting three days to find out if you made it in the club or not is really mean. But the rest of it has been ok. I have really enjoyed visiting and am enjoying pledge week — so far."

Jeffery Terwilliger
Wooster, Ohio

"I believe pledge week is one of the best activities of the semester. Take it in stride and you'll never regret it."

Jeff Crone
Bentonville, Ark.

"It is very hectic mentally, but the rest is fun!"

Molly Majors
Plano, Texas

"I really enjoy it. I enjoy doing the things my pledge mistress tells me to do because I am meeting a lot of guys."

Cindy Madar
Carlisle, Ark.

"I love it because it is really a lot of fun to act silly."

Joel De Young
Winnipeg, Manitoba

"It's really hectic and busy, but if everybody keeps the right attitude, it's really fun. It's the kind of week that will have a lot of memories packed into it by the end."

Dactylology Club more than just sign languages

by Dale Sheehy
Bison staff writer

The Dactylology Club or sign language club at Harding educates and ministers to both hearing and deaf people.

The club teaches members sign language along with interpreting worship services.

The Dactylology Club was started in 1950 by Saffi Roach. At that time, Harding had the first Dactylology Club of any Christian college. Roach's first student was Bob Anderson. Anderson is now an interpreter at the Sunset School of Preaching, where he trains students in sign language, and takes them on campaigns to the deaf.

Soon after its beginning, Roach began to take the club to the Little Rock School for the Deaf. At first they were allowed to teach Bible classes only at the school. However, later on they were able to take the students to a local church and teach them there.

Sam Hester, who was the club president from 1965-1968, is now the editor of the Deaf Disciple, which is the most widely circulated paper for the deaf in the brotherhood.

Gary Blake, another former member went to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The king there had a deaf grandson and allowed Gary to establish schools for the deaf in the country.

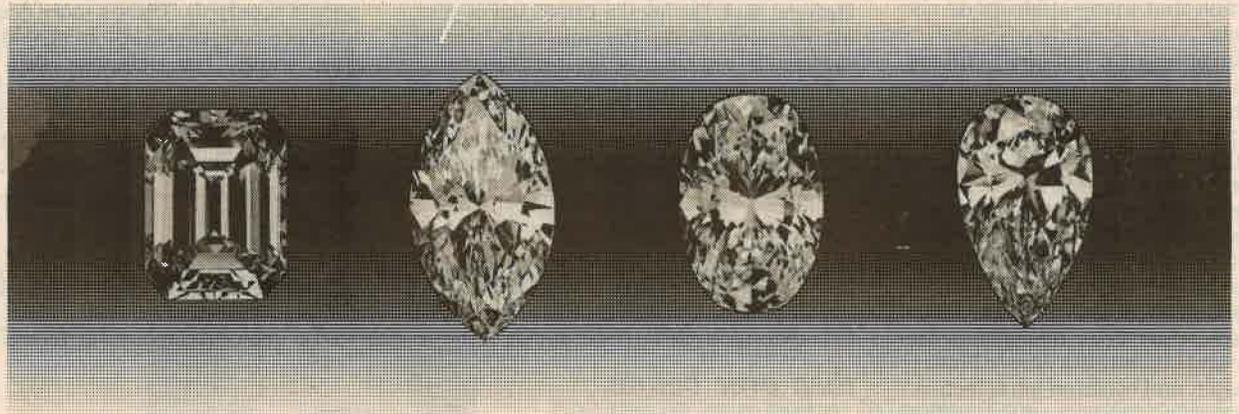
Presently, the club sponsor is Mrs. Linda

Thompson. Holly Lock is the president, Melissa Russell is the vice-president, Elaine Shearer, secretary, and Trisha Malone is the treasurer.

The club meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Bible 201 except on holidays and during the summer.

The club has two scheduled events this year including a performance in chapel by Digits, a drama group from the Little Rock School for the Deaf, in December.

The club also hopes to have Bill Oliver, a nationwide interpreter and consultant for the deaf, give a special series of lessons in the spring.



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Placement Office puts graduates on right track

by Caryllee Parker
Bison assistant editor

It's like a driving lesson. A sweaty-palmed young man clutches the wheel, ready to take on the freeway and to master his destiny. He may have read the textbooks dozens of times and observed the driving habits of others, but until he learns to steer himself, he'll never be a driver.

That time of year is rapidly approaching when Harding's December graduates, like others throughout the nation, are consulting their road maps and wondering, "Where do I go from here?"

But one of the first stops on the road to graduation is often passed by, said Durward McGaha, director of Career Planning and Placement Services. That stop is registering with the placement office, a requirement for graduation that many students do not realize exists.

"It only takes about 15 minutes to fill out the necessary forms," McGaha said. "Then we can send the information to potential employers and help students find work that best suits their needs."

This information is kept in a "credential packet" and sent to prospective employers at the student's request. McGaha estimated that more than 1,500 of these packets are mailed each year.

The placement office also sponsors career days and education fairs throughout the school year and maintains a career library with videotapes and books on job selection.

The services of the placement office, located in the American Heritage Center, are free for current students and for the first two years after graduation. After that, there is a nominal charge.

"The experts predict that everyone will have at least five distinct careers in his lifetime," McGaha said. "So if our alumni decide to shift gears later in life, the placement office is here to help."

On Saturday, Dec. 22, more than 143 Harding University seniors will march down the Benson Auditorium aisle to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance," according to the registrar's office. That number had officially registered for graduation as of Oct. 8.

After graduation, some choose to stay on the access road by continuing their studies in graduate school.

"Based on our return, about 20 percent of our students go to graduate school right out of college," McGaha said.

Of course, many more decide to go later in life, but they don't always notify us of their plans," he added.

But the majority of graduates get behind the wheel and enter the job market, diplomas in hand, eager to use the skills they have learned.

The roads to take may seem limitless. But according to McGaha, career opportunities for the Class of 1990 are more promising than ever before.

Harding's graduates are in demand, McGaha said. During the 1988-89 school year, 168 recruiters visited the campus to interest students in working for their companies.

This represents a 34 percent increase from the previous year, McGaha said.

"Not all the results are in yet, but this year looks even more productive," he added.

graduates have been hired," he said. "Our graduates are working in schools, banks and hospitals all over the country."

McGaha predicted that the greatest career growth for the 1990's will be in the fields of nursing and computer information systems:

"They're just aren't enough computer science majors to fill the need. The same is true for nursing; their shortage is tremendous and it's still increasing."

"But I don't want to discourage anyone from getting into a field he loves," McGaha said. "The pendulum swings back and forth, and weak areas pick up to become strong again."

"Education is looking better than ever because of decreased class size and improved standards. There's more demand for teachers now, especially in special education, math, the sciences and foreign language."

McGaha also said that there are generally more job openings in elementary than in secondary education.

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According to follow-up reports, 93 percent of Harding's May 1990 graduates are working or attending graduate school. "Our goal is 97 percent employment in four to six months," McGaha said.

McGaha said that Wal-Mart is probably the largest employer of Harding graduates in management, marketing and computer science, but the "Big 8" accounting firms are a close second.

"And all 23 of the May 1989 nursing

"Engineering is looking very good," he continued. "And health care careers seem promising because of our aging population."

McGaha's advice to undergraduates is simple: "Try to make a high grade point average. That's very significant in job placement. It's not the only factor, but it's extremely important."

That and a positive attitude are most necessary, McGaha said, as students prepare to take on the bumps and potholes of the "real" world.

Denying disease: Alcoholics should seek counseling

No one chooses to be an alcoholic. Alcoholism is a disease. In their hearts, most alcoholics know they are the grips of a powerful addiction, yet they feel helpless to combat it. This inability to control the disease often leads to denial that the disease exists — not only on the part of the alcoholic, but by those who care for the alcoholic most.

Self Denial

Although alcoholism is now known to be a disease, many people will hold the incorrect view that it is a behavioral problem. This widespread misconception may cause the alcoholic to feel guilt and embarrassment about his problem, which can contribute to self denial. Many persons who suffer from alcoholism exhibit similar behaviors — concealing the amount they drink, hiding bottles, drinking alone, and so on. Yet, when confronted with their drinking "problem" they are apt to deny it altogether or make excuses for their behavior. While they deny their problem to others, their very actions indicate their own awareness of their addiction.

"Co-Denial"

Clergy, doctors, lawyers, social workers, family, and friends are valuable resources for the alcoholic. Yet, in some cases these people unwittingly assist the alcoholic by covering up for him and denying that he must correct his own mistakes. When people make excuses for the alcoholic, the alcoholic is conditioned into believing there will always be a "protector" who will come to his or her rescue.

Denying Dependence

As the disease progresses, the need to deny dependence becomes greater. The alcoholic may refuse to acknowledge that anyone has helped him. He may deny that his behavior is causing family trouble. The real problem is that the alcoholic is well aware of the truth. The sense of guilt and remorse often becomes intolerable and the alcoholic's helplessness in controlling his disease may be embarrassing to him.

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Phi Alpha Theta inducts members

Eleven new members were inducted into Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honor society, in ceremonies held recently at the home of sponsor Dr. Fred Jewell, professor of history and social science.

Those inducted are Kelly Abbott, Lori Branch, Patt Cope, Christopher Davis, Laura Degnan, Holly Edwards, Melanie Kiihnl, Greg Lomax, Jennifer McMullen, Tom Van Duren, Mike West and Kirk Weltman.

Officers for 1990-91 were also elected and

include Anlaura Leek, President; Tom Van Duren, Vice President and Becky Ramey, Secretary-Treasurer.

Membership in Phi Alpha Theta is open to any student with a GPA above 3.0 on at least 12 hours of history and at least a 3.0 on two-thirds of other college work. The society was founded at the University of Arkansas in 1921 and now has more than 530 chapters in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

New student receives scholarship

by Diane Blocker
Bison staff writer

Garry Fiscus of Judsonia has been selected to receive the 1990-91 academic scholarship provided by Pro-Med Ambulance Service of Searcy while he attends Harding.

He is the son of Dona Fiscus of 228 Buzz Road, Judsonia, and is a graduate of Harding Academy.

"We are happy to announce the awarding

of this scholarship because we are grateful to Pro-Med for contributing to the education of one of White County's own citizens," said Al Fowler, assistant vice president of university relations. "Because of such generosity and concern for young people, many worthwhile students can be assisted in their educational endeavors," Fowler added.

To qualify for this specific scholarship, a student must reside in White County and be a full-time student at Harding.

Shackelford thanks student body; calls Lectureship 'an all-time high'

by Luanne Brewer
Bison staff writer

The 67th annual fall lectureship brought a diversified group to Harding. There were over 700 registered guests, representing nine countries and 38 states.

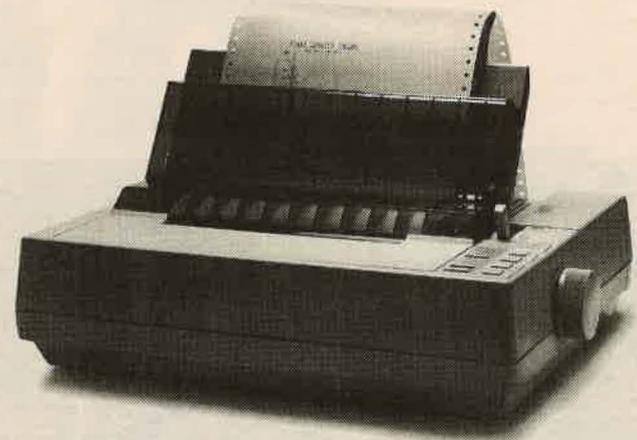
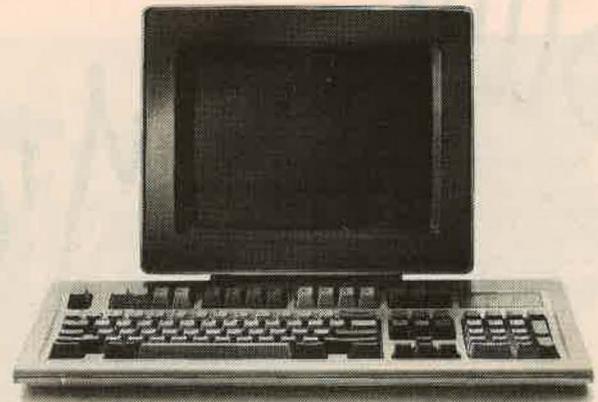
According to Carl Mitchell, dean of Bible and Religion, the attendance increased because "the format has changed from a showcase of persons to a showcase of Biblical teachings." He believes the contemporary topics were more popular because "the material effects our lives today."

According to Ed Sanders, professor of Bi-

ble, his students averaged two lectures a piece this year. The reason for this he says, "is because people enjoy studying the text like we did this year."

Don Shackelford, director of the lectureship, was very pleased with the outcome. He said, "I really appreciate the student body making the people feel welcome. I know it is difficult when such things as the cafeteria gets crowded, but thank you. There are so many people to thank, such as the A.R.A. staff, Bill Hanis, bookstore janitors, tent workers and everyone who brought this year's lectureship to an all-time high."

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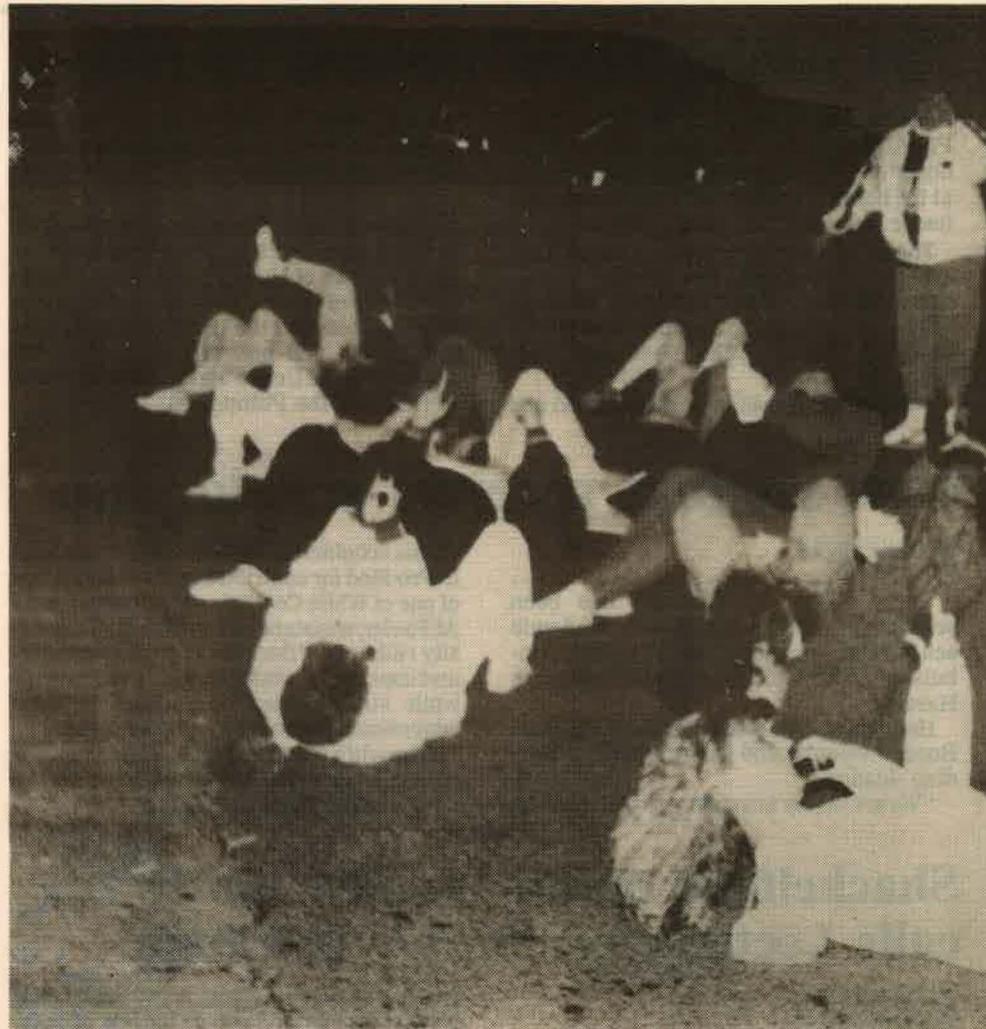
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Boyce Arnett, PD
Class of '66

Silly Day '90



Pledge Week brings mixed feelings from pledges, memories

by Trish Shanklin
Bison staff writer

The five days of pledging and the weeks preceding them are not only busy for the prospective pledges but also for the club members. Many hours of planning, coordinating and arranging are spent preparing for pledge week.

Club presidents and officers try to include all club members in the preparations for pledge week. Jim Hull, president of TNT, said that his social club has a "Pledge Week Committee," which brainstorms for new ideas, makes up a schedule of events and takes care of the busy work. Hull said that one way to get the entire club involved is to assign each member a pledge for which they are responsible.

Amy Swangel, president of Tri Sigma Delta, said that her club members got involved by preparing decorations and food for mixers, writing invitations, making club badges, creating silly day outfits and cutting out door signs.

She said, "Some members helped and some didn't. Swangel said that much of the credit goes to the vice-president of club, who is in charge of pledging.

Christine Myers, president of GATA, stated that many of the preparations that go on before mixers and pledge week are all done behind the scenes.

Some of these include "reserving a time and place for activities, arranging for food, selecting themes for mixers and doing the general plans."

She included her club members by selecting a different committee for each of the three mixers.

Myers said, "I try to get everyone involved."

A Ju Go Ju member and queen for Kappa Tau, Kara Dunaway gets to see pledging from both the male and female perspective. In attending mixers and seeing the overall

attitudes, Dunaway observed that "girls work harder at recruiting members than guys."

Several changes have been made by the administration this year relating to pledge week. One change was to allow only five members from a club in each dorm to give out bids. Myers felt that having only a fraction of the club singing to the prospective member lessened the excitement for the one receiving the bid. She said that having a larger group would make a bigger impact when welcoming the freshman or transfer to the club.

Swangel also believed that in using this new rule, "one loses the excitement and the feeling of acceptance by the whole club."

Contrasting these ideas, Hull said that only having five guys going to each door "worked out just fine."

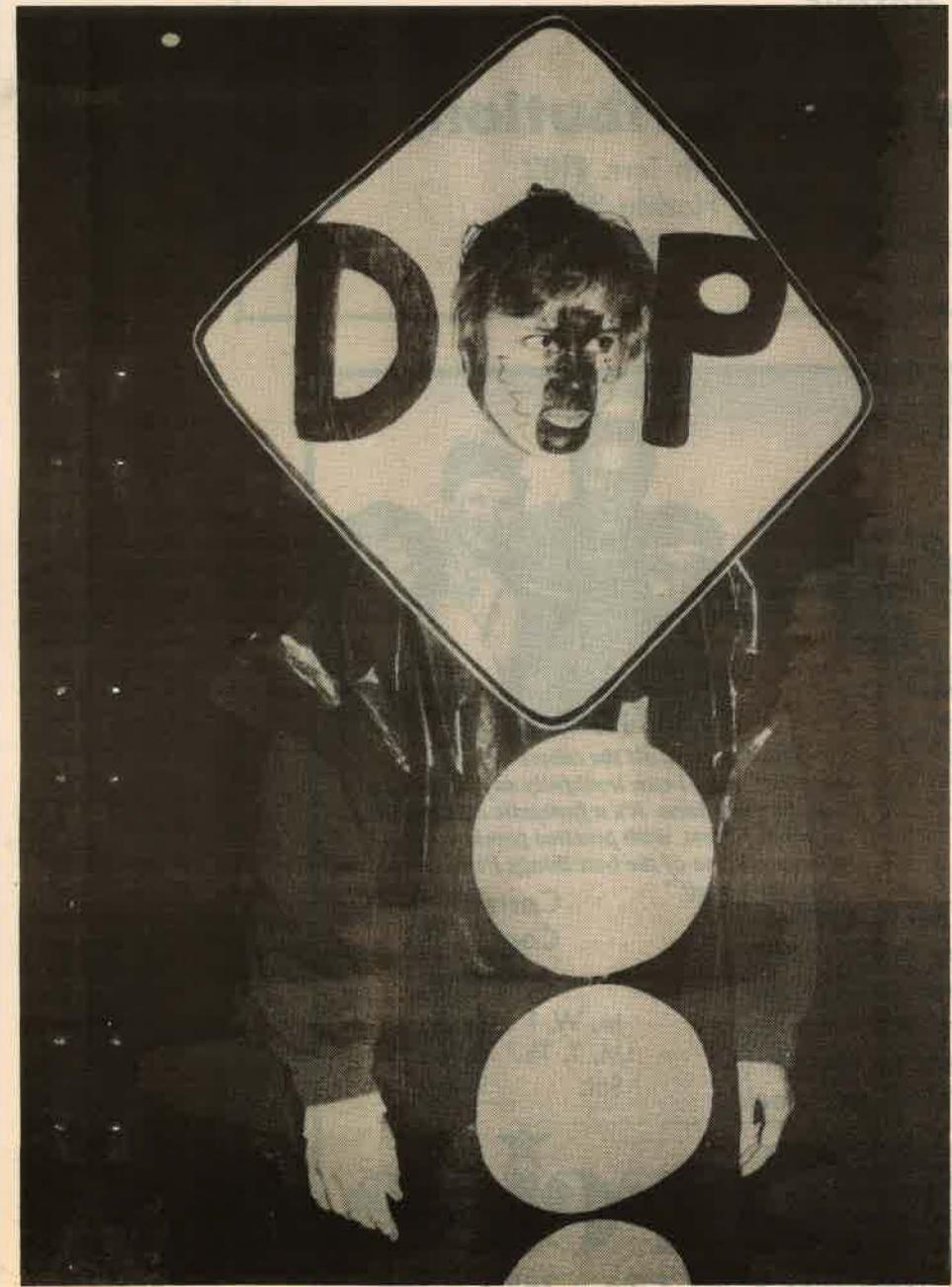
Hull also said that another change in policy was to not allow pledging activities to continue through Saturday night. Yet, this did not affect his club members because it is their practice to continue pledge week activities only until Friday night.

"Pledge week gets easier for the pledges every year," said Swangel. All presidents and members were informed of the limitations and legal restrictions involved in the pledging process."

Swangel held a meeting with the club members and discussed "how we are to act during the acceptance meeting on Monday night and the overall general attitudes for the week."

She said that pledges will miss out on some of the fun and silliness of the week because members will not be allowed to ask them to do certain things.

Hull predicted that pledge week would be a "week of intense efforts by the pledges. They will work for membership in the club and gain the chance to get to know the members."



(Photos by Matt Birch and Kevin Kerby)

Sunday Bible classes offer relaxed atmosphere for college students

by Leann Morrow
Bison staff writer

Area Churches of Christ offer a diverse array of Sunday morning Bible classes.

College Church of Christ provides the following classes at 9:45 a.m.: "Facing the Issues" is an open discussion class on the crucial topics facing today's Christian. This class is presented by Larry Long and Dwight Smith; "I've Changed My Mind" is a study concerning college students, taught by Paul Haynie, James Frank, and David Tucker; "Corinthians" is a study of I and II Corinthians in the New Testament, taught by Carl Beavers, Jr.; "Godly Attitudes For God's Modern Woman" is an open discussion class for women focusing on the beatitudes presented by Kay Gowen and Barby Smith; "Textual Studies, A Study in John," taught by Neale Pryor; "God's Plan For Couples" is a class for engaged and married couples, taught by Warren and Suzanne Casey; and a study of I John, taught by John Barton.

"I like the atmosphere. The classes are smaller and have a relaxed feeling, unlike

lectures," said Elizabeth Pickens, a freshman from Columbus, Ohio, who attends College Church.

Westside Church of Christ has one Sunday Bible class exclusively for the college-age students. It is a study of Mark given by Scott Ragsdale and Mark Elrod. They also have a different college student leading the class discussion each week.

Downtown Church of Christ also has one Sunday morning Bible class that is presented by Allan Figley at 9:30 a.m. The class is a more in-depth study and discussion of what was presented earlier at the worship service. The classes run under the theme of "Getting Closer to God and Living in Unity."

The Cloverdale Church of Christ Sunday morning Bible class is doing a study on I Corinthians, lead by Jeff Custer.

"I enjoy going to a smaller church because you get to know the people there," said Sarah Sandlin, a freshman from Searcy, Ark., who attends Cloverdale.

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Settimi performs in Benson, sings, mimes and roller skates

by Dale Sheehy
Bison staff writer

Tim Settimi blended comedy, music, and good old-fashioned clowning around during his performance Oct. 5, in the Benson Auditorium.

Settimi opened the show on roller skates in which he took several falls. He also did a few impersonations, including Billy Joel and the Beatles.

During the stand-up comedy part of his show, Settimi interacted with the audience by looking through a girl's

purse, making fun of people's expressions, and teaching the audience how to sing a nonsense song called "Watermelon."

Settimi demonstrated his talent as a mime with classic skits like "The Glass Booth" and "The Sky Hook."

To close his show, Settimi did a mime skit entitled "Life Cycle" showing various parts of a person's life from birth, childhood, old age, and death.

Settimi left the stage with a standing ovation.

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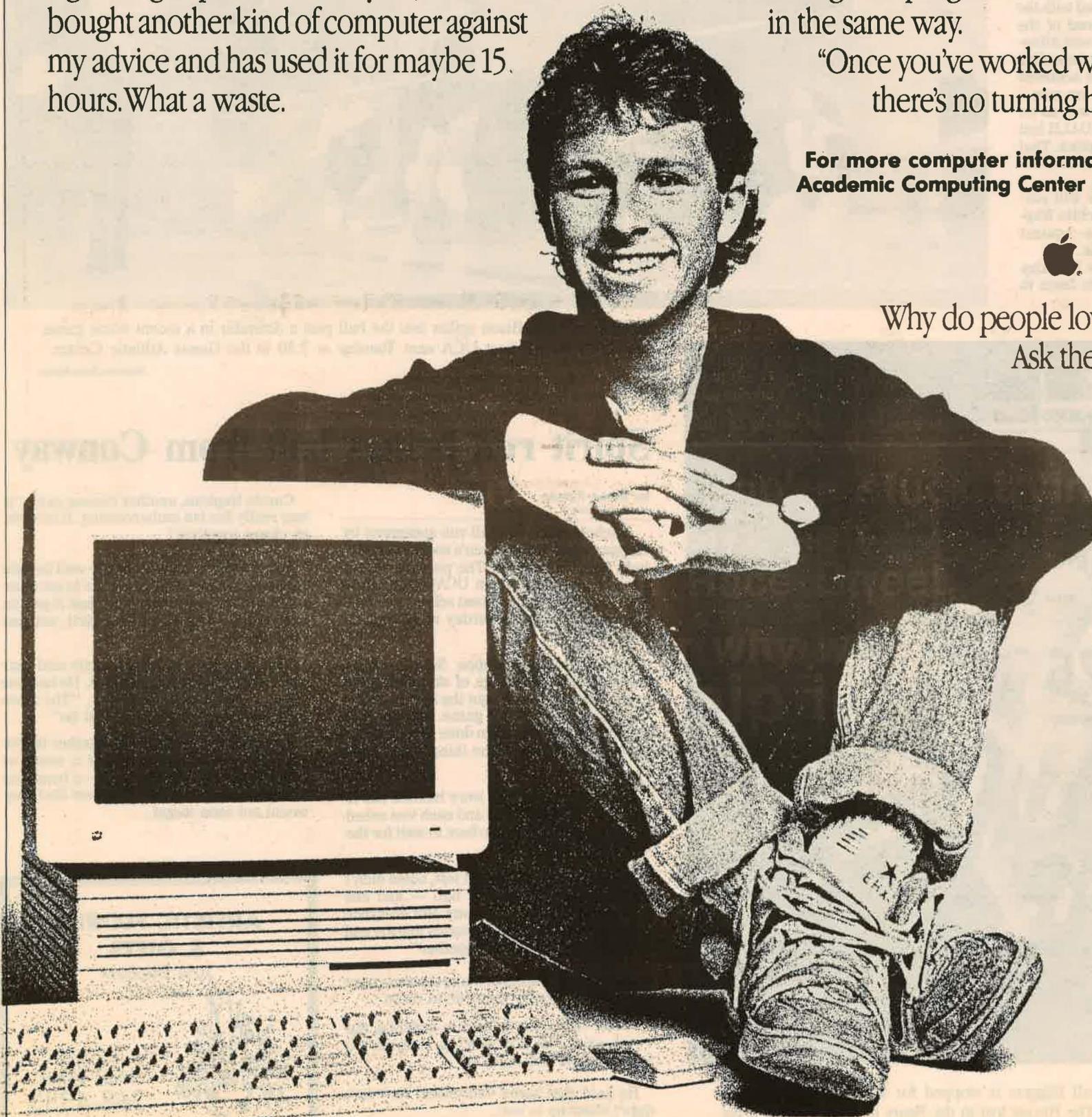
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SPORTS

Volleyball team leads conference

by Derek Kirkman
Bison sports writer

The Lady Bison volleyball team started this year's season with high expectations for the year to come and their sights set on first place.

Halfway through the season the Lady Bisons are now finding their dreams a reality as they defend their number one ranking in both conference and district play.

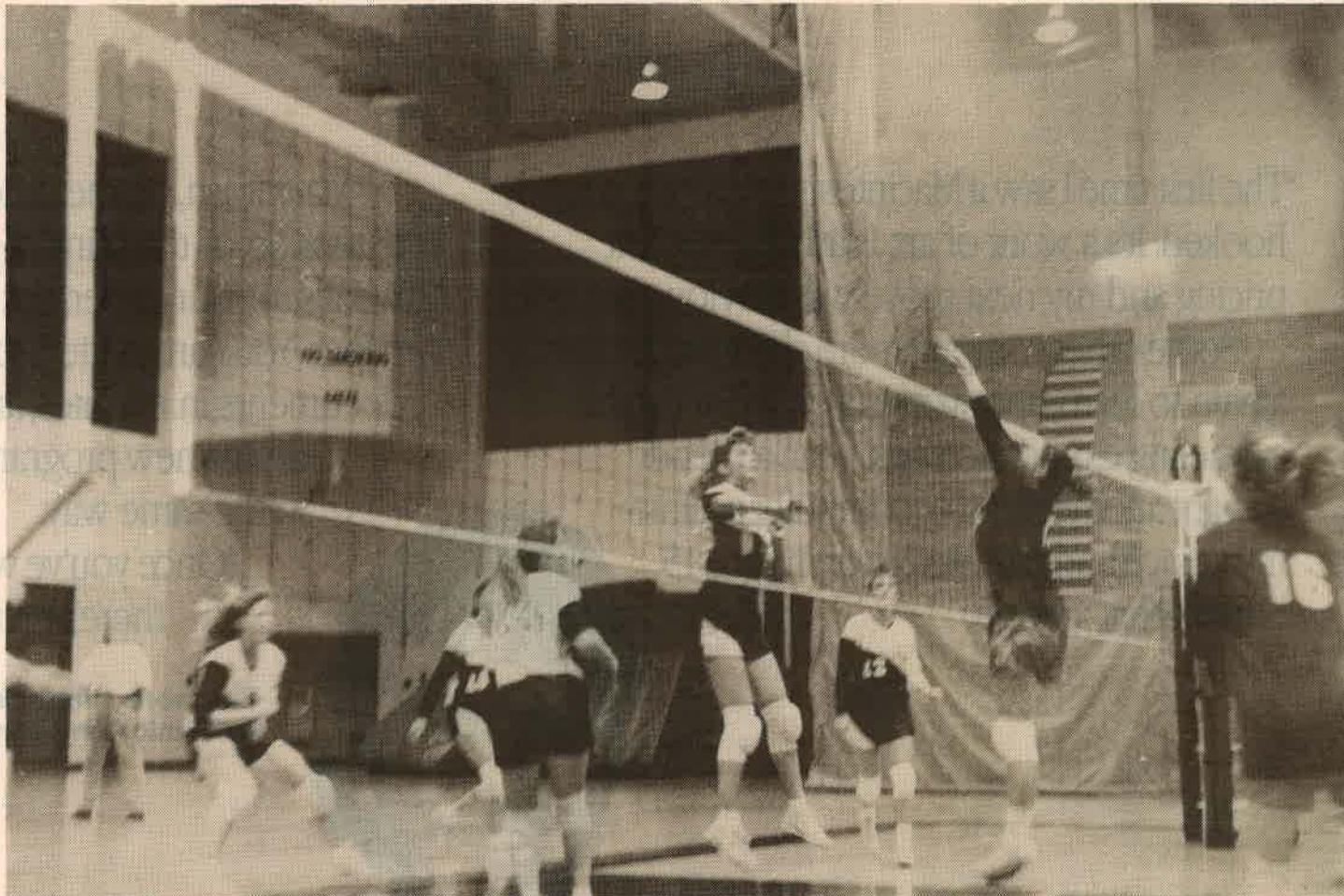
The team, lead by coach Karyl Bailey, is holding the first place ranking with a 20-4 overall record and a 5-1 conference record with their only defeat issued by UCA, giving them one of their most impressive starts ever.

Presently the team is concentrating on their conference record. The school with the best conference record at the end of the season will host the AIC tournament allowing for the home court advantage. According to Tammy Todd, this goal can be achieved if they continue to play as they are now.

"Right now we are playing as well as we have all season. Our win against UALR last week really brought the team together. That win put us into first place and let us know we can win it all."

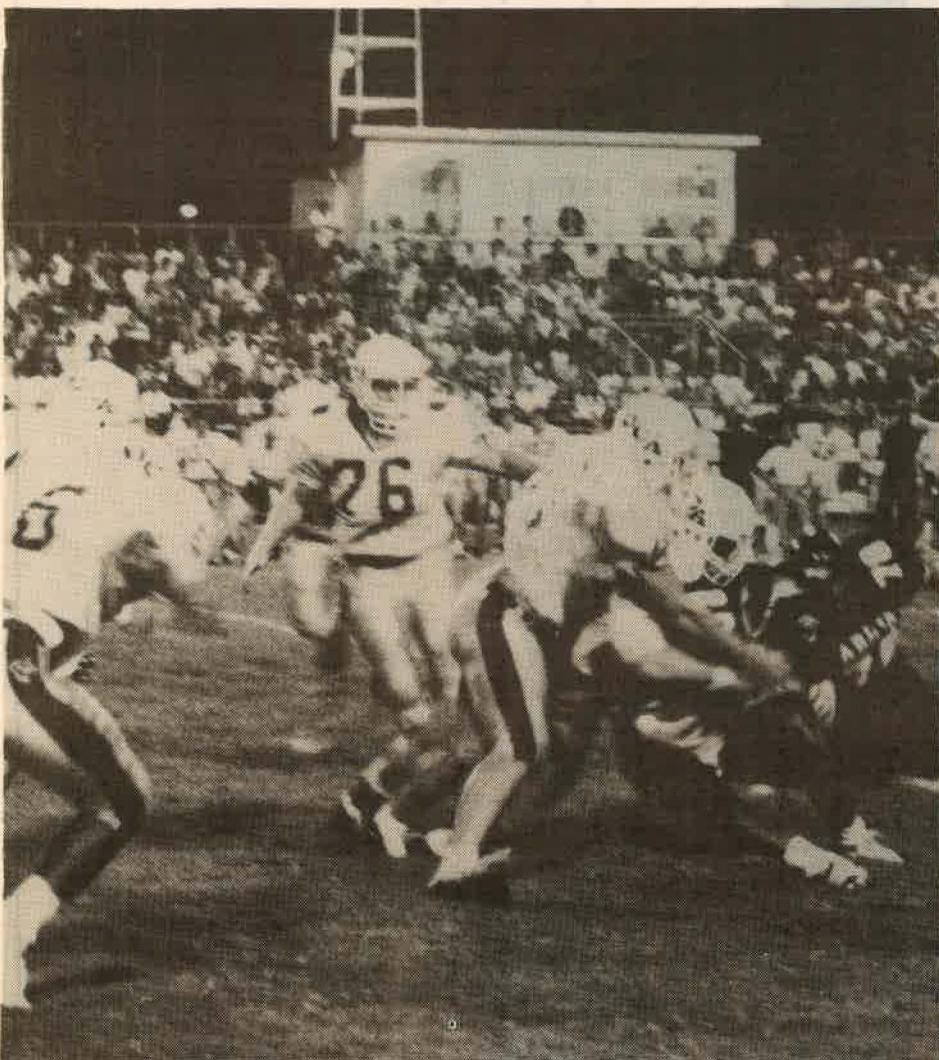
This weekend the Lady Bisons will participate in a tournament at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia against several of their conference rivals.

The next home game will be Tuesday against UCA, the only conference team to hand the Lady Bisons a defeat.



SPIKE. A Lady Bison spiker hits the ball past a defender in a recent home game. The Lady Bisons host UCA next Tuesday at 7:30 in the Ganus Athletic Center.

(Photo by Kevin Kerby)



STOPPED. Running back Darrell Biggers is stopped for a loss while trying to penetrate UCA's defensive line. The Bisons lost to the Bears in a late minute drive by UCA by a score of 10-6. (Photo by Matt Birch)

Spirit run brings ball from Conway

by Bryan Pistole
Bison staff writer

A school spirit football run sponsored by Kappa Sigma Kappa men's social club was held Saturday, Oct. 6. The purpose was to run the game ball from UCA's stadium to Harding's stadium to boost school spirit for the football game Saturday night against UCA.

Robert Buckles, Kappa Sigma Kappa member, was in charge of organizing the event. Buckles said he got the idea from the Clemson-Georgia Tech game. But this isn't the first time it has been done here. Galaxy social club did the same thing with a bike in the 1970's.

Maps and time slots were handed out to each of the participants and each was asked to be at certain mile markers to wait for the ball to be handed off.

Buckles said, "Some got lost, some didn't show, some dropped the ball — and one spiked the ball along the way. But everyone had a good time. It really builds morale and brings everyone closer together."

Some ran in teams to make the time pass faster and to enjoy themselves more.

Jason Ogle, who helped to organize the event, said, "Do it or don't do it at all. Do it as a whole and enjoy it."

He said that some committed to it but didn't show up to run.

Carole Hopkins, another runner, said, "It was really fun but embarrassing. It brought us closer together."

Buckles said, "It went really well despite the setbacks that occurred. I like to see other clubs get involved other than just Sigs," he continued. "It is for school spirit, not just club spirit."

The club plans on doing it again next year and Jason Ogle will organize it. He had one thing to say pertaining to this: "The more participation, the better it will be."

As they ran onto the field together before the game, they said they felt a sense of school pride and togetherness — a bond that brought them all closer together that they would not soon forget.

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Harding grad aims to score big with snappy rap about Jordan

by Desiree Rees
Bison staff writer

Chuck Baril, a 1988 graduate, will give the first live performance of his record, "It's Air Time," about the life of Michael Jordan, on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Carmichael Center. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children accompanied by an adult. Each person buying a \$4 ticket will receive a copy of the tape.

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a slam dunk contest. The winner receives a free pair of Air Nike basketball shoes. Following the contest, the concert starts featuring several entertainers from Harding.

Originally from Detroit, Baril and his wife, Buffy, live in Searcy. He graduated with a degree in sports management, but, he said, "I've always wanted to do something with my music. But it seems like you try in vain to get a job with a music degree if you don't want to teach."

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After graduating from Harding, Baril worked for Pizza Pro, the Arkansas Gazette, and as a manager for Heritage Telemarketing. He said, "These jobs, along with my wife's income, brought in enough money to support us while giving me flexible hours to devote time to my music career."

Right now Baril is responsible for the full time promotion of his debut concert and of his record.

Baril is optimistic about this record, "I really feel like the providence of God has played a major part in the outcome of all this."

He explained that as he tried to get different sponsors, they each listened to him for a couple of minutes. But the salesman at Carder Buick, named George, "really took the time to get to know me and my strategies and ideas behind all this. It turns out that

Carder Buick has sponsored basketball for 30 years, and that George knew how to contact the two best friends of Michael Jordan." He adds, "George can make this happen. He's sending Michael's two friends a copy of the tape, and he's calling the major radio stations in Chicago — they'll be sure to play it!"

Baril started making the record after he received some advice about starting his career, "I was told to make a good demo tape, that this would be my best marketing device." Shortly thereafter he started working with his producer, Zane King.

"I wrote the basic tune, and Zane put he wanted; he asked me for my input," he said.

Part of these suggestions included a jet coming in for a landing at the beginning of the song to represent Michael coming in as the song talks about him. At the end, a jet leaves, showing that Michael was here and now he is gone. "It turned out fabulously," Baril said.

He chose Michael Jordan's life as the topic of the song because "he's the most marketable sports entity right now. This was the quickest way to get me the farthest in my career."

Baril is very enthusiastic and confident about the record. "I just feel so confident in its success because of Jordan's popularity." Also, Chuck Stevens, from KAPZ-FM 107, Steve Beliech, assistant dean of men, King, his producer, and several other critical ears have listened to the tape, and they all praise it highly. In addition, Baril spoke to Power 92 in Little Rock, a station known for playing new artists' music, and which has, according to Baril, "the best audience for my music."

When he picked up the final copies of the tape from his producer, Baril said, "I didn't expect it to be this good. I was blushing. I just couldn't believe it when I heard it."

However, he does not solely take the credit. "It doesn't matter how good a voice you have, if you don't have a good producer to put the music and instrumentation together, it just doesn't work."

As the time of the debut concert approaches, this all becomes more of a reality for Baril. He concluded, "I know this thing will do great. It may even put Searcy and Harding on the map."

Wellness Week to focus on heart

by Mary McWilliams
Bison staff writer

Plans for Wellness Week for the fall semester are well underway.

One week of each semester, Harding emphasizes health and fitness to students. This semester Wellness Week is being scheduled for Oct. 29 through Nov. 1.

Beneficial activities are being planned, including blood pressure checks, body composition tests and a respiratory test measured by a stationary bicycle.

The American Studies speaker that week will be Dr. Bob Jones, a cardiologist from Duke University. His presentation will deal with this semester's Wellness Week theme.

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"Wellness Week is one of the most positive things that have been presented on Harding campus in recent years," said Dr. Wilt Martin of the physical education department. "So far, students have really been optimistic about it."

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