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February 8, 1991



COUNTRY COOL. The Oakridge Boys will cruise in for a kickin' concert tonight in the Benson Auditorium. Fans from Missouri, Tennessee, Texas and other states are expected to attend the event, which is sponsored by the Student Activities Committee.

Oak Ridge Boys to make their third appearance on this campus tonight

by Darrin W. Ellis
Bison staff writer

The Oak Ridge Boys enthusiastically anticipate a large crowd for tonight's 8 p.m. concert in the Benson Auditorium.

The Oaks' last appearance at Harding was in the spring semester of 1980 when the Benson was 89 seats short of a sellout. This country quartet also harmonized for hundreds at Harding in the late 70s when they scored their first country hit.

The original Oak Ridge Boys were formed over 20 years ago and have been through more than 40 members over the years. They started out as a Gospel quartet and remained that way until 1977, when their first country single went to number three on the charts. Since then The Oak Ridge Boys have produced 12 number-one singles and according to the *Omaha World Herald* "are now one of the most entertaining groups in country music."

Upon hearing about their scheduled appearance at Harding, John Mir, the Oak Ridge Boys' production manager, said, "The group was happy when they found out they were coming back."

Although a sellout is not expected, many out-of-towners have been active in buying

the concert tickets priced at \$16. Stephen Beliech, assistant dean of men, said, "There has been phenomenal success outside of Searcy as far as ticket sales."

Fans from Missouri, Tennessee, Texas and several from the Little Rock area will be present to stomp their feet and clap their hands to the Oaks' country sound. Beliech explained, "At Harding concerts the audience is there to enjoy the talent more than the party."

Beliech attributes this philosophy to Harding's safe environment, where fans are not forced to practice self-defense as might be necessary in Little Rock. This security is what attracts an older audience and motivates young people to attend. For these reasons Beliech says, "Many people are telling their friends and consistently keep coming back to Harding concerts."

Harding alumnus Kent Wells will also be returning with the Oaks. Wells has previously played lead guitar in the bands of David Slater and Dolly Parton, but the Harding performance will be his first as a part of the Oak Ridge Boys' band. Wells is enthusiastic about the reunion and is getting the group fired up for the show. He still remembers that "It's great to be at Harding!"

Happenings



COUNTRY CONCERT. "America's #1 Vocal Group," the Oak Ridge Boys will appear in concert Friday, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$16 and available in the Student Affairs Office.



CARL ROSEN. Plan now to see Carl Rosen as he returns to perform for you on Friday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the ARA backroom.



WINTER FESTIVAL. Be a part of the festival by attending the Bison basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 9. Help send a kid to Camp Wyldewood.



BISON BASKETBALL. Support the guys as they play Hendrix College in Conway on Monday, Feb. 11 and University of Ark. at Monticello here on Thursday, Feb. 14.



WINTER FESTIVAL CONCERT. Listen to Barbara Bailey Hutchison in concert as she sings a wide range of material, Saturday, Feb. 9.



RECIPE FOR LOVE. Send your sweetheart a personal Valentine's Day message for free to be printed in next week's *Bison*. Mail your tender missive to Box 1192 or bring it to the second floor office in the student center by Sunday, Feb. 10.



ROBIN CROW. Tuesday, Feb. 12, Robin Crow will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson. There will be a guitar workshop at 3:30 that afternoon.



HEALTH CHECK. The Wellness Center will provide cholesterol and blood pressure screening for \$2 in the student center Feb. 20-22.



VALENTINE PARTY. Bring your Valentine to the showing of "Always," starring Richard Dreyfuss, Holly Hunter and John Goodman on Friday, Feb. 15 at 7 or 9:30 in the Benson.



THE TAX MAN COMETH. Income tax forms and preparation guides are available in the library.



SENIORS. There will be a Senior Class Retreat Feb. 15 and 16, sponsored by the S.A. Spiritual Life Committee.



SHOWS SET. Spring Sing tickets can be purchased on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium lobby.



SALUTE THE TROOPS. Harding students Jim Reagor, Virgil Walker, Amy Joyner and Michael Phillips participate in last week's campus rally held to support troops in the Persian Gulf War. (photo by Kevin Kerby)



REACH FOR THE STARS. Bison basketball player David Collins shoots for two against the University of the Ozarks The Bisons lost to the University of the Ozarks 89-84. (photo by Matt Birch)

Get a life: Good and bad needed for living in 'pleasant tense'

In *Oh God, Book II*, George Burns, playing the part of God, is asked by a young girl why bad things happen. After thoughtfully considering her question, he replies:

"That's the way the system works... Have you ever seen an up without a down? A front without a back? A top without a bottom? You can't have one without the other. I discovered that if I take away sad, then I take away happy, too. They go together."

And then, with a grin, he adds, "If somebody has a better idea, I hope they put it in the suggestion box."

Although the movie was never meant to be a theological film, it still reminds us that the many sides of life were meant to fit together. One is incomplete without the other; we need pain as a reference for pleasure and hurts to understand what happiness is.

We are alive, and that is a privilege that none of us can fully comprehend. Each new day is an undeserved gift and filled with opportunity.

I once read that all we have is "the past, the pleasant and the future." Seldom do we realize just how radical our position in this world really is. As Christians, our past is absolutely forgiven and our future is absolutely certain, so that more than any other body of people on this earth, we are free to live our lives in the "pleasant tense."

Most of us spend our entire lives *preparing* to live. Someday we're going to graduate. Someday we'll find that perfect job. Someday we'll have families of our own to plan with.

But we should prefer to make our days count rather than count our days. Life is inevitably too short, and there are no rewind buttons, no instant replays in this game.

What are you waiting for?

— C.P.

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The Bison

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

First, I am a convict in the Arizona State Prison here in Florence, Arizona.

To explain my situation would be very difficult to do at this time. I shall not try to justify my past actions, for they were done in utter confusion, but please be assured that I am cognizant of the past reasons that brought me to these hallowed walls. It would be weak to give up, and someday I shall defeat this monstrosity.

A short resume of myself: Full Name - Billy Joe Gates; Age - 28 years old; Eyes - Haze; Hair - Blondish-Brown; Weight - 160 lbs.; Height - 5 ft. 10 in. I am of Irish and Indian descent and I am single. I also have many interests.

Frankly, I would like to correspond with someone. My letters shall be of a friendly nature for I seek only friendship with people from outside of these gray walls.

Thank you,

Billy J. Gates

Dear Editor:

Last week we were yanked back in time to the blistering year of 1964. We stood amidst greatness — the Beatles were before us. The performance of this group befuddled our higher functions; our eyes saw John, Paul, George and Ringo. Our ears heard only the magical, almost ethereal sounds of the Fab Four from Britain. As we left we knew we could tell our grandchildren that we had seen the Beatles. Amen.

Scott Mazo

Dear Editor:

What a great concert we had with "1964 as the Beatles!" I was impressed by their performance, and by the activity of the crowd. It was a good experience to be with Harding students and faculty enjoying a concert and the crowd be relatively well-controlled. I hope the 1964 group can become an annual event.

Mark Stogsdill

Planned weekend of relaxation leads to surprises

My roommate and I were in desperate need of some major relaxation. Cold weather, hard classes, January blahs, newspaper hassles, endless rain, war worries and advanced senioritis had turned us into walking SCUD missiles of stress.

We were looking forward to a three-day sabbatical in the Lone Star State to repair our frazzled nerves. We planned only to do no homework, sleep, relax and vegetate in a noneventful, restful weekend.

How wrong we were.

The trip started out well. With the Super Sprint gassed up and ready to go, we headed toward Dallas like a crimson bullet — though a slow one that can only accelerate to 80 miles per hour — into the clear blue horizon. I curled up to take a nap while Caryllee took the controls.

When I awoke an hour later I knew something was wrong. I could tell we weren't in Kansas, or even on I-30. Then I saw the sign: Pine Bluff Arsenal. It was bad. It got worse. We saw another sign: Penitentiary Area — Beware of Hitchhikers.

We both wailed. I silently wished I had my mother and a good map with me and hoped I wouldn't die in my gray leggings with corn chips on my breath. What an awful way to go.

We found a little back road that took us through towns so small they barely deserved names, on curving streets and past several Landmark Missionary Baptist Churches, to Interstate 30, our yellow brick road.

We made it home late that night, tired, but well-traveled. We spent all day Friday lounging around the house, washing clothes and reading every magazine we could get our journalistic paws on.

Our next escapade happened on Saturday during our only outing all weekend: to the mall. We were surrounded

by chalk-faced, ruby-lipped teens wearing outfits similar to Edward Scissorhand's duds. To make matters worse, a decent-looking-but-not-someone-I-would-take-home-to-Mama type guy approached us and asked us to vote for him.

Vote for him? He didn't look like a Texas politician, because he wasn't wearing a cowboy hat, and I didn't think he was asking me to rate his physique, so I figured he could only be selling magazines. I was right.

But we didn't want any magazines, especially after gorging ourselves to the point of illness reading *People*, *Newsweek* and *Gourmet Bathing* all weekend. Our industrious magazine pusher didn't take the rejection lightly and told Caryllee I acted like an old married woman. That's what kind of trouble sarcastic remarks to salespeople can get you in. My mother always warned me about that.

The rest of our mini-vacation was great except for a minor adventure on the trip home. Once again I fell asleep and left Caryllee, my faithful, unerring navigator, in command of the car. When I awoke she had picked up a new friend; a biker, who looked like his name should be Vinnie, in a black vinyl ski jacket on a purple Ninja.

Vinnie was very friendly: He had been waving, flipping his brights and riding next to Caryllee for 30 minutes I rose from the car seat, disheveled and disoriented like the Dawn of the Dead, and there was Vinnie on my right. He grinned. I growled.

Fortunately, we lost him in Texarkana and the rest of our trip was blissfully uneventful. We arrived at Sears dorm to the warmth of cinder blocks and seven voice mail messages, rested and recharged for the week.

Now, if we can just make it until next weekend.

— K.E.

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The *Bison* is a campus newspaper written, edited, and largely financed by students, seeking to meet the needs of the campus. The *Bison*, being the sole weekly journalistic medium of Harding University, seeks to provide students, faculty, administration, and alumni with a subjective, well-rounded coverage of campus events as well as local, state and national affairs of importance to the student body.

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

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Campus View

Should the U.S. rule out the possible use of nuclear weapons in the Persian Gulf crisis?

Scott Lacy, Freshman
Searcy, AR

"Yes, because it will effect more people than just the Iraqis."

Nona K. Wise, Junior
Tucson, AZ

"I don't think they should be used, if possible, because of the damage it does to other than those responsible for the conflict."

Stephanie Van Dyke, Junior
Franklin, KY

"The U.S. should not rule out the use of nuclear weapons in the case that the Iraqis use them first. It will affect a lot of people, but we also have to protect ourselves."

Kevin R. West, Senior
Searcy, AR

"A responsible military need never rule out the possible use of maximum force; nevertheless, the introduction of nuclear weapons into the Middle East would create a wealth of problems."

David J. Sachar, Senior
Rose Bud, AR

"Certain situations would make use of nuclear weapons seem like a logical and commensurate response. I think the use of chemical weapons on allied forces would warrant a possible nuclear attack."

Carolyn Holmes, Freshman
Walla Walla, WA

"I believe that the use of nuclear weapons should be avoided at all costs. Even aside from lives lost and environmental destruction, we would be setting a precedent for the future. Enough of such warfare could leave our planet virtually unlivable. It should be ruled out."

Greg Crouch, Sophomore
Searcy, AR

"No, the use should not be ruled out. I don't by any means suggest it as a ready solution. But since Iraq now has abilities for nuclear weapons then we are not threatening an armed party. I do strongly believe that if at all it should be as an extreme last resort and then not at a high volume bomb."

Willie Martin, Junior
Lawton, OK

"Yes, I think the U.S. should rule out the use of nuclear weapons even if chemical weapons are used against our forces. Even though the severity of chemical weapons is revolting, this doesn't give us the go ahead for the use of nuclear weapons. Terrorism, child abuse and rape are just as revolting; then shouldn't we use nuclear weapons against these individuals?"

On The Write

by Craig Lair and Marc Anderson

Several weeks into the war, Saddam Hussein still sits patiently in his underground Hilton, eating popcorn and receiving constant updates from his briefing department — CNN. But, like the Joker in Batman, he surely must look at George Bush and ask, "Where does he get all those wonderful toys?"

Yet, the American public remains unimpressed. In a recent survey, an amazing 25 percent of those polled favored the use of nuclear weapons in the Middle East. This is remarkable, considering: the war is still tallied in days and casualties are still counted on our fingers; the strongest retaliation has been from missiles Iraq could get

at one of our garage sales; and despite the publicity, Iraq is simply a third world nation with a huge army.

Currently, the United States has over 400 nuclear warheads in the Gulf with 100 more arriving soon. With the 300 nuclear bombs in Turkey, over 800 nuclear weapons will soon be in the Gulf region. Surely the concept of an overkill must begin to "proliferate" among our strategists.

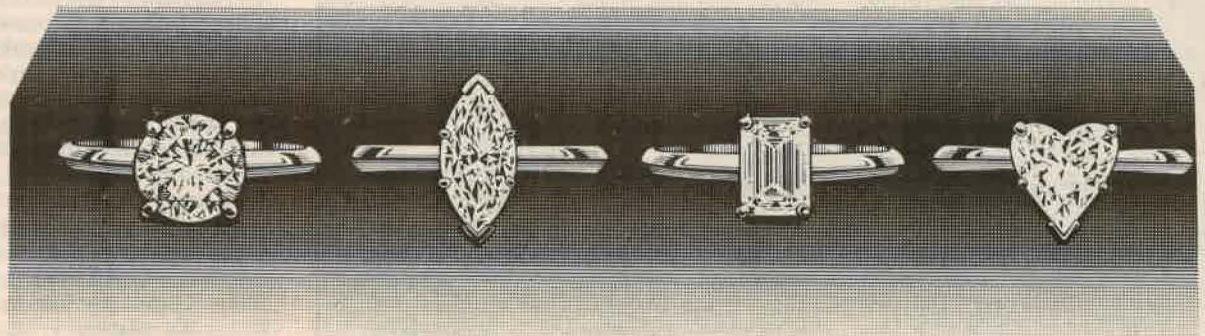
The pertinent question becomes, "What is our strategy?" If the nuclear weapons are simply a deterrent, they have obviously failed, and we should stop playing with fire, before we accidentally get burned.

Or does George Bush truly intend to "hit

Iraq, and hit it hard?" (implying everything America has in its arsenal). Experts agree that we would alienate most of the quasi-allies with any preemptive nuclear strike. We would become the hunter who uses a shotgun to hunt squirrel; Sure we get the job done, but who wants to clean up the mess?

Once again we face a situation where we will eventually pay for the devastation we now create. Post-war economic aid will be viewed essential to future stability in the region.

Unless Iraq can prove themselves a more formidable foe, we must quickly and clearly define the purpose of saturating the area with so many nuclear warheads.



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Queen nominees selected, court chosen

by Trish Shanklin
Bison staff writer

Three nominees for queen have been chosen by the Bison basketball team to represent the school in the Winter Festival.

The women hopefuls are Lori Adkins, Beth Howard, and Natalie Pirtle. Members of the student body will vote today for one of the candidates. The queen will be crowned tomorrow night at half-time of the Bison game.

Representatives from each class were elected last week. These are: Anna McFadden, freshman; Kristy Dawdy, sophomore; Ashley Cosby, junior; Dolly Nunley, senior. These four women will also be presented at the game.

Adkins, sophomore elementary education major, stated that she got to know many of the basketball players through cheering at all of the games. When asked how she felt about being nominated for this position she said, "Well, I was real surprised when I found out and I'm real excited."

Howard is a sophomore elementary education major from Searcy. She stated that she is "really honored" to have received

this nomination. She stated that she knows most of the men on the team but was surprised to hear the news.

Pirtle, junior nursing major from Vancouver, Washington, transferred from Columbia Christian University this past summer. Pirtle was very excited when she received the news of her nomination. She stated, "Of all the groups on campus I love watching the basketball games the most." Although she had never heard of Winter Festival before this year, she would choose this honor above all others because the basketball team makes the nominations.

The Winter Festival is sponsored by Gata women's social club. Gata president, Julie Johnson, stated that sponsoring the festival is the club's service for the Spring semester. The crowning of the festival queen is only one part of the project. The main point of this occasion is to raise money for underprivileged children so that they may attend Wyldewood camp in the summer.

In addition, stated Johnson, members of Gata will run in front of the stands during half-time holding a sheet to catch any money spectators would like to contribute to the cause.

Winter Festival to raise camp money

by Darren E. Irby
Bison staff writer

While the temperatures over the last several days have been almost spring-like, GATA social club has been taking advantage of the warmth to prepare for this year's Winter Festival. The annual Winter Festival, which is slated for tomorrow night's Bison basketball game against Ouachita Baptist University will crown a queen for the basket-

ball team and raise money for underprivileged children to attend Camp Wyldewood.

The Bison basketball team nominated three queen candidates and the student body will select one as queen. This year's three queen candidates are Natalie Pirtle, Lori Adkins, a sophomore from Memphis, and Beth Howard, a sophomore from Searcy. Also serving on the Winter Festival court will be a representative from each class.

Fun, future are focus of senior retreat

by Susan Vaughn
Bison staff writer

"So now what are you going to do?" You are so excited, but so scared. You just can't wait to complete your four-plus years of class, but you don't feel ready for a job. Your time at Harding started so long ago, but wasn't it just yesterday Aunt B. was welcoming you to Cathcart? You feel a little too old for the Student Impact water fight, but way too young for the world's dog fight you've been warned about post graduation.

"So now what are you going to do?" If you are asked that one more time by well-meaning friends and family you might become a world-class boxer temporarily (if you know what I mean). It becomes a sensitive subject to many seniors who are not quite sure what life after Harding will hold.

The excitement and restlessness felt in making decisions is centered by the uncertainty of decision-making abilities. Walking that balance beam is not so easy when Mom and Dad (who are so proud) ask, "So now what are you going to do?" You thought for sure they would have this next step planned in detail for you.

Well, you've come a long way baby — "So now what are you going to do?" For

starters how about the First Annual Senior Retreat? Sponsored by the Alumni Association, this weekend getaway is absolutely free.

Jeff Tacker, S.A. Spiritual Life Committee Chairman and mastermind behind the event, commented, "This retreat should provide some insight for people graduating, whether or not they know where they are going next. The theme emphasizes help in where you can find your place with all the other stresses around you and how that all fits together for eternity."

"So now what are you going to do?" Nothing to lose. Everything to gain. Help start the tradition. Come be with the senior class, as you and your friends find direction. Speaker Stanley Shipp, along with your peers, will provide some challenges and encouragement. Small group discussion and just plain fun will be additional highlights. The retreat will be hosted on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15 and 16 at the Wyldewood Retreat Center. Don't wait to hear about it on Monday — you may be sorry you missed it.

"So now what are you going to do?" Sign up in the student Center Feb. 13-14.

Retreat Schedule		Saturday	
Friday		Saturday	
5:00	Dinner provided by Alumni Association	9:00	Muffins/singing
6:00	Singing	9:30	Devotional Thought
6:30	Devotional Thought	9:45	Stanley Shipp "Will of God for Me"
6:45	Break	11:15	Prayer groups
7:00	Stanley Shipp "Evangelism — Our Mission"	11:45	Lynn Regauld - women Pat Odum - men
8:30	Prayer groups	12:15	That's it!
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SPLISH SPLASH. Josh Touchton and Heather Smith wash dishes in the Sears dorm kitchen during women's open house last week. Open House gave students the opportunity to see how the opposite sex really lives. (photo by Kevin Kerby)

Activities slated for Spring Sing shows, Youth Forum weekend

by Susan Vaughn
Bison staff writer

"Are you going to Spring Sing?"
"Bruce?"

"No. Spring Sing — you know bunnies, babies, bumblebees..."

The forementioned is a conversation often overheard this season. However, as most students know, this production involves much more than singing.

The extravaganza will begin Thursday, Mar. 28 and conclude Saturday, Mar. 30 with the annual awards ceremony. There will be a 7 p.m. performance all three evenings and a Saturday matinee at 3 p.m. Students may purchase one ticket with a Harding I.D. for \$4.50. All other seats will be \$6.50. The Benson box office will have reserved seat tickets available every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m.

This weekend traditionally brings many parents, visitors and especially teens to the campus as Youth Forum will be happening as well.

Women's open house draws males from all over campus into the dorms

by Leann Morrow
Bison staff writer

Rooms were clean and a sense of excitement rushed through the air, as many stepped into the depths of the unknown — the girl's dormitory, when on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. women's open house was held.

Many girls put much time into making sure their rooms were just so. The sound of music and smell of food drifted through many of the halls as guys tried to find the origin.

"I really enjoyed Open House because it is a lot of fun for guys to come up to your room and see how you live. It is a novelty because the guys aren't usually allowed in the dorms, and I think they should have open house more often. My roommate and I also have a guest list for possible references for future dates for club parties in case you get stuck, because men at Harding don't date," said Stacie Evans, a sophomore from Meridian, Idaho.

On the other hand, Amelia Jamison, a freshman from Nashville, Ark., said, "We don't do anything special to our room, because we want people to see the room just the way it really is. We just clean it."

Some could not open their rooms because

of other activities. "Because of Spring Sing practice and four tests, I decided not to open my room," said Cristy Cattan, a freshman from Houston, Texas.

Charlotte Drulman, a freshman from Birmingham, Ala., said, "I was not able to open my room because I had a club basketball game and by the time I got back, Aunt 'B' had closed Cathcart to all guys."

Many freshmen were disappointed that Cathcart Hall was closed early.

"A lot of the girls took time to clean their room and to get ready for open house. It was disappointing when Cathcart was closed after someone set off the fire alarm. I hope that next time the same thing doesn't happen again," said Elizabeth Pickens, a freshman from Dublin, Ohio.

"Open house is a lot of fun, but it was disappointing because it got closed," said Traci Harvey, a freshman from Sioux Falls, S.D.

Roy Montgomery, a freshman from Little Rock, Ark., said, "I really enjoyed it. I think we should have open house more often because guys are so limited to the girls' dorms."

All Angie Beach, a freshman from North Little Rock, Ark., had to say was, "It was fun while it lasted."

Men's Open House leads many girls to see clean rooms, smell potpourri

by Angie Treat
Bison staff writer

Fastening the mask of cleanliness on their sly faces, they escort us into their immaculate rooms. We, however, are not so easily fooled by false appearances. Even through the haze of incense we know these men live lives of deceit.

"I know they don't live like that day to day," Juliet Dismang, freshman, said, "but it's nice to know they try."

Open House 1991 provided an opportunity for visitation, cookie consumption and disbelief.

"I like Open House because it's a great change of pace," Tracy Harvey, freshman, said, "I went because I wanted to see how my guy friends actually lived even though it wasn't exactly accurate!"

"Open House is a great time to get to know people better," Roger Clayton, freshman,

said. "Being in a comfortable atmosphere makes talking to people more enjoyable."

Although most of the men's rooms were found to be suspiciously sparkly, women did, however, discover a few rooms that radiated honesty.

"I just didn't have time," Sandy Cash, junior, said. "I'm super busy this semester! I'm sorry! Just give me a few more minutes."

In rooms such as Cash's, truth spilled from every corner, crack and crevice. From the dirty laundry scattered across the barely visible floor, to the unidentifiable future biology specimen crawling away from the refrigerator, these men created smiles and laughter for each visitor.

Jan. 31 was only one of two Open House nights this semester. On April 9, women will once again determine the righteous from the unrighteous.

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GULF UPDATE:

Desert Storm Continues

Harding student was a friend of first war casualty

by Caryllee Parker
Bison assistant editor

Fred Young, a sophomore from Montrose, Colo., is an aircraft enthusiast whose love of flying took him to an airshow in Grand Junction, Colo., in 1987.

He was inspecting the planes on display when he met Michael Speicher, a young pilot who was scheduled to perform.

"He obviously had a flair for what he was doing," Young said of Speicher. "His maneuvers were very precise, and he loved everything about his aircraft."

The two hit it off immediately and spent most of the afternoon discussing their hobby.

But for Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher of the U.S. Navy, it was more than a hobby — it was a career that would soon take his life.

Two weeks ago the Navy pilot became the first American casualty in the Persian Gulf war when his F/A-18 Hornet fighter-bomber was shot down by an Iraqi surface-to-air missile over Iraq in the first wave of airstrikes.

A Jacksonville, Fla., native, Speicher flew from the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga. He is survived by his wife and two children, a three-year-old daughter and a one-year-old son. He is officially classified by the Pentagon as missing in action, since his body has not been recovered.

"He was a good pilot; he just got a bad shake," Young said. "I couldn't believe it when my dad called last Sunday and said, 'Hey, remember Michael Speicher? We just got word that he was the first combat

casualty.' "

"He was real gentle and he spoke nicely," Young recalled. "He was an upright and moral guy, a Sunday School teacher and all."

Young himself has four years of high school ROTC experience and has not ruled out a career as an aviator despite this tragedy:

"A friend of mine also died during the invasion of Panama," he said. "Both he and Michael knew what they were facing; they were trained for certain situations.

"Michael knew when he strapped in that morning there was a possibility he wouldn't be back, but he didn't let that slow him down. He had to keep doing his job, so he could do it another day. That's the mindset you have to have."

Bush addresses 'moral obligation' of war in letter to college students

In an effort to provide his view of the Gulf crisis as it relates to college students, President George Bush has distributed the following letter to campuses nationwide.

If armed men invaded a home in this country, killed those in their way, stole what they wanted and then announced the house was theirs — no one would hesitate about what must be done.

And that is why we cannot hesitate about what must be done halfway around the world in Kuwait.

There is much in the modern world that is subject to doubts or questions — washed in shades of gray. But not the brutal aggression of Saddam Hussein against a peaceful, sovereign nation and its people. It's black and white. The facts are clear. The choice unambiguous.

Right vs. wrong.

The terror Saddam Hussein has imposed upon Kuwait violates every principle of human decency. Listen to what Amnesty International has documented. "Widespread abuses of human rights have been perpetrated by Iraqi forces ... arbitrary arrest and detention without trial of thousands ... widespread torture ... imposition of the death penalty and the extrajudicial execution of hundreds of unarmed civilians, including children."

Including children. There's no horror that could make this a more obvious conflict of good vs. evil. The man who used chemical warfare on his own people — once again including children — now oversees public hangings of dissenters. And daily his troops commit atrocities against Kuwaiti citizens.

This brutality has reverberated throughout the entire world. If we do not follow the dictates of our inner moral com-

pass and stand up for human life, then his lawlessness will threaten the peace and democracy of the emerging New World Order we now see: this long dreamed-of vision we've all worked toward for so long.

A year after the joyous dawn of freedom's light in Eastern Europe, a dark evil has descended in another part of the world. But we have the chance — to stop ruthless aggression.

But while we search for that answer, in the Gulf young men and women are putting their own lives on hold in order to stand for peace in our world and for the essential value of human life itself. Many are younger than my own children. Your age, most of them. Doing tough duty for something they believe in.

Let me tell you about one of the soldiers over there, S.F.C. Terry Hatfield, a young man from Georgia. He sent me a Christmas card. And this is what he wrote.

"Mr. President, I just wanted you to know my soldiers and I are ready to do whatever mission you decide. Freedom as we know and enjoy has been taken away from another country and must be restored. Although we are separated from family, friends, loved ones, we will do what must be done ... We stand ready and waiting. God bless you and the U.S.A."

Terry understands the moral obligation that has compelled our extraordinary multinational coalition to make this stand in the Gulf. To look this international terrorist straight in the eye and say: no concessions. To proclaim for now and for the future: no compromises. To bear witness by our presence to the fact that aggression will not be rewarded.

Terry waits thousands of miles from the White House, yet we share the same

thoughts. We desperately want peace. But we know that to reward aggression would be to end the promise of our New World Order. To reward aggression would be to destroy the United Nation's promise as international peacekeeper. To reward aggression would be to condone the acts of those who would desecrate the promise of human life itself.

And we will do none of this. There are times in life when we confront values worth fighting for. This is one such time.

Each day that passes means another day for Iraq's forces to dig deeper into their stolen land. Another day Saddam Hussein can work toward building his nuclear arsenal and perfecting his chemical and biological weapons capability. Another day of atrocities for Amnesty International to document. Another day of international outlaws, instead of international law.

I ask you to think about the economic devastation that Saddam Hussein would continue to wreak on the world's emerging democracies if he were in control of one-fifth of the world's oil reserves. And to reflect on the terrible threat that a Saddam Hussein armed with weapons of mass destruction already poses to human life and to the future of all nations.

Together as an America united against these horrors, we can, with our coalition partners, assure that this aggression is stopped and the principles on which this nation and the rest of the civilized world are founded are preserved.

And so let us remember and support Terry Hatfield, all our fine servicemen and women, as they stand ready on the frontier of freedom, willing to do their duty and do it well. They deserve our complete and enthusiastic support — and lasting gratitude.



STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER. Students prepared in support of allied troops. More than 200 people to servicemen stationed in the Gulf. (photo by Kevin ...)

Rally held to back

by Jayne Lipford
Bison staff writer

A couple of weeks ago, Saturday Night Live did a skit about a soldier in the Middle East who was finally able to talk to his family for the first time in weeks. He was thrilled to hear his loved ones' voices, but his excitement wore off quickly.

The entire story revolved around the phone being passed from one person to the next, and all anyone could think of to say to the soldier, including his wife, was that they "loved him and missed him and were proud of him, and they all loved him, and they were really proud of him, and they all missed him, and loved him," and ... well, you get the picture.

The skit was funny and everybody laughed.

And then it hit: Our troops need our support.

On Jan. 31, a group of over 200 students, faculty and family members gathered on the steps of the Benson Auditorium to support their friends and loved ones who are involved in Operation Desert Storm. The gathering was called the "Patriotic Salute to the Troops," which was organized by the College Republicans.

The purpose of the rally was "to help us focus on the soldiers that are over there. We all need to realize that there is no reason not to support the troops," said Anna Conley, Harding's chairman of the College Republicans.

Whether you agree with the political conflict going on or not, you should still "focus your attention on the individuals that are involved," said Conley, a junior from Searcy, Ark.

Operation Desert Storm considered by Diffine as America's lesson in 'Wartime Economics 101'

by Dr. Don Diffine
Bison guest columnist

War and Peace. Few of us have slept well lately, and we've had that socked-in-the-stomach feeling over the Persian Gulf War. Today there are some empty chairs in many family circles. To those families we should extend our love, sympathy, prayers and humanitarian aid which has long been the hallmark of American voluntarism.

Scanning the print and electronic media over the past few months, this writer has chronicled 50 reasons why we are "over there." They really do all add up. We need to know that, to avoid cruelly punishing ourselves and others with false guilt. We will still have some frustration to work through — to keep us from being literally sick at heart. The medical term for that is "CNN Syndrome."

Lest we Americans develop a national schizophrenia over "Operation Desert Storm," here is *Wartime Economics 101*. Let's start with a volley of reasons that have been frequently cited.

We're "over there": (#1) to preserve "truth, justice and the American way"; (#2) to shelter Kuwait from aggression; (#3) to protect the interests of America's friends in the Middle East; (#4) because Iraq's leader is an international Al Capone; (#5) because Iraq with nuclear weapons would endanger the entire world; (#6) to protect those oil fields and oil company investments; (#7) because a big spike in oil prices threatens our economy; (#8) and to create that elusive "new world order."

Is there some truth to each of those points? Yes, and summed up they are probably ample reasons to send our finest into battle. However, there are many other reasons. All are related; some are more compelling than others. Together they join into a compelling mosaic.

Although domino theories have been less popular recently with the thaw in the Cold War, consider this sequence of events. (#9) A major oil cutoff would surely hobble Japan and energy-inefficient Europe. (#10) As major trading partners, their economic implosion could throw our economy into a freefall, jeopardizing jobs.

(#11) It is in our national and international interest to assure a stable flow of oil from the Persian Gulf at reasonable prices. American troops could be rotated into the Persian Gulf for years.

(#12) Congress decided after Vietnam that a standing military through a draft was too expensive. Hence, the call-ups of Guard and Reserve units. Did Congress publicize this huge shift in policy, or notify those whom it would affect the most? My sources say, "Definitely, yes."

(#13) We would like to have these fine people back right away, but we cannot simply withdraw and cross our fingers that there will be no more such crises. We have embarked on a course that will require collective resolve, diplomatic savvy and mega-quantities of manpower and equipment.

Additionally, (#14) the loss of control of the oil fields in the Persian Gulf could shake the foundations of the international banking system. Why? There are scores of oil-importing, underdeveloped countries which owe tens of billions of dollars to overexposed major banks.

(#15) A sharp, sustained increase in crude oil prices, and those nations may not be able to service their debts. The world's biggest and most vulnerable banks would take a significant broadside.

(#16) If the banks are pushed to the edge, those who suffer won't just be bank stockholders. We, our enterprises, and our loved ones could also suffer, at least temporarily, due to financial deflation and

confusion.

The plot thickens. (#17) A year before the invasion of Kuwait, and at two Arab summits, Saddam Hussein argued that by combining the OPEC quotas of the two countries, he could force oil prices up to \$30 a barrel, double his development budget and still pay off his war debts in four years.

(#18) In the process, he would expand his coastline from 37 miles to 225 miles and wind up with a deepwater port. All he had to do was take over Kuwait to whom he owed \$18 billion in loans from the Iran-Iraq war. His options were clear. He could repay the loan or he could rob the bank.

(#19) Egypt's President Mubarak has told a U.S. Senator recently that Saddam once took him aside and proposed a military coalition of Iraq, Egypt, Syria and Jordan to pool their weapons and carve up Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

(#20) On another occasion, Saddam offered Yemen two of Saudi Arabia's southern provinces. He once told Jordan's King Hussein that he could have the western port of the Saudi Peninsula.

(#21) What happened in Kuwait is a threat to the entire Arab world right now. Later, it could become a threat to the rest of the globe.

(#22) History can be a good teacher here. In 1938, Germany gobbled up neighboring Czechoslovakia; the West did nothing. A year later, much stronger Germany began its invasion of Poland, followed by Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France and threatened Great Britain. If only we and they had dealt with Germany early on.

(#23) What would happen if Iraq develops a monopoly on Persian Gulf oil? It could hold captive the world's economy and severely affect industrial output. By that time, it could stifle the coalition's military power and will to resist.

(#24) Is war about cheap crude oil? No, it is about heading off the terrible misuse of oil power. We have not sent nearly 500,000 Americans to the Persian Gulf just to hold oil prices at \$20 a barrel.

(#25) Our young men and women are there to keep Iraq from controlling two-thirds of global oil reserves and (#26) from using that control to blackmail the industrial world possibly with nuclear weapons. (#27) The case for fighting now is, frankly, that Iraq will be militarily, politically and geographically harder to fight later.

(#28) What we are doing is a pragmatic attempt to maintain access to the oil on which the world depends. (#29) It is nothing less than an effort to sustain the well-being of billions of people including Americans.

We import half our oil, but even achieving self-sufficiency would not fully protect us from war in the gulf. (#30) Our prosperity is heavily linked to countries that are heavily dependent on Mid-East oil.

(#31) If the price were all that mattered, we could rely on the marketplace. Even for producers, excessively high prices don't maximize profits. They drive away buyers by promoting conservation and inducing new oil production.

(#32) The trouble is that Saddam doesn't merely want to become king of the world's oil. (#33) His ambitions are to dominate the Arab world...and (#34) to turn greater Iraq into a global military power. His is the fourth largest military, which spent \$50 billion in the last decade. His military equals the size of all the other Arab countries combined.

(#35) Would he dole out oil at favorable prices to countries that delivered nuclear or military hardware? (#36) Modern warfare can deplete a country's treasury in record time. In 1870, an early prototype of a machine gun was demonstrated to a South American ruler. The machine gun was call-

ed by Engels "the ultimate weapon." It mowed everything down, but the ruler refused to buy it because "If I fire it for 15 minutes, it will empty my treasury."

(#37) With his treasury rebuilt, would he finance more terrorism by stopping oil shipments sporadically to coerce Western support for his agenda? (#38) Might he decide that oil at \$50 a barrel suited his politics, even if it's not profit maximizing?

(#39) We now know the answers: Nothing less than force can expel him from Kuwait, the only country in the Gulf that had a refinery that could process jet fuel. (#40) Today, Saudi Arabia has to supply the U.S. military in the Persian Gulf with imported jet fuel.

(#41) Sanctions don't have a history of forcing invaders out of conquered territory. Sanctions don't restrain a leader who protects his military first while sacrificing his civilian population.

(#42) Sanctions did impose a great toll on the United States. They gave Iraq time to heavily fortify Kuwait so that any ground assault would be all-the-more difficult and costly.

(#43) Appeasers haven't done their homework. Anything less than defeat for Hussein would soon have the Arab world back under his thumb. (#44) Those nations would be suing with peace with the biggest bully on the regional playground, and he

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would soon become more bold, reckless and unpredictable.

(#45) We cannot fight everybody's war. Any American president would be impeached for trying that. Therefore, we have to fight only those wars in which we have a vital national interest. (#46) Where a ruthless aggressor is involved, peace leads to a bigger war later.

(#47) We now know that there can be no trusting any deals Iraq's leader makes under diplomatic pressure. (#48) Such false trust would be an appeaser's peace, fated to erupt later in a sucker's war.

(#49) America is not a warmongering nation but rather a cautious trustee of our planet. Only the United States is strong enough to be the guardian of justice. As President Bush has said, "Such is the price of leadership." (#50) We desire so much to live in a world where fighting will not be necessary. The leader of Iraq does not view things that way.

The term "wartime economics" may seem to be a contradiction. The language of war is compulsion, victory, defeat, survival, destruction, violence, waste, tactics, assault, defense, fear and patriotism. The language of economy is voluntary action, gain, loss, creating, producing, peaceful work, industriousness, commerce, free trade and consumer sovereignty.

Nevertheless, the economy cannot thrive except under peaceful conditions. The very foundation of our economic lives — our freedom of choice to manage our individual, business and national affairs — is a direct result of sustained peace in our time.

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are U.S. flags for display in the Jan. 31 rally gathered on the Benson steps to say 'hello' (in Kerby)

troops in Gulf

At first, those massed on the steps were unsure about how they should act and what to do, but after the crowd sang our national anthem, loud cheers and shouts could be heard all around.

They stood together and saluted the flag, watched as the National Guard's Color Guard made its presentation, and listened to Kim Garner, a junior from Little Rock, Ark., sing "God Bless the USA." They also listened as several Harding faculty members told how they had been involved in various other struggles such as World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict.

One of the highest points of the rally came when West Memphis, Ark., junior Allen Busby read aloud a letter of inspiration that was sent by President Bush. In this letter, Bush reinforced the need for our continued support of the troops who are involved in the crisis. Bush repeatedly emphasized the need for support because he said our military personnel are fighting for the continuation of our freedoms. Four other universities throughout Arkansas held rallies of their own that day and similar letters were sent to them to be read to the group.

The event was videotaped and one copy will be sent to each of the following 11 Harding students who are currently stationed in the Middle East: Tim Beason, Bill Brunkhardt, Louis Cervantes, David Cook, Pat Cope, Michael Cox, Dana Deree, David Farmer, Steven Mahan, George Robert Morris and Terry Walker. Friends and family waved the American flag, said "Hello," and held up signs with personalized messages for these young men to see and know that they are truly not forgotten.



STAR SEARCH. Michael Stephenson and Michael Mazo strut their stuff in the student talent show last Saturday in the Benson Auditorium. The show gave students the chance to display their many talents. (photo by Jon Sterling)

Singers, guitarists, pianist perform

by John Crockett
Bison staff writer

The spirit of Valentine's Day descended early this year on Feb. 2 at the All-School Talent Show. Eighteen students performed 14 different acts at this semester's show. Although the show was open to faculty and staff members, the only participants were students. The show began on Saturday at 8 p.m. to a fairly large crowd in the Benson Auditorium.

A tuxedoed Terry Davis, a member of the sophomore class, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening's festivities. Terry kept the show moving by leading the audience in a number of cheers and flailing arm motions that highly resembled the stage antics of Arsenio Hall. The crisis in the Gulf was not forgotten as Terry led the audience in the singing of the National Anthem and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eleven of the 14 acts used the love song as a vehicle for expressing their talents. The love songs covered a number of styles including Broadway, Country, Pop and Motown. The acts that escaped Cupid's in-

fluence consisted of a piano piece, a rendition of "Amazing Grace" and an impromptu finale dealing with the subject of friendship.

Highlights of the evening included performances by Angie Bain and Missy Green, Steve Tate, Amy Gott and Lydia Weathersby. The most unique act was performed by Ralph and the Llammas, a group that consists of Chris Cauper, Mike Moro and Jeff Olivet.

The show ran smoothly except for one or two technical problems. The most obvious problem came when Darren Ellis became completely engulfed in darkness during his performance of his original song, "That's the Way It Should Be."

The talent show ended with two performances by Lydia Weathersby at the request of Terry Davis. The songs were "Amazing Grace" and Michael W. Smith's, "Friends are Friends Forever."

"The combination of her stage presence and vocal ability made the last two songs my favorites," said Craig Copeland, a freshman from Memphis, Tenn.

Pied Pipers complete two-day tour

by Michael S. Bass
Bison staff writer

"Do we have to go already?" was one question probably asked most by many elementary and middle school students this past week. On Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 28 and 29, Harding University's Pied Pipers enthusiastically took their two-day, eight-performance tour to approximately 2,500 students.

The Pied Pipers was a concept formed at Florida State University in 1969 by Hank McDaniel. Since that time, the idea of theatrically performing children's stories has spread throughout the United States. Three years ago, while in graduate school, Andrew Kronenwetter established the Pied Pipers at Harding; yet, for the past two years Dottie Frye, a past Pied Piper, has directed the group.

"The teachers were excited about our material," explained Frye. One reason was that the Pied Pipers helped to reinforce what was being taught in class.

The teachers also appreciated how the Pied Pipers were able to involve the students while still keeping them under control. Frye, who likes to watch the children's reactions during a performance, further explained why the Pied Pipers are so successful with children.

"You have to love children," she said. "Kids are the key to enjoyment."

Every 45-minute show is planned according to the age group to which it is being presented. They don't want to frighten small children with stories of scary dragons or bore older children with a story below their age level.

Another reason for the Pied Pipers success is that they appreciate one another.

"We all like to be together," said Mrs. Frye. Tours and performances help the group to enjoy being together and being with children. The smiles and laughter of those children encourage the Pied Pipers to continue their form of entertainment for years to come.

Burks, Hutchison trade places for a day

by Caryllee Parker
Bison assistant editor

"Trading places" is a motif usually found only in movies and storybooks, but for Harding University President David Burks and Kelsey Hutchison, a junior from Joplin, Mo., the theme became reality Thursday, Jan. 24.

The big switch was prompted by a suggestion from Kathleen Eyman, a Dallas senior who had read of a similar program at the University of Texas. The event was part of a week-long campaign to promote the Jan. 25 "1964 as the Beatles" concert in the Benson Auditorium.

Hutchison became "queen for a day" when her name was randomly selected in chapel Jan. 23.

"I almost killed my sister when I heard the announcement," Hutchison said. "She bought our tickets and signed me up while I was at track practice. I got her back, though, since she had to sit by Dr. Burks in chapel."

Hutchison's official duties included giving chapel announcements and "managing" the executive office.

"The best part of the day was having a secretary to do everything," she said. "She even brought me a menu to ask what I wanted for lunch. She would buzz me on the intercom and say, 'So-and-so is here to see you. Shall I send him in?'"

But trading places wasn't always easy. "I don't think I'd want to be a college

president," Hutchison said. "People came in all day with tons of complaints; I wouldn't like dealing with that very much. I think I'll stick to elementary education."

Burks agreed.

"It was awkward in the sense that I found myself wanting to go back to my office, and there was no office to go to," he said. "It was also strange to sit in the balcony instead of on the stage in chapel, but I enjoyed it."

Especially for Burks, who was also a junior at Harding in 1964, the experience was a trip to "Yesterday." He wore Hutchison's social club jersey, sat in her chapel seat and took notes in her only class of the day, developmental reading with Professor Betty Watson.

For Burks, the experience reinforced his desire to be a student again:

"I've always wanted to be a student, strangely enough. I think it would be wonderful to take a sabbatical and study without the pressure of earning a degree, but time no longer permits," he said.

Hutchison said the day was an enjoyable one, and that Burks was "fully supportive" of the activities.

"I'm not a PR-type person, so all my friends were calling and saying, 'I can't believe that was you! You're usually so reserved.' But [my friend] said to make the most of it, because this was something I'd want to tell my children about someday. And it really was."

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Author and invisible friend experience the thrill of ordering pizza on the phone

by Craig Carrington
Bison staff writer

Hugh, my new invisible friend and fellow Harding student, was talking with me in my dorm room the other night about ludicrous, insane and scholarly topics....

"So, Craig, you're saying that you are completely adamant in your belief that one day there will be an international shortage of the newly released Cheetos Paws, which will result in a world-scale economic meltdown?"

I assure him, in a deceptively nonchalant manner, that those are indeed my true feelings on the subject. Hugh responds to my affirmation:

"Why you, Craig, with your brilliantly-perceptive mind, are not an economics major right now is something I can't comprehend."

I reach over with my forefinger cocked behind my thumb and thump him on the forehead affectionately, yet with the force of a freight train. "I am not an economics major because," I answer, "I am an idiot in disguise."

Hugh's face brightens with laughter, and I join him in celebrating the humor that is naturally shared between collegiate companions.

After pausing between stifled giggles, Hugh is struck by an idea:

"Hey, Craig! Let's order a pizza!"

Wow, what a great idea, I think. "Hey, Hugh! What a great idea!" I exclaim.

"Let's call Scrabble's Pizza," Hugh suggests with verve and voracity.

[Note to reader: The name of the pizza delivery company named above is fictional, but may or may not be based on a similar pizza company that may or may not operate in the continental United States. Draw your own conclusions; I'm not telling.]

I pick up the phone, dial and wait for an answer. While waiting, I think:

This is so exciting. Hugh and I are bonding in ways I never imagined were possible. What could be more meaningful than discussing potential world economic affairs, sharing a laugh or two and ordering a pizza after curfew?

After eight rings, someone answers: "Hello?"

"Hello — is this Scrabble's Pizza?"

"No, it's not. Who is this? What do you mean waking —?"

I hastily hang up the receiver and try again, this time with the slow, methodical precision of a *Mission: Impossible* subplot or a McDonald's cashier. My hard work pays off and I reach Scrabble's Pizza:

"HellothisScrabble'sPizzaThankyouforcallingIhateyouMayIputyouonholdmomentarilyThankyou[Click]"

I wait briefly to be certain no further diatribes cloaked in a cheery voice will be spewed out at me, then I squeak out insignificantly into the telephone: "yes."

I turn to Hugh and smile: "She put me on hold. Somehow I don't think she's in a good mood. They sound busy."

Hugh nods his head to show that he understands, then he rubs his hand over his stomach to show me that he is very hungry.

In response, I nod my head and then rub my stomach as well.

Hugh, in turn, smiles at my mimicry and begins to flap his arms up and down rapidly, his entire body simultaneously rising symbolically toward the ceiling.

I translate his movements to mean that he feels like a person who has just died and is flying up to heaven as an angel. I allow my imagination to wander, caught up in the spirit of the moment: I jump up, phone still pressed to ear, and proceed to stomp around the dorm room shouting "Albetross!" in a high-pitched, nasal voice. Performance Art is the Highest Art.

Hugh and I continue our exercises in cultural awareness (i.e., the Performance Art) for over an hour, still waiting for the undeniably rude — yet, "kind-of-cute-sounding" — Scrabble's Pizza girl to return to the telephone line. Finally she does, interrupting my impromptu performance piece entitled "Blisters On My Fingers, Bells on My Toes":

"I'msorrysirbutScrabble'sPizzaisclosedforthenightThankyouforholdingGood-bye[CLICK]"

For the purposes of this article, please assume that Hugh and I responded in a calm, rational manner. Thank you.



PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC. Vince Andrews jams on his saxophone during a jazz concert Tuesday night in the American Heritage Auditorium. Andrews led two music workshops Tuesday before joining the Harding jazz band for the concert. (photo

by Kevin Kerby)

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SPORTS

Thompson leaves for Italy pursuing semi-professional football career

by John Bossong
Bison sports writer

He wore number 45 and for four years he roamed the Harding Bison defensive line stalking quarterbacks and running backs like a buzzard preys over something in the road.

Kenwick Thompson now has a different stomping ground. Thompson now plays semi-professional football in Florence, Italy.

Thompson is playing in the Italian Football League just two months after his senior season as a Bison. He was taken to see the Super Bowl and then flown to Florence by the owner to begin practice.

The team is the Florence Apaches, named after a famous American Indian tribe. There are three levels of play in Italian football: A-1, A-2 and B, A-1 being the highest. There are eight to ten teams in each level and each team is allowed two American players. The top two teams in B and A-2 move up to A-1 while the bottom two teams in A-1 move down. The system runs the same as the Italian Soccer League.

The team is coached by Robby Shackelford, Director of Harding University in Florence. The owner is Mark Chellini, who has a \$150,000 to \$200,000 budget for the team.

The season is a spring schedule beginning in February and ending in June. Recently the team was playing on a soccer field but plans are under way for a new stadium to be built. Games are played on Saturday evenings and draw a crowd of about 1,200 people per game.

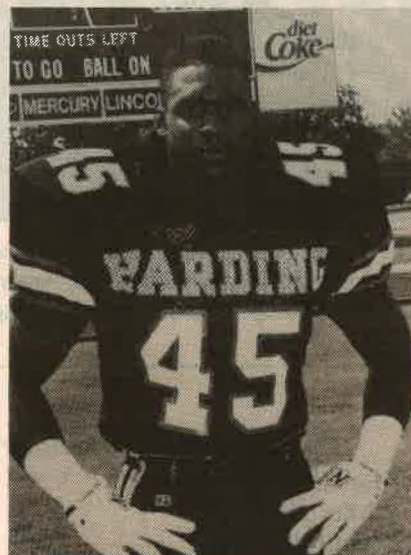
Thompson will receive \$100 per game and bonuses depending on whether they win or lose. He would also receive a bonus if the team makes the playoffs. Thompson's food and living expenses are also paid for.

Although he played defense for Harding, Thompson will get the chance to prove his running ability in Florence. He will play tailback and defensive end for the Apaches.

Thompson was a star defensive end for Harding in his four years. His accomplishments include: 1) All-Conference two years; 2) Honorable mention All-American his senior season; 3) *Arkansas Democrat* Player of the Year; 4) NAIA Player of the Week against Arkansas Tech University; *Arkansas Gazette* Player of the Week against Arkansas Tech and Southern Arkansas University; 6) Lead Harding in sacks his last two seasons.

Thompson plans on returning to Harding after completing the season in Italy and finishing his degree. He will also be a graduate assistant for the football team next fall.

The Apaches have gained a powerful force in Kenwick Thompson. If he does half as much for them as he did on and off the field at Harding, he could possibly teach the Italians more than just something about football. Good luck, Kenwick.



Kenwick Thompson



WELL FLY AWAY. Jason Parker, a forward, goes up for two points against the University of the Ozarks while Morris Williams, #30, keeps a close watch. Monday's game in the Ganus Athletic Center resulted in a 89-84 loss. (photo by Jon Sterling)

Basketball team loses two close games; Garcia leads league in scoring

by Aaron Hasten
Bison sports writer

Coach Nicky Boyd's men found themselves on the short end of a one-point ball game against the Henderson State Reddies Jan. 28.

The Bisons clung to the lead until the Reddies rallied and tied the score with just under three minutes to play. Willie Johnson of Henderson State hit a long three-pointer to steal the lead from the Bisons. The Bisons wouldn't yield and regained the lead when Jason Parker scored on a follow-up shot with less than a minute left in the game. Henderson's Alvin Jones scored with 37 seconds remaining to slip past the Bisons.

Rolando Garcia held the hot hand for the Bisons with 24 points and eight rebounds. Morris Williams and Parker both collected 16 points and Michael Wood accounted for 14 points.

Hill leads Lady Bisons past Henderson; chance of first playoff birth in sight

by Aaron Hasten
Bison sports writer

After trailing most of the second-half, the Lady Bisons, under the direction of coach Greg Harnden, took the lead and the victory away from the Henderson State Lady Reddies.

The Lady Bisons were able to stay close enough to Henderson State to capitalize on a big frey by Heather Hill late in the game, and walk away in winning fashion.

Defensively, Marla Lewis held the Lady Reddies' top gun, Lena Womack, to 14 points which proved to be vital for a Lady Bison victory.

"It was a real big win on the road for us. We were behind most of the second half, but stayed close enough to take the lead and hang on to it," Harnden said.

Vicki Herekam and Nancee Wilson each netted 16 points to lead the Lady Bisons, Wilson also pulled down 11 rebounds.

Angela Brown topped the Lady Reddies' scoring column with 19 points. She was followed by Womack, who had 14, and Amanda Stuart with 10.

Jones and John Williams hit for 17 points each, while Johnson added 14, and Robert Herbert, 12, for the victorious Reddies.

Turnovers crushed the Bisons' hopes of victory against the Bears from Central Arkansas when they committed 31, 19 in the first half. The number 4-ranked Bears took advantage of Harding's miscues and recorded 106 points in the books.

Keith Nelson shined bright for the Bisons with 19 points and the AIC's leading scorer, Garcia, had 18 and nine rebounds.

The Bears had five players in double digits with Clifton Bush, Zack Burks and Vincent Smith each collecting 22 points. George Sitkowska had 18 and Matt Kordsmeier, 10.

The men from Harding dropped to 6-16 overall and 2-8 in league play. The Bisons have seven major games ahead of them en route to the AIC playoffs.

To say the least, the Lady Bisons fell short against the Sugar Bears from Central Arkansas. Harding tried a number of defensive schemes, but none seemed to stop the high-scoring Sugar Bears.

The Sugar Bears had two players score more than 20 points. Dee Ann Walter turned out 28 points on the evening, followed by Checola Seals, who chalked up 25. Robbie Conder was also in double figures with 14.

"Any time your defensive gives up 98 points, you're not going to win too many games," Harnden replied later.

Heather Hill led the Lady Bisons by scoring 15 points and Kymm Hudson was a close second with 14.

The Lady Bisons, who fell to 8-12 overall and 2-7 in the AIC, have seven conference games left.

"We have already won more games than we ever have. We have seven big conference games left and need to finish in the top six to make the playoffs. Right now nine teams are tied for seventh place in the league," Harnden said.

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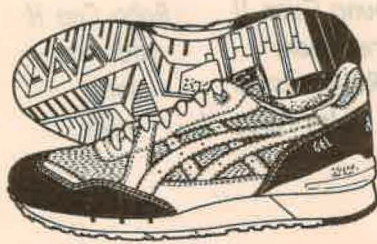
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Intramural season underway for men

by Jason Harriman
Bison sports writer

The 1991 Intramural Major and Minor League Basketball Conference play is under way. There is going to be a lot of basketball played with five teams in the three major conferences and four teams in each of the two minor conferences.

In the Major League standings:

The Bullets lead the Eastern Conference with a 1-0 record. The Pistons and Hawks are tied at 2-0 in the Central Conference. In the Western Conference, the Suns and Sonics lead with 2-0 records.

In the Minor League standings:

The Gators and Bulldogs lead the Atlantic Conference with 2-0 records. The Falcons lead the Pacific Conference with a record of 2-0.

The big game this week in the Major League will be between the Sonics and the Suns who will play to see who remains undefeated. The Gators and the Bulldogs, who both are undefeated in the Minor League, will play to see who will remain on top of the Atlantic Conference.

MAJOR LEAGUE RECORDS

Eastern Conference	Central Conference	Western Conference
Bullets 1-0	Pistons 2-0	Suns 2-0
Cavaliers 1-1	Hawks 1-1	Sonics 2-0
Sixers 1-1	Bulls 1-1	Trail Blazers 1-1
Celtics 0-2	Mavs 0-1	Warriors 1-1
Faculty 0-2	Spurs 0-2	Lakers 0-2
	Nuggets	0-2

MINOR LEAGUE RECORDS

Atlantic Conference	Pacific Conference
Gators 1-0	Falcons 2-0
Bulldogs 1-0	Huskies 1-1
Middies 0-2	Cougars 1-1
Faculty 0-2	Trojans 0-2

Club basketball winds down as championships are decided and the potluck season starts

by Daren P. Howard
Bison staff writer

Another Harding club basketball season is almost over. Two championship games were played Wednesday and the remaining games will be played on Saturday. Here's a look at the match-ups.

In big club action Wednesday night, Seminoles took on Titans in a contest that proved interesting. Consider this: Take a very strong Titan team and add a

predominately ex-Titan starting lineup for Seminoles and what do you get? Possibly the most dominating, at the very least the deepest, basketball A-team ever to squeak its shoes on the floor of the old gym.

The remaining big club championships are TNT vs. the Seminoles/Bucs winner in the "B" division, the previous scenario in the "C" ranks, and Bucs vs. the TNT/Sub-T winner to decide the "D" champion.

The middle club "A" championship saw

Theta Tau take on Kappa Tau in one of the best rivalries on campus. In the "B" championship Kappa Tau will play Chi Sigs. In the other middle club championships Theta Tau will go against the Pikes/Kappa Tau winner for the "C" crown, and the "D" game will pit the Knights/Kappa Tau winner against the "Raw Saw" boys.

Remember, potluck begins early next week. Fans, get out and support your team.

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Instrumental season under way for men

The men's instrumental ensemble is preparing for its first concert of the season. The group, which includes members from various departments, will perform at the Student Center on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 8:00 p.m.

The ensemble is directed by Dr. [Name]. The group has been practicing hard and is expected to give a fine performance. The concert will feature a variety of instrumental pieces, including classical and contemporary works.

Admission is free. The concert is open to all students and faculty. For more information, contact the Student Center.

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