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Harding gets good remarks

by April Hurtun

A group of highly-spirited individuals with young hearts joined the student body at Harding last week for what is known as Elderhostel. A popular program nationwide, many students have wondered what Elderhostel is all about. The proper definition, from the Elderhostel catalog, is "an international educational program for older adults who want to continue to expand their horizons and to develop new interests and enthusiasm."

Elderhostel began when founder Marty Knowlton, a well-known social activist and educator, was impressed by youth hostels being held for European young people. He applied the same concept to older adults and came up with Elderhostel in 1975.

According to Dr. Jimmy Carr, assistant to the president of Harding and Elderhostel chairman, "Harding is proud to be one of about 700 colleges to represent this program."

Harding has hosted 13 Elderhostels, with between 800 and 900 people attending. During this past week, 66 people from 17 states attended. Participants must be at least 60 years of age.

Harding's guests had many positive things to say about their visit. Mrs. Jane Bell of Greenwood, La., said, "The week was wonderful and lively. After being to a number of other Elderhostels, I consider myself to be an expert and Harding is one of the best!"

Harding's particular program consists of a registration fee of $275 per person, six nights' accommodations, all meals provided by ARA, five days of different classes and a variety of extracurricular activities. Classes cover all types of subjects such as politics, cultures, recreation, computers, poetry, etc. Classes during this last program included: "The Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights," instructed by Dr. Tom Howard; "Exploring the Old Testament" by Tim EdDins; and "From Babylon to Baghdad," taught by Dr. Ray Muncy.

"The professors have been excellent, entertaining and instructive at the same time," said James Gill, a retired corporate vice president from Baton Rouge, La.

The group was also able to participate in other activities. These included a picnic at Greer's Ferry Lake in Heber Springs, a tour of the Searcy community and a musical potpourri featuring Shawn Hicks, country and western vocalist from Harding.

Most of the participants ate in the American Heritage Cafeteria. Bell said, "We were all very impressed with the dining services. The cafeteria is superior to any that we've seen."

Overall, many positive experiences developed from last week's Elderhostel. Paul Scherl, a participant from California, said, "I've never encountered hospitality like I've witnessed here."

Gill said, "I was particularly impressed with the student body. They were unusual ly friendly and pleasant." In speaking for the entire group, he said, "Dr. Carr and everyone we came in contact with made us feel like we were special guests of Harding."

ALL THAT JAZZ. Harding's Jazz Band recently had the opportunity to "jam out" with the Artie Shaw Orchestra. They played several selections, including "Brother Griff McSmith" and "Precious."
An Alternate View ... on government

by Will Clade and Lynn Kernodle

Recently the fall of communism in the Eastern countries has led to the wholehearted condemnation of governmental tyranny by the Western World. Among the assorted numbers of protesters, there are few who voice their opposition to communism as strongly as the church. It seems that Christians, especially the evangelically minded, are quick to point out that the rights of one's faith, and the personal freedoms that go hand in hand with his faith, are stifled under communism. Now that a host of countries are free from the rule of Marxist followers, the church sees a golden opportunity to spread the Good News.

While these opportunities are right in seeing the religious restraints placed upon individuals under communism, what actions by government should we consider restraining? Communism rests in collectivism. The individual no longer exists under this type of government. Christians claim that this type of government is harmful to Christianity and they are right in saying so! However, why do we not understand the evil that is inherent with stealing any rights of the people by government? Government has many more ways of discouraging Christianity than merely forbidding public assembly or not allowing Bibles to be introduced into the market.

We should not think that only this type of overt suppression can affect our faith. There are actions that limit the choices of the individual stifle the development of Christianity. To take away choices from the individual, is to destroy personal freedom. Softening the discipline needed. As was said in our last article, if no self-discipline is encouraged, then morals are discouraged and Christianity suffers.

Is it any wonder that our churches took off so strongly in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It was at this very time that the people were free from the burdens of having government interfere with their lives. Is it any wonder that with all of the governmental intervention in the last decades there has been a dramatic decline in Christianity?
Halloween made easy for Searcy children

by Andrea Winsett

Once again Halloween has come and gone. For weeks, everything has been decorated in black and orange. Ghosts have been hanging around. Walls and doorways have been adorned with spider webs and spiders. Last night, the streets were filled with Ninja Turtles, witches, Robin Hood and a host of other characters. Ghosts and goblins could be seen fitting here and there in search of their candy treasures. Earier-sounding music could be heard coming from various houses as the occupants waited patiently to pass out popcorn balls and candy apples.

Next to Christmas and Santa Claus, Halloween is probably the most exciting holiday for children. Everyone has fond memories of Halloween as a child. As long as I can remember, my family has had a weiner roast, hayride and haunted house. Even the older members of my family would carefully choose their costumes for the occasion. Some people remember their entire neighborhood filled with children in different costumes knocking on each door excitedly awaiting their special treat.

Around Searcy many chose to celebrate Halloween differently. If you visited TCBy, you saw the employees dressed in their special costumes. The children who visited TCBy received free toppings for their yogurt. Some of the employees of Wal-Mart chose to adorn the costume of choice to feel the full effect of Halloween.

Around Harding's campus, you might have seen children running in and out of the dormitories with bags full of goodies. Some students dressed in costumes and decorated their rooms and waited patiently for the children to arrive so they could give away their candy.

Now it's time to put our customs away for another year. The bags of treats will probably last for awhile. No matter how you celebrated this holiday, whether passing out goodies, attending costume parties or spending a quiet evening at home with "Freddie Kruger." Halloween is over and we've managed to stay away from ghosts and goblins for one more year!

### Opinions

Homesickness a privilege in the case of Christianity

Homesickness is usually considered a sign of an individual's weakness, an inability to cope with present situation. I believe, however, that homesickness causes us to learn valuable lessons and that, to a certain extent, we should be homesick more often.

Perhaps the most lasting and deep-seated homesickness for me was my first experience with a summer camp. I think I was 11 or 12 years old at the time. My friend (who we will refer to only as "Jerk") and I were really excited about going to another state for a real wilderness experience. When we finally arrived, we were not disappointed. There was no electricity (except for the occasional thunder and lightning storm), the cabins were something out of Friday the 13th movies (run-down and graffiti-decorated) and the mosquitoes were glad to see us (I think I ate one as soon as I opened the car door to get out). And to top it all off, I had forgotten my pillow!

Needless to say, we waved good-bye to our folks rather hesitantly. We tried to assure ourselves that the next week and a half was going to be okay. Little did I know, though, that "Jerk" was homesick already.

To make a long story short, I put up with three days of listening to "Jerk"'s belligerences about how miserable he was and how much he wanted to go home. Well, being the young, easily-influenced boy that I was, I began to get a little homesick, too. When, on the fourth day of camp, "Jerk" left with his parents, I called mine and begged them to come pick me up. They, of course, said "no," which must be every parents' duty, and I ended up staying through the end of the session.

Did I learn my lesson? Not yet. I had to be smart and ask "Jerk" to get a life and go with me the next summer. Guess what? He did it again!

Homesickness reared its ugly head once again several years later when I entered college. It was the first time in my life that I had had so much independence. So much, in fact, that I didn't know quite what to do with it all. Again, I knew no one at the college I attended (which could that be, I wonder?). So to fill my time, I became absorbed in studying. I realized the importance of my freshman grades, so I justified not having much of a social life by studying too much. I soon began to miss the familiarities of my high school life in Tennessee.

I even missed my parents, brothers and sisters (gasp!). But as I became more and more familiar with Harding and the people here, I came to love it. It became a home away from home for me.

Y'know, we as Christians should be able to identify with what it means to be homesick. As a popular hymn reads, "This world is not my home. I'm just a-passin' through..." We should realize that there is a more permanent existence beyond this life and for it. We shouldn't be ashamed to show that homesickness for Heaven, either. In fact, we should strive to influence others to be the same way. It is okay to make the best out of this earthly home and to. We are a part of God's glorious creation and should revel in it, but we should also exist productively out of respect for His grace.

I wouldn't trade these camping experiences for the world (well, maybe). I ended up meeting a lot of new people and grew closer to God and nature.

Likewise, I wouldn't trade my time here at Harding for anything else. I've learned a lot, making a lot of lasting relationships along the way. Most of all, though, I appreciate the grace of God that allows us the opportunity to live with Him eternally someday. Homesickness can be a sign of our strength in the Lord for, indeed, there will be no place like home! — KLK
Homecoming's Black & Gold Banquet highlights outstanding alumni, alumnus

by Michael Johnson

Homecoming weekend brought many former students back to the university to see old friends and teachers. Many Harding alumni have gone on to be successful in their careers, and this year five former Harding students were honored as Outstanding Alumni during Homecoming weekend. Dr. Mildred Bell, Dr. George DeHoff, Dr. Everett Huffard, and Dr. William Mildred Bell, Dr. George DeHoff, Dr. Evertt Huffard, Gary Chamblee and Dr. William Alfred Morris were honored at the annual Black and Gold banquet Oct. 18 at the Heritage Center.

The College of Arts and Sciences chose two alumni for their outstanding work, Dr. Mildred Bell and Dr. George DeHoff.

Dr. Bell of Searcy received her B.S. degree from Harding in 1949 with a major in home economics and a minor in science and mathematics. She has worked almost full time in the home economics department at the University of Arkansas, has been a county extension agent, and is currently a county extension agent for Hale County, Arkansas. She has two sons, two daughters and nine grandchildren.

Dr. George DeHoff of Mt. Airy, N.C., is a native Arkansan and received his B.A. degree in 1937. Dr. DeHoff is a long-time preacher of the gospel who has baptized more than 10,000 people. He is an author, publisher and former Christian College (Magic Valley) president. He has served as an elder for many years and conducts a weekly radio program. He and his wife, Marie, have two sons, two daughters and nine grandchildren.

The College of Bible and Religion chose Dr. Everett Huffard as their outstanding alumnus. Huffard of Henderson, Tenn., received his degree from Harding in 1946. He began preaching while a junior in high school in Bernie, Mo. For 17 years he preached for congregations in Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. His family worked in missions in Jordan and Lebanon for 13 years. They have been involved in Christian education for 18 years. A former visiting missionary at Harding and former director of the Middle East Bible Training College, he now teaches Bible and missions at Freed-Hardeman. He and his wife, Elsie, have two children, Everett and Elaine.

The School of Business chose Gary Chamblee of Ft. Worth, Texas, who received his B.B. degree from Harding in 1974. Chamblee has recently completed a term as chairman of the Harding University President's Council. He has also served as a special representative for the University Relations Office. A CPA who is president of John B. Ellis Bindery Company in Dallas, he formerly was the youth director of the Homewood congregation in Birmingham. He and his wife, Karen, have two sons.

The School of Education honored Dr. William Alfred Morris of Richmond, Ky., who received his B.A. degree in 1960. Dr. Morris retired in 1990 as a professor in the curriculum and instruction department of Eastern Kentucky University. Active in numerous professional organizations, he also was frequently published in education journals. He serves as an elder in the Richmond church. He and his wife, Doris Gibe, have five children.

Each of these alumni were honored for their achievements in their careers and in their churches. Their records support the departments' decisions to represent them in the Black and Gold banquet during the Homecoming weekend.
Students warned about Judsonia's trestles

by Carolyn Holmes
Bison staff writer

It's pitch black as you step onto the narrow train bridge. The night seems anxious as an icy wind blows and crickets chirp rhythmically in the distance. Below you, the shallow river rushes loudly across the boulders in its way. You can almost feel the current, too, as air rushes up between the cross ties. Then suddenly, you see and hear the blinding light and the whistle of a nearing train. There's no time to turn back and leave the bridge now. You clutch the railing, standing in the one foot of leeway that separates you from the speeding locomotive, and feel the earth tremble around you as it passes.

This is not the description of a suicide attempt, although Judsonia's Police Department might disagree. Although the train trestles have historically been a place where Harding students have gone for an "adrenaline rush," Police Chief Roger Carson says it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt.

The foremost danger, he notes, is that of being hit by an oncoming train. With so little space on the edges of the track and no way to quickly get off the bridge, a casualty could easily occur.

He recalls a particularly frightening incident during his first year as Judsonia police chief in 1984.

There were about 32 of them all trying to get off of there at one time," Carson notes.

"It scared the conductor out of his mind. I still don't know how they all survived."

The trains themselves, however, only come in interesting and people could visit there during the day. However, there simply is no time, day or night, that it would be safe to walk on this bridge itself.

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Artie Shaw Orchestra performs jazz selections from 30s, 40s and 50s

by Jan Bonds
from staff writer

One of the world’s most renowned orchestras performed a concert last Monday night in the Benson Auditorium as part of Harding University’s lyceum series. The Artie Shaw Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Warren Casey, opened for two Harding students.

The orchestra has traveled all over the world to places such as Sweden and Germany and is currently planning a trip to Japan. Johnson considered as one of the world’s best clarinet players, was selected by Shaw to direct the orchestra. Johnson said, “I learned to play the clarinet from my teacher at the New England Conservatory. I took lessons for about eight months and the rest was self-taught.”

How did I get into this? “The Spencers,” a husband and wife magic team, perform Houdini’s “Water Tank Escape” to the finale of their Saturday night show. They are assisted by two Harding students.

Communication Day brings speakers with career planning hints, résumé tips

by Sherry E. Bryant
from staff writer

The Communication Department held its third annual Communication Day on Thursday, Oct. 17, emphasizing advertising, print journalism, public relations and radio-television.

The keynote speakers for advertising, print journalism and public relations were Keith Bresson and Tom Steves, both from Cranford-Johnson-Robinson-Woods in Little Rock, Arkansas. Bresson, traffic manager for the company, presented communication majors with different ads he and his colleagues had designed and published. Steves, vice president and director of account services for the same company, spoke on making future plans after college.

A junior public relations major from Benton, Ark., Amy Johnson would have liked to have seen more variety in the program, but she felt the speakers presented good information.

Holly Fannin, junior radio-television major from Dallas, said she really enjoyed hearing the speakers for their program. Radio-television majors listened to Bob Steele, news director for KAIX Channel 4, who talked about preparing for the future, and Taylor Carr, of KARN radio in Little Rock, who spoke on opportunities and realities in radio.

For a luncheon session, all communication majors met in a Heritage banquet room to eat and listen to David Gibson. A communication and banking consultant from Houston, Gibson encouraged the students to continue in their fields and gave them tips on how to be successful. After suggesting they find a support group among friends and family, Gibson made his phone number and address available to the group to show that “someone cared.”

Dr. Jack Ryan, head of the Communication Department, felt this year’s Communication Day was successful and hopes there are many more to come.
National Shakespeare Co. brings *Macbeth* to Harding

by Ashley Conly

"Double, double, toil and trouble. Fire, burn, and caldron, bubble." The National Shakespeare Company conjured up a host of witches, ghosts and murderers for its Halloween production of Macbeth. This tale of gothic horror transformed the Administration Auditorium stage into a den of supernatural temptations and evil murder plots, as Macbeth and his wife succumbed to their lust for power.

Director Eve Adamson maintained a high-powered intensity throughout the play. She directed the cast through the convoluted plot with driving force, compelling the audience to keep interested until the tragic finale.

The play began with two Scottish generals, Macbeth and Banquo, returning from victory over the Norwegian army. On their journey home, they met three mysterious women, who prophesied that Macbeth would become Thane of Cawdor and King thereafter and that Banquo's descendants would be kings. True to the prophecy, King Duncan soon granted Macbeth the title of Thane. And to honor Macbeth, the King decided to pay his household a visit. But Duncan had previously named his son Malcolm successor to the throne. So, to help fulfill the prophecy, Macbeth's wife decided to give her husband immediate access to his entitled position. After invoking the powers ofevil to calm her, Lady Macbeth murdered the King. Upon news of his death, the King's sons, Malcolm and Donalbain, fled to safety in England and Ireland. Macbeth became king; he followed his ambition despite his horror over killing Duncan.

The plot thickened as Macbeth, now king, tried to deal with his guilt. Murder became his solution to rid the kingdom of other possible heirs to the throne. He ordered the death of Banquo, whose descendants would rival his own position, and Banquo's son, Fleance.

Fleance, however, escaped. At a feast given to honor Banquo, Macbeth sees his ghostly form. His insecurities belied in his inner turmoil.

Macbeth, more afraid than ever, returned to the three women for help. Giving him a second set of prophecies, they warned him of further dangers. Since Macduff was said to be a threat, Macbeth ordered his family's murder. Macduff, however, was in England, urging Malcolm back to claim the throne which was rightfully his. When Macbeth heard about the unmerciful slaughter, he vowed to take revenge.

Meanwhile, Lady Macbeth had been losing her sanity. Guilt poisoned her mind: she could no longer distinguish between reality and illusion. Night after night, she envisioned Duncan's blood on her hands. And just before Malcolm's army descended on Macbeth's castle, Lady Macbeth died.

Malcolm's attack, although prophesied by the three women, was unforeseen by Macbeth. Confident of the final prophecy that he would not be killed by any man born of woman, he entered into a fight with Macduff. However, after finding that Macduff's birth was not a natural one, Macbeth was slain. Malcolm assumed the throne, while Macbeth's prideful ambition followed him to the grave.
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Club football comes to an end

TURN ON THE GAS. Chris Barker, a senior from Bruceton, Tenn., runs the ball around the end for Beta Phi in their game Monday night against King’s Men. King’s Men won 20-6.

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Sports
Golf team tees off
by Bobby Moore
Bison sports writer

"Fore!" Fore, a golf term meaning heads up, is exactly what the competition cries when Harding’s golf team comes to play. The Bisons, finishing third in the conference last year, have played well this fall. The hard work this autumn will help them prepare for a conference championship drive next spring.

The defending champions, Henderson State, will be without their number one player which will help Harding. Kevin Kelly, a junior golfer, sums up the game plan by stating, "If we shoot under 300 on a team we should have a good run at the conference title."

The Bisons’ top six players, Kelly, Todd Rhinehart, Darrell Welch, Mark Burt, Scott Nichols and Bart McFarland have shot consistently well this fall. Harding knocked off Arkansas College twice, once in September and again in October. Their sole loss came at the hands of Arkansas Tech in September.

CLUB FOOTBALL

TOP 5

1. TNT
2. Titans
3. Kappa Sigs
4. Kappa Tau
5. Sub-T

by Archie Shelton
Bison sports writer

After three weeks of play, it has come down to two teams in both Big and Middle Club A team championships.

Earlier in Big Club play, TNT defeated Kappa Sigs 8-4 to remain undefeated, while Titans eliminated Sub-T by a score of 14-12. Titans later defeated Kappa Sigs 22-6 to earn the right to play TNT in the championship game.

TNT, who defeated Titans earlier this season by a score of 25-6, relies on a quick offense to produce a lot of scores. "We match up well on the lines but they have the best team speed overall," says Craig Shadrix, a lineman for Titans. "We are more of a power team but our main objective against TNT will be to cover their receivers well."

Don Bartch of TNT feels that this speed is what makes them a good team. Despite a big offensive threat, he feels that defense is their strong point. "We play to throw a lot, to use our receivers," says Bartch. "On defense, our corners and safeties are so quick that they will be able to catch anyone who manages to break away."

Since Titans has been defeated once, they will have to take two games from TNT in order to claim the A team championship.

In Middle Club A team games, Kappa Tau remained undefeated by beating Theta Tau 14-8. Theta Tau rebounded by beating Chi Sigs 14-8. This will give Theta Tau a second chance at Kappa Tau in the championship game. Theta Tau must also beat Kappa Tau twice to win the Middle Club A team championship.

Bison sports writer

I GOT IT. Shay Wright, Rogues soccer team member,eyes the ball and prepares for a kick.

Soccer teams losing
by Bobby Moore
Bison sports writer

Harding’s two soccer teams both have losing records. The Kickers are playing with a 1-2-1 record. The Kickers’ win came against Harding’s other team, the Rogues.

The Rogues are 0-3-2.

David Hook said, "It’s still great how 19 guys with such diverse personalities can pull together and become such friends in such a short period of time. We may not be the best team in the league right now, but by the time the season ends we’ll pull together and win a few games."

The Rogues hope to pull off a win tomorrow against OBU at 1:00. The game will be played on Harding’s soccer field behind the baseball field and the players are hoping for student support.
Segment 1:

**EYE ON THE WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY**
College Football - 11:30 a.m. (TBS)
Mississippi State (5-3-0) at Alabama (5-3-0)
Bay City (6-1-0) at Arkansas (5-2-0)
College Football - 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Nebraska (4-5-0) at Colorado (5-2-0)

**SUNDAY**
NFL Football - 12 noon (KTHV-11)
Giants at Rams (6-2-0)
NFL Football - 3 p.m. (KTHV-11)
Lions at Cowboys (3-5-0)

**MONDAY**
NFL Football - 8:00 p.m. (KATV-7)
Bison at Texans (1-6-0)
NFL Football - 12 noon (KTHV-11)
Bison at Cowboys (3-5-0)

*NFL Football - NFL telecasts are subject to last-minute changes.*

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**SPORTS**

**Lady Bisons in playoffs again**

**by Laurence Kuna**

The Lady Bisons walked away with another match in their victory column — Thrus., Oct. 24. In three games with Ozenha Baptist University in the Gazus Athletic Center, the Lady Bisons outscored their opponents 15-9, 15-16 and 15-4. With this, the Lady Bisons are in the conference and 32-11 overall.

Outstanding players in this match included Robin King, Amy Deuel and Susan Humphry. King had 12 kills. Tammy Kodatt also did an excellent job blocking.

The Lady Bisons played again on Monday, Oct. 28 against not one, but two separate opponents on the same evening. Both rivals turned away without an overall win but were beaten by the Lady Bisons in a very "sloppy" manner. The first opponent was The College of the Ozarks. The Lady Bisons pulled out victory in two duplicate scores of 15-11.

The second opponent was Christian Brothers University and they were beaten in the final two of three games. The scores were 12-15 in the first, 15-13 in the second and the crushing 15-7 in the third.

Problems in the Lady Bisons game plan are few yet potentially harmful. If they had a weakness it might be their size. The Lady Bisons as a team are of small stature compared to that of their opponents. This small problem should not discount the talent the Lady Bisons possess. They play excellent defense and when their emotions are high, their offense is unstoppable.

The remainder of the season looks promising. The Lady Bisons face less than a handful of opponents in regular season play and have already received a playoff berth. The final matches of the season include Rhodes College, Hendrix University, Henderson State University and Southern Arkansas University. The last two teams are the most difficult but can be dominated if the Bisons keep the "drive alive."

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**Senior volleyballers aim towards nationals**

**by Craig Hanson**

Few people would argue with the philosophy that, unless a team works together, its potential can never be reached. However, it's also important to remember that the basic functioning unit of a team is the individual.

Winning the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference for the past two years, Harding volleyball is quickly establishing itself as a dominant force on the court. Vital contributions have been made by this year's three senior members, Tammy Kodatt, Wendi Scott and Susan Humphry.

Tammy, from Kansas City, Mo., has been playing volleyball for eight years. "One of the main reasons I started playing was because all my friends were," she said. "My high school team went to districts each year, but we were never a really great team."

Tammy also likes playing softball and basketball. In addition to participating in sports herself, she says she loves watching the Atlanta Braves' games. A nursing major, she places graduation high on her list of future goals. As for where she wants to live, a lot will depend on where her husband John finds his career.

From Hallsville, Texas, Wendi considers East Texas to "be home." Her hometown High School of Germantown, Tenn. (located just east of Memphis), where she played on two state champion teams. Wendi plays to move to East Texas to teach elementary children or coach junior high.

From high school with a long winning tradition in volleyball, success is nothing new to Susan Humphry. She attended Germantown High School of Germantown, Tenn. (located just east of Memphis), where she played on two state champion teams. "Improving my game each year has been an important goal for me," she said. "I think I've done a pretty good job of reaching it."

Susan considers herself a picky eater, who is especially wary of vegetables. Away from volleyball, she likes waterskiing, deer hunting and collecting baseball cards with her husband Todd. Her prized possession is a Rickey Henderson rookie card. Although a psychology major, she plans to enter the physical therapy field.

All three players agreed on several issues. First, they all considered the win over SAU for the AIC title in 1989 their best memory of volleyball. Second, they realize the importance of working as a team. And finally, they have their eyes set on another AIC title with nationals not far behind.

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**UP-N-OVER.** Larrie Maple hits the ball over the net for a point in favor of Harding. The volleyball team is now 35-11.

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**Bison victory highlights Homecoming**

by Sarah Wilson

The Bisons overcame great obstacles to defeat Ouachita Baptist 24-21 in the 1991 Homecoming game. Despite being down as much as 21 points in the second quarter, the Harding team pulled together to come up with three touchdowns and a field goal to win the game.

Tommy Brown caught a pass from Tad Niblett for the first Bison TD. In the second half, Wayne Shorter and Richard Holmes scampered into the end zone on 4- and 3-yard runs, respectively. Casey Smith kicked extra points for all three touchdowns, as well as putting the first Bison points on the scoreboard with a 25-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Harding finished with 211 yards rushing and 167 yards passing. The win put the Bisons at 4-3-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the AIC. They will travel tomorrow to face the Bollweevils at 2 p.m.

**OFF HE GOES**. Richard Holmes (4), a junior from Dallas, Texas, scores a touchdown. The Bisons defeated OBU 24-21 on Oct. 19. Photo by David Hickman

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**Bone-crushing defensive skill, hard work and a never-quit attitude fuel Gill's drive**

by Sarah Wilson

When number 36 takes a step onto the field for the Bisons, the other team takes two steps back. At 5'9", 225 pounds, inside linebacker Patrick Gill definitely is NOT the person opponents want to see.

Gill was born in 1970 in Marshall, Texas. He and his six brothers and sisters were raised by their grandmother, Josephine Owens, the lady who Gill says has had the most influence on his life. "She worked hard to raise me and my brothers and sisters. That's where I got my attitude to never give up." Gill first became notorious for his bone-crushing defensive skill at Hallsville High School, Hallsville, Texas. He was named Sophomore of the Year on defense, All-District twice, All-East Texas twice and was the All-Defense MVP his senior year.

Gill's big break came in 1989 when as a walk-on, he started the first game of the season for the Bisons. That year, he racked up an amazing 102 unassisted tackles, 96 assists, 11 tackles for a loss of 23 yards, six quarterback sacks for a loss of 39 yards, two fumble recoveries and a pass interception. In return, Gill was named the NAIA's Defensive Player of the Week versus Evangel College, the AIC's Defensive Player of the Year and first team All-American. He also led Harding and the AIC in tackles that season.

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His 1990 play was considered under par by some, but Gill thinks his best game was against Emporia State that season. Still, he led the Bisons in tackling, received All-AIC honors and was named second team All-American.

This year, Gill is a senior and a co-captain for the Bisons and was National Player of the Week for what he considers his best game of the season versus Lane College. Gill thinks this season has been, "Like any football season, a bunch of ups and downs." He says Harding is "a team with a lot of character and we won't give up. The last game will be the one that decides playoffs and things like that. We'll keep fighting to the end."

-- Pat Gill

Gill also has something to say about how much playing for the Bisons means to him. "The coaches don't treat you like just a piece of meat; they really care. I've made a lot of close friends on the team that I know will be my friends for life, and that's really important to me."

Through playing football here at Harding, Gill has learned that, "No matter if you win, lose or draw, if you give your best effort — and God knows you gave your best effort — that's all that really counts."

Whether he's wearing his Bison uniform or street clothes, Pat Gill is an excellent example of a record-setter and a leader. Contrary to his intimidating image in football, off the field Gill is an articulate, soft-spoken gentleman. Interestingly, Gill reveals that before each game, he tries to get off to himself and spend some time alone with the Lord in prayer.

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