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

by Darrie W. Ellis

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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."

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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 you 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 realistic 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.

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 resolution of mine: Full Name - Billy Joe Gates; Age - 28 years old; Eyes - Haze; Hair - Blondish-Brown; Height - 56 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 crew be relatively well-controlled. I hope the 1964 group can become an annual event.

Mark Stogdill

Planned weekend of relaxation leads to surprises

My roommate and I were in desperate need of some major relaxation. Cold weather, hard classes, January blues, 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 nonenervating, 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 Carylee 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 was worse. We were somewhere in the Arkansas Delta — 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 mouth. 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 hands on. Our next escape 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 Carylee 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.

What rest of our mini-vacation was great except for a minor adventure on the trip home. Once again I fell asleep and left Carylee, 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, flapping his brights and riding next to Carylee 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 groveled.

Fortunately, we lost him in Texarkana and the rest of our trip was blissfully uneventful. We arrived at Searcy drenched in the warming 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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Should the U.S. rule out the possible use of nuclear weapons in the Persian Gulf crisis?

Scott Lacy, Freshman
Searcy, AR

"No, because it will effect more people than just the Iraqis."

Nena 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 uninhabitable. 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

Several weeks into the war, Saddam Hussein still sits patiently in his underground Hiltion, 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 35 percent of those polled favored the use of nuclear weapons in the Middle East. This is remarkable, considering: the war is still stalled 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 "pro-liferate" among our strategists.

The pertinent question becomes, "What is our strategy?" If the nuclear weapons are simply a deterrent, they have obviously fail-ed, 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 Conby, 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 really excited." Howard is a sophomore elementary education major from Searcy. She stated that she is "really honored." Shanklin

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 basketball team and raise money for underprivileged children to attend Camp Wydwood.

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 Pirtle was very excited when she 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 in the club's service for the spring season. 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 Wydwood 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.

The women hopefuls are Lori Adkins, Beth Howard, a sophomore from Memphis, and Natalie Pirtle, a sophomore from Searcy. She stated that she is "really honored." You can participate in the 1991 Miami Summer Internship "Sharing the Dream" Miami, Florida May 30 - Aug. 9, 1991

Miami Summer Internship is an intensive ten-week training opportunity for all - not only formal ministerial students - who wish to serve the Lord and realize more of their spiritual potential.

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Featured speakers include Doug Kogutowski, Max Lucado and Joe Beam.

Dr. Rex Moorer, Internship Director, will be in the Student Center, Feb. 14 and 15 after chapel until noon to interview students. Or contact: Miami Summer Internship 10250 SW 107th Avenue Miami, FL 33176 (305) 598-4823

Fun, future are focus of senior retreat by Susan Vaughn
Bison staff writer

"So now what are you going to do?" 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?" You can participate in the 1991 Miami Summer Internship "Sharing the Dream" Miami, Florida May 30 - Aug. 9, 1991

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

Jeff Tucker, 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. 23 and 24 at the Wydwood Retreat Center. Don't wait to hear about it Monday - you may be sorry you missed it.

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Sign up in the student Center Feb. 13/14.
Women’s open house draws males from all over campus into the dorms
by Lagane Murrell
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 Drumlan, a freshman from Birmingham, Ala., said, “I wasn’t 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 Annie 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 undeniable future biology specimen crawling away from the refrigerator, these men created smiles and laughter for each visitor.

Many freshmen were disappointed that Cathcart was closed early. Jan. 31 was only one of two Open Houses this semester. On April 10, women will once again determine the righteous from the unrighteous.

SPASH SPASH! 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 Krypt)

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 formentioned 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.

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Harding student was a friend of first war casualty

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 peace on our world and for the essential value of human life itself. Many are younger than my own children. Your age, most of the afternoon discussing their hobby. And that is why we cannot condemn what must be done halfway around the world in Kuwait.

But we have the chance — to stop ruthless aggression.

While we search for that answer, in the Gulf young men and women are getting their own lives on hold in order to stand for the principles on which this nation was founded. We will do our share. This is one such time.

Each day that passes means another day of international outrage, 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 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 founding 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 Duffine as America’s lesson in ‘Wartime Economics 101’

by Dr. Don Duffine

War and Peace. Few of us have slept well lately, and we’ve had that sickened-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, our sympathy, and our humanitarian aid which has long been the hallmark of American voluntarism.

The printed and electronic media over the past few months, this writer has chronicled 56 reasons why we are “over there.” They really do all add up. We need to be doing this, to avoid conflict amongst 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 “Cynoid Syndrome.”

Let us Americans develop a national schizophrenia over “Operation Desert Storm.” There is “Wartime Economics 101.” Let’s start with a volley of reasons that have been frequently cited:

We’re “over there”: (1) to preserve the West (2) to strengthen the American way; (3) to shelter Kuwait from aggression; (4) to protect the interests of America’s friends in the Middle East; (5) because “he who pays the piper calls the tune” Canada involvement; (6) because a big splo in oil prices threatens our economy; and (7) to create that elusive “new world order.”

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. (2) George decided after Vietnam that a standing military through a draft was too expensive. Hence, the call-up 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.”

(9) We would like to have those fine people back right away, but our economy will be much better such times. We have embarked on a course that will require collective resolve, diplomatic savvy and massive quantities of manpower and equipment. It’s probably, (10) the loss of control of the oil fields in the Persian Gulf would make the foundations of the international banking system. Why? There are scores of oil-importing, underdeveloped countries which owe tens of billions of dollars to overextended major banks. (2) A sharp, sustained increase in crude oil prices, and these nations may not be able to service their debts. The world’s biggest banks are now involved, with significant broadside.

(10) The tanks 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 $80 a barrel, double his development budget and still pay off a $23 billion war debt. (18) It’s happening. (17) He was about to spread this coastline from 37 miles in 1987 to 250 miles in 1990. Saddam Hussein was a force to be reckoned with. (18) All he had to do was take over Kuwait to whom he owed $16 billion in loans from the Iraq-Iran War. His options were clear. He could repay the loan or they could rob the bank.

(19) Egypt’s President Mubarak told us 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.

(22) History can be a good teacher here. In 1984, Germany gobbled up neighboring Czechoslovakia; the West did nothing. A year later, much stronger and more resolute, it was invaded by Poland, followed by Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France and threatened Great Britain. If only we and they had dealt with Germany early on.

(22) What would happen if Iraq developed a monopoly on Persian Gulf oil? It could hold captive the world’s economy and sever its military and industrial output. In 1990, 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 terror of the three to the Cold War, consider this sequence of events. (1) A major oil cutoff would affect oil prices at $30 a barrel. (2) As major trading partners, their economists would rationalize why they could afford expensive. Hence, the machine gun was invented. (3) What 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 boosting conservation and inducing new oil production. (11) The price has been rising about 10% a year.

(36) The reality is that Saddam doesn’t move without becoming king of the world’s oil. (30) 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. (34) He would do it by cutting other Arab states’ oil prices to countries that delivered nuclear or military hardware. (34) Only then could he provide a treasury in record time. In 1970, an early prototype of a machine gun was demonstrated to a Swedish American ruler. The machine gun was called "the ultimate weapon." It moved 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. This is his "Pee-wee Herman" game. Might he decide that oil at $50 a barrel sullies his position, even if it’s not profitable maximizing? (38) 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) The day before Saudi Arabia lastly supplied six million tons of oil to the Persian Gulf with imported jet fuel.

(39) Sanctions don’t have a history of forcing invaders out of conquered territory. Saddam Hussein is a leader who wants to make his military history. He is no military genius but a cautious and astute politician.

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

(41) Appeasers haven’t done their homework. Any less than defeat for Hussein would send the Arab world back under his thumb. (44) Those nations would be unhappy and would cooperate even more boldly on the regional playground, and hey...

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.

We prepare U.S. flags for display in the Jan. 31 rally 00 people gathered on the Benson steps to say "hello" (Photo by Anna Kutty)}
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 in 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 Mindy 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 Casper, Mike Moro and Jeff Oliver.

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. Buss
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 McDaniell. 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 Krunenwetter 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.

Bamburg, Hutchinson trade places for a day

by Carylee Parker
Bison staff writer

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

The big switch was prompted by a suggestion from Kathleen Eymann, 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, 1994, as the Beatles' concert in the Benson Auditorium.

Hutchinson 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," Hutchinson 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 to sit by Dr. Burks in chapel."

Hutchinson'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," Hutchinson said. "People came in all day with less 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 serves as a junior at Harding in 1964, the experience was a trip to "Yesterday." He wore Hutchinson'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.

Hutchinson 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 it; was you!' You're usually so reserved," Burks said. "But [my friends] said to make the most of it, because this was something I'd want to tell my children about someday. And it really was."
Author and invisible friend experience the thrill of ordering pizza on the phone

by Craig Carrington

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 adamannt in your belief that one day there will be an international shortage of the newly released Cheezest 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.

Hugh is struck by an idea:

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

This is a great suggestion with verve and voracity.

"But- but that delivery company named above is fictional, 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 "Blasers On My Fingers, Beds on My Toes": "I'm sorry, but Scabell's Pizza isn't a place to order a pizza after curfew."

"Because," I answer, "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 nods his head to show that he understands, then he rubs his hand over his forehead affectionately, yet with the force of a freight train.

"Hello — is this Scrabble's Pizza?"

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

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:

"Hello, this is Scrabble's Pizza. Thank you for calling. I'm sorry to hold you for such a long time.

Hugh responds to my affirmation:

"Yes, that's true."

I answer,

"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 as well. Hugh, in turn, smiles at my mimicry and begins to flap his arms up and down rapidly, his entire body simultaneously 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 stamp around the dorm room shouting "Albatross!" in a high-pitched, nasal voice. Performance Art is the Highest Art.

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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?

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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 Kelly)

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Thompson leaves for Italy pursuing semi-professional football career

by John Booeing
Beatt sports writer

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

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 high up in the standings will prove to do 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.

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

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

by Aaron Harden
Beatt 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 hung on 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 27 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.

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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 underway. 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.

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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 matchups.

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 Sigma. 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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