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Hammon’s shocking death a tragedy

by Kevin L. Kee

Hammond University lost a dear friend and sister last Thursday when Marie Schell Hammon, namesake of the school’s student center, was found dead in her Gainesville, Fla., home.

The news of her tragic death shocked students when it was announced before a prayer in Friday morning’s chapel program. Police reportedly described her death as a homicide and immediately began taking investigative steps. Hammon allegedly was bludgeoned repeatedly over the head, stabbed and left to bleed to death. Bloody fingerprints were found on walls inside her house and later linked to her former gardener, whose name has not yet been disclosed. She supposedly had been giving him donations, although he no longer worked for her. He allegedly knew where she kept money in the house, saw his chance to get it and took it, officials said. Before fingerprint were lifted, he was picked up by police for buying crack on the streets of Gainesville. When the prints were finally lifted, he reportedly matched them. When questioned by the authorities, he reportedly denied having been in the house that day.

Although nothing has been proven in a court of law yet, officials feel confident they have a case against him.

A funeral service was conducted Tuesday at the Williams-Thomas Funeral Home in Gainesville.

Three of her favorite hymns were sung: “In the Land of Fadedless Day,” “Beyond the Sunset” and “Amazing Grace.”

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Hammon was discovered by a Spanish helicopter six hours after the crew of Lady Ghislaine, Maxwell’s yacht, reported her missing.

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Of all her interests, however, Harding remained the most important to her, Dr. Gaus reflected. “She became involved with Harding for a number of reasons,” he said. “Bill Cox, executive-vice president of Harding at the time, worked very closely with her in her decision to aid us with the student center and other projects.”

Dr. Burks, who also attended the funeral, recalled her interest in Harding. “I think she definitely was influenced by her niece’s decision to attend Harding.” (Haines followed her parents’ example and attended Harding in the 1960s.)

Cox, who is now located in Dallas, described her as “a fine Christian woman who was vitally interested in today’s youth. She and her husband were deeply concerned about the type of educational programs being offered in colleges and universities in America. She had long been a supporter of Harding and it was her very generous gift that provided the impetus for a successful campaign to raise funds to build the student center.

Dr. Burks, who cut short a conference of Christian College Presidents in Abilene to attend the funeral, said the group paused at one point to, thank God for Hammon’s influence on young people and to pray for those surviving her death. “It was evident to us all that she had, indeed, touched a lot of lives.”

“You can tell a lot about a person by looking at his or her pocketbook,” Dr. Gaus observed. “Through her, anyone could tell that she was unselfish and sincere in her giving.”

Dr. Gaus went on to sum up the general feeling of all who knew her. “It’s a sad thing. She was such a loving, Christian woman. It is a tragedy that such a thing should happen to her.” He added, “Her name, generosity and memory will be cherished through the years in our student center, loan funds and other gifts she has made.”

OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE. Four Harding students in the Armed Forces reserves helped in Monday’s chapel service. The day’s chapel was used to recognize Veteran’s Day, and all the men and women who gave their lives for freedom and peace.

Photo by David Hedeman
Opinions

Former KKK wizard David Duke reflects America's deeper ailments

Tomorrow the state of my birthplace could make a huge mistake. In a run-off election, David Duke, former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, could become the next governor of the state of Louisiana. Or they could elect Edwin Edwards, former corrupt politician, to the position. Truly, the lesser of two evils comes to mind, along with the option of None of the Above.

The rise of David Duke reflects a number of ailments in society: our overemphasis of the extremist position, our discontent with politicians in general, and the power of a message of change.

My current home of Harrison, Ark., has been in the news on several occasions. It is usually cited as the home of a more recent KKK Grand Wizard, Thomas Robison. Harrison has also housed other neo-Nazi militant groups, and was swarmed with FBI agents several years ago, as the group's camp was raided - more favorable press for the lessor of two evils comes to mind, along with the realization that a star of Magic's magnitude and kindly disposition will be no more.

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During an interview on the Arsenio Hall show Friday night, he admitted that he had contracted the virus from his numerous heterosexual flings and that he would deal with it as best he could. Magic emphasized that he did not have the AIDS disease and that his wife had tested negative. He claimed that it was discovered as a result of tests involving an insurance policy.

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'Magic-al' era of NBA lost to HIV virus

Last Thursday marked the end of an era... and the continuation of a nightmare.

Magic Johnson, L.A. Lakers star guard, announced in a press conference from the Forum that he had contracted the HIV (AIDS) virus and that he was forced to retire from the National Basketball Association. The "Magic-al" era of pro basketball was to be no more.

The announcement shook the nation. All the major media outlets, including the big three national television news broadcasts, centered on how the announcement would affect the fight against AIDS and how tragic it was for a star of Magic's magnitude and kindly disposition to become the latest in a long string of victims.

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This summer, I had the opportunity to work with the Los Angeles Mission, an organization that has been feeding the homeless in L.A. since 1944. And for four days, my roommate and I helped set tables, cut-up vegetables, wash dishes, mop floors, and distribute granola bars to those who came to eat.

We also got to know the guys who are in a program called “Fresh Start.” The program consists of about 100 men, and they operate the kitchen duties of the mission. That is, they cook the food, they clean the building, and they interact with those who come to eat, because they were once in their shoes—homeless. The men also attend Bible classes three times a week as part of their rehabilitation. Once they enter the program, they give up everything that might hinder them from reaching the rehabilitated stage. They have rules to follow. And their home is the mission building. In a way, they are starting their lives from scratch. And if they stick with the program for 18 months, they graduate, into a new beginning.

Now that Thanksgiving is just around the corner, I think about the people who do not have a place to call their own, the people who have lived in tents, under bridges, in cars, on the streets, and in the parks for weeks, months and even years. And the tomorrow in which they might finally have a home and a family, a place where they can move mountains if only put to the test. He sacrificed his life for you, so y ou say?... What do you say? Need some help?

Circle K is a fellowship club that is in its beginning stages here at Harding. On the high school level, it was called Key Club, and at the collegiate level it is tied Kiwanis At Colleges and Universities across the country, it is called “Circle K.”

The club presently has 11 members, but 20 are needed to get a club charter. For those students looking for a job for the present or upon graduating, help is available. The Career Planning and Placement Office helps students plan, find campus jobs, career possibilities

CHECK THIS OUT. Dr. Ed Higginbotham, director of the Career Planning and Placement Office, helps students plan, find campus jobs, career possibilities. Higginbotham replaced Durward McGaha as director after he retired last year.
Petit Jean editors, staff stay busy; improvements made in organization

by April Horton

Students. Faculty and staff. Sports. Academics. Clubs. Events. Memories. These basic elements are what make up the bulk of Harding's yearbook. The 1991-92 Petit Jean is in the process of being put together under the advising of Mrs. Kay Gowen and Editor Anissa Campbell. Mrs. Gowen has previously been the Dean of Women and the assistant director of Harding's public relations department. As assistant director, she was in charge of the writing, editing and layout of Harding brochures and bulletins. Anissa is a senior, majoring in English and Spanish. She has had earlier experiences as assistant editor of the Petit Jean.

"The book will have the traditional feel of Harding, yet many contemporary designs and graphics are being used," said Campbell. "The Petit Jean will contain 330 pages, including 21 pages of color."

During the summer, the editors of both the Petit Jean and The Blown attended a publications workshop in Washington, D.C., along with advisors Jack Shock and Kay Gowen. There, they learned helpful tools of the trade, in order to improve the quality of each publication.

With the help of a new IBM Macintosh computer, the Index pages are being produced more easily. In the near future, more computer will be used to limit the errors in publication.

Some of the problems encountered in producing the yearbook are getting appointment schedules for picture-taking, staying organized and meeting deadlines. "A certain amount of pages are due on different dates. Getting pictures of clubs and organizations can slow us down. Many cancel and change appointments," said Mrs. Gowen. The next deadline is Nov. 22, when club and organization pages are due.

Mrs. Gowen is pleased with the students working on the Petit Jean. "I'm very confident that it will be an exceptional yearbook. The dedicated editors work far more than their scholarships show. Anissa is very well organized in her work," said Mrs. Gowen. Campbell's main objective is to focus on the small, unforgettable memories that make this year special and unique in its own way. "I want things to be highlighted that really make a difference," she said. Campbell concluded with, "We are struggling to get it all done, but I believe the 1991-92 Petit Jean will meet the standard of excellence."
College Republicans convention held; Busby, Barron elected state officers

by Michael Johnson

The College Republicans are on the run this year on both the local and state level. Under the leadership of senior Allen Busby, from West Memphis, Ark., the group functions to educate students of the Republican platform and to encourage students to become more involved in the political party of their choice.

The Harding chapter has 74 members who work directly with the White County Republican headquarters. The Harding chapter is one of the largest chapters in the state, along with two other strong chapters at UALR and ASU in Jonesboro.

As the election years, the College Republicans are involved in many different areas of campaigning. They take an active part in registering students to vote, in helping with phone campaigns, and in working with the county headquarters on individual campaigns.

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Interested students meet to plan; Young Democrats Club in the works

by Kevin L. Kee

Harding's chapter of Young Democrats held its first meeting last Tuesday evening in an effort to raise interest in the organization. A dozen or more students attended.

The meeting featured Searcy Mayor Kee Johnson as the keynote speaker. Evans summed up the feelings of many toward the Democratic party in Arkansas. He told the audience, "This year I feel I have a good basis to build on."

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'Out of the Darkness' laser light show takes students on a spellbinding trip

by Sherry R. Bryant

Equipped with green 3-D glasses and curiously, Harding students fanned the Benson Auditorium last Friday to see the wonders of Paramount's "Out of the Darkness" laser light show.

The lights went out and the auditorium boomed with Michael Jackson's "Thriller" while neon figures twirled, zoomed and flew before and above the audience. According to Lane McConathy, "a Laser Dog", with the company, the lasers travel through a hose containing water to cool the system off. The three lasers go either onto a screen in front of the audience or out into the audience.

The "Laser Dogs," as they are called, from San Antonio, Texas, began touring in 1984. McConathy said Paramount is the largest touring laser light show in the country with two bases—one in New Orleans, La., where the idea began, and one in San Antonio.

At the end of the show, the house lights came back on and students seemed to be impressed with what they had just taken in. Todd Stewart, a sophomore from Dallas, Texas, excitedly said, "The lights were spectacular. It felt like you were on a fast ride to heaven."

Marshall Brown, a freshman from Fort Smith, Ark., agreed by saying, "I was amazed and astounded! Never in my life have I seen such a plethora of lights and colors. In other words, it was really awesome."

Even without the green glasses that were an aide in viewing the lights, students were in awe. Erik D. Rubright, a freshman from Orlando, Fla., expressed his opinion by saying, "It was great. The lasers were awesome, the music was loud, almost like a concert. The tribute at the end was an excellent touch."

Indeed, the "Tribute to America's Veterans" seemed to be a hit, according to student reactions. Sophomore Jennie Baker from Florence, Ala., said, "I had never been to a laser light show. It was definitely something new! The patriotic effect gave me chills."

Marcheta Burke, a junior from White River Junction, Vt., also enjoyed the tribute to veterans.

This tribute even had an "international effect" of sorts on one student from Belgium, freshman Todd Wolfe. He said, "I was not in the United States during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, but the second part of the show made up for all I missed. It was great."

Overall, the show not only emitted a sense of patriotism, but also provided excitement as well, according to several other students. Angel Puryear, freshman from Henderson, Ky., said, "It was the greatest show on earth. It's a "must see" event and it totally enlightened my weekend."

North Little Rock freshman Angie Beach agreed by saying, "It was a spectacular event. I thoroughly enjoyed it."

While the students enjoyed the show, the Laser Dogs enjoyed being at Harding. McConathy pointed out, "The hospitality was outstanding. He said, "Harding is a great place to do a show."
ent Association entertain students

'Holiday of Lights' promises excitement
by Andrea Winget

With the Christmas season quickly approaching, it's time once again for the "Holiday of Lights" to take place in Searcy. In only a few weeks, Searcy will be transformed into a wonderland of lights.

The "Holiday of Lights" is in its second year. The entire city of Searcy will be covered in a vast array of Christmas lights. Everyone gets involved in the lighting ceremonies, including schools, businesses, residences and churches.

According to Tommy Jackson, president of the Searcy Chamber of Commerce, the "Holiday of Lights" is patterned after the events that take place in Marshall, Texas. The city of Searcy was looking for a festival that would be held locally each year. There were already many festivals during the summer months and there were none during the Christmas season. Therefore, the Chamber of Commerce decided to start the "Holiday of Lights."

Most of the lighting activities are centered around the White County Courthouse. Jackson said, "It (the festival) has a two-fold purpose: to restore the true meaning of Christmas and to serve as an aid to the economy."

According to Jackson, there were between 15,000 and 30,000 visitors to Searcy last year for the activities. This year's activities will include concerts, lighting ceremonies and even a new car giveaway. One of the main activities will be the Christmas parade.

The parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. According to Tom Robbins, parade director, the parade route will begin with the entries lining up on McBee Street. It will continue from there around the White County Courthouse and then turn east on Race Street and up to Grand Avenue where it will disband.

The parade will have special guests as well as many floats. All floats in the parade must express some theme of Christmas and must be lighted. Anyone wishing to enter a float in the parade is welcome to do so. According to Robbins, social clubs and other organizations at Harding are encouraged to design a float and enter the parade.

"We would like all the organizations at Harding to participate. We would like the students at Harding to be a big part of this!"

Those wishing to enter the parade can obtain an application and list of rules from the Chamber of Commerce. The application deadline is Nov. 21. The winner in each category will win a ribbon and each participant will receive a ribbon for participation.

This is also the second year for the Christmas parade. Last year's parade included 25 to 30 participants. It is hoped that this year's parade will be even bigger and better.

The Christmas parade and all the "Holiday of Lights" activities help Searcy and White County economically. According to Robbins, the parade and all other activities brought in about a nine percent sales tax revenue increase last year over the year before. Robbins said, "It helped economically, of course, but what we feel it did more than anything else was help people to feel good about Searcy. It helped to get the Christmas spirit again. You couldn't help but get the spirit when you walked downtown after all the lights were on."

"Holiday of Lights" has several fund-raising projects, one of which is the Mandrell Christmas show which will be held in the Benson Auditorium on Nov. 27. Tickets are on sale now for $15.00 each. Sweatshirts, T-shirts and other souvenirs bearing the "Holiday of Lights" logo are also available for purchase.

The Christmas season is a fun time for many. "We are trying to make the holiday season a little more festive," Robbins said.

SINGING HIS HEART OUT. Opera singer Robert McFarland performs one of his numbers last Thursday. McFarland came to Harding in connection with the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

Opera singer performs, captivates audience
by Malinda Moses

Listeners sat captivated by the songs of Robert McFarland, a well-known opera singer last Thursday. McFarland was at Harding in connection with the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) conference.

McFarland's wife, Victoria, is also an opera singer. She sings soprano and goes by the stage name, Victoria Pelagia. They have two daughters, Laura, 15, and Heather Elizabeth, 13.

In the beginning, McFarland was an unlikely opera candidate. "When I was a little boy, I hardly could sing at all," he said. "But I had throat problems and eventually had to have my tonsils removed. He said he had to do this because, '... everyone in my family sang well or were musical except me, so it meant a lot to me to be able to sing.'"

A lot of his voice training came from his uncle. During his sophomore year of high school, his uncle gave him voice lessons and his voice responded well.

McFarland actually began singing professionally in 1977. By 1979, he had worked with four or five opera companies and performed 35 major roles. He worked with the New York Opera Company for eight years and played 25 major roles with them. Some of his most notable roles are Scarpia, Toso, German and Rigoletto. He has performed 75 major roles to date.

McFarland gave his reasons for being in opera when he said, "I'm in the business because this is where the Lord directed me to be. I was a very unlikely candidate for being an opera singer. It was not my initial passion, although it became a developed one. All of this is for the glory of God."
HU grad Hurst makes it big in NYC but still calls himself 'ordinary Joe'  

by Carolyn Holmes  
Bison staff writer

He's got the voice of Shadow Stevens, some magazines say. Newspapers have described him as the next Peter Jennings. Despite his success as a television anchor for the country's largest ABC affiliate, Harding alumni Greg Hurst says he's just an "ordinary Joe," taking life one day at a time.

Growing up in Dallas and Atlanta, Hurst claims to have had a fairly normal childhood. He lived with his parents and a younger brother, Doug, who also attended Harding. From ages 8 to 18, however, he did have the unusual opportunity to do local and regional television commercials. His mother worked with beauty pageants and knew an agent who would often call when she needed children. Just a few of Hurst's spots included J. C. Penney, Sears and MasterCard advertisements.

Hurst, though a member of the Church of Christ, hadn't heard of Harding until Dick Johnson, a former football recruiter for the school, talked to him. Between the football scholarship opportunities and the fact that Harding was a Christian college, Hurst was sold. Although he loved football and was a quarterback for Harding, including J. C. Penney, Sears and MasterCard commercials, Hurst decided to take a different route. He is now a youth minister for the National Baptist Church of Christ in New York.

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Bolls goes solo. Sophomore Kaci Bolls, from Murray, Ky., performs her solo assisted by the rest of the Concert Choir. The group performed during Wednesday's chapel under the direction of Arthur Shearin.

Photo by David Hickman
Cheerleaders looking forward to upcoming season

by Craig Hanson
Bison staff writer

With the end of football season now in sight and fall fading into winter, basketball season is here once again. In addition to the team's hours of practice, the cheerleading squad is also getting ready for the next several months of games.

Sponsored by Mrs. Patty Barrett, the cheerleaders are looking forward to the season. "It's always fun to travel for away games. We're expecting a good men's team this year. They've gotten a lot of new recruits," said co-captain Kelly Cooper. "Also, we hope things work out for us to cheer at more of the women's games."

Cooper, Laura Cobb, Tracie West and Monica Kimbrell offer support for the squad as upperclassmen, while freshmen Cyndi Downum, Meredith McAfee and Jill Wood complete the group. "I'm definitely excited about getting to cheer," said McAfee. Cobb will be leading as captain.

The cheerleaders hit the court for the first time Tuesday, Nov. 18, when the basketball teams take on John Brown University here in Ganus Athletic Center.

Cross country teams win AIC and NAIA; advance to nationals in Kenosha, Wis.

by Aaron Hasten
Bison sports writer

Both of the Harding University cross country teams left the other field members in their dust Tuesday, Nov. 5, to take the 1991 AIC and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 17 championships at OBU.

The win for the Lady Bisons marked their sixth straight title. The Ladies ran away from the pack with a score of 32. Arkansas College finished a distant second followed by Hendrix College.

A deadly one-two punch from Shauna Queen and defending champion Kelsie Hutchison gave the women's program their sixth AIC title and their seventh NAIA District 17 crown in 10 years. They finished with respective times of 17:39 and 18:07; both were the individual bests. Queen's time was enough to claim honors as the third fastest in school history.

Two other Lady Bisons finished in the top 10. Andrea Robertson and Keri Hutchinson finished eighth and ninth with scores of 19:29 and 19:51. Chandra Latimer crossed the line with a personal best time of 20:49 for the 15th position.

Harding's men's team got back on track with smashing wins in their divisions after suffering their first loss in 20 years last fall to Henderson State. Henderson did finish second tied with Ouachita, and University of Arkansas-Monticello came in third.

Last year's individual champion, Sebastian Villalva from Henderson, did his best to eliminate Harding once again. He topped the scoring column but was followed to the finish line by three consecutive Bisons. Allen Gill, Dave Hutson and Nathan Mills of the Bisons finished with respective times of 21:23, 23:42 and 23:47. Damon Work ranked 11th with a time of 26:33 as Tim Seay notched in at 12th with a 26:43. Brad Blanton rounded out the scoring in the 18th slot.

Both teams will compete tomorrow in Kenosha, Wis., at the NAIA championships.

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Bisons look to rebound from last season;
will be spotlighting four new starting faces

by Archie Shelton

The Bisons basketball team will open the 1991-92 season by hosting John Brown University on Mon., Nov. 18.

According to second year head coach Nicky Boyd, John Brown University will come to Harding as a well coached team with some good players. "They have some guys that really know how to play and they also have some good three-point shooters," said Boyd.

The Bisons hope to rebound from last year's 8-22 record and last place finish in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, but we probably won't score as many points this year," said Boyd.

Other members of the team include freshmen Chuck Carter, Ryan Tandy, and Eddie Robinson, and juniors Keith Nelson, Eddie Robinson, and juniors Keith Nelson.

Atkins will receive a lot of playing time and will be a contributor to the Bisons. The 6-6 Donelson will return a strong supporting cast for the Bisons. The 6-6 Donelson is a transfer from the University of Arkansas and will return some of the best forwards in Arkansas.

Lady Bisons look strong as season begins

The Lady Bisons basketball team will be led by sophomore Laura Williams from Arkansas Tech, who is the team's top returning scorer.

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The Lady Bisons return only one starting player from last year's squad. That player is Morris Williams, a 6-6 junior forward from Memphis, Tenn. Williams received Honorable Mention for his AIC performance last season. Boyd claims Williams as one of his better defensive players. Williams was also named as a co-captain along with senior teammate David Collins, a 6-6 senior forward from Valley Springs, Ark.

According to Boyd, the coaches are still deciding on their top eight players. Along with Collins and Williams, possible starters include Thomas Nesbitt, a 6-5 junior from Memphis, Roney Brothers, a 6-6 junior college transfer from SAU-Tech, Signeod Donelson, a 6-4 freshman from Memphis, and Jason Parker, a 6-6 sophomore from Fort Smith. Boyd also mentioned that Jason Atkins will receive a lot of playing time and that he would compete for a starting position. Atkins is a 6-1 junior from Memphis.

Other members of the team include freshmen Chuck Carter, Ryan Tandy, and Eddie Robinson, and juniors Keith Nelson, Allen Bishop, and James O'Clair. "Boisey Brothers is a hard player and he's helped the team's intensity," said Boyd.

Boyd also said that Donelson has also done a good job and that he will be a major contributor to the Lady Bisons. The 6-4 Donelson will see some playing time at the point guard position.

Boyd feels that defending AIC champs UCA and runner-up Hendrix will be the favored teams in the 1991-92 season. "UCA is picked to win it," said Boyd. "They have their main players back from last year's squad, and they also had a good year recruiting."

Serving on Boyd's staff is Assistant Coach David Tott, Graduate Assistant Trent Bann, Student Assistant Chris Harris and Trainer John Iverson.

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The Lady Bisons basketball team will definitely be something to watch this season. Coming off its best season ever, the team has a strong nucleus returning. A combination of experience plus the best recruiting class ever will bring a better balance offensively translating into more points and more games in the win column.

The top two players returning are All-AIC caliber. The AIC has been one of the toughest conferences in the NCAA for the past several years. Junior Nancee Wilson, a 6-2" center from Springdale, was selected first team All-AIC with a 14.7 point average per game and 6.6 rebounds a game. Senior Karyl Hartsfield, who was honored mention All-AIC, made an essential contribution on the inside and was the Lady Bisons' second highest scorer. Senior Vicki Herculace averaged 10 points a game from her inside post position.

In addition to these three, the Lady Bisons return a strong supporting cast. The junior class is composed of Jennifer Neuhart, Zondra Harris, and Maria Lewis. The sophomores include three-point shooter Heather Hill and Kymm Hudson. Each one in this group will be called upon to make their own unique contribution to the team this season.

Coach Greg Harnden's freshman class has the best qualifications that Harding has ever seen. Each one has a list of honors a page long. Jana Holman of Lamar High School, Lamar, Ark., is a point guard who was Arkansas' sophomore of the year, was All-AIC, made all-county and all-district player with two of those years being named Most Valuable Player.

The last of the recruits is Angie Hudson from Flippin, Ark. She will be joining her sister, Kym, at the forward position. All four freshmen played in the Arkansas High School All-Star game.

The meshing of experience with new talent will allow the Lady Bisons to have steady improvement. An improved team should translate into another record breaking season.

The Lady Bisons will jump into their regular season this Monday night against John Brown University. The game will be held in the Ganus Athletic Center at 6:00.
Lady Bisons in postseason play

The Lady Bisons volleyball postseason began Tuesday night. Hopes are high for the Lady Bisons in their attempt to bring home another AIC championship. The odds are definitely in their favor.

Postseason play began with Harding defeating Hendrix in three sets in the Games Athletic Center. The season finale found the top eight AIC teams playing a combined total of seven games in a single-elimination tournament. Last night Harding played another winner in the semifinals. The final match will be played tomorrow.

The location of each series of games was determined by that team's rank in the AIC. The first four games were played at the Games Athletic Center in Searcy.

The Lady Bisons finished the regular season with a record of 38-12. They were 11-1 in the AIC, with their one loss coming on Thursday, Nov. 7, to Southern Arkansas University. In a five-game match, the Southern Arkansas Ritterettes broke down the Lady Bisons' concentration and intensity. In the first game, the Lady Bisons felt the sting of defeat, 13-15. But the Lady Bisons came on strong to blast through the next pair of games, 15-11, 15-9. This "winning streak" was short-lived, however. The Ritterettes "took the reigns," and pulled out the match to their favor, winning the final two games, 13-18, 15-11.

The tournament championship is still a strong possibility. "We need to keep our minds in the game, sharpen our skills, and do what we've supposed to do to win," said sophomore team member Robin King. Looking toward the future and next year, "We're losing some important seniors, and we need not be worried but continue playing hard," said freshman team member Amy Deuel.

Larric Maple, junior team member, feels the most pressure comes from "replacing starters," but she thinks that the team as a whole is "playing well." Change doesn't seem necessary. And with an 11-1 conference title "under their belt," this appears to be true.

Bisons rip Reddies to stay undefeated; will play for AIC co-championship Sat.

by Sarah Wilson

Bison sports writer

The Bisons came up with 13 second-half points to rally over the HSU Reddies 24-13 last Saturday at Harding's Alumni Field.

The game got off to a slow start with neither team scoring in the first quarter. The Reddies' first drive, which probably should have been a touchdown, found the Scooter Johnnie Franklin in the endzone for 5-yards, but the extra point was missed.

The Bisons scored on an 8-yard touchdown drive in the second half, and that was enough to give them the win. The extra point was good.

Harding's next possession, senior Larry Parker scored a 24-yard touchdown pass from sophomore Richard Holmes of Dallas, Texas, and senior Terry Williams of Augusta, Ark., gaining little yardage, freshman Casey Smith kicked a 30-yard field goal to put the first Reddie points on the board. The score at halftime remained 7-3 in favor of the Reddies.

In the second half, Harding's offense took over and put the Bisons at 7-2-1 overall and in the conference. A win over SAU tomorrow in Magnolia will clinch an AIC co-championship for Harding.

UCA closed out regular season play with a 20-14 win over Tech last week and clinching the Bears of at least the tie for the AIC championship. Ouachita edged out SAU 37-27 in Arkadelphia.

NOTE: Harding defeated Ouachita two weeks ago in the Homcoming game 24-21, and tomorrow's game against SAU will decide if the Bisons will be AIC co-champions.

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