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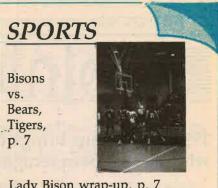
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A request by Israel to have the United States cosign over \$10 billion in loans to resettle Soviet Jews has the potential to become a nightmare for many politicians. In a voting year with many Americans tired of watching their dollars protecting and financing other nations, Israel could force a difficult vote in Congress. Normally, the pro-Israel lobby is one of Washington's strongest lobbies achieving a 90 percent plus success rate on issues important to

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The Supreme Court agreed to review a restrictive Pennsylvania abortion law. The decision could further restrict the landmark Roe vs. Wade, now 19 years old. However, the court doesn't appear to be ready to directly overturn Roe vs. Wade, at least not during this politicallycharged year.

Many experts believe that even if the court did rule, it would have little bearing on the vast majority of

(See "MORALS," page 2)

The 1990 conviction of former Attorney General Steve Clark was unanimously affirmed by the State Supreme Court. Clark's assertion that he was protected under a vague legal clause was said by the court to "defy reason." Clark was fined \$10,000 and faces the loss of his attorney's license.

Tomorrow night's movie is "Deceived." The movie will be shown in the Benson at 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.

The Bison will again print Valentine wishes on Friday, Feb. 14. Requests can be mailed to campus mail box 1192 or slid under the Bison office door.

# Student-organized lectureship proves beneficial to student body

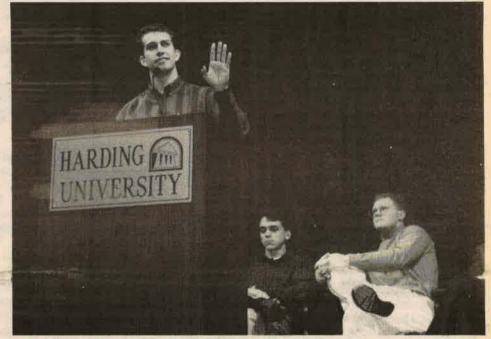
by Laura Lynn Gary

Last Sunday morning marked the begin-ning of what proved to be one of the most successful student lectureships ever held at Harding. The forums were designed to allow students a chance to express their own views and insights and to give them the opportunity of teaching not only their peers but their elders as well. Since September, a committee of students prepared and organized the four-day lectureship. Jason King, a member of the committee, said, "The student lec-tureship is important because it shows that students are also capable of being spiritual

King explained that the theme, "This Means War," was chosen for the relevancy at the time. "Our struggle is against Satan and it is important to remember who we are fighting and who we are fighting for." Kelly Manley, who was also one of the coordinators of the lectureship, agreed with King. "This is a battle where people need

Committee members were hopeful that the lectureship would prove to be a time uni-que from the usual chapels and Bible classes. Manley said, "We hear from the Bible faculty all the time and some students just don't listen. Hopefully, students will listen now because we are experiencing the same pressures.'

To help give the lectureship a boost, the committee planned an all-night prayer session the Friday night before the series Christine Langston, a junior dietetics major, said, "The prayers were encouraging. It was a time for students not involved with



DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME? Shawn Mayes, a junior biology major from Washington, Ill., jokes about "Coming Home" during his chapel talk Wednesday. Scott Miller and Troy Foster listen. (photo by David Hickman)

teaching in the student lectureship to participate."

King said that hopefully the prayer session would remind students that the "success is not dependent on man's performance but will help us realize where the power is

coming from."

The lectureship provided a rare occasion

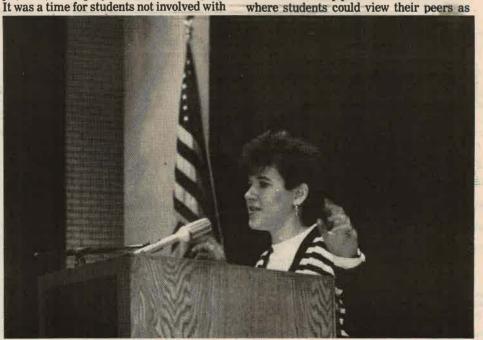
leaders. Rich Little, a sophomore Bible major, said, "The student lectureship is a fantastic opportunity for the preachers of tomorrow and for the church of tomorrow." Being from Australia, where there are only 2,000 Christians in the entire country, Little noted that the student lectureships were incredible. "I've never experienced anything like it in my life - being able to witness a lectureship where people my age are directing it."

Jack McKinney, associate professor in the Bible department, viewed the lectureship as beneficial to all concerned. McKinney said, "It is good for the church to see the talent coming on for tomorrow. Sometimes students come with refreshing and valid

For the past three years, students have been participating in the lectureship series which had been organized by them and for them. To many, this year was the best. Robin King, a sophomore French major, remarked that "This lectureship has been the most thought-provoking of any I've attended."

Organizers of the lectureship hoped that the series would be helpful to the student body in more than one way. Manley was hopeful that the lectureship would find, "soldiers who will be willing to fight for God." King wished the students would be "on fire for God."

By the end of the series, organizers hoped that the students had been able to profit from the lectureship. The goal of the committee was to "invoke a growth among the student body, not only as a whole but individually as well."



IT DOES MATTER. Leslie McDowell, a junior English major from Evansville, Ind., speaks on the subject "Black or White - It Does Matter!" in a luncheon class on Wednesday. (photo by David Hickman)

### 1992 lectureship brings out talent; why hasn't it been recognized before?

Kudos must be extended again to all the men and women who put time and effort into the 1992 student lectureship.

For those of us on the receiving end of the lessons and classes, we often fail to recognize and properly appreciate the immense amount of time necessary to prepare an event like the lectureship. So much must transpire backstage for the onstage presentation to be effective.

Those who served on the committee can surely attest to the long hours and regular meetings to determine theme, speakers, and countless other issues. Last semester, the committee members' Tuesday evenings were dedicated to discussions and prayer about the lectureship.

During my four years at Harding, the student lectureship has been one of the highlights of each year. I can still vividly recall lessons by Andy Olree, John Barton, Robert Chambers and others who spoke my freshman

Each year, the schedule has improved to provide more opportunities for students to present ideas and provoke discussions on campus.

The only tragedy in the lectureship is the abundance of talent that is recognized only once a year. Why aren't students more used by a university and church with such an abundance of them? It seems like we follow the old cliche that goes, "our young people are our leaders of tomorrow." I would assert that, with the falling away of young people in the church today, faithful young are keys to the church today.

The practical training and experience of leading prayers or teaching classes are important for many. So many young men attend Harding having already been a leader in their churches. Some leave without so much as offering a single prayer in chapel, and then go to churches where they are expected to teach Bible classes for the rest of their lives.

The priority assigned to chapel during the last few years, indicates that chapel is not designed to be a training ground for young men. But, we must be willing to start somewhere, even if it is temporarily inconvenient.

Before we point fingers, we must accept personal responsibility for more involvement in all areas of service. Certainly, opportunities exist and if we are truly willing to work, we won't have to stand in any lines.

— csl

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# 11011S Moral standards must be home-grown

I recently had the opportunity to cover a pro-life rally in Little Rock and what I saw there made me think about our nation's false sense of morality.

Among the thousands of people supporting the fight against abortion, I saw little children carrying signs that would make an ordinary person swallow hard to keep their lunch from climbing. The anti-abortion signs showed aborted babies that had been disavowed, dismembered and discarded.

Perhaps the worst sign I saw showed the severed head of a 27-week old baby who had been aborted, abused and left to rot in a Houston dumpster. The head wasn't even fully formed yet.

These grotesque signs achieved their aim (at least as far as I'm concerned). They made me think. It appalled me to think that over 1.5 million abortions are now performed annually and that over 25 million children have died from abortion since the Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion, in 1973. Almost one out of every three unborn children is killed by abortion and most abortions performed on teenagers are done without parental knowledge or consent.

How do we as a nation expect to alleviate our societal problems when we send our young people mixed messages? We tell them to say "no" to drugs, alcohol and tobacco, yet we encourage them to practice "safe" sex because "they're gonna' do it anyway." Then, when that same "safe" sex isn't used or doesn't work, we allow one mistake to be followed by another one. What kind of lesson

Let's face it, folks. "Safe" sex isn't so safe anymore. Contraception isn't fool-proof, just as our willingness to use it isn't. Why, then, can we not get the point across that the sexual promiscuity running rampant in our nation is part of the lack of moral standards taught in our homes?

That's where we must turn to save the generations of tomorrow, a generation that might possibly have grown up never viewing abortion and premarital sex as a 'wrong," but only as a "right."

- KLK

### An Alternate View on. . . Industrial Limitations

by Lynn Kernodle

Have you ever wondered where we would be if certain limitations were not placed upon us? In every industry there are numerous controls which at one time were created for our protection. The parties who designed these controls had good intentions, but for many products, they actually decreased the technological advances of the

When people say that the speed limits are good because they save lives, they are right. Statistics prove that the lower the speed, the less chance an accident, and in the event of an accident, there is a lower fatality rate. Slower speeds in town increase safety due to the large amount of stopping and turning done. If we were to raise the speed limit on the highways, accidents would increase, especially fatal

In need of an example, suppose the speed limit had been abolished on certain highways throughout the United States long ago. Certain highways would need to keep the old speed limits for people who desired to travel on them. In the first stages of this speed limit lift, some people would have probably pushed their cars to the limit and driven like maniacs, thus causing more accidents. Also, fatal car wrecks would have increased. Next, many cars would have simply buckled under the pressure. The prolonged strain on the cars would have worn them out. Now what do you suppose the car industry would have done? Chances are that they would have competed with increasing intensity

to design a car that would last longer, handle better, stop faster and have the safest driving record. People would have searched with their dollars to find a car that would offer them the best possible safety. Car manufacturers would have spent billions of dollars on research and development so as to compete in this new race. Is it just coincidence that Germany is home to some of the best cars in the world when one considers their high speed driving?

The moral of this story is a simple one. Controls can at times limit technology. If the above scenario had taken place, who knows what would have happened? Perhaps inventors would have come up with numerous technological advances that would reduce the accident statistics much lower than they are today even with the present speed limits. This possibility is proven by history again and again. Imagine telling a person who was driving the Model T years ago that cars will one day be created that will allow you to go 55-65 m.p.h. safely. This would probably have evoked a response of disbelief from the driver. However, technology has proven this possible.

Perhaps, the speed limit that claims responsibility for saving lives, may in fact be hindering the lifesaving process by discouraging new technology. This may be true for many industries. Perhaps if there weren't certain limitations on many industries, we would truly be ahead of our

## **Bison Policy**

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The Bison is an educational tool for journalism and communication students, providing practical experience and the acquisition of hands-on skills that cannot be learned in the classroom.

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was a real joy to him and to me. May our Lord bless each of you in every possible way. We love you and we appreciate you. Thank you very much!

> With love and appreciation, Marguerite Benson

# Benson's life an example for all



Dr. George S. Benson

Dr. George S. Benson, 93, president of Harding College from 1936-1965, died Dec. 15, 1991.

Dr. Benson was well-known nationally for his views on communism, which were developed during his mission work in China between 1925 and 1936. His radio program "Land of the Free" was carried by over 300 stations and his weekly column "Looking Ahead" was published in approximately 2,000 newspapers.

Dr. Benson, however, will be remembered most by his work with the Lord's church. Among other credits, Dr. Benson established churches in the Philippines, assisted all or most of all of the Christian colleges and universities, founded the Canton Bible School, founded and owned Camp Tahkodah, and founded and served as president of the National Education Program.

Dr. Benson's love for Harding University can be evidenced by the many things he did for it. He added numerous buildings to the Harding campus, placed the school on a firm financial foundation and maintained and improved the school's strong spiritual emphasis.

As J.D. Bales, a close friend of Benson's, eulogized: "A giant tree in the forest of humanity has fallen. His long life of work and service has now ended and he is at rest with our Lord."

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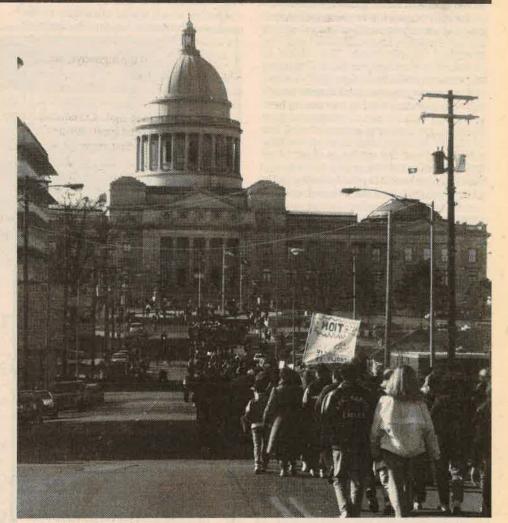
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MARCH ON THE CAPITOL. Harding's chapter of College Republicans led a caravan to Little Rock Sunday for the "March For Life." The peaceful pro-life demonstration was sponsored by Arkansas Right To Life. (See related editorial on opposite page.) (photo by David Hickman)

# Students form new 'career' organizations

**Tentmakers** 

by Rob Mueller
Bison staff writer

At one time or another during our schooling at Harding, students ask the question, "How can I most effectively utilize my given talents and still serve God?" Paul was a tentmaker. Yet, he was also responsible for many of the books we find in the Bible. He had a passion for spreading the Gospel, and he was determined to serve God in every aspect of his life while getting along with the talent of tentmaking. Although he did not graduate from a college, Paul had a learned degree in vocational ministry — his vocational skill was constructing tents while his ultimate motivation was his ministry for God.

The idea of creating an assembly for students wishing to find their most suitable type of service for God was originally created by Dr. Flavil Yeakley. Now, through the efforts of several people with the same ambition, that idea has turned to reality—The Tentmakers Club.

This new assembly usually gathers at the Bible Building in room 206. At the beginning, the club was tailored more toward women who were vocational ministry majors (a degree now offered here at Harding). Also, it was primarily designed to fit men who were not necessarily Bible majors but were interested in discovering the best correlation between their talents and their service for God. Now, it's open to anyone displaying the desire to combine the two in their own personal way — a priority promoted strongly in the Harding experience.

The club is proud to be represented by a group of executive members including two women, President Leslie McDowell and Vice President Kristi Jones. The office of secretary is held by Eric Bond. President McDowell explains that "the objective of our club is to encourage everyone to grow toward their own personal identity concerning their service for God. We are all unique and have something specially given to us in the line of talents. We most often focus on learning to deny the self, the taking up of our cross and following God. We create new ideas in the vocational ministry field, discuss plans after graduation, and share thoughts on the combination of individual talents coupled with serving God. Presently, we have about 25 members."

The first meeting of The Tentmakers Club took place last October; the topic of discussion centered on foreign missions and the placement beyond U.S. borders. Dr. Carl Mitchell shared his experience as a newly graduated person who moved to Italy and supported himself. He partially focused his narration on being limitless as far as geographical location is concerned — and his involvement in the ministry.

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Another meeting included discussion over
U.S. placement after graduation and, along

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with that, the goal shared by the group to create a helpful tool called The Source Book. The Source Book will be a compilation of addresses, contacts, and phone numbers for any graduate wishing to relocate in the states where their talents and service for God can be of substantial use. For example, if someone was interested in moving to Boise, Idaho, this helpful book can provide the needed information on leads provided by the church contacts in that community. This project coincides with the program already established and headed by Van Tate called M.O.V.E. (Ministry Outreach for Vocational Evangelism). The club will be organizing a committee this semester that will design and build The Source Book. One of the meetings last semester involved a small panel of men with vocational ministry backgrounds. They told their stories of job placement and effective service for God within their lives. Included on this panel was Dr. Bobby Coker, a teacher and preacher and Leslie McDowell's father, a computer analyst and minister.

"Come and share in the encouragement and progression of this inovative club," is the spirit voiced by McDowell. "I would really love to see everybody come out and get involved with other students who have the Holy Spirit's fire within their heart. We need to get people interested so they can see what we are all about and investigate for themselves what we have to offer. I hope that sometime soon we can build a group so large that we will have to move from the classroom and take up the entire front lawn on campus. That would be a wonderful picture for the yearbook!"

Whether an art major, chemistry major, nursing or "whatever" major, The Tentmakers Club is a great start where we can begin to answer that question of service based on our own individual talents. No matter what degree we may work toward and attain, the walk and service of a Christian includes every last facet imaginable.

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LISTEN UP. Human Resource majors gather to hear Herff L. Moore at the formation meeting of the new Human Resource Management Club. (photo by PR Office)

### Human Resources

by Traci Gilstrap

Harding students are broadening their career horizons with the new Human Resource Management club, which boasts the largest membership of any chapter in the state of Arkansas.

Membership in the organization can improve contacts in the business world, increase potential job opportunities and provide knowledge of the professional world through state and national conventions. According to Dr. George Oliver, club cosponsor, members are also eligible for additional scholarships, subscriptions to professional journals and contacts for career opportunities.

The new club will meet once a month. Officers are Marsha Vaughn, president; Jim McFarland, vice-president; John Morgan, secretary; Glen Knight, treasurer; and Dr. Oliver and and Dr. Jack Thomas, co-sponsors.

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"The Society of Human Research
Management is a professional club, and pro-

fessional development is the main goal," Dr. Oliver said. "It is important that the students be provided with a transition from the collegiate world into the business world. Plus, it is a tool to provide them with opportunities for employment, training and research."

Dr. Oliver described the catalyst for starting the new chapter: "Harding is the only school in Arkansas which provides a bachelor's degree in human resources. The department's majors had indicated an interest in such a club, but it wasn't until a state representative approached Harding and asked us to form a chapter that it came about. The Harding University Society of Human Resource Mangement was officially chartered in November."

In terms of short-range goals, Dr. Oliver would like to get as many students as possible actively involved and to increase participation of members with professional contacts. "My long-range goal is for the Harding University Society of Human Resource Management to gain the experience and credibility to become a collegiate leader,"

Dr. Oliver said.

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### 'Smart Steps' program stresses health, exercise

by Kristy Dalton

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Smart Steps is a free, non-credit class

open to any student who is interested in lear-ning proper eating habits and incorporating

exercise into their everyday life.

Sponsored by ARA Dining Services,
Smart Steps meets eight times during the
course of the semester and is taught by Lisa
Ritchie. Ritchie is a registered dietician as
well as a part-time instructor in the home economics department. She graduated from Harding with a degree in dietetics.

"Smart Steps teaches students how to change their lifestyles by developing healthy eating habits and exercise. They can make changes that will help them not only now, but for the rest of their lives," said Ritchie.

At the beginning of the course, each student takes a body composition test; at the end of the semester, it is taken again to see how effective the program was for them. Class topics include discussions on fat con-

tent in foods, exercise incentives, and how to eat out and still eat healthy.

Christy Folding is a senior art major who participated in Smart Steps. She said, "It's encouraging to meet together with others who want to eat right. It was sort of a support group to see others wanting to learn how to eat right and exercise along with

Interested students should contact Ritchie at 268-3751 or the campus dining service at

# Duo uses talent to express feelings

by Tracey Johnson
Bison staff writer

Uniquely uplifting is but one way to describe the sounds and effects of the cutand-paste art band, SAY-SO. The duo of Jim and Kim Thomas gave an exhilarating breath of fresh air to the enchanted crowd during their Friday night performance in the Administration Auditorium.

"A celestial experience" is how Faith Seay, a senior from Vernon, Ala., described the band and their artsy pop music. Everyone seemed to let their guard down and indulged in the pleasing and energetic waves of music emitted by the mesmerizing voice of Kim Thomas.

SAY-SO is the culmination of an artistic dream by singer/songwriters Jim and Kim Thomas from Nashville. The husband-andwife team are very personable and easy-going and had the crowd at ease the moment they walked on stage. It is easy to tell by their stage presence that they are freespirited individuals whom you feel you've known for years.

Jim and Kim, who met in a youth group at church, have been married for 13 years. They moved to Nashville from Washington, D.C. and find the South to be very relaxing as well as inspiring.

Kim, who studied graphic design, does the majority of the design work for SAY-SO. Both Kim's and Jim's creativity and talent shine through in the lyrics they co-write. The cou-ple has been singing together for five years and their band has been together for a year and a half. The band, which also goes by the name SAY-SO, was voted the Best Band in the 1990 Music Awards according to The

When asked how the name SAY-SO originated, Kim said they try to express feel-



JUST SAY-SO. Kim, left, and Jim Thomas, SAY-SO, entertain Harding students with their unique sound and stage presence. The married couple performs with their band across the nation's college campuses. (photo by David Hickman)

ings and emotions through their lyrics and think, if you have something to express, then

They cited legendary songwriters such as Carol King as inspirations, as well as personal experiences of their own and those of friends and family. While a professional singing career is a goal of SAY-SO, their main objective is to enjoy what they do and to be true to their work. Willie Martin, a senior from Lawton, Okla., seemed to sum up SAY-SO's philosophy when he characterized the lyrics as being very personal and from the heart.

SAY-SO's performance took many people by surprise. Tim Hobbs, a freshman from Joplin, Mo., said, "I found it enjoyable even though I don't normally listen to that type of music." Nicole Carroll, a sophomore from Ventura, Calif., said, "Kim is a unique individual and her music made you feel good."

It was evident that SAY-SO's rapport with the audience made the message of their music that much more acceptable and appreciated.

And if stage presence was all that counted, SAY-SO would definitely be a hit. They controlled the stage with pure excitement and electricity that engulfed the audience. From Kim's off-beat sense of humor to the couple's unique style and clothing, they had the aulience's attention from start to finish.

Each song had a special theme or inspira-tion which was evident in its presentation. The pair made it seem easy to take a personal tragedy and turn it into a song which could lift others' spirits. Intertwined with the more mellow tunes were very funky, upbeat songs which inspired the crowd to sing along

Thomas spent time before and after the per-

The music, the performers and the audience's spectacular, sometimes surprising, reactions left a gigantic impression on the hearts and minds of many people. As David Porter, a senior from Palm Beach, Fla., put

and let their spirits soar. The thoughtful and imaginative arrangements were not the only thing that captured the audience's attention. Kim and Jim formance talking with students, which made their music seem even more comfortable.

it, "They grooved immensely."

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# Faculty and administration appreciate student-led lectureship theme, effort

by Tamra L. Spencer

Last Wednesday marked the close of the fourth annual student lectureship sponsored by the College Church. In the minds of the teachers and administrators it has proved to be a positive and successful experience.

This year's theme was spiritual warfare and centered around the Ephesians 6:10-20 passage of the New Testament. Many members of Harding's faculty commented on the urgency and importance of this topic as well as the importance of student-led devotionals.

Dr. David Burks, University president, stated that he hoped it would "set a spiritual tone for the entire semester." He went on to say that he liked the theme of spiritual warfare because "it is the greatest war that any of us face in our ministry."

of us face in our ministry."
"We are in this fight together," said
Jimmy Allen of the Bible department. "We
are not fighting people, but unseen forces.
What these men have said is that we need
to hang tough and stay with it."

Dr. Arthur Shearin of the music department was encouraged to see students take the initiative in the provided spiritual opportunity. He commented, "I think the topic was a valid one and it has opportunity for development."

"It is good to see more young women having the opportunity to speak," stated Sandra Boaz, administrative assistant for the Student Support Services program. She further commented that she was glad to be able to attend the daily classes. "It has not always been possible for me to attend the classes in the past, but since the classes this year were scheduled at lunch time and at three o'clock, it made it easier for me and other members of the faculty and staff to attend."

Debbie Ganus of the Bible department expressed the encouragement she gained from knowing that students were seriously dealing with spiritual matters.

From a different campus perspective, Dean Peggy Huckeba said she felt like student-led activities such as student lectureship unify the student body, build up spiritual momentum among students and give students a voice in the community (beyond the campus) through the pulpit at College Church.

College Church.
"It is always good for people to hear one of their contemporaries speak on their own experience and on their own level," commented Jim Woodroof of the Bible faculty.

"It is a positive initiation that leads students to greater works in the Lord's church. If we do not maintain student-led activities such as the lectureship then we sacrifice the ability to produce better leaders for the church tomorrow," said Dr. Carl Mitchell, Dean of the College of Bible and Religion. He further commented, "Faculty should not preempt students and their leadership development by leading everything themselves."

Dwight and Barby Smith, Campus Ministry leaders, found the lectures to be generally a good opportunity for students to practice their preaching and teaching skills.

When it comes to the chosen theme, "This Means War," was one that students and teachers both found to be current and

urgent.

"We are constantly in need of more awareness of the spiritual battle. It is a life and death warfare," reflected Dr. Mitchell.

"Satan's greatest tool against the church is one's false sense of security against his deceptions. The battle is taking place in the lives of God's people."

Mark Berryman concluded his thoughts



WHOSE SHOES? Rachel Bradford, a sophomore business education major from Pickton, Texas, uses shoes to make a point during a Tuesday afternoon luncheon cluss. (photo by David Hickman)

about the lectureship with a firm "It is REAL. A lot of people do not want to accept the fact that if they are not of Christ, then they are of Satan. People do not like to think about the evil forces at work in and around us." He further concluded, "This lectureship has called us to live lives of prayer and to be more active in using the weapons God has given us to attack the forces of darkness."

The faculty and administration of Harding University and College Church all expressed gratitude to the male and female speakers who put sincere prayer and thought into their preparations to make the 1992 lectureship the success it was.



# Rodeo club organizes for good ol' fun, competition on a professional level

by Shannon Romine

The round-up is on and plans are afoot for Harding to be represented in the arena as the Rodeo Club readies for competition. Headed by Paul Douglas, a re-entering freshman from Swifton, Ark., the club is open to anyone who is interested in supporting or competing in rodeo, regardless of experience.

The club held its first meeting shortly before the Christmas break. A second meeting was held last week to further develop plans for the coming year. More than 30 students have expressed an interest in the club so far. According to Amy Fisher, a senior from Tyler, Texas, many of the new members are wanting to learn how to

compete.

Because the AIC does not recognize rodeo as a sport, the club will not be competing on a collegiate level. Members will compete individually on a professional level in the Ozark region of the International Professional Rodeo Association. The university will not officially sponsor the club, but sponsorship has been obtained from Davis Western Wear and Buddy McKee, a staff member in the Student Loan Office.

During its first semester, the club will concentrate on organization and observation. The season runs from April to September but club members will probably not compete until summer, Douglas said. Those members new to rodeo will be instructed by experienced members, including Douglas, who held the European Rodeo Cowboy Association Bull Riding Title in 1987 and 1988.

The club has secured the use of the arena

at the White County Fairgrounds for practicing. They have also arranged for the use of an indoor arena in Cabot in case of bad weather. Local friends have agreed to provide transportation and stock for the club's use.

While no schedule has been set yet, the club plans to compete in local rodeos in the fall. In addition, the possibility of exhibition rodeos to be held at the fairgrounds has been discussed with the fairgrounds committee. The proceeds from these rodeos would assist in the refurbishing of the fairgrounds arena.

A core group of about six members, including Douglas, Fisher, and Dave Oser, a sophomore from Dallas, Texas, decided to bring the rodeo to Harding, based on their love for the sport and the fact that other schools sponsor such teams. They realize that the stereotypical cowboy image is not one that is usually associated with Harding, but they hope that the faculty and student body will remain open-minded. "We want to reassure that no negative element will be brought into Harding," said Oser. "We just wanted to start something that people can have fun with, an alternative to sports."

The members are taking the club very seriously and hope that it will continue for some time. Oser added, "If nothing else, it gets people together and friends will be made."

The club will meet again in the near future. Signs will be posted in the Student Center.

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TAKE IT TO THE BUCKET. Kymm Hudson, 44, a sophomore from Flippin, Ark., takes the ball to the hoop Monday night against the UCA Sugar Bears as teammates Nancee Wilson, 55, and Karyl Hartsfield, 32, look on. (photo by PR Office)

# Lady Bisons enjoy early record breaking season

by Myleea Hill

The 1991-92 basketball season has already been a record-breaking year for the Lady Bisons, and they still have almost half the season to play.

Coach Greg Harnden's team has set scoring records twice, beating Lambuth 100-75 and Arkansas Baptist 102-63. The Lady Bisons built on this high level of play to go into the Christmas break with an undefeated record for the first time in team history. The most important record, however, is in

The most important record, however, is in the win/loss column, where the Lady Bisons are 14-3. The 14 victories to date break the record of 13 set last season.

The record also shows that in only the seventh year of the program, Coach Harnden's team has turned the corner from struggling for playoff spot to being a legitimate contender to win the district tour-

nament. Harnden said his goal at the beginning of the season was "to finish high in the conference so that the team can host one or two games in the district playoffs." He added that this would give them the opportunity to qualify out of the district for the national tournament.

Although pleased with the early success, Harnden said the team didn't set a goal for a win-loss record. "Our goal was to play hard and together as a team," he said. "The majority of the time, that's what we've tried to do. That's why we're 14-3."

Harnden said a key to the team's success has been the mix of youth and experience on the team. The team is led by returning starters Karyl Hartsfield, a senior averaging 15 points a game, and Nancee Wilson, a junior averaging 13.7 points and 9.6 rebounds a game. "Karyl is playing twice as well as she did last year. She's improved and she has

better players around her," Harnden said; "and all facets of Nancee's game have improved."

Freshmen Cindy Camp and Jama Holman, both averaging around 10 points a game, and sophomore Kymm Hudson, who leads the team with just over a 15-point scoring average, complete a strong starting lineup. Freshman Sissy Reaper has been valuable in a backup role. "Our young kids have been everything I thought they would be," Harnden said.

The Lady Bisons also have a strong bench with juniors Marla Lewis and Jennifer Newhart adding depth and experience. Freshman Angi Hudson and Kristi Wood have also seen playing time.

This is the first Lady Bison basketball team to be listed in the national rankings. The Lady Bisons are also tied for third in the Dunkel power ratings. According to Harnden, the high power rating shows that the team doesn't have an easy schedule.

The schedule doesn't get any easier, either, as the team moves into tough AIC play. But, the Lady Bisons have proved they know how to win. As Harnden said, "The early success gives us confidence."

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### Nationally-ranked Bears blow by Bisons 80-60

by Suzanne Dunlap

The Bisons continued conference play Monday, Jan. 13, with mixed results. The team hosted Arkansas Tech and lost 69-51. Morris Williams was the high scorer with 20 points.

The Bisons next traveled to Ouachita Baptist University, Thursday, Jan. 16, and brought back the win: 82-75. OBU led early in the game but key Bison scoring drives led by David Collins and Jason Atkins kept the Bisons close, Thomas Nesbitt led the way in the second half and ended as the game high scorer with 22 points.

The Bisons went to the line 24 times converting 14. Off the boards the Bisons grabbed 11 offensive and 21 defensive rebounds. John Iverson, team manager, stated, "We played under control with good defense. We had a good mental game and as a result we won."

On Monday, Jan. 20, the Bisons played host to the conference-leading University of Central Arkansas Bears in the Ganus Athletic Center. Throughout the first half the Bisons kept the game close. UCA had two 6-0 scoring runs but the Bisons were able to bounce back. With 12:30 left in the first half UCA led 18-9. Then Collins and Williams stepped up with back to back three pointers, bringing the Bisons to within three, 18-15.

With nine minutes left in the first half Bisons reached their closest point 19-20. UCA's pressing defense caused Bison turnovers and missed shots, allowing UCA to score nine unanswered points. Harding cut the lead to nine to end the half at 35-24.

UCA inbounded the ball to start the second half. Harding came out strong answering a UCA basket with a basket of their own. Bison turnovers gave UCA easy opportunities to score and they soon led 44-29. The Bisons called time-out.

After the time-out Harding cut the lead to 10. Nesbitt came alive, grabbing offensive and defensive rebounds and scoring inside. With 12:30 left in the game UCA scored six straight points stretching the lead to 12. Missed opportunities by the Bisons gave UCA the edge and the victory 80-60. The UCA Bears went to 5-0 in the conference and the Bisons fell to 1-4.

The Bisons couldn't convert the opportunities given to them by their defense and mistakes hurt the Bisons. Williams stated, "At the start of the second half, I knew we were still in it if we eliminated a few mistakes. Our biggest mistakes were their offensive rebounds. Their first shots weren't that good but the tip-ins and put-backs killed us."

Williams was the high scorer with 17 points followed by Nesbitt with 15 points. Nesbitt was the rebounding leader with five offensive and six defensive rebounds.

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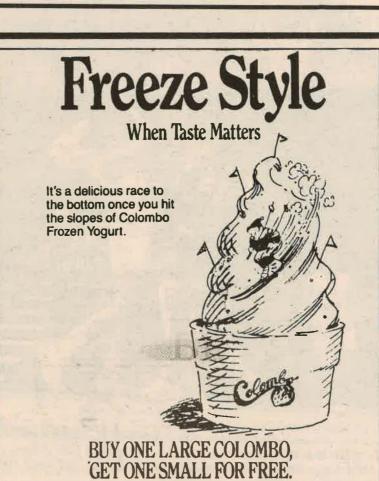
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