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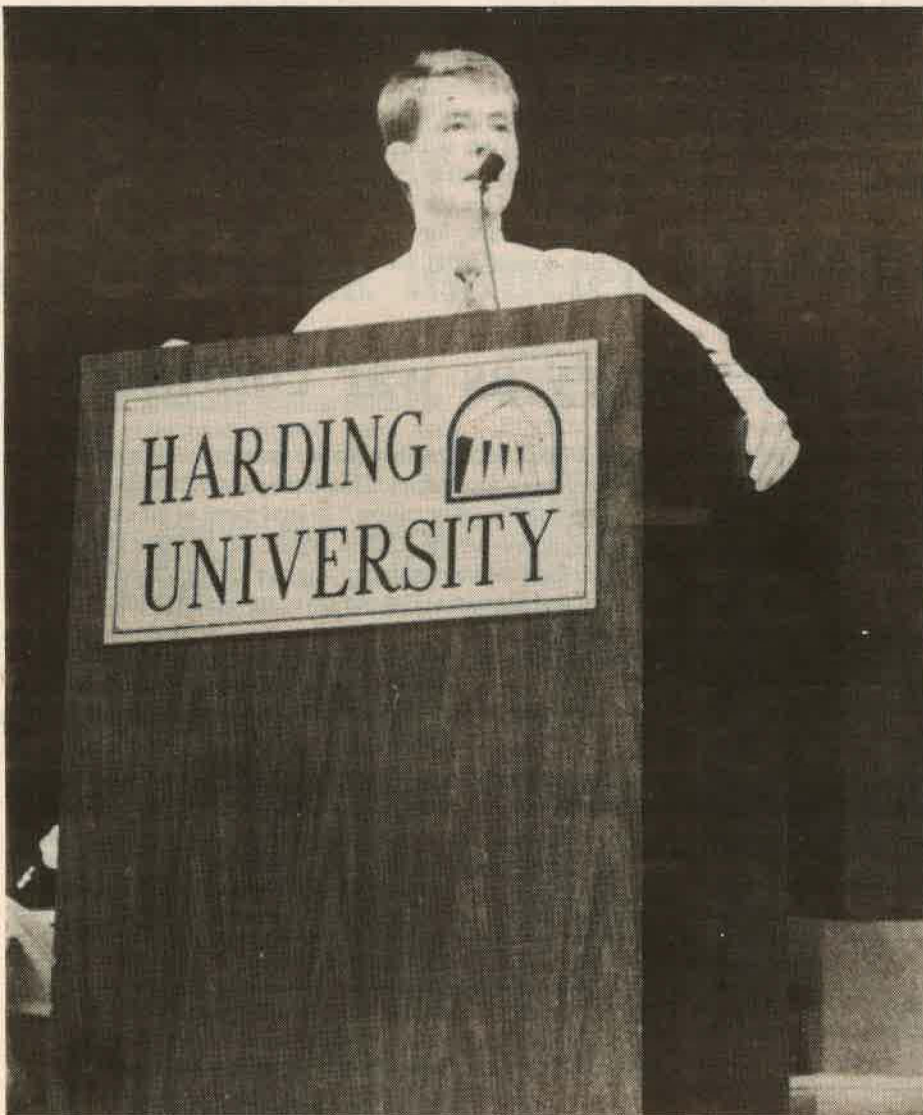
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**STAND AND DELIVER.** Senior Greg Brown delivers his devotional thoughts during Wednesday's chapel service. Brown was involved in the third annual Student Lectureship. (photo by Kevin Kerby)



**FRIENDLY ADVICE.** Kerry Dunn, a sophomore from Monticello, Ark., consults her coach in a club basketball game last week. (photo by Amy Stroud)

**CLASSICAL CONCEPT.** Internationally renowned violinist Maria Bachmann performs in Heritage Auditorium Jan. 21. The Philadelphia native has played violin since the age of 7. See story on page 5. (photo by Amy Stroud)



## Third annual Student Lectureship held; focuses on 2nd chapter of Philippians

by Carolyn Holmes  
Bison staff writer

People come from all over the world to attend Harding for a variety of reasons. Some focus on the education. Others like the friendly atmosphere of a small town school. Of course, there are always those who are more concerned about marriage than graduation. However, there is one goal that most of us have in common: We've come to Harding to become better prepared for eternity. We desire a better understanding of heaven's miraculous workings. We want to know Christ.

Realizing this as a primary concern of Harding students, Spiritual Life Director Jeff Tacker and his committee chose a study in Philippians for Harding's 1991 Student Lectureships. The theme, "I Want to Know Christ," was narrowed down to focus on thoughts and verses that would show specific aspects of Christ's life and ministry.

Leading off on Jan. 20, Brian Martin presented to College Church a sermon entitled "Christ was God?" That evening Bob Lawrence spoke on Christ as the world's greatest servant.

Jan. 21-23, separate men's and women's classes met daily each evening a keynote speaker was presented.

Monday, Lisa Harris and Scott Mazo spoke on conduct, followed by Sara Gaston and Trent Arnold on like-mindedness. That night, Brian Hoover delivered a sermon entitled "Christ On A Tree."

Kristen Midyett and Bob Harp presented the first lessons on Tuesday, entitled, "Compared." Following them, Laura Beth

Henderson and Tommy Drennan encouraged listeners to "Know Christ." Wade Osburn gave the evening keynote on "Christ Exalted."

On Wednesday, Brenda Holland Ron Cook spent the first session in discussions of rejoicing. Then Heidi Nelson and Dresmond Peterson examined the topic, "Through Christ." Deron Smith wrapped up the lectureship that evening with a sermon entitled, "Christ In Me."

The first student lectureships took place three years ago, after College Church proposed the idea to the university. Part of the mission of the College Church is to aid in the spiritual growth of Harding students, and members felt that peer-to-peer teaching might be an extremely effective way to go about it.

They have proved to be correct.

"I think that hearing from students is even more effective (than hearing the usual preaching)," said Jamie Jamison. "I feel like they're on my level."

"Often, the younger people are more motivated and fired up about changing things," added Mazo, who spoke Monday. "They're ready to improve and be good for the church."

Students attending the lectures also seemed to enjoy giving the speakers an opportunity to "rehearse" for upcoming employment.

"The best thing about (the lectureships) is that students got to use their talents," said Teresa Garner. "It gave Bible majors a chance to practice for the future."

While he didn't have a definite

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## Happenings



**WRITE RIGHT.** Entries for the annual Jo Cleveland Creative Writing Contest, sponsored by the English department, are due by 5 p.m., Feb. 4. Cash prizes will be awarded. Contact the department office at ext. 4155 for details.



**COUNTRY CONCERT.** The Oak Ridge Boys will perform in Benson Auditorium on Friday, Feb. 8. Tickets for the show are \$16 and are available from the Student Affairs Office.



**THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING.** Nearly 200 students participated in the Red Cross Blood Draw held Thursday, Jan. 17 in Benson Auditorium. Turnout was especially high because of the possible need for blood if the war in the Gulf escalates.



**COMMAND PERFORMANCE.** Jazz musician Vince Andrews will be returning to Searcy on Tuesday, Feb. 5 for an afternoon workshop with the Harding Jazz Band and an evening performance.



**WELCOME WAGON.** Women's Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 29; men's rooms will be open on Thursday, Jan. 31.



**A STAR IS BORN.** An all-school talent show open to students, faculty and staff, will be held in Benson Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2.



**SILVER SCREEN.** The S.A. will present the film "Anchor's Aweigh" in Heritage Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3 as part of its classic movie series.



**SHARE THE ADVENTURE.** "Courage Mountain" will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in Benson Auditorium Saturday, Jan. 26. Admission is \$1.



**THE REMATCH.** "Rocky II," starring Sylvester Stallone, will be shown in Benson Auditorium at 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1. Admission is \$1.



# OPINION

## Exercise is good for the body; daily prayer is good for the soul

It never ceases to amaze me how a select few of God's creatures are destined to be thin, even if the only exercise they get is eating pork rinds and drinking Yoo-Hoo chocolate soda. Certain other people can exercise incessantly and survive on carrot sticks and mineral water, but still maintain the physique of Bobby Bison.

In our quest to belong to the first group, my trusty roommate and I trudged to the track last Saturday morning, I with my knee brace and she with her asthma inhaler. After lacing our running shoes, stretching our legs, and sizing up the competition, we were off and running.

Four laps later, with endorphins coursing through our veins and the theme from "Chariots of Fire" drowning out the sound of Kathleen's wheezing, we collapsed against the chainlink fence. Florence Griffith-Joyner and Zola Budd we are not.

That's when it occurred to me that praying, which I had been practicing fervently since the first half-mile, is a spiritual exercise much like the laps we were running are a physical exercise: The longer and more often we do them, the easier and more habitual they become.

And no one gets in shape after one exercise session — we're living proof of that. Both physical and spiritual sprints must be done routinely to reap benefits. For those of us who never seem to have enough time, I would suggest taking a look at your date book sometime. What we believe in, we make time for. Prayer is a relationship, not a want-ad or an instruction manual, and it needs maintenance like any other.

There is a distinct advantage, however, to these spiritual calisthenics: We can pray anytime, while a pre-chapel workout in the Benson Auditorium aisles is not a socially acceptable thing to do. And just as physical exercise protects and prevents injury, prayer protects us in times of crisis. You can't stumble when you're kneeling, you know.

So pray for peace and keep your soul in shape. The race is on.

— C.P.

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## Write View.....by Marc Anderson and Craig Lair

While coalition planes were tumbling over Baghdad Thursday morning, there was a rumbling among young men of the United States about the possibility of a draft.

In the past week there have been more rumors about the draft than missions flown into Iraq. According to these rumors the following men will be drafted first: those with undeclared majors; those with low GPAs; those with non-art majors; those who are peace activists; those proficient at RISK; and even those who have ever gotten a Triple Yahtzee.

Obviously the rumors are unfounded. With many reservists still available for service and approximately a six-month training period for draftees, it is unlikely that a draft, if one did occur, would put anyone in the Persian Gulf.

Draftaphobia has made many potential soldiers start looking into exceptions, planning fake mental and physical

disorders, and talking to their travel agents about a vacation in a neighboring country.

The point isn't to look for a way out. If we believe that what the United States is doing in the Gulf is necessary for peace, than we better not complain if asked to participate. Doing so would be saying that this is a worthy cause for others to fight for but not ourselves.

A draft is a politically unpopular move for any president, yet obviously more popular than mandatory military service such as exists in Italy and Israel. We have a competent and capable voluntary military force, and it is very unlikely that we will need a draft to help the war cause, but maybe a draft is exactly what we need. It would take the war off of the television screen and bring it into a whole new perspective, forcing us to consider carefully the goal of our country and the coalition in the Middle East.

## Nation cries out for victory as war continues

The Persian Gulf conflict that has been building since August has reached an impasse. With negotiations rebuffed and deadlines ignored, the United States has launched military actions in the Middle East. We are now a nation at war.

For months, our nation desperately lifted its prayers for peace, hoping to avert a bloody conflict. People requested songs like "Give Peace A Chance" and "From A Distance" on radio stations. Candelight vigils were held to allow people from all walks of life, from young children to the elderly, war veterans to die-hard pacifists, to hope and pray for a last chance at peace. Here at Harding, students prayed for peace in a special chapel service. And a sign on one campus window implored students to "Pray for Peace."

But after the bombings began, some students' attitudes changed drastically. Windows at the Benson Auditorium displayed a peace sign that had been slashed through and a message that read "Death to Saddam Hussein." And the sign in the window had been changed to read "victory" instead of "peace." "Pray for victory," the sign exhorted, not "Pray for peace," for peace was wanted no longer.

Such a message is horribly shortsighted and tragic, for war is about much more than winning. Victory never guarantees long-term stability, world supremacy or conflict resolution. Even the country that claims a "victory" has lost something: billions of dollars; valuable time; and the most precious, irreplaceable resource, human life.

Last week Saddam Hussein led Iraqis in their beloved country's cry for victory. Hussein appealed to God, who created that "mighty nation," to lead them to victory over the evil forces of the United States. To us, this petition to their God for help in destroying our forces seems blood-thirsty and barbaric. But our own prayers for victory are considered justified.

For people of my generation, born at the close of Vietnam, the gravity of war is difficult to realize. Our only glimpses of war have been action-packed movies like "Top Gun" which glorify the excitement of war and gloss over the horrors. War seems honorable, thrilling, easy and fun.

But war is not a board game, like Risk, where the pieces are plastic and the countries are cardboard. In war, the pawns are human beings who cannot be replaced when they are lost. The countries can't be neatly and quickly folded up and put back into a box. Instead, they suffer the ravages of wartime destruction for decades.

War is a human tragedy in which all participants lose. Martin Luther called war "the greatest plague that can afflict humanity: it destroys religion, it destroys states, it destroys families. Any scourge is preferable to it."

By entering this war we have become an indelible part of history. Someday, our children and grandchildren will read about this war in the dusty chapters of their history books. Regardless of a victory, the results of this war, the lives lost, the mistakes made and the turmoil created will be recorded in plain yet painful print that whispers to future generations that we should always pray for peace rather than victory.

— K.E.

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The **Bison** is an educational tool for journalism and communication students, providing practical experience and the acquisition of hands-on skills that cannot be learned in the classroom.

The **Bison** subscribes to no particular political or social bias and recognizes the responsibility of accuracy, fairness and objectivity. Being an organ of

a Christian university, we maintain a goal of upholding Christian ideals and standards while retaining the earmarks of nondiscriminate objectivity which characterizes journalistic excellence.

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## Campus View

### What is your opinion on the draft?

Kevin Morkassel, Junior  
Warren, MN

"This war is supposed to be really short, and the U.S. has a lot of people who actually want to fight and have joined the services recently. I don't think there will be a draft so I'm not really concerned about it."

Stacey Saladzinski, Sophomore  
South Lyon, MI

"In today's society people shouldn't have to be drafted. We should all want to fight for America's freedom."

Adam Schmit, Freshman  
New Orleans, LA

"I feel if we continue as we are, yes the draft will occur. I have every respect for innocent lives, but we can not play football anymore. In a sporting game you are careful who and where you hit. This is war and I can't comprehend why I, as a college student, should go over and put my life on the line if we are receiving orders to play ring around the rosey."

Corey Brown, Sophomore  
New Aurora, IL

"I dislike the draft, but if we have one it has to be unbiased so that the rich kids and people in college go just as much as the others."

John Spivey, Sophomore  
Murfreesboro, TN

"I'm very concerned — perhaps frightened, but I don't believe it will come to that."

Patrice Busby, Junior  
Vanceleave, MS

"I hope and pray that there will not be a draft. If there is a draft, I pray that there will be many men to return safely. I just hope that the war will end soon."

James P. Koci, Freshman  
Sarasota, FL

"At first I thought I would leave the country if I were called for war. I would not want to pay the consequences for fleeing. I believe that would be more painful. Since I have already been in the military, they would probably give me back my old job which wasn't so bad. So I guess I would say a long prayer, get my hair cut again and go do the job."

Steven Yertes, Senior  
Atlanta, GA

"As far as the draft goes, I just can't really see it happening. I don't think it will be necessary. If the Persian Gulf crisis escalates and the draft does become necessary, then I am all for it. I know that will mean an interruption, but there is sometimes a price that must be paid in order for us to enjoy our freedom."

## Enrollment of 3,105 recorded for spring semester; slight decline attributed to bad experiences, class failures

by Leann Morrow  
Bison staff writer

Christmas has come and gone. Now that students are back to school, they have found that teachers, homework and stress still exist.

Harding students returning for the spring semester to date number 3,105. However, Dr. Burks expected the number of those enrolled to increase by as many as 10 or 15 students before the Monday, Jan. 21, deadline date.

According to Dr. Burks, one reason why

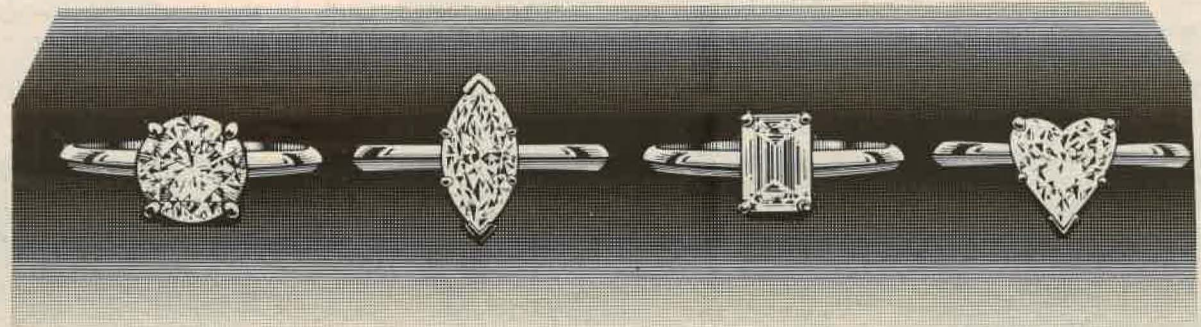
so many students registered late was because they were taking night graduate courses. Students who found out they could not go to Harding University at Florence, Italy (HUF) were also registering. Dr. Burks made the announcement in chapel that students would not be able to go to HUF in the spring as a safety precaution because of the United States' recent involvement in the war with Iraq.

Dr. Burks stated that there is a decrease in the number of students enrolled this spring from the number last spring, which

was a record high of 3,148. According to Dr. Burks, about 20 students were called up for military duty in Saudi Arabia and will not be here for the spring semester.

The number enrolled this spring is not expected to reach capacity, which is 3,300. According to Dr. Burks, the spring enrollment, unlike fall, is never at capacity.

Some of the possible reasons stated by Dr. Burks for which students do not return in the spring are marriage, bad experiences or failure in classes.



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# Twist and Shout: 'Beatles' back for Benson bash

by Darrin W. Ellis  
Bison staff writer

Tonight, "1964 As the Beatles" will return to Harding for a third concert.

These clones have made it their goal to imitate the "Fab-4" just as they were in the 60's. They have mastered the Beatles' timeless music with authentic 60's sound equipment, and "Paul" even plays his guitar left-handed like the original Paul McCartney.

Alistair Taylor, former president of Apple Records for the Beatles, has said, "The resemblance was uncanny. It sent shivers up my spine. It was just like the boys. Never have I seen another group go to so much detail — born again Beatles!"

The band first came to Harding in the fall semester of 1987. Many students were unfamiliar with "1964" and made their plans for club hayrides instead of Beatles' nostalgia. Because of this, ticket sales were low and the concert was moved to the administration building auditorium. A rainy

weekend caused club activities to be cancelled, so students attended the concert only by process of elimination. One student who went to the show with no previous awareness of "1964" said, "It was a blast! We had so much fun!"

The band last played at Harding in the spring semester of 1988. After the show members of the group said that Harding was the most enthusiastic audience they had ever played for outside of an extremely large Canadian audience of several thousand people. Because of this the concert remained scheduled for the Benson Auditorium. The administration building auditorium could hardly hold the last crowd.

S.A. President Susan Vaughn predicts that "1964" will draw much interest from outside the Searcy area. Some fans are expected to attend from as far away as Little Rock as well as many small towns surrounding Searcy.

Generally, "1964" attracts a young au-

dience but don't be surprised to see some members of the older generation twisting and shouting among college students.

Admission to the 8 p.m. concert will be \$5 and seating will be general admission.

Before the concert there will be a 60's party in the student center beginning at 6 p.m. Students are encouraged to dress 60's style to compete for "best dressed" prizes, so have your bell-bottoms pressed for the occasion.

Picture this: you go to the Benson with your *Ticket To Ride* for the 1964 concert. You're fired up and ready to *Twist and Shout*, but you are without a date, just like *Yesterday*. You realize that *All You Need Is Love* so you approach a girl who seems to be your type. Many guys *Saw Her Standing There*, but you were the one to take the initiative. From behind her you whisper, "*I Want To Hold Your Hand*." When she turns around to greet you, you realize you are in for a *Hard Day's Night* as she grunts, "*I Am the Walrus*." Immediately you run for *Help*.

## HU recognized by Sears

Harding University has been selected to participate in the Sears-Roebuck Foundation 1990-91 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award program.

"We are pleased to be included again this year in this award program," President David Burks said, "because our emphasis on quality teaching with the student as our central focus ties with the intent of the award. We are pleased that the Sears-Roebuck Foundation has maintained its long-standing partnership with independent higher education by continuing this teacher recognition program."

Last spring Dr. Richard Duke, a professor of education, received the honor.

The awards are presented to top educators at nearly 7,800 of the nation's leading independent liberal arts colleges and universities as a means of recognizing their outstanding resourcefulness and leadership. Each winning faculty member receives \$1,000 and the institution receives a grant ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 based on enrollment.

The program is administered nationally by the Stamford, Conn., based Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE).

"We salute Sears in recognizing excellence in teaching," said John Blessington, FIHE president. "These awards will honor some of our nation's best educators and encourage others to emulate them."

Paula A. Banks, Sears-Roebuck Foundation president, said, "We are pleased to demonstrate our commitment to recognize campus leadership and outstanding teaching at the undergraduate level."

## Lectureship...

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count, Tacker noted that the attendance for the lectureships had been good. We attributed its success to a large number of prayer sessions with the Spiritual Life Committee members.

"Prayer played an important part in the selection of our speakers," he explained. "The lectureship's success shows that God answers prayers."

According to Tacker, the planning for this year's lectureships began last October. At that time, the committee set dates and listed some possible speakers. Not all of these speakers were Bible majors who intend to preach for a living. Many people's names were suggested on the basis of their leadership on the campus, and their talent for public speaking. Around the holidays, the final choices for speakers were made, and they were approached with the task.

Another committee function, Tacker explained, was to choose topics for the individual classes and keynotes. He said it was important to find verses that really stood out and were a source of encouragement.

Those attending the lectureships were not the only ones to benefit, however.

"Attending the lectures was exciting," said Midyett, one of Tuesday's speakers. "The theme is so powerful. But it's also been great because I feel like I've learned so much through my own studying and preparation."

Midyett added that she was a little nervous, but that she put a lot of prayer and effort into it, and it wasn't so bad when she realized it was really God doing the talking.

Mazo, working toward vocational ministry and psychology majors, feels the public speaking experience will help him regardless of where he goes.

"I'll always be put in a position to teach," he explained.

Tacker, his committee, and the speakers have worked hard and prayed hard this week. Now the greatest reward is stepping back and seeing the growth in Christ that results.

"Our goal of the lectureship was to help people know Him better," Tacker concluded, "and I think it touched a lot of people."



**TICKET TO RIDE.** "1964 As the Beatles" will be giving their third performance at 8:00 tonight in Benson Auditorium. General admission tickets will be on sale before the show for \$5. Students dressed in 1960's costumes will receive free Shoney's dessert coupons.



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# Award winning violinist performs classical music

by Kevin Kee  
Bison staff writer

As Monday's cold front brought local temperatures below freezing, Maria Bachmann, violin in hand, warmed the hearts of her audience at Harding's American Heritage Auditorium.

The program, part of the university's spring lyceum series, included pieces from Johann Sebastian Bach, Bela Bartok, Fritz Kreisler and Jules Massenet. She was accompanied by pianist Neil Rutman, a member of the faculty at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

Bachmann was recently a winner in the 1990 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow and a first prize winner in the 1990 Concert Artists Guild New York Competition. A native of Philadelphia, she has performed as a soloist around the world, including Austria, China, Hungary and Japan. She says, "Each time I come back from a foreign performance, I feel grateful for the freedoms and blessings we have in the United States."

Music is nothing new to the Bachmann family. Bachmann's father, an immigrant from Hungary, is an accomplished pianist. He guided her through her first piano lessons at age four. By age six, however, she became interested in playing the violin. She dropped the piano lessons a year later to concentrate on mastering the violin and has played ever since.

"I remember my first recital when I was 11." She recalls, "I found that I really enjoyed playing for people. After that I played at least one public performance a year."

In 1984, after studying at Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music, Bachmann began performing year round. She plays for various audiences: symphonies, grade schools, colleges, nursing homes and "anywhere people love music."

In reference to her many audiences, she says, "Every place has a different audience. The challenge is to choose the pieces that will suit each audience."

When it comes to classical music, Bachmann has no clear favorites. She does enjoy playing the light pieces by Kreisler and the furious broods of Beethoven, but loves to play "just about anything."

Bachmann listens to other forms of musical expression, too. She particularly listens to jazz, "because it is both intellectually stimulating and relaxing." She listened to rock music when she was younger, but now finds it "a bit too repetitive and limited."

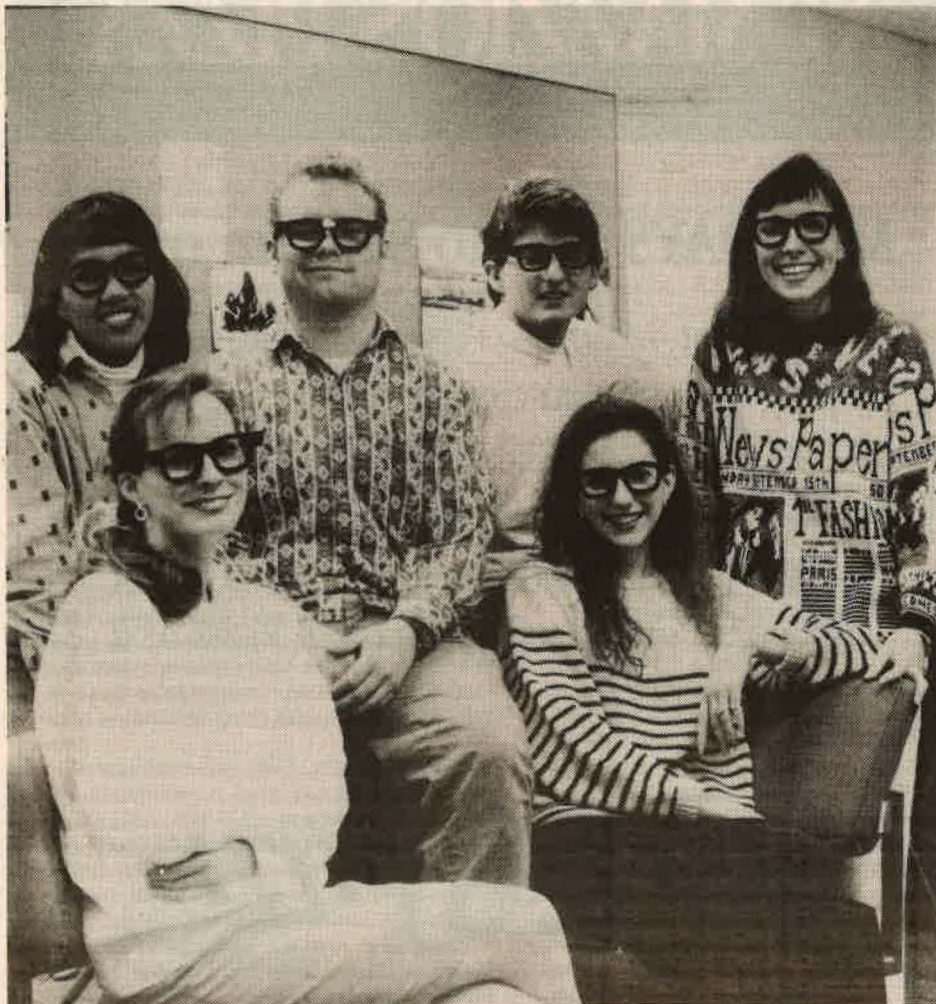
Bachmann has composed music of her own and recently collaborated with the well-known contemporary composer George Rochberg. The results appear on her recently released, self-titled debut album. The album was released on the Connoisseur Society label and is available at Tower Records music stores.

With performances in Paris and Rome scheduled for 1991 and a blossoming recording career, Bachmann plans to "keep concertizing and recording." She will, no doubt, continue to charm listeners around the world with her impressive skill and soulful warmth.



**WHILE MY VIOLIN GENTLY WEEPS.** Maria Bachmann, a classical violinist, performs in the Heritage Auditorium as part of the spring lyceum series. The award winning violinist played pieces by Bach, Bartok, Kreisler and Massenet.

(photo by Amy Stroud)



**EIGHT DAYS A WEEK.** The Bison staff takes a playful moment out of their hectic production schedule to show their support for "1964." This "fab six" from left to right, standing, Carmelita, Kevin, Derek, Kathleen; seated, Carylee and April, say a collective hello to their families and friends back home. (photo by Jackson Devercaux)

## Eleven reserve students called to serve in Operation Desert Shield so far

by Darren E. Irby  
Bison staff writer

As many of us were returning to Harding after the New Year preparing for a new semester of teachers, classes and challenges, some of our Harding peers were preparing for a different kind of challenge — the challenge of war.

Eleven Harding students were sent to the Persian Gulf as part of Operation Desert Shield. They are: George Robert Morris, Patt Cope, Tim Beason, David Cook, Steven Mahan, David Farmer, Dana Deree, Bill Brunkhardt, Mike Cox, Louis Cervantes and Terry Walker. As our thoughts and worries ran high before the Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to remove troops from Kuwait, we recognized these men in a special chapel prayer service on Jan. 14.

In addition to the 11 soldiers from Harding, 180 additional names were turned in and a special prayer offered for the friends and family members of the Harding student body.

"It was almost overwhelming," according to Dr. Lou Butterfield of the communication department. "I only thought about 50 or so students would go forward with names, but when so many started to go up, I looked around and saw a lot of people with tears in their eyes."

Many of these men and women got their chance to demonstrate their military training as the United States invaded Iraq on Wednesday, Jan. 16, as Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm. The United States and their allied forces scored impressive successes in the first three days of the war with Iraq, but as the days of war

progressed, Iraq appeared to be doing a much better job coordinating its anti-aircraft fire.

Although many believe the United States had seemingly one of the best starts any military has ever had, Saddam Hussein still holds a few cards in his deck of tricks. Many believe he is holding back for a reason.

"He scares me to death," says Tanya Tenyson from Valley Springs, Ark., "but I feel confident that America will defeat Iraq."

*"I thought about 50 or so students would go forward with names, but when so many started to go up, I walked around and saw a lot of people with tears in their eyes."*

Already the war has affected so many, and by now, almost everyone knows at least someone who is gone or is going to the Persian Gulf. Many know firsthand what war can bring, but for others this is their first experience with a conflict of this magnitude.

"I really don't know what my emotions are," says Amy Moore from Ft. Worth, Texas.

As the campus and the whole world waits to see what the future holds, one consequence has already been determined — this war has affected us all.





**HARD DAY'S NIGHT.** S.A. President Susan Vaughn works like a dog selling tickets to the "1964" concert. Ticket sales are just one of several jobs Susan manages for the S.A. (photo by Michael Bass)

## S.A. makes plans for semester ahead

by Robyn Butterfield  
Bison staff writer

While Fall 1990 is slowly fading into a memory, results from last semester are still very much a part of us.

S.A. President Susan Vaughn commented, "The student body is really generous. Last semester we really helped a lot of people and did so much good. I would like to see more of that during the spring."

According to Vaughn, the job of S.A. president is just that — a full-time job. There are so many good things to be done that it is hard to find time to include them all. This semester, no doubt, will be full of events that the S.A. hopes will generate high participation by the student body.

Tonight, Harding will host "1964, As the Beatles" and a great turnout is expected.

Along with concerts, the S.A. has many other plans for the students. A reverse "Sadie Hawkins Week" is scheduled which should prove to be interesting as well as a lot of fun.

Vaughn will also encourage the students to go all out in support of the basketball, baseball, track and tennis teams.

The senior class retreat will be held in February. This will be a time of prayer, fun and encouragement as the seniors celebrate their years at Harding University.

In support of our troops in Saudi Arabia, there will be a bulletin board posted to remind us of our loved ones who are in the Gulf.

According to Vaughn, the S.A. will also sponsor efforts towards recycling, as well as sending Bibles to Russia.

Surveys will be sent out to help establish student opinions and ideas in still another attempt to better serve the campus.

A big concern for the S.A. this semester is the election of new officers. Vaughn is quick to say what a difficult job it is to be on the executive council, but she also feels like it is a wonderful way to serve. She would like to encourage anyone who is committed to the service of others to look into running for office.

Vaughn, who will graduate in August, gives this advice, "Remember, a quiz is important but even if you have to stay up a little bit later to study for it in order to have time to make memories... DO IT! People are the most important thing!"

## Semester transfers face new environment

by Michael Bass  
Bison staff writer

For many students, 1991 brought more than just a new year. It brought with it a new environment, new challenges, and new friends to the reported 47 transfer students entering the spring semester.

"I didn't know what to think," stated sophomore John Pulley. "I wondered if I would make a lot of friends and I have. The people are incredible here."

Friendliness and attention seemed to be a welcome mat widely recognized by transfer students. Their peers' acceptance eased the initial fear and complexity that changing schools will bring. Those living off campus, too, have found the student body's sincerity an assurance, even though it was felt they don't get to know people as well as those living on campus.

Freshman Melissa Collett commented she has found a comfortable feeling at Harding University. Along with the beauty of the

campus, she has also seen a beauty in the hearts of those who live and work on the campus.

"People are always talking to me, even though they don't know me." This was one difference she found between Harding and the junior college she previously attended. "It was harder before. I had to go to them but here they'll come to me."

A difference in the teachers' attitudes is also apparent to the transfer students. One difference seen was their interest and caring for the students. They are "more of a friend than an instructor" and "you don't get that at a state school."

Christina Roberson found Harding twice as big as Ouachita Baptist University. Although she was scared of a large school, she found her fear quickly subsided at Harding. The friendly atmosphere made the adjustment easier, allowing her to feel she wasn't just another number in the crowd.

## HU students chosen for Who's Who honor

by Jayne Lipford  
Bison staff writer

Sixty-three members of Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities were chosen to represent Harding this past fall.

To be recognized by the Who's Who organization, these students were nominated by their teachers on the basis of participation and leadership in both academic and extracurricular activities, the promise of future usefulness, citizenship and service to the University and scholarship.

The following were selected for Who's Who for 1991:

Charles Nathan Adams Jr., Nancy Ellen Adams, Cesar Arturo Angulo, Michael Dale Anthony, Monica Lynn Bagley, Deborah Anne Bitting, Kelly Lee Bolls, Tami R. Brown, Benjamin Andres Calderon, Allie Anissa Lyda Campbell, Cynthia Lynn Canada, Ingrid Cho, Julie Anne Crosswhite, Matthew Davis, Drue David DeMatteis, Kara Lynn Dunaway, David Edward Earhart, Laura Kathleen Eymann, Julie Ann

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# Iraqi crisis cancels spring session at HUF

by Angie Mote  
Bison staff writer

As the United States and the allied nations continue attacks on Iraq, repercussions have been felt nationwide. For 32 Harding University students and two faculty members, it has meant the cancellation of a European education experience.

Harding sent its first group on an international studies program to Florence, Italy in 1980, purchasing its own villa there in 1984. The program is a combination of academics and travel. Classes meet on a four-day schedule week, and students are excused for extra travel from their last class and are expected to return in time for their first class.

"We have been monitoring the situation since November, before our students there for the fall semester returned home," said Dr. David Burks, president of the university. "Ten days before their departure, five American schools there received letters threatening possible terroristic activity. Although Harding was not one of the schools to receive a letter, we still closely watched the situation."

Dr. Don Shackelford, director of the HUF program, said they have kept a close eye on the crisis since its beginning on Aug. 2. "Obviously, when a threat was made on the American schools, we became more aware. However, the Italian police have felt all along that the letter was a hoax written by an Italian," he added. "The Italian anti-terrorist police, in my judgment, are some of the best in the world, and they have closely monitored the situation."

"We have been kept informed by fax by the American Consulate in Florence all the way through," he said. In a letter from the administrative counselor from the American Embassy in Rome (dated Jan. 12), it was stated that "there is every reason to believe that the Iraqi retaliation could include terrorist acts against American diplomatic missions, companies, cultural institutions and private citizens."

In making the decision to cancel the program for this semester, Burks explained, "I waited until the last possible hour, hoping Mr. Hussein would withdraw from Kuwait, and it might be possible for our students to go."

Burks went to a meeting, decision in hand, with the school's attorney, Shackelford and other advisors at 3 p.m. Wednesday, just a few hours before an attack was launched in Iraq. "We didn't receive any last-minute update. I wanted the situation in Kuwait to be resolved; obviously it wasn't," he said.

"We told Dr. Burks that many of the parents had placed extraordinary confidence in Harding. He responded, 'Yes, and I didn't sleep much last night because of that,'" Shackelford said.

"Since so many parents were willing to let their children go if we were willing to let them go, I had to put myself in the place of a parent. I wouldn't want one of my two sons or daughter going over there, so it was a fairly easy decision from that perspective," he said.

Shackelford has three children and six grandchildren in Italy. His son, Robbie, is the field director of the program in Florence. "I called him Wednesday at midnight, 7 a.m. there, and he didn't know there was a war," Shackelford said. "There are no plans of bringing him home at this time, and he has been directed to use his own judgment."

"Personally, I don't see much likelihood of attacks on individual Americans. As long as they keep low profiles, I don't see any of them as targets," he added.

Randy Barnes of Searcy is the administrative assistant at the school in Florence. He did not return to Italy after the Christmas holiday, and his plans are uncer-

tain at this point. "From what I've heard, there are some demonstrations going on in Florence, but there has been no serious attempt at any terrorist action."

"I think the decision to cancel the program this semester was a good and proper one. Students would have kept a much lower profile, and travel would have been restricted," he said.

L. V. Pfeifer, who went as a faculty member last semester, said that the mood there when the group left seemed rather calm. "But I'm sure it is quite different now than then," he added.

"Looking at it from a parent's point of view, I wouldn't want my children there. I think the decision that was made to cancel the trip was the only one that could be made."

"It saddens me that these students won't have this opportunity at this time. But what scares everyone is that Saddam is going to make good on his word. Just as he said he would attack Israel, we had to take him seriously that he would make good in his threat of terrorism," Pfeifer said.

Burks said he regretted that a decision couldn't have been made earlier. "But I was hopeful something would happen. I am deeply disappointed that the students can't go. It is a great educational experience that can't be replaced by anything on campus," he added.

Shackelford began calling those who planned to go at 4 p.m. and had reached most of them or their parents by 6 p.m. "We had promised the students going that they would be the first to know," he said. "I think there was a general relief of the students that a decision had been made."

Approximately half of the students were in Searcy at the time the decision was made. And one-third of them had begun auditing classes. It was also possible for those students to have room and board benefits, which became retroactive in the case that the trip was cancelled.

"The university is committed to making sure that these students are given all the assistance possible in getting in classes," Shackelford explained.

Some of the students had been dreaming and planning for this trip for two or three years. They had been going through orientation sessions since the second or third week of last fall's semester. Many have signed up on waiting lists to go another semester.

"I've signed up to go this summer," Alicia Fowler, a sophomore from Searcy, said. "That helps me not to be so disappointed knowing that I will get to go later."

"I had planned for a year and a half to go this spring, so it was a disappointment. But I kind of figured we wouldn't go even before the decision was made. And if the school hadn't made the decision, I doubt I would have gone anyway," Fowler said.

Jason Howard, a junior from Monroe, La., said, "I was disappointed but relieved. I wasn't as let down as some because I had only been planning for three months to go. However, this was my last opportunity to go."

"My family was very concerned about the situation, but they let me make my own decision about going. It was good for me to have someone else to make that decision," he said.

"I'm just glad that everything happened while we were still here and not after we had already gone over there," he added.

"Even though this is a great disappointment to the students, I think they have gained a lot of maturity out of this," Shackelford said. "It has been significant to many of them to have their parents' confidence to make this decision."

The school is refunding the money if students can't go another semester or transferring payment if they plan to go



**MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS.** Harding's villa in Florence, Italy, has served as a "home away from home" for hundreds of students. However, this spring's session was cancelled due to threats of terrorism related to the Persian Gulf War.

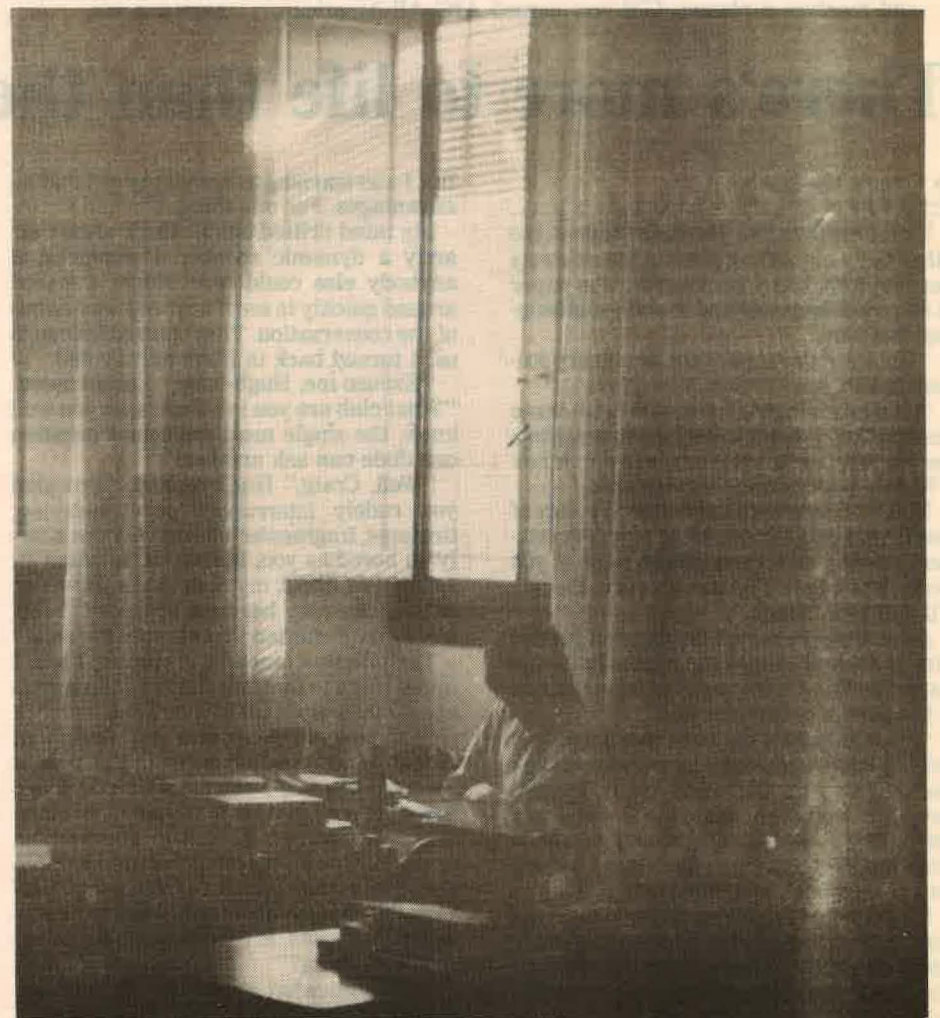
another time, Shackelford said. "We are also giving refunds to those who dropped out since the conflict in the Persian Gulf began." Four fall in that category.

"The cancellation is expensive to all parties. The university will lose a considerable amount," Burks said. "However, safety for those going was the overriding factor in the decision."

"The decision wouldn't be made on a monetary loss to Harding," Shackelford added. "I have no regrets about the way

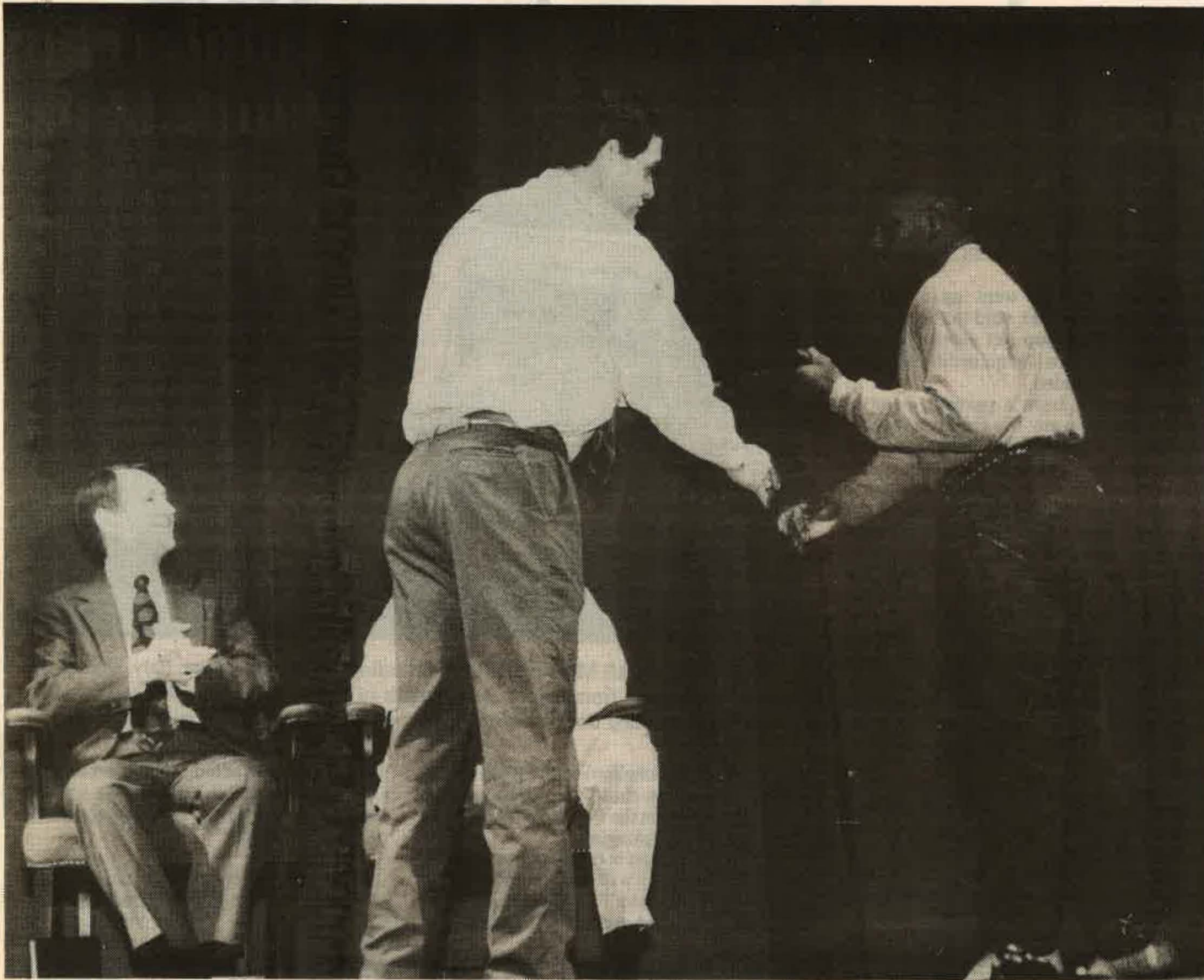
anything was handled. I think we acted in a totally responsible manner. We acted on the information we had considering the safety to our students."

In 1987, some 50,000 students participated in European academic experiences such as Harding's program. In Florence alone, 40 American universities have schools. As of yesterday, Shackelford was aware of only one other cancellation by Georgetown University.



**STUDY BREAK.** A student spends a solitary moment in the Villa's classroom. All HUF students are required to take classes in Italian, Humanities and the missionary journeys of Paul to supplement their travel experience. (photo by Carylee Parker)





**I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND.** Pat Gill, a linebacker from Hallsville, Tex., shakes hands with Coach Larry Richmond and receives a plaque. Gill was named AIC All-American. (photo by Kevin Kerby)

## There's more to life than the 'club thing'

by Craig V. Carrington  
Bison staff writer

I met an invisible Harding student the other day while sitting alone in the cafeteria reading *USA Today* backwards. The paper is more intellectually and morally challenging that way.

"What is your name?" the imaginary student asked me.

"Craig Carrington," I replied with some reservation. I didn't know how to react to a person without a social security number. "What's your name?" I countered.

NOTE: Because of the editorial policy of this newspaper, I'm unable to reveal the student's real name, even though none of you would know him. For convenience, though, I'll call him "Hugh."

After Hugh revealed his name, I invited him to sit and talk to me. Since Hugh apparently didn't know me, I tried to act like a hip person to impress him.

"So, man, how's life been treatin' ya?" I asked him as I searched for a comb to slick back my hair. Unable to find one — I haven't owned a comb in years — I used my resources at hand: a fork and a cup of watered-down pink lemonade. Soon I had my hair forked back in a most cool way.

I had ignored Hugh's response to my question up to this point, but I started listening and was glad to realize I had only missed his recollections of early childhood. He was moving into the teenage years:

"...And when I was 14, life treated me fairly well. My family had just moved to a new town, but, of course, no one noticed, since we are all invisible. School was a useful drag. None of the other children would talk to me.

But I was learning to accept my gift and its advantages. For one thing...."

My mind drifted again. Hugh wasn't exactly a dynamic speaker. I wondered if anybody else could hear Hugh. I looked around quickly to see if anybody was aware of the conversation. They were oblivious to us. I turned back to Hugh and smiled:

"Excuse me, Hugh-baby," I interrupted. "What club are you in? That is, as you well know, the single most important question one dude can ask another."

"Well, Craig," Hugh replied, "I'm glad you rudely interrupted my wandering, tiresome, fragmented discourse. I was nearly as bored as you, but afraid to admit it. Asking me about my club status, however, cuts to the very heart of life itself. I feel freed, like a chicken that escapes the coop."

The talk was reaching a climax, I felt. I urged Hugh to continue. I was becoming insanely interested all of a sudden.

"I'm sorry to disappoint you, Craig, but though I hold the club scene in the highest personal regard, I must admit that I can never get enough votes to become a member. When my picture is flashed up on the screen or my name is suggested for membership during club meetings at the beginning of the year, the club members only seem to be confused or amused. Is there something wrong with me, Craig?"

I was somewhat started by his question. Moved by compassion, I looked deep into the points in the cafeteria air where I imagined Hugh's eyes were. "Yo, Hugh!" I began, still bearing what I felt was an appropriate facade of cool language in order to be accepted by him. "What you need to, like

understand, is that there's more to life than this club thing, man. I don't know what that other elusive thing is, but I'm nearly certain that it's not there. You just need to keep a stiff upper lip, you know."

"My upper lip is always stiff," Hugh clarified.

"Oh...well, that's good man. This may sound really, really incredible, but I'm not in a club either!"

"Are you serious?" Hugh asked with anxious elation.

"Yes!" I screamed, causing several people sitting at tables around Hugh and I to look quizzically at us, as if we had been deranged enough to be shoving Jell-O in our ears or some other faux pas with foodstuffs.

Hugh and I were both astonished at the coincidence we had just uncovered. We had more in common than anyone could've imagined.

"Hugh," I said, finally dropping my shield of hip dialogue because there were obviously deeper roots drawing us together. "If you were in a club, would you have me as a member?"

"No. Never. Absolutely not. Not a chance," Hugh responded.

Then he added, "Craig, if you were in a club, would you have me as a member?"

I responded to his copy-cat query the only way I could: "Under no circumstances would I even acknowledge your existence if I were in a club, Hugh."

We grinned at each other, silently noting that we both subscribed to Groucho Marx's timeless quote and sensing that this was the start of a friendship filled with turmoil, confusion and most of all, mutual respect.

## Rushton honored

A special lecture series to honor William F. Rushton, a long-time member of the Harding University faculty, has been announced by Dr. Michael Plummer, acting chair of the department of biology.

The William F. Rushton Lecture Series was established recently by William D. White, M.D., and his sons, Mark, Jonathan and David, to "...honor William F. Rushton for his many years of service to Harding University and to the young people who have sat at his feet," according to Plummer.

The first priority of the fund is to conduct an annual lecture series in biology for the benefit of students and faculty, Plummer said. The initial presentation for the series has been scheduled for Feb. 7 with Dr. James Tew of the Agricultural Technical Institute at Ohio State University as the speaker.

The lectures have been designed to be open to anyone interested. The fund will also be used to support research projects involving Harding faculty and students. In addition to the 'Whites' gift, biology alumni of the university have added approximately \$8,000 in contributions.

Rushton, a professor in the department, is a 1953 graduate of Harding who joined the faculty in 1960. He holds a master's degree in zoology from the University of Arkansas and has done further graduate work at Cornell University. Mrs. Rushton is the former Joyce Baker of Searcy. Their children are Scott of Bon Aqua, Tenn.; Theresa Purcell of Heber Springs; and Mary K. Gerken of Vero Beach, Fla.

## Director named

Dr. Robert J. Kelly, professor of business education and director of business and office education at Harding University, has been named the university's Director of Institutional Testing and Research. He succeeds Dr. Thomas M. Howard, testing director since 1977, who will return to full-time classroom teaching.

Vice President Jim Carr, in making the announcement, said, "We are grateful to Tom for the outstanding job he has done for Harding. He has received recognition statewide, regionally and nationally for his skills in testing and research. He is also an excellent classroom teacher and we know that the students will continue to benefit from his expertise."

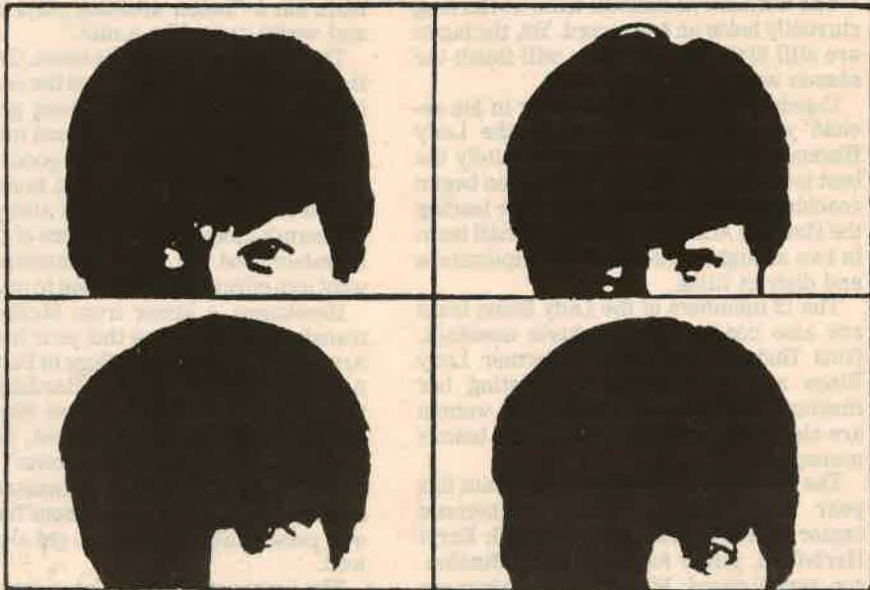
Carr also commended Kelly, a Harding graduate and a member of the faculty since 1969, in assuming the new position. Kelly will teach on a half-time basis as well as assuming responsibility for administering all of the major exam programs. The office also is responsible for academic advising, preparation of counseling folders and other administrative support systems for registration and also serves as custodian for all testing records.

Kelly's appointment will be effective at the beginning of the fall semester. Howard will continue to serve the university as a consultant.

"We are fortunate to have personnel such as these two men who can serve Harding University so well," President David Burks said. "Both are great assets to our program here."



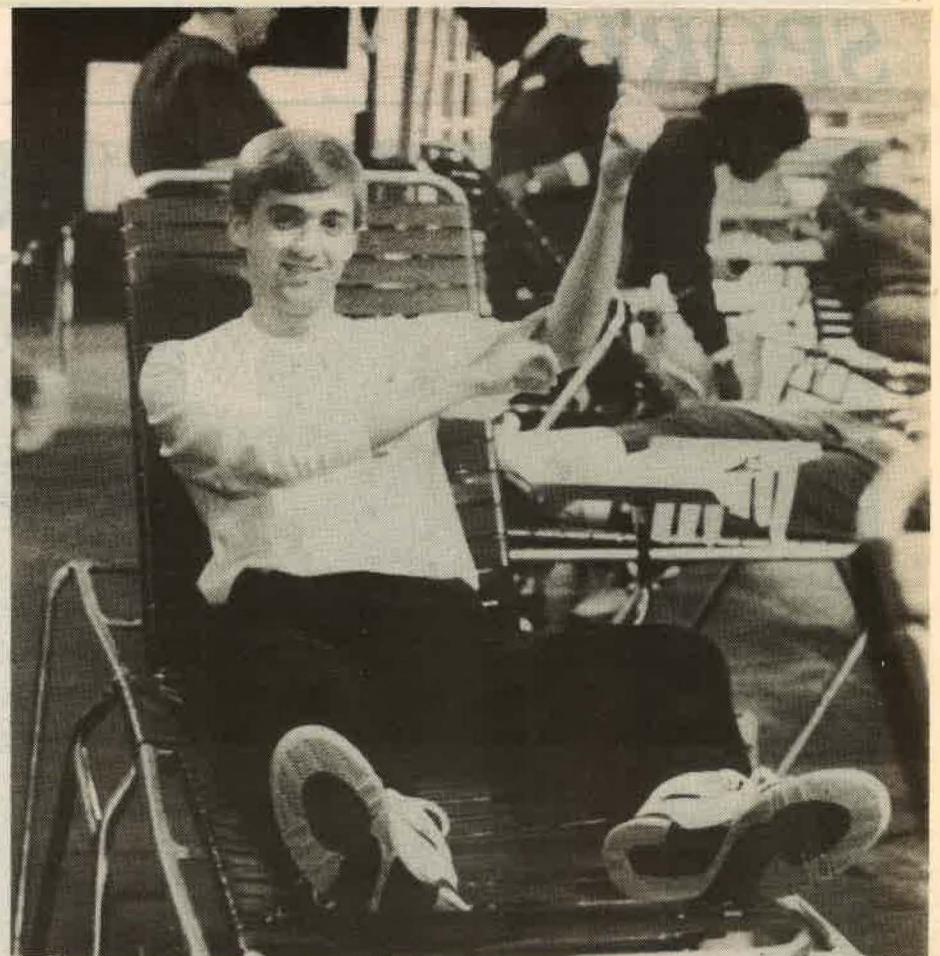
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**HELP.** David Park, a junior from Gainesville, Fla., relaxes after donating in the Red Cross blood draw held Jan. 17. Nearby 200 people participated. (photo by Kevin Kerby)

## Four professors receive doctorates

Four members of the Harding University faculty have completed doctorates within recent months. They are David Cole, associate professor of chemistry; Jeanine Peck, associate professor of education; James Walters, assistant professor of Bible and Greek; and Elizabeth Wilson, associate professor of home economics and chairman of the department.

Cole successfully defended his dissertation entitled "Highway Deicing Salts and the Mobilization of Selected Heavy Metals from Stream Sediments" at Western Michigan University, receiving the degree in science education late last summer. A graduate of Harding, he joined the faculty in 1989.

Peck, a reading specialist who joined the faculty in 1986, received the Ed.D. from Mississippi State University, where she received the Outstanding Doctoral Student Achievement award during her studies. Her dissertation was "State Standards in Reading Instruction as Perceived by Arkansas Elementary Teachers." Her husband, Richard, is also a doctoral candidate from the School of Education.

Walters received the Ph.D. in December

at Boston University, where he was in a degree program called "New Testament and Christian Origins." His dissertation concerned "Ethnic Issues in Paul's Letter to the Romans in Light of the Urban Environment of Earliest Christianity in Rome." A native of Alabama and a 1977 graduate of Harding, he joined the faculty in 1979. In 1986 he received a Distinguished Teacher award. He and his wife, Marla, have two daughters, Charissa and Elizabeth.

Wilson, a member of the faculty since 1971 and department chairman since 1984, was awarded the Ed.D. from Memphis State University in December. "Formal Outcomes Assessment Programs in Undergraduate Home Economics Units in U. S. Colleges and Universities and Attitudes of Home Economics Administrators Toward Outcomes Assessment" was the title of her dissertation for the degree. She received a Distinguished Teacher Award at Harding in 1989 and is a member of Kappa Delta Phi international education honor society. Her husband, Edmond, is a professor of chemistry. They have a daughter, Joy, who attends Harding.

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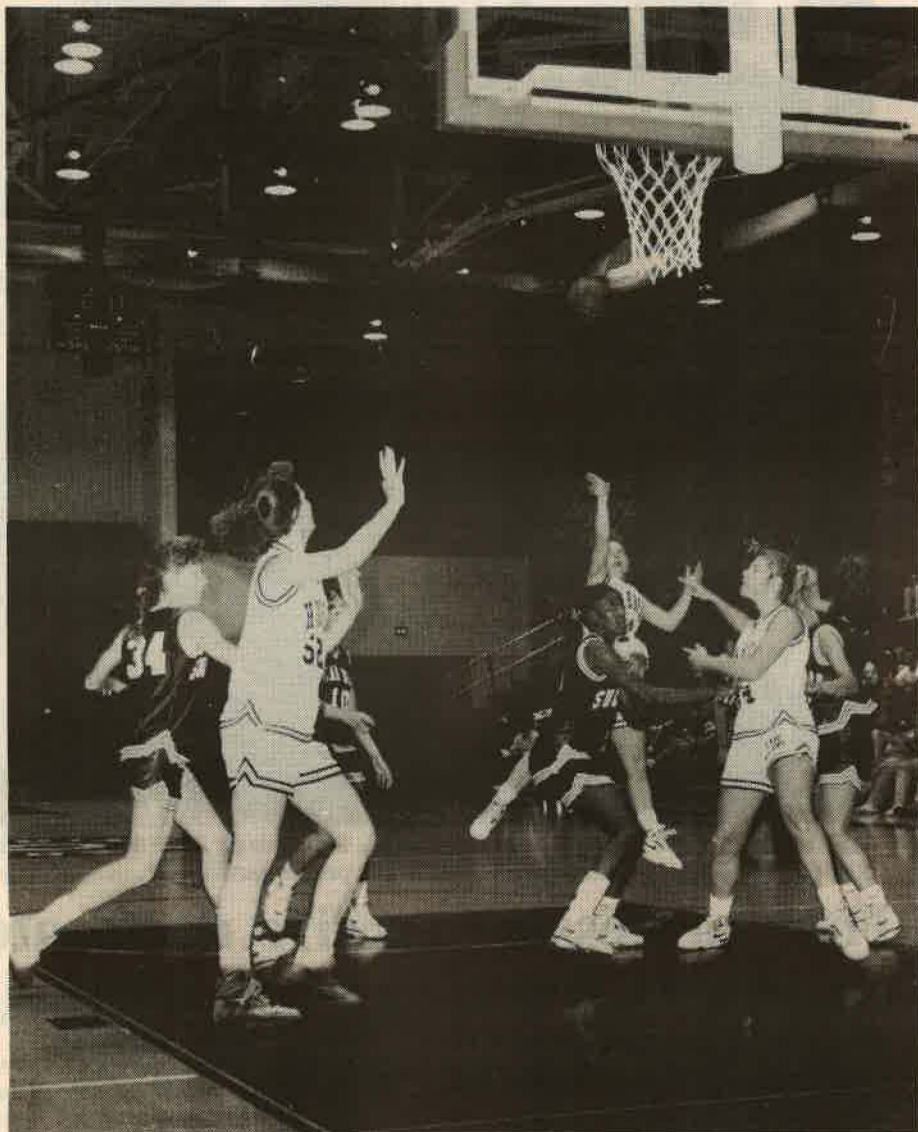
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# SPORTS



**SHOOTING FOR TWO.** A Lady Bison aims to score against the UCA Sugar Bears in a recent game. Coach Greg Harnden predicts a winning season despite the Lady Bisons' current 8-10 record. (photo by Kevin Kerby)

## Lady Bisons shoot for winning season

by Trish Shanklin  
Bison staff writer

The women's basketball team at Harding currently holds an 8-10 record. Yet, the hopes are still high that the team will finish the season with a winning record.

Coach Greg Harnden, serving in his second year as head coach for the Lady Bisons, stated, "This year is definitely the best team we've ever had." Harnden began coaching for the women's team after leading the Harding Academy girls basketball team in two straight conference championships and district titles.

The 12 members of the Lady Bison team are also coached by graduate assistant, Gina Hudson. Hudson is a former Lady Bison and is currently completing her master's degree in education. The women are also assisted by Joy Wilson, the team's manager.

The five starting players for the team this year are: Nancee Wilson, sophomore center; Kristy Smith, junior forward; Karyl Hartsfield, junior forward; Kara Hutchinson, senior guard; Marla Lewis, sophomore forward. Other team members include: A. J. Grimes, Zondra Harris, Vicki Herekempt, Heather Hill, Kymm Hudson, Angie Hughan and Jennifer Neuhart.

The team consists of only two seniors. Hutchinson of Quincy, Fla., stated, "This year is a thousand percent better than any other year." She also remarked that the 1990-91

team has a "better attitude, plays together and works more like a unit."

The second senior on the team, Grimes of Brentwood, Tenn., expressed the same sentiment. "Everybody gets along great. We are playing good "team ball, not individual ball." Grimes attributes the good feelings toward the season to several factors. She stated that the crowd support always helps the team's morale, the closeness of the team members and the full scholarships which went into effect helped to bring in new talent.

Herekamp, a junior from McRae, Ark., transferred to Harding this year from West Arkansas Community College in Fort Smith, Ark. Herekamp compared Harding's team to her former collegiate squad. She stated, "The coaching style is different. He wants us to be good people and doesn't always stress winning." She also commented that although each of the Lady Bisons have their own personality, all the girls get along very well.

The prospects for next year are promising, according to Harnden. He stated, "Next year with only two graduating seniors, the team will continue to show great improvement."

The Lady Bisons still have 10 regularly scheduled games. The next game will be at 5:30, Jan. 28, against Henderson State University in Arkadelphia.

## Bisons win against Monticello, lose to SAU, Ouachita, Arkansas College

by Jason Harriman  
Bison sports writer

**HARDING UNIVERSITY 63-UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, MONTICELLO 62.**

"We played hard and hung in there even when we were down. There were several opportunities to quit, and we didn't. I am proud of the team," Coach Nicky Boyd said of his one-point victory.

The game was very close with several lead changes and 10 ties. With six seconds left and Harding down by one point, 61-62, Harding's Morris Williams missed a three-point shot, but his teammate Thomas Nesbitt was fouled with two seconds. He made both foul shots to win the game, 63-62.

In other Harding games: The Bisons defeated SAU 88-87 in a thriller when a three-point basket was made with less than a minute remaining on the clock for the game

winner.

Harding lost to Ouachita Baptist 77-97 in Arkadelphia. Rolando Garcia led the Bisons with 29 points and six rebounds.

Harding lost to Hendrix 80-83 in the Ganus Athletic Center. Garcia also led scores in this game with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

**HARDING BISON 71-ARKANSAS COLLEGE 80**

Coach Boyd, whose Bisons now have a record of 6-13, said, "It was a very physical game and Arkansas College took advantage of what they were allowed to do."

Garcia led the Bisons with 20 points and 10 rebounds, while his opposition David Brogdon, made three of six, three-point shots to lead the Scots in scoring with 18.

Coach Boyd summed up the game by saying, "We would have liked a win but this season is certainly not over."

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# Baseball team ready to swing into spring action

by Aaron Hasten  
Bison sports writer

Rain. Snow. Sleet. Baseball? For at least 35 men directly involved that is exactly the scene.

The Harding Bison baseball team, led by coach Steve Smith, and graduate assistant coaches, Andy Kinser and John Kodatt, hope to improve after 1990's poor record in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. Much like the National League East Pittsburgh Pirates did last year, the Bisons plan to build on the previous season's experiences in order to make the playoffs.

The Bisons were disappointed last season when they failed to make the playoffs with a record of 9-15 in conference play and 13-24 overall.

"We don't want another last year. It had been said that last year was one of the best teams Harding had seen. Everyone had set lofty goals and it was like we were out of it

before we get started," said Kodatt. It's a tough schedule but the talent is there."

The team has most of their players returning which proves vital for competitive conference play. Some new names on the roster like pitchers: Edgar Huerta, Eric Dodson, Nick Fouts and Matt McAfee; fielders Paul Mann, Jason French, Jerry Laird, Jeff Crone and Steve Rose — should help the team out down the stretch.

The Bisons have stayed active throughout the winter to be ready when the season arrives. Second baseman and last year's team MVP, Brandon Harrell, thinks the team is serious about working hard to better themselves from last year.

"Everyone has been working real hard in the gym and every chance we get to go outside. If we can get some dry weather, we'll be able to work out on the field, which helps a lot," Harrell said. "We hope to play well enough in our conference to make the

playoffs where anything can happen."

Indeed anything can happen in the NAIA District 17 playoffs as proven by University of Arkansas Monticello last April in Magnolia. The Boll Weevils entered the playoffs 14-22 overall, 11-13 in the conference, and seeded last. They walked away with a playoff championship and a berth to the NAIA Area V playoffs.

The first pitch of the season is set for Feb. 12, against UALR in Little Rock at 2:00 p.m. The first home game is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Feb. 24, against Southwest Baptist University at Jerry Moore Field. Coach Smith's crew begins conference play Feb. 28, against SAU who won their fifth consecutive AIC championship last year.

With hard work, dry weather, and a lot of student support the Bisons could be well on their way to a winning season and the playoffs.

# War games in Gulf overshadow Super Bowl

by John Bossong  
Bison sports editor

They are games. That's all. What many Americans love to watch and participate in seemed all unimportant as war broke out in the Persian Gulf last week.

This is the time of year that football fanatics are seen everywhere. The Super Bowl, the game of the year, even now seems to be second on the list.

Millions of American men are fighting now for the freedom we enjoy. While I watched the AFC and the NFC championship games last weekend, they still didn't seem to have the impact that they usually do.

Sure, this could be the first time in a while that an AFC team wins the Super Bowl. Also, it could be the first Super Bowl win for the Buffalo Bills. Then again, the NFC could prevail, and the New York Giants could win, adding to their heroic deeds this season.

This is a very important football game, but it is only a game. I think all of America realizes this now more than ever. With friends and loved ones in the Middle East it is hard to think about who will win the Super Bowl.

True, the Super Bowl and other sports will provide a great break from the tension that the war has brought. Sports will enable us to enjoy the freedom we have and relax during a time of crisis.

This Super Bowl will be much different than those in the past. It will be remembered, I feel, more for the time period in which it was played than the actual game itself. This game will be a special one, not for the touchdowns and great plays, but for the great amount of people that will gather at Tampa Stadium to watch a football game and remember our soldiers in the war at the same time.

# Coach Prock inducted into NAIA Hall of Fame

by April Cantrell  
Bison sports writer

If you have attended a Harding Bison football game in the past couple of years, you may have noticed a man standing alone by the track fence absorbed by the game.

That man is John Prock, former head football coach of the Bisons. "I can't sit in the stands. I don't belong there," is Prock's response to why he stands at the fence, and he's right.

After 35 years of coaching and 24 years as Harding's head football coach, Prock was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame. "It was an honor and a thrill," Prock said of his induction. "It represents a lot of people, and not just me — Harding, past players and coaches." Prock added.

Coach Prock believes that football is a "molder of men" and attributes much of his success to his former coach who coached him from junior high through his college career. "I've tried to repay that influence through my coaching and I hope I've touched some boys' lives." He firmly believes that the disciplines learned through athletics are important in everyday life (Note: during his tenure at Harding, Prock has only missed one practice - now that's

discipline).

Besides the great comebacks, and the bowl games he coached in over the years, Prock says the most memorable games in his career came in 1972 and again in 1976.

In 1972 against Harding foe UCA, Prock said he felt like "each player gave over 100 percent towards the total team effort," which is something coaches don't witness often.

Then in 1976 against Henderson he witnessed it again; "players were falling down coming off the field from exhaustion."

The nomination process for the NAIA Hall of Fame consists of letters written in nominee's behalf by coaches and players he has worked with or against during his career. From there it goes to the NAIA selection committee, who vote on the nominations. Two players and one other coach were also inducted with Prock, who is the third AIC coach to receive the honor. Dr. Clifton Ganus, Harding's chancellor, presented Coach Prock his award.

Since his retirement from coaching in 1987, Coach Prock has continued to teach classes at Harding and even though he may not be coaching on the field, he's still coaching in his heart. Perhaps he said it best, "I love coaching. It's my hobby. It's my life."



Coach John Prock

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Feb. 12	UALR	Little Rock	2:00**	Mar. 21	Sch. of Ozarks	Pt. Lookout, MO	1:30
Feb. 16	Memphis State	Memphis	1:00**	Mar. 23	HSU	Searcy	1:00*
Feb. 18	N.E. Louisiana	Natchitoches	1:00	Mar. 26	ASU	Jonesboro	2:30**
Feb. 21	Ark. State	Jonesboro	2:30**	Mar. 27	UALR	Searcy	2:00**
Feb. 24	S.W. Baptist	Searcy	1:00	Mar. 29	Williams College	Walnut Ridge	1:00
Feb. 25	Philander Smith	Little Rock	12:00	Mar. 30	St. Olaf's	Searcy	12:00
Feb. 28	SAU	Magnolia	1:00*	Apr. 3	OBU	Arkadelphia	1:00*
Mar. 2	ATU	Searcy	12:00*	Apr. 6	UAM	Searcy	1:00*
Mar. 6	OBU	Searcy	1:00*	Apr. 9	ATU	Russellville	1:00*
Mar. 8	Freed-Hardeman	Searcy	1:00	Apr. 12	Sch. of Ozarks	Searcy	1:30
Mar. 9	UAM	Monticello	1:00*	Apr. 13	SAU	Searcy	1:00*
Mar. 11	Mobile College	Mobile	12:00	Apr. 17	UCA	Searcy	1:00*
Mar. 12	U. of W. Florida	Pensacola, FL	7:00**	Apr. 18	Williams College	Searcy	4:00
Mar. 13	U. of W. Florida	Pensacola, FL	3:00**	Apr. 20	HSU	Arkadelphia	1:00*
Mar. 14	U. of Mississippi	Oxford, MS	2:00**	Apr. 23	Philander Smith	Searcy	4:00
Mar. 15	Miss. College	Jackson, MS	2:00**	Apr. 25-27	NAIA District 17 Playoffs		
Mar. 20	UCA	Conway	1:00*	Apr. 29	AIC All-Star Game	Little Rock	

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