Elderhostel attracts students over 60 for a week full of living and learning

by Joyce Lipscomb

From biblical archaeology to genealogy research . . . from politics to opera . . . from the Bill of Rights to the heritage of freedom . . . it's all offered at Harding University's Elderhostel.

Elderhostel offers those over the age of 60 the opportunity to "take an adventure of mind, body and spirit" - that is why participants say "studying is half the fun," says the Elderhostel catalog.

Elderhostel is an educational program for older adults who enjoy forming new friendships, traveling to new places and having intellectual experiences. Its catalog states, "our commitment is to the belief that retirement does not represent an end to significant activity for older adults, but a new beginning filled with opportunities and challenges."

In 1975, the first Elderhostel was created by Marty Knowlton, a well-known social activist and educator. Knowlton based his program on the same concept as the youth hostels found throughout Europe. Since its beginning, the program has expanded to include all 50 states, 10 provinces in Canada and 40 countries overseas. More than 700 institutions of higher education participate in the Elderhostel program.

Harding held its first session of Elderhostel approximately nine years ago and averages 225 "students" each year. Harding books the programs twice during each month of April, June and October for a total of six sessions annually. Each session is limited to 45 participants because "when you have more than 45 individuals involved, it is hard to have cohesiveness within the group," said Dr. James F. Carr, who heads the Elderhostel program on Harding's campus.

Harding's program draws participants from more than 14 states, with the majority coming from Florida and California. The reason Harding attracts so many people from out-of-state is that "most participants choose an Elderhostel program away from their homes so they can travel and experience something different," said Carr.

Harding's Elderhostel begins on a Sunday afternoon and ends the following Saturday. Like all other Elderhostel programs, Harding offers three different courses of interest each session that meet for 1-1/2 hours each day. While participants are only required to attend one course, the classes are scheduled so that all three may be attended.

"There is something for everyone here. We have activities going on all the time. It's like being at an adult summer camp," said Carr.

People seem to enjoy the sessions at Harding, said Carr: "We have a lot of repeats attending our program," he said. "If they didn't enjoy the experiences here, we wouldn't have as many of the same people coming back over the years."

"They may be strangers on Sunday," Carr said. "I can assure you that on Saturday there are many tearful goodbyes."

**Happenings**

**OUT ON A LIMB.** Tonight the Student Association movie "Jungle Book," will be shown at 7 and 9 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium. Admission is free.

**AT BAT.** Today the Bison baseball team plays the University of North Alabama at Jerry Moore Field.

**STUDENT PRODUCTION.** The Department of Communications will present "The Elephant Man" in the Little Theater April 11-13 at 7 p.m.

**NEW FLICK.** The Student Association movie, "F fixture," will be shown in the Benson Auditorium at 7 and 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 13.

**PLAY BALL.** The Bison baseball team plays Southern Arkansas University at Jerry Moore Field.

**HARDING GUESTS.** The 1991-92 Harding Elderhostel program will be held April 14-20.

**ALL STRUNG OUT.** Monday, April 15, Douglas Neidt will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Auditorium. Neidt is a guitarist who plays both popular and classical music.

**BATTER UP.** Support the team as they play Central Arkansas Wednesday, April 17 at Jerry Moore Field.

**HOW GREAT THOU ART.** An all-student art show will be held at Stevens Art Gallery April 7-19.

**READY, OKAY.** Tryouts for Bison football cheerleaders will be held in the New Gym Monday, April 15.
Heavenly focus should never mean forsaking earthly joys

Probably the primary goal of the Christian lifestyle is to focus on eternity. We are constantly reminded to look toward God, forsaking the worldly cares and shallow wants that surround us. While this is the right attitude to pursue, I think another problem, equal in scope, is that of focusing so closely on forsaking the world that you lose sight of the joys here. Think how often we sing, "This world is not my home, I'm just a-passing through," with such zeal that we're ready tokip the trials and sins of this earth and head straight for eternity. But this is a mistake, because there are just as many joys on Earth as there are trials. In our haste to avoid secular distractions, we sometimes put on Christian blinders that shut out friends, family and the beauty of Earth as well as the sin that surround us.

We see this sometimes in our religious role models who can always be counted on to lead a prayer, host a devotional or turn out a sermon on a moment's notice. But when we need someone to heal our hurts or just be a friend they seem to be too busy with their direct line to heaven. Think about the lyrics to this song:

"For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.
Now think about all the other creations the song praises: the beauty of each hour, hill and dale and tree and flower, the sun and moon and stars, the joy of human love, friends on Earth and friends above. God created these things for us to enjoy while we are here on Earth.

Psalms 24:1 reads, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters." Our hearts are in the right place. We seek the perfect Christian walk, centered on Christ, seeking to follow His example, blind to the earthly worries that threaten to distract us from our path. But the tragic results are travelogue, so consumed with looking upward that we fail to notice the abundant sources of joy at our feet, and, in our haste to end our treacherous walk, we kick those joys out of our way, as if they were meaningless roadblocks.

We have two lives as Christians: the temporary life on Earth and the eternal life with God. Both are beautiful because they were created by God. I feel sure that God would want us to fully enjoy both His creations.
Runners to gather on April 20 for annual MADD Dash

by Michael Bass

Runners from across the state will gather on April 20 for the Seventh Annual MADD Dash. The event, sponsored by the White County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, has become a living tribute to the memory of Harry Miller.

On Sept. 35, 1980, at the age of 26, Miller was killed by a drunk driver. Five months before his death, the Harding graduate and former Searcy Parks and Recreation Director organized what was first known as the "Skyline Scamper." Since that time the local race has given honor to a man that gave much to his community and has become recognized as one of the more challenging courses in Arkansas.

Registration for the MADD Dash will begin at 8 a.m. at the Carmichael Community Center on the corner of South Elm and West Crisp in Searcy. The event is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and will offer a 5K, 10K and a One Mile Fun Run to include all levels of athletic ability. "The 5K race has proven to be a fun event," said Dr. Paul Pollard, Associate Dean and Professor of Bible and Religion and past president of the local MADD chapter. "The terrain is flat most of the way and, even better, the return is downhill! The 10K race (6.2 miles), also known as the "Harry Miller 10K," is hilly, tough and designed with the top-conditioned athlete in mind."

The purpose of the race is to raise money to help MADD in the fight against drunk driving and also to make people more conscious of not drinking and driving. The cost for the race is $8.00 before April 20 or $13.00 prior to race time. T-shirts will be given to registered 5K and 10K runners and caps or visors will be given to all One Mile Fun Run entrants. Cash prizes will also be awarded. Entry forms are available in the Bible Department Office.
Buckley advocates caution
by Carylee Parker
The United States still has vital interests to protect and problems to solve both at home and abroad, even in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf war victory, said William F. Buckley Jr. in an American Studies lecture April 2.

While speaking to a near-capacity crowd in the Benson Auditorium, Buckley, a nationally known author, editor, columnist, television personality and politician compared the present state of the Middle East to "a pit of anarchy around which the world's vultures gather."

"The military victory we've won tends to freewheel our perspectives and make us focus on conflicts we did not win," he said. "But we need to tread carefully on the ground we pulverized."

The champion of conservatism explained that the U.S. entered the conflict in order to feed its appetite for oil after Iraq annexed Kuwait in an attempt to limit its oil production and increase prices.

"That is why we went to war," he said. "We did not want to become their economic subjects."

U.S. involvement was due to the isolationist tradition that Americans have mistakenly adhered to in the past, Buckley said.

"The notion that we needed any particular commodity was considered quaint," he said. "But the U.S. has been a nation of traders since its earliest days."

Another area of instability in which the U.S. should proceed with caution is found in the Soviet Union, Buckley said.

"It's not the Soviet Union we grew up with," he said. "The Soviet Union is no longer the hegemonic threat it once was."

"Victory in the Cold War gives us grounds for great satisfaction. But we didn't win the Cold War, the Soviet Union last it," he told a near-capacity crowd.

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"We must be on the alert to the possibility that the Cold War is over, because it is not."

Although some changes, such as the nation's first free-elections held March 24, have infiltrated the Soviet Union's formerly impenetrable system, Buckley warned that the country still lags far behind western standards.

"Free market principles have been accepted by the government, but have not been implemented," he said. "Gorbachev has not made the Soviet Union into a 'thali.'"

Buckley previously recommended extravagant U.S. purchases of Soviet military equipment to inject currency with value into its congested system, but he said now that the nation cannot use the money for its problems are organic.

"The Soviet Union cannot work its way out of this conundrum by a transmutation of foreign aid," he said.

Turning his attention to battles on the home front, Buckley advocated a decrease in the capital gains tax.

"The Reagan Revolution will not be consummated until a lower capital gains tax becomes part of the public philosophy. The taxi driver who works 70 hours a week is taxed at a higher rate than the taxi driver who elects to work only 46 hours a week. How did that happen?" he asked, calling the policy irresponsible and unfair.

The increased tax originated in 1983 after Federal Reserve Board policies led to a recession. Dubbed the "rich man's relief bill," a lower tax would provide long-term benefits by removing barriers to saving, Buckley said.

Finally, Buckley endorsed the idea of mandatory national service for the 3.5 million adolescents who turn 18 each year.

"I am grateful that no conscription is needed in this country, but we should be asking for service of another kind," he said.

Buckley proposed that high school graduates spend one year in compulsory community service to benefit the elderly, with college admittance prohibited until the term is completed.

Caring for the aged is today's principal social problem, Buckley said, and the unskilled labor of youth would provide companionship, dignity, compensating for the rising costs of supervisory medical attention.

"(Community service) would provide young people at an impressionable age with a sense of humanitarianism and the reality of old age," he said. "It would reinforce the best instincts of youth by creating a union between the young and old, teaching them to acknowledge a debt we cannot repay and by re-establishing a spirit of affection and understanding between the generations."

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Safety takes top priority
during twister season
by Harris W. Ellis
from the scene.

At this time of year everything becomes more active. Trees and plants are budding, birds are singing, and unfortunately, tornadoes are twisting.

Many students are curious about what they should do in case of a tornado and where they should go. As many of us have learned in grade school, everyone should stay out of buildings, such as gyms and auditoriums with large amounts of indoor space, and away from windows. Flying glass can be lethal and auditoriums seem to fall because they lack support. Thus the Benson is not a suitable shelter.

But there are some safe places to seek shelter on campus. Corridors of all women's dorms are safe, as is the basement of Kendall Hall. Other safe corridors are in the American Studies building, the second, third and fourth floors of the hotel section of the American Heritage building, the second floor of the Gannus building, and all men's dorms except Graduate Hall.

"All students should have a place in mind to go in case of a tornado," Dean Foy O'Neal said.

In case of life-threatening weather, an alarm system positioned on a telephone pole across the street from the Harding laundromat would alert students with a loud, continuous blow. Three short tones would indicate that the threatening weather has cleared and conditions are safe.

Dean O'Neal said that those working in the student affairs office have direct communication with security and the vice president of student affairs. Dr. Barnes is also working to construct a "disaster plan" that will be helpful in making Harding a safe environment.

In the spring semester of 1987, a large tree was uprooted in front of the American Studies building and several other trees were severely damaged. This could have been Harding's most recent tornado experience, but no one actually saw the tornado.

There have been several sightings of funnel clouds in Arkansas this month and it seems like those who are directly involved in the destruction always say, "I never thought it would happen to me." A small amount of preparation and some quick thinking could keep students from uttering those words.

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Last Red Cross Blood Drive set for April 18

Harding University will host its final American Red Cross Blood Drive in Benson Auditorium on Thursday, April 18, from 1 to 7 p.m.

Arkansas needs 72,000 units or pints of blood to supply the hospitals served by the Red Cross. In the past, 15 percent of the blood collected that was used by Arkansas hospitals had to be imported from other states. With the end of the Persian Gulf War, the need for new donors has increased. The National Guard units who were deployed were a large part of the Red Cross donor basis. Due to taking anti-malaria medica-

tion, these men will be unable to give blood for the next three years.

Anyone who donated in the last drive is eligible to give again. The Hitals theater has agreed to donate a free movie showing to the social club with the highest percentage of participation.

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Pianist tickles the ivories for listeners

by Robin Butterfield

The Harding University department of music and the Searcy Beethoven Club presented in concert pianist Andrew Cooperstock on April 1 in the American Heritage Auditorium.

A graduate of the Juilliard School and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Cooperstock holds a doctorate from the Peabody Conservatory. His major teachers have included Abbey Simon, Walter Hautzig and David Bar-llan, and he has coached chamber music with collaborative pianist Samuel Sanders.

As the 1989 winner of the National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artists Competition, Cooperstock concertizes extensively as recitalist, chamber musician and orchestral soloist. His New York recital debut in May 1989 featured a premiere of Robert Starer's latest work for piano solo, "Twilight Fantasies." Other engagements have included appearances with orchestras at the Chautauqua and Brevard summer music festivals and a recital at the United Nations.

In May 1991 he will perform a Mozart Concerto with New York's Jupiter Symphony Orchestra as part of the Lincoln Center's Mozart bicentennial tribute.

Cooperstock has recently joined the piano faculty at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. He is a former faculty member of Southern Arkansas University and the Baltimore School for the Arts. In June he will join the summer faculty at the Brevard Music Center in North Carolina.

The pieces that Cooperstock performed were: Thirty-Two Variations in C Minor; WO 80; Lyrich van Beethoven (1770-1827); MIVGIRS - Maurice Ravel (1875-1937); Nocturne, Gassen Trio, Une Barque Sur L'Ocean, Albeneda Del Gracione, La Valse Des Cleches. Others include: Barcarolle, Opus 40 Frederic Chopin (1810-1849); Nocturne in B-Flat Minor, Opus 27, No. 1; Ballade in G Minor, Opus 23; and Ballade in A-Flat Major, Opus 47.

Ruhlman, Ashlock win in art competition

by John Crockett

For the fourth year in a row this March, Harding's art students have participated in the Christian College National Art Competition in Lubbock, Texas.

Four students entered this year's contest: Ronnie Ashlock, a sophomore from Conway, Ark.; Becky Holden, a sophomore from Searcy, Ark.; Laura Ngai, a junior from Singapore and Karen Ruhland, a sophomore from Vincentown, N.J.

Paintings by Ashlock and Ruhland were chosen for the show. All of the participants submitted their material and a jury selected the works that would appear in the contest.

"The show was a juried show. This means that there is a preliminary judging to see which works would actually be presented in the final show. To have your work selected for the show is an accomplishment itself," said Dr. Don Robinson, Art Department Chairman.

"Santa Caterina," a painting by Ruhlman, won third place and a cash prize. Ashlock's painting, "Ballistic Pencils," was also chosen to be in the show.

"Being chosen for the contest is an honor, but winning a prize is a double honor," said Robinson.

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Arkansas Symphony entertains audience
by Jane Updike
Elm staff writer
From peaceful "easy listening" to "foot tapping" Western, the Touring Orchestra of the Arkansas Symphony performed it all at their concert in the Benson Auditorium Monday, April 8.

The ASO performed selections from various European and American composers to an audience of almost 1,000 adults and students.

Staci Haynes, a sophomore elementary education major, said, "I did not really want to go, but one of my classes required me to. You know, I actually liked it once I got there. It was relaxing and I really enjoyed it!"

After an opening selection from Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, Robert Henderson, ASO's Music Director/Conductor, talked about the various types of instruments within the orchestra and how the musicians demonstrate the range of sounds that were going to be heard. Henderson began with a demonstration from the violin, which is part of the string section, and went on to introduce the other sections, including the woodwinds, the brass and the percussion.

Students from both area elementary and high schools were invited to the Symphony's "Student Concert" in an effort to encourage their interest in the performing arts. According to a University news release, the concert was "the result of long-range goals of the orchestra's Board of Directors and management to expand educational opportunities in music for 2nd young people of Arkansas."

The orchestra performed diverse musical scores from Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Brahms, Mozart, Sibelius, Copland and Gould to emphasize the program's theme "Music: The Universal Language of Feelings."

Martin Gould's "American Salute" (commonly known as "When Johnny Comes Marching Home") was the final selection performed by the Symphony. The number, in keeping with the theme of "Feelings," was used to create a sense of patriotism and excitement in the audience. It succeeded.

Senator Bumpers seeking to pass bill to help college graduates repay loans
by Carylli Parker
Staff writer
As a summer of job-hunting and unemployment looms ever nearer and more ominously for nearly 350 graduating seniors, prospects for repayment of four years of professional school debts can seem doubtful too.

But if a plan recently proposed by Arkansas Senator Dale Bumpers wins congressional approval, that tuition bill burden may become easier to bear.

Bumpers has introduced legislation to encourage college graduates to volunteer after graduation, low-wage community service with partial forgiveness of student loans under the Perkins direct student loan program and the Stafford guaranteed student loan program.

My plan is modeled on existing Peace Corps and VISTA loan forgiveness programs, but expands this concept to service with a private-sector community service organization," Bumpers said.

Peace Corps and VISTA volunteers are already entitled to partial cancellation of Perkins loans. Under a similar measure, Bumpers' proposed legislation would cancel part of students' federal education loans for each year of community service.

His system allows for forgiveness of 10 percent of those loans after one year, with an additional 15 percent after the second year, 30 percent after the third year and 35 percent after the fourth year. Thus the maximum cancellation is 70 percent of the total loan.

To qualify for the program, graduates would have to work one year full-time at minimum wage for a nonprofit organization. The cancellation is not an option for student loans in default.

"It makes the utmost sense to encourage college students to volunteer after graduation by removing the major impediment to service: the financial burden of repaying federal student loans," Bumpers said.

Community service in lieu of loan repayment could mean big savings for Harding students who owe an average of $16,000 to these programs after graduation, according to Zearl Watson, Director of Student Financial Services.

Watson estimated that 1,800 students receive Stafford loans, borrowing a maximum of $14,000, while 1,100 students participate in the Perkins program and borrow up to $5,000.

"It seems like more students are having to use loans than in the past," he said. "Most of these figures have increased from last year!"

Bumpers' plan was included in the Senate version of last year's national service bill, but was dropped from the final version of the legislation. But chances for passage are promising this year because Congress must also reauthorize the higher Education Act, which sets guidelines for federal student loan programs, Bumpers said.
I knew this might be the only shower I would have for a few days. I was so glad to have met John and Eunice Kibusia on Sunday because I knew a little more about what to expect (or so I thought.)

I packed what I thought I might need: eight Hemley bars (I am really beginning to miss Sam’s Wholesale), pictures of my family, the sugar and tea I bought as a gift for the Kibusias. Wet Ones and the normal stuff any college girl would pack for a three day visit—minus the mascara and curling iron.

Sara (Gaston) and I went to town and anxiously checked the box for any sign of mail with a familiar name on it. None. This was harder to cope with than at Harding—at least you have a lot of friends there.) We’ve only been here for one week but it seems like so much longer—I guess because I’ve already experienced so much in such a short time. Hopeful, we bought 10 postcards each to send to the states—a subtle attention deficit I had felt coming on. I was giving until Eunice said something and they timidly backed away.

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Candy and smiles have the same meaning universally, so when I brought out the Juicy Fruit gum, I was the instant heroine. Four pairs of hands scrambled to get as much as I was giving until Eunice said something and they timidly backed away. Maternal instincts must be universal too.

Eunice told me that they needed to learn English. I thought they needed to learn manners and should have only one piece of chalk but had two. I immediately related to Kibet because we both had a difficult time understanding what was said around us.

John and Eunice put all four kids to bed in their own bed while I went to the bathroom. (An event I had been procrastinating as long as possible.) Depending on my flashlight and my tiny bit of courage, I stepped outside the hut into what seemed to be the most intensely dark sky I’d ever seen. I kept telling myself this was no big deal. After a 20-yard walk that seemed like 10 miles, I was thrilled to discover there was little difference between this and the outside world. I had not been told of Eunice’s cooking talents, and now I was tasting them.

I finished our meal with a few cups of tea, which is really a third tea, a third milk and a third sugar. I could never tire of that custom!

John and Eunice found a beautiful scale. Ricky and Karen were four and two. I guessed that they must be a little above mid-career.

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their neighbors, shopping customs and more. I told them what I could about what I had seen.

I did not want to discuss the connotation of the word "earn," but I agreed to send them pictures out of Sports Illustrated. Seeing my world and its values through their eyes gave me a new perspective. I expect those pictures will be hanging on their walls some day.

The Kibusias had everything from family snapshots to the alphabet to a 1977 calendar picture adorning their walls. This was a very common practice in the homes we saw in Kenya. There was no need for Better Homes and Gardens; for I've seen the love there that makes a successful home. I went to my room, which the kids had given up for me. It was about twice the size of a Calvert walk-in closet, but plenty of room for me and less room for whatever could get me in the night. I was having deja vu which I later attributed to summer camp somewhere at sometime in my life. I had a simple bed to sleep on — the three oldest usually shared it — and a wooden baby bed with rails to put my luggage in. I could hardly manage the fights that took place in my bed — over who had the most covers, who was kicking who and so on.

I could hear the rain and wind fill the air outside as I lay in bed with my stomach and mind full. I thanked God for allowing me this incredible opportunity to see all that I've seen in one short week and very thankful for the blessing of time spent with the Kibusia family and for the next few days of their hospitality toward me. Being allowed a brief glimpse of my culture and this new culture through the wise eyes of John and Eunice was a memory I prayed I would keep.

If you are going on a campaign to any place that is unfamiliar, I guarantee you will feel many of the emotions I felt, but you will have your own unique experience. Although you've prepared to go tell others about our mighty God, you will probably be taught more about your own faith than you will teach others about theirs.
Baseball splits two and sets sights on SAU

by Aaron Hatlen

Harding's hopes of a conference match-up with Ouachita Baptist wereashed away April 3. Heavy rains, covering most of the state, pushed the scheduled doubleheader to Friday, April 5. Edgar Huerta was the winning pitcher in the first game, as the Bisons tallied nine runs on his behalf to ensure the victory.

The Bisons' fortune reversed in the second game. Despite a home run by Bison Robert Hasten, for the Bisons edged past the Bison8 1-0 in the opening game of a doubleheader.

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The Bisons' fortune took the lead in the third inning when Paul Guerriero scored on a double by Chip Durham.

Paul Mann walked for the Bisons to lead off the fourth inning. Shane Fullerton tied the game back up when he brought Mann in from score on a bunted ground ball.

Fred Jones pitched a gem from the mound. Walker Smith continued to hit and later scored on a hit from Larry Chesser to take the lead, 2-1.

Harding scored again the sixth inning when Randall Hunter, who had previously singled, came in to score due to a hit by Cooper.

In the second game, Monticello's left-hander, Bernard Marsalis, silenced the Bisons' bats after Cooper scored on a ground ball by Harrell in the first. Marsalis only allowed Harding one run on one hit and struck out four Bisons.

Matt McAlie had a sub-par start for the Bisons, only going 1 3/4 innings and giving up four runs. Clint Davis came in relief and finished the game respectively, allowing five hits and one run.

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The Boll Weevils took the lead in the second inning when Craig McFarland came home to roost on a sacrifice fly. With the tying run only 90 feet away, Black struck out UAM's Jason Rowland to drive the final nail in the Boll Weevils' coffin.

"It took every run we could get, but the guys played tough to pull it off," Bison Coach Steve Smith said.

In the second game, Monticello's left-hander, Bernard Marsalis, silenced the Bisons' bats after Cooper scored on a ground ball by Harrell in the first. Marsalis only allowed Harding one run on one hit and struck out four Bisons.

Matt McAlie had a sub-par start for the Bisons, only going 1 3/4 innings and giving up four runs. Clint Davis came in relief and finished the game respectively, allowing five hits and one run.

The Boll Weevils' Durham remained a thorn in the Bisons' flesh all afternoon, on base four times in both games. UAM scored five runs in the late game to hand the Bisons their 12th conference loss by a score of 5-1.

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Despite some unwelcome pre-spring showers, club softball has survived, with championship games just around the corner in most divisions. The season has seen unusually good competition in big, medium and small club games. Excitement has definitely been the rule on the diamonds this spring.

In the big "A" winner's bracket final, Kappa Sigs buried TNT 9-1. David Crawford led Kappa Sigs with a homer and a single. Alan Norton, who had been torched at the plate in the first three games, continued hot hitting with a double and a single. Britt Thomas and Jon Arnett also had two hits each, while Dee Jones pitched a gem from the mound.

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COMIN' AT YA. Bison pitcher John Bossong, a senior from San Diego, Calif., serves up a fastball in a recent game at Jerry Moore Field. Harding is currently 4-12 in the AIC and has only a shaky shot at the District 17 playoffs. (Photo by Linda Davis)
Regina wins track trophy

by Myleena Hill

Regina captured first place at the women's club track and field meet last week. Regina outscored Gata, the second place winner, 38.5 to 25.5. Ju Go Ju's 10 points look third place over Zeta Rho, who had 16. Regina club members were excited about the championship.

"I think it's great. It's time Regina is known for something other than singing," member Martha Garrett said. "The whole club pulled together on this. It was a team effort, not individual." However, there were some impressive individual performances. Wendy Goodyear won the shot put and discus for Regina.

Garrett said, "Wendy is not really competitive, but when she is good at something she gives it her best shot and manages to come out ahead."

Valery McCammon also did well for Regina, winning one event and placing second in another. Garrett said, "Track is Valery's sport. She contributed to the club." Goodyear's winning distance in the discus was 87.5. Gata's Joy Wilson and Regina's Kartra Deys tied for second.

Goodyear won the shot put with a distance of 37'.5. Deys won second place and Wilson came in third.

The low hurdles champion was zonta's Donna Cummings with a time of 10.79. Oege's Heather Dreesen took second. Tracy Hutton came in third for Zeta Rho.

Hutton won the long jump with a distance of 137'. Gata's Tammy Smith had the second longest jump. Cummings won third for Shantih.

Gata's Christine Myers won the 50-meter dash with a time of 7.74. Jennifer Kendrick of Zeta Rho took second. Gata's Leah Hughes came in third.

Gata captured the 400-meter relay with a time of 1:08.06. Second place went to Ju Go Ju, and Regina's team was third. Regina's Laura Rice won the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.87. Gata's Myers won second, and Zeta Rho's Marcy Day came in third.

Alicia Fowler of Ju Go Ju made a jump of 4'8" to win the high jump trophy. Teammate Ginger Garner won second. Oege's Dreesen took third. Regina's McCammon won the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:18.

Zeta Rho's Brenda Holland won the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:09.04. McCammon was second for Regina. Ju Go Ju's Heather Hill was third. Rice won the 200-meter dash for Regina with a time of 31.92. Ju Go Ju's Jessica Nelson was second.

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Tennis team wins championship

by Michael Johnson

You have heard about them in chapel, but they are the unsung heroes on campus. They are the Harding University tennis team.

For the third straight year, the tennis team is looking for conference and tournament championships in the AIC. The team is undefeated in conference play, with only three more conference matches on their schedule.

The tennis team has 12 members but only the top six seeds get to play in the matches. Those top six seeds are Ernesto Tover, Rigo Rosales, Luis Garcia, Richie Roberts, Octavio Rivas, Leo Bravo and David Webb. The top seeds also compete in doubles competition during matches.

The tennis team's coach, David Elliott, attributes the team's play to their strength and the kind of players on the team.

"We are a lot stronger than the other teams in our conference, and we have better players trying to do a better job," Coach Elliott said. The team has only two seniors in the top six seeds, Roberts and Rosales. Rosales enjoys "being around the guys and playing tennis." Roberts has played on the team for four years and said really enjoys the competition and being on the team.

Coach Elliott enjoys coaching the players on the team. Elliott said, "I like the winning and being successful. I like the kids we have. We have high-class kids that work hard and want to succeed and excel. They are self-motivated and get along well with each other."

The tennis team's record is 17-1 overall with only one loss to Oklahoma City University. The team's last conference matches will be against Ouachita Baptist University, Southern Arkansas University and Arkansa Tech. The team needs to win only two of their next three conference matches to win the conference championship outright.

Tennis team beats SAU, ranks 11th in nation

by Jason Harriman

Harding's tennis team, ranked 11th in the nation, defeated Southern Arkansas University, 8-1, last Friday afternoon.

Although SAU arrived 30 minutes late, Harding didn't waste any time starting their defeat of the Muleriders. SAU won only three games in the first 50 minutes of the six singles matches.

Harding's singles players against SAU were Ernesto Tover, Rigo Rosales, Luis Garcia, Richie Roberts, Octavio Rivas and Leo Bravo.

Tover, Harding's No. 1 seed, easily won his match against SAU's No. 1 seed. Also winning were Garcia, Roberts, Rivas and Bravo. Garcia, Harding's No. 3 seed who played aggressively, won his match, 6-2, 6-4. Roberts, Rivas and Bravo all won their matches by a score of 6-0, 6-0.

The biggest match of the afternoon was between Rigo Rosales, Harding's No. 2 seed, and Bruno Simon, SAU's No. 2 seed. Rosales dominated the first set, winning it 6-4. But trouble started when Simon, losing 6-1 in the second set, won five games in a row to take the second set, 4-6. The longer Simon played, the tougher he became to beat. He won the third set for the match by the score of 3-6.

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