The Bison Lanes underwent a fast-paced facelift during the university's Christmas break. Work on the bowling center began Dec. 21 and by Jan. 13 the lanes were ready for business.

Concerning the striking new look, Charlie Howell, the manager of the Bison Lanes, said, "We've just about replaced everything. The wood on the lanes is the same, but we replaced the things that make it work." The bowling center is an auxiliary enterprise of the university, which means it is owned by and functions economically with Harding University. When plans were drafted for construction on the student center, updates for the Bison Lanes were included.

The bowling center is an auxiliary enterprise of the university, which means it is owned by and functions economically with Harding University. When plans were drafted for construction on the student center, updates for the Bison Lanes were included. One of the most obvious changes is the switch to computerized scoring. Bowlers no longer have to struggle to make sense of scores and strikes on score cards. The new system takes care of recording who hit what pin, leaving the players responsible only for enjoying the game.

Robert Morris, a junior from Memphis, Tenn., stated, "This is a lot better, but every once in a while it's a little embarrassing having your score up on the screen instead of on paper."

Of the changes, perhaps the one with the most impact is the reduction of lanes. Previously there were 12 available bowling lanes, but due to changes in the layout and a new and bigger post office, the number decreased to eight. The loss of lanes has resulted in an occasional longer wait. Craig Smith, a sophomore from McRae, Ark., who works at the bowling center, said, "Everyone seems to like it (the changes), but they just don't like waiting."

Stephen Spears, a sophomore from Houston, Texas, concurred. "We liked having them fixed up, but didn't want to lose the lanes."

In the past, according to workers at the bowling alley, a waiting list existed possibly one or two weekends a month. Even then players were kept moving so that the wait would not be too long.

With fewer lanes, the delay on busy weekend nights has increased — especially if some of the lanes are reserved by a group. The added wait, however, does not appear to deter too many customers.

As many as 400 patrons may move through the lanes on a busy Saturday. If game room visitors are included in the count, close to 1,000 people may circulate through the bowling center on a given day.

The alley's clientele is split almost half and half between students and local citizens, but groups from as far away as Little Rock have reserved lanes to come play. High attendance can be credited to the low prices, clean family atmosphere and the up-to-date equipment.

Now that the bowling center is back in action, Howell is hoping to restart a club and intramural bowling league. In the past it has been difficult to schedule games due to conflicts with other bowling leagues that use the facilities, as well as other club meetings and activities.

Already the Bison Lanes are scheduled four days a week by local leagues; and since the reopening, it has been difficult to get lanes on the weekends. The steady business concurs with students' appreciation for the changes.

"Everything looks so different and new. I was really impressed with the job they did," said Elise Ramsey, a sophomore from Memphis.

Students aren't the only ones who have been impressed. Howell said, "I've been told by A&M (the company which sold Harding its bowling equipment) that our bowling lanes are the nicest of any university in the southeast states."
Press coverage of alleged affair atrocious

I've never professed to be a political genius. In fact, I'll be the first to admit that I am, for the most part, politically ignorant. However, I know when someone has been politically "wronged," and that is exactly how I feel about the press' coverage of the alleged Clinton/Flowers affair.

Something is wrong in America when a trash tabloid like the Star can influence the legitimate press, intelligent voters and, in effect, the entire political process. Why do the proprietors of the press (legitimate or otherwise) feel it is their obligation to target front-runners in any campaign, be it Democrat, Republican or any other party? Answer: They enjoy ruining people's lives.

I mean, why else would a trash paper like the Star pay a Gennifer Flowers $300,000? To help the Clinton/Flowers campaign? To help the Clinton campaign? To set Bill Boy on the path of righteousness? Give me a break!

Sure, our nation's newspapers are supposed to be a part of "the fourth estate," serving as our watchdog on government, but to what extent? (Subsequently, I want to state that I do not consider supermarket tabloids a part of that security.) Why dredge up someone's past when it has already been reconciled? What bearing does a love affair from years ago have on a man's ability to administer to the needs of our country?

The media hype surrounding Clinton leaves me, as well as others, to question whether we should even listen to what is being alleged. Flowers herself said that she had been lying for years to protect Clinton. She also said that the two met frequently at Little Rock's Excelsior Hotel in 1979-80, but the hotel didn't open for business until 1982. She claimed she had been Miss Teen America, yet she never was. Should we believe a proven liar, especially after she has just received a check for $100,000? I have my doubts.

On the other hand, do we believe Bill Clinton when he tells us that he categorically denies having a 12-year affair with anyone other than his wife Hillary? Do we believe him when he says that he has caused his wife some pain in the past and that it has been rectified and forgotten? These are the questions that voters around the nation must answer for themselves.

And me? I think Clinton paid for his wandering reputation back in 1980 when the rumors contributed heavily toward his loss in the gubernatorial campaign. Why reopen old wounds?

In conclusion: I'm politically ignorant, so I don't really stand up for any politician or party, but you better believe I would get all the facts before I judged another man. After all, I would expect the same in return.

- KLK

America's health-care delivery system sick

by Dana Derec

Help somebody! Call a doctor! America's health-care delivery system is sick!

We have at least 37 million citizens who have no health insurance at all, millions more who have poor coverage and still millions more whose medical insurance comes from jobs with no security and tenure on the brink of no coverage. In the last year of the recession nearly one million have lost their jobs and the numbers are rising.

The nation's poorest citizens are lucky enough to receive limited medical care. However, Reagan/Bush policies discourage them from financial improvement by cutting off medical care as soon as they climb out of poverty. A poor, single mother often must decide between taking a job that doesn't offer medical insurance or staying on welfare but being able to take her kids to the doctor when they get sick.

Rightwingers bemoan national health insurance or a system like the Germans, British and Canadians have. A good look at the facts might change some minds. The following data come from The National Center for Health Statistics, the Canadian Ministry of Health and a study by USA Today. All figures are in 1987 U.S. dollars.

First, we Americans spend $2,354 per capita of 12 percent of the gross national product on health-care. Meanwhile, our neighbors to the north pay only $1,804 per capita and 9 percent of their GNP on health. The total cost in America is $666.2 billion per year while the Canadians pay $51 billion. Allowing for contrasts in population, we are still paying a great deal more — for much less.

The average Canadian lives nearly two years longer than his American cousin and Canada has a much lower infant mortality rate. Part of their success is based on a focus on preventative care, such as free immunizations that cut down on the overall cost of medical care. Despite U.S. criticism of the Canadian system, a vast majority of Canadian citizens are very happy with the 1974 Canada Health Act, according to USA Today.

In Pennsylvania a couple weeks ago an unknown Democrat overcame a 40 point difference in the polls to beat the known buddy of George Bush by 10 points in a race for the U.S. Senate. How did he do it? By talking about the real concerns of middleclass Americans, such as quality of medical care.

Now I don't know exactly what changes we need. But we are paying twice as much for medical care as other industrialized nations and getting much less in return.

After all, if a guilty criminal deserves a free lawyer, shouldn't all working Americans be able to take their kids to the doctors office? Paying the electric bill or going to the doctor, it's a sad choice.

The Bison is a campus newspaper written, edited, and largely financed by students seeking to meet the needs of the campus. The Bison, being the sole weekly journalistic medium of Harding University, seeks to provide students, faculty, administration, and alumni with a subjective, well-rounded coverage of campus events as well as local, state and national affairs of importance to the student body.

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.

The Bison subscribes to no particular political or social bias and recognizes the responsibility of accuracy, fairness and objectivity. Being an organ of a Christian university, we maintain a goal of upholding Christian ideals and standards while retaining the earmarks of nondiscriminate objectivity which characterizes journalistic excellence.

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Opinions

Clinton is 'star' of rumors

Bill Clinton became a "star" this week, only he never dreamed the consequences. From a 15-minute appearance on 60 Minutes to every network news lead story, the name of Gennifer Flowers became as infamous well-known as Willie Horton.

Clinton's point of bifurcation hinged upon the credibility of a former nightclub singer, who merits the credibility of the tabloid slushy enough to print her story. How quickly a publication whose last headline read, Dead Mother Gives Birth to Baby in Coffin, became a player in the presidential selection process. Next thing you know, the National Enquirer will delve into the field of thermoclear physics.

The reporter from 60 Minutes brought up the "staggering" statistic that 14 percent say marriage infidelity is a factor. Perhaps, Bill's best rebuttal was stating that that proved 86 percent of America could care less. And personally, I agree with the majority.

But, let's not fall into the trap of looking for the quickest decimating method of candidate elimination. Otherwise, we will scare away even the moral candidates because of the unfair scrutiny of the process. There isn't a married couple anywhere who would want to be microscopically analyzed like the Clintons have been.

Since the allegations have surfaced, more holes have been found in Flowers' story than in Swiss cheese. Do we want to punish a candidate based upon circumstantial evidence that wouldn't stand up in court?

It seems that Bill has finally married all those comparisons to JFK. Now, we will see if Clinton's 15 minutes after the Superbowl will prove to be only the beginning of his fame, or just his allotted Warholian 15 minutes of fame. Time will tell.

the Bison
**TV-19 anchors aim for experience**

by Stacie Evans  
From staff writer  

The TV-19 news team has been chosen for the '92 spring semester. They are Stephanie Johnson, news anchor; Tracey Johnson, news anchor; Bart Roberts, sports; and Steve Martin, weather anchor.

Steve Frye, a teacher in the communications department and news team director, was responsible for the auditions and selection. The selection was based on eye contact with the camera, reading well, vocal quality and overall appearance on camera. Concerning what one looks for, Frye said, "I wouldn't say there is one specific thing ... for me it's a mixture. I look for several different qualities ... it's definitely a talent."  

Senior Stephanie Johnson is a radio/TV major. Stephanie isn't entirely new to the news scene. She has been here all their lives - they know nothing else. "Many of them have done this before. They have good personalities and come across well on camera," she said.

"We're going to be a good team," Stephanie said of the foursome. "Many of them have done this before. They have good personalities and come across well on camera."  

Stephanie plans to graduate and work as an advertising agent. Eventually, she wants to work up to a weather anchor position and remain at a small station.

Upon graduation, Bart hopes to land a job in corporate news video. He will be required to write his own copy and is not restricted to straight reading like a formal news anchor. "I can be myself as a weatherman. I get more freedom when I sit down in front of a camera. It becomes very challenging," he said.

Steve hopes to get a degree in meteorology and go on to a larger market. He feels the semester at TV-19 will be very helpful. "I want to gain some experience in meteorology and have a better knowledge of the jargon as well as become more comfortable in front of the camera," he said.

Also feels that the weather position will be a positive and exciting experience for her. "I will be more well-rounded and have a better understanding of what goes on in TV production," she said.

Tracey is new in the world of broadcast, but feels she will work well with the other members. "I'm really the only one who hasn't done a lot," but Dr. Butterfield has been very encouraging. I think we're going to work well together. I'm excited," she said.

Senior Bart Roberts is a radio/TV major who will be doing sports. He's glad he was chosen for the position, because it is what he plans to pursue after graduation. "I feel I could do news but I enjoy sports because I can be more upbeat and show more personality," he said.

"Bart isn't a newcomer to TV. He is in his second full semester of producing a TV show called 'Off the Beaten Path' and has substituted for former newscasters.

Currently, Bart is doing his internship at Channel 4-KARK in Little Rock. He feels he has learned a lot and hopes to use that knowledge with his new position. "At my internship I've learned how to get a sportscast together and worked on my writing and my interviewing. I hope to use my skills at TV-19," he said.

"A small difference in the sportscast is that Bart will be working closely with sports director Russ Poteet to write most of his own copy. It is not the norm for the anchors to produce their own material. "My plans for the semester are to improve my presentation and improve my writing skills. Sports is going to have video, video, video!" he said.

Upon graduation, Steve hopes to land a job in corporate news video. He hopes to start out in a small town, gain experience and move up to a larger market. He gets his inspiration for this goal from former Harding graduate Greg Hurst who is now working in a large New York station. Bart quoted Hurst as saying, "To be patient and persistent; don't compromise your principles and keep the faith."

When asked his opinion about the upcoming season, Bart said, "Some of us have been in front of the camera before. It's going to be very important for us to make the news something that the community will not tune out but be involved with. I think the news will be worth watching."

Senior Steve Martin is a radio/TV major. He served as the weather anchor for TV-19 his freshman year, so being in front of the camera is nothing new for him. "It's exciting to sit down in front of a camera. It becomes very challenging," he said.

Steve plans to graduate in May and continue with higher education. He hasn't made definite plans but has some ideas. "I'm waiting for word from the navy. If everything goes as planned, I'll possibly join, let them train me and graduate with a lot of experience. Then I could walk out and get a really good job."

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Steve also feels that the weather person has a much less structured job than other positions on the news staff. He will be required to write his own copy and is not restricted to straight reading like a formal news anchor. "I can be myself as a weatherman. I get more freedom when I sit down in front of a camera. It becomes very challenging," he said.

Steve will likely do an internship this summer in Oklahoma City and hopes to get a job in major market. He will be required to write his own copy and is not restricted to straight reading like a formal news anchor. "I can be myself as a weatherman. I get more freedom when I sit down in front of a camera. It becomes very challenging," he said.

Frye stated that the success rate for Harding graduates in the radio/TV area is very good and feels it is due to the exposure given by the Harding's communications department is offering. "All of the TV production staff will greatly benefit from working in such a hands-on manner that is offered," he said.

Frye is very pleased with the talent that has been selected for this semester. "We have four energetic positions and the anchors are going to have an experience that they will need to compete in a highly competitive market. I think we're going to have a lot of fun," he said.

Dry runs (live newscasts) will begin next week. The regularly scheduled season will begin on Feb. 3 and continue throughout the semester. Live newscasts can be seen on Wednesdays from 6:35-7 p.m.

Frye also added, "If anyone would like to come to a show, we encourage them to do so. They can contact me at Box 177. I encourage criticism."

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**FLASH THOSE PEARLIES. The spring semester TV-19 news team practices "dry runs" this week. From left: Bart Roberts, Stephanie Johnson, Tracey Johnson and Steve Martin.**

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Economics team strives to excel in national competition

by Traci Gilstrap
Bison staff writer

The Harding University economics team will attempt to win its seventh first place trophy at the national Students in Free Enterprise Competition in the summer of 1992. Before the start of the 1989-90 school year Dr. Don Diffie, sponsor, along with Jason Pace, president, and Jill Creighton, vice-president, formulated the team’s strategies and projects for the White County-focused economic enlightenment program. At the completion of these projects, in which they speak to schools and civic clubs, the team then works out a presentation that they will bring to competition to portray the work they have done in spreading the word of the free enterprise system.

Harding must first go to the regional competition in Fort Worth. Each team must give a 20-minute oral slide show presentation, including written reports and handouts to be given to the judges. Two teams are selected from regionals and sent to the national competition in Kansas City. Once again, the teams make their 20-minute presentation, this time in front of nationally-known business leaders. Ten teams are chosen to compete in the second round during which the national winner will be chosen.

The teams are judged on four criteria: creativity and effectiveness of the programs, how well the teams answered questions regarding current economic issues, success in utilizing resources, and effective documentation of the team’s activities in the presentation to the judges. The team must “sell themselves” as being the team that has made a bigger difference than any other team in the nation.

The Harding economics team, the winning team in the country to date, has won first place six times and has been runner-up six times since the national competition first started in 1978.

If the other teams are strong also, said Pace, “They just need a lot better understanding of the rules of the competition. Each team is judged on those four criteria. Harding does its best to cover each one of those. Other teams focus too much on just one of these aspects. They may blow us away in that one category, but it’s the overall average that counts.”

If one word could be used to describe the Harding economics team it would be professionalism. The way the students dress and present their material emulates the professionalism of the judges to which they present.

Clint Blair, logistics supervisor, described one way Harding outshines other schools in that sense. “Our team operates on private funds unlike the other schools who are placed on a tighter budget. So at competition, when the other teams hand reports of stapled xerox pages to the judges, we look more professional with our sharp-looking colorized pamphlets and folders.”

The other teams look at Harding’s past success and try to outdo Harding’s model. They have become more like Harding every year, having copied Harding’s strategies and style of presentation. But Harding is always looking for new ideas and a more competitive edge. So this copy-catalog doesn’t hurt them at all. They always find a way to impress the judges and capture their attention. Dr. Diffie shared such an example. “We are going to include in our slide show a picture of a six-foot tall Energizer Bunny that will be flashed at intervals during our presentation. We hope it will add a little humor and impress the judges.”

The most impressive of all the characteristics of the Harding economics team is the members’ ability to work together towards a common goal. That goal is to increase public awareness about the free enterprise system in the economy. “We want to spread the word,” voiced many of the members. It is this common belief that holds them together and enables them to compete so many more programs than any other team.

Harding averages two projects every month per member. That means they complete at least 40 projects in the same amount of time as other teams only complete a dozen or so. What gives Harding the drive and excitement to do so much? Said Tim Duncan, projects manager, “If you know something good you want to tell everyone about it.”

Harding team members also include Anna Conley, program director; Tracy Crouch, education chairperson; Bill Oldham, community outreach director and Anessa Hobby, public relations coordinator. All have expressed an optimistic view towards Harding’s chances at nationals.

“From the vast amount of projects we do compared to the other teams and the quality we still maintain in doing them, that really impresses the judges,” commented Creighton.

Blair explained further what also will make Harding look different in the eyes of the judges. “Other teams are trying to impress the judges with a new theory of global impact. They send pamphlets to a school in Illinois or other countries in an attempt to show that not only are they working for free enterprise in their area but also taking it to other parts of the world.

On the other hand, Harding has maintained its focus on just White County. The purpose of this is at competition we have to convince the judges that we did a better job at increasing public awareness of free enterprise than any other team in the nation. It is believable that eight people working closely within the people in a county can make more of a difference than eight people mailing informational packets to locations around the world. We can see our results and the other teams can’t.”

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FIERCE COMPETITORS. Harding’s economics team is going for its seventh first place trophy in the national Students in Free Enterprise competition. Back row, from left: Diffie (spokesman), Blair, Oldham, Duncan and Pace; front row, from left: Crouch, Creighton, Conley and Hobby.

Over 200 styles
Some available with diamonds
Sign language awareness heightens

by Laura Lynn Gary

He stared, an intense look fixed on his face as the girl attempted to communicate with him. Hesitantly, she started to speak his language, and a faint smile crossed his features. Faron Hudgens isn’t from a distant land where Russian, Japanese or Swahili is spoken; he is from the United States and his native language is signing.

Hudgens has adjusted to Harding and can continue to help Hudgens in chapel and in classes because of the extreme difficulty in finding a full-time interpreter. Hudgens has settled into student life with incredible ease. Whenever he is in the student center, Hudgens is surrounded by a group of friends. Since most students are unable to communicate through sign language, Hudgens reads lips or writes down whatever is needed to be said. Some students, however, are struggling with the hand motions of signing in order to be able to communicate with him. Melissa Russell said, “Faron is really smart and encouraging. He is very patient, especially if you are having a problem signing. He will show you the sign.”

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Hudgens has adjusted to Harding and can be seen walking to classes or just hanging out in the student center. Yet, despite the many friends, he is still the only deaf student at school, which, he said, is “very hard.”

A new sign language class has started on Tuesday nights and Hudgens is hopeful that many will go and learn how to sign.

Distinguished Lecture Series to offer slate of nationally-known speakers

by Shannon Romine

Harding’s American Studies Institute strives to promote understanding of the values and ideas of liberty and democracy. An important facet of the program is the Institute’s Distinguished Lecture Series, which will get under way for spring on Feb. 27.

Dr. Alan Keyes’ opening lecture, coincides with National Black History Month and his speech will cover some of the primary issues faced by Americans.

A former diplomat in the Reagan administration, Keyes is presently a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in Washington, D.C. He received his doctorate from Harvard University and has served as a consultant to the National Security Council. As assistant secretary for International Organization Affairs, Keyes helped achieve reforms in the United Nations. According to Dr. Bob Reedy, associate executive director for the American Studies Institute, Keyes is “one of the most exciting speakers on the campus today.”

Barbara Sanfilippo will conduct the Institute’s Management Seminar on March 30. Sanfilippo, a vice president for Bank of America in San Francisco, is well-known as an energetic, enthusiastic and popular speaker. She is the author of the best-selling management book, Five-Star Service Solutions. Her presentation will cover the changing trends in customer service taking place in today’s markets.

Scholarship fund opens to aid in college pursuits

The Arkansas Library Association requests applicants for its 1992 Scholarship. The $1,500 grant is designed to enable recipients to earn master’s degrees in library science at American Library Association accredited graduate schools. To be considered, an applicant must have been admitted to an accredited masters degree program.

Through the awarding of these grants, the association hopes to encourage a higher standard of professional training in Arkansas libraries. Recipients agree to return to work for at least one year in Arkansas libraries. Many of those who have received the grants are still working in the state and are leaders in the work of the association.

Completed applications, including all references, must be postmarked no later than April 15, 1992. For application instructions and forms, write ALA Scholarship, Arkansas Library Association, 1100 North University, Suite 109, Little Rock, AR 72207.
Student center remodeling brings back memories

Remember When... 20 Years Ago

Note: The following articles are the first in a series of articles excerpted from old editions of The Bison.

by Kathy Burton
February 25, 1972

Ground will be broken on the site of Harding's proposed $850,000 student center the latter part of April, according to President Clifton L. Ganus Monday.

Concerning the approaching date Dr. Ganus said, "I am eager to begin construction of this new student center. I feel like a child with a new toy."

The first step toward clearing the half-block of Center Street east of the American Heritage Center to make way for the new building will be taken next Wednesday. Then the brick will be removed from the home of Dr. Jack Wood Sears, chairman of the department of biology, to prepare it to be moved during spring break.

The Stapleton house which now houses nine dorm-motherless coeds will be sold and moved by April 1. The uninhabited Lasefield house will be removed from the block of Center.

The administration's Student Center Project which will cost one million dollars plus includes the construction of the new student center and the conversion of the present center classrooms and offices.

Classrooms which will hold more than 100 students will be formed from present areas such as the Emerald Room. Administrative offices which are now scattered across campus will be united in the old student center, according to Dr. Ganus.

Pledges and gifts totaling $750,000 have been raised so far to finance the $850,000 structure.

The new student center which has a proposed area of 40,665 square feet will be adjacent to the Heritage and connected by a covered walkway.

The front entrance will open into a 53' x 64' student lounge which will be separated from a newly expanded college inn of 2,800 square feet by three planters. These planters may be removed to open up the combined floor space of the lounge and the inn for large student receptions and mixers.

Outside the college inn will be a large patio area and a fountain.

To the right of the lounge will be an immense bookstore. The three-checkout store will cover 5,262 square feet. Expanded mail order and storage rooms and offices are connected to the bookstore.

A new post office, 16' x 21', and 1,800 boxes will facilitate the daily delivery of mail.

A 12-lane bowling alley and a 6-table billiard room (which also includes three ping pong tables) will serve the athletic-recreation needs of the student center.

On the second floor the architect has drawn plans for present construction of 7,484 square feet with room for a future addition of 10,316 square feet.

The center should be finished and in operation by April 1, 1973, according to Dr. Ganus.

by Novie Mann
September 21, 1973

The Charles K. Hammon Student Center was dedicated in ceremonies last Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. Dr. Clifton Ganus presented the keynote address of the program which featured the main contributors toward the building, Mrs. Charles K. Hammon and Don and Eddy Shores.

Hammon Student Center, located north of campus next to the American Heritage building, is named in honor of Mrs. Charles K. Hammon and the late Mr. Hammon. The new building boasts a snack bar that will seat 300, a new bookstore, post office and 12-lane bowling alley and game room, all on the first floor.

The second floor houses the Shores Chapel, named in honor of the late Carl and Cecil Shores. Also, there are new offices for The Bison, Petal Jean and Student Association, a music room open to use by campus groups and a seminar room.

The Ganus Student Center has been converted into the Speech and Modern Languages building and Admissions Office.

At the dedication, a brief history of the financing of the center was given. The Student Association of 1969-70, under S.A. President Rod Brewer raised $10,000. Billy Ray Cox received a pledge from Mr. Hammon for one-fourth of the necessary funds. The James T. Cone pledged $50,000.

A very successful telethon held last year netted $20,000 from the alumni. The Associated Women of Harding decided in 1970 to raise $50,000 over the next five years for furnishings and have raised a little over $30,000 of that sum.

As part of the ceremony, the A Cappella Chorus performed under the direction of Arthur Shearin, associate instructor in music. Mrs. Hammon did the unveiling of the name to complete the dedication.
Renovation of student center begins; finished product worth inconvenience

by Rob Mueller
Bison Staff Writer

The Hammon Student Center is into the first half of its revision and addition process. Although evidence of the changes planned and improved finished product is months away, there is much to expect and look forward to in the coming months.

The life large sign that stands on the north and south sides of the building informs that this major renovation is funded completely by friends and alumni of Harding University. The project will be a rejuvenation similar to what the library and some dormitories have seen in recent years.

Construction began during the second week in December. Dr. William Ryan, head of the physical engineering plant, presented the intricate blueprints that give a visual glimpse of what is to come. The main access to the building has been moved to the south side, and to the west of where the new entrance will eventually be built.

The entire front wall will be extended eight feet and a second floor of equal dimensions will be added. A new entry, also referred to as the atrium, will include a span of windows that tower 35 feet upward. The atrium will enclose a stairwell that climbs to an indoor balcony — one of three areas that Dr. Ryan described as "places where we will have an excellent view of the campus." The other two will be on the east and west outdoor balconies.

The new foundation is well underway. The construction crew will be pouring cement this week and plans for the second floor will begin to be executed. The structural steel is expected to be delivered Feb. 10, and will take about a week to install. Dr. Ryan predicted: "If all goes well, when everything is dry, we can start to build the second level. Construction officials plan to complete the second floor walls by the middle of March."

The addition to the second floor will surround the area already in existence, which includes the Student Affairs, Bison, Petit Jean and S.A. offices and Shores Chapel.

In about a week the game room will be relocated next to the already completed bowling alley. The west entrance which joins the Heritage Center to the Student Center will rejoin in one or two weeks with eventual plans to extend all the way down to the bookstore. The restroom facilities will be improved and enlarged substantially.

The new mailroom will accommodate a larger crowd and the front dining area will include the additional eight feet beyond the present south wall. A "Wendy's style" glassed-in greenhouse area will provide an intriguing place to dine and give an open view of the courtyard between the Student Center and the Heritage Center.

Plans for an "underground walkway area" are being developed. An elevator will be installed and the building will be equipped for the handicapped. Dr. Ryan explained, "Before we had plans to remodel the Student Center, we didn't have anything other than stairs to connect differing levels. There will be some ramps constructed to make it more reasonable for disabled people to travel through the building.

Once graduation arrives, the bookstore will begin to undergo its transfiguration. Additional access will be given by the entryway that extends from the Heritage Center. The bookstore will be 50 percent larger with the eight foot extension of the front main wall and the second floor. William Bridges, HUB manager, explained, "The hallway from the west side of the building will push forward, splitting the bookstore in half, which will create two separate stores. The portion north of the hallway will be specifically Bible school curriculum, while the south and main floor store will be an expansion of the present store design. It will be devoted to more of a retail service for the students: school supplies, gifts and sportswear. The second floor will be reached by a staircase in the middle of the store. Tailored for increased efficiency and accessibility, this portion of the bookstore will be used entirely for textbook distribution."

Sandy Reeves, an education major, said the renovation project. "After hearing details about the changes that are taking place, I'm really looking forward to seeing the end result. With 3,000 students, it's difficult to move around or follow through with everything we are trying to do when we visit the student center. The way it is now, I know that many people completely dislike or 'dodge' the building unless they just have to go inside for a specific reason. The improvement overall will actually attract more students to use the facilities."

"This renovation of the student center isn't harder than the library and dormitory projects, just more inconvenient because the construction crew has to work around the students," Dr. Ryan said. "This makes for added safety precautions, limited freedom of movement and distractions. Electrical and plumbing work may have to be done from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. until completed. So far the students seem to be adjusting well and cooperating.

At least some students think the inconvenience will be worth it. "The renovation process is less than inconvenient when you keep in mind the finished product," Reeves said. No doubt, everyone will agree when the new facility is in use next fall.

Letters to the Editor

Susan Taber, student in physical education, writes to the Editor:

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Continuing Education courses offer wide variety of subjects, opportunities

by Tamra L. Spencer

Somewhere someone is plotting a murder on the Harding campus. All that is known about this unfortunate mishap is that it will occur at an art auction on Feb. 14, the day normally associated with love and romance. In this case, however, it is not only one day but an entire weekend set aside to fulfill the dreams of many people who have wished to hear in the old British dialect, "There's been a murder in our midst!"

"The Murder Mystery Weekend (Feb. 14-16) is for the person who loves British mysteries like Agatha Christie and Sherlock Holmes," said Dr. Paul Haynie, assistant professor of history. "It is not really a class," he continued. "It is more an event. It is an experience in participatory theater. This requires the involvement of the students and the faculty of the university, as well as the participants in the mystery solving sleuths. The more interest and involvement in the mystery-solving competition, the merrier!"

The Murder Mystery Weekend is to be guided by Dr. Haynie and Charles Dryer, English instructor at Mississipi County Community College in Byrthville. This experience and many others are a part of the Continuing Education Program sponsored by the American Studies Institute. Other interesting classes offered through the Continuing Education program include Primitive Pottery, taught by Paul Pitt, professor of art at Harding, Introduction to Fly Fishing, taught by Tom Hawthorne, owner of The Quaker Angler; and Cake Decorating, by Judi Nogueira and Brent Vaughan.

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Former Bison punter looks to the future; Professional Spring Football League a possibility

by Rick Trujillo

The spring of 1986 signaled both the end and the beginning of Mark Thomas' college football career. Mark and the other members of the Texas Christian University football team were right in the middle of spring practice. He had just completed his first season of college football, most of which was spent unceremoniously on the sidelines. "The only time I ever got on the field was during the game against Brigham Young," chuckled Mark.

"Chris Becker, our All-American punter, went down with a sprained ankle in practice. Since I was the back-up punter, Coach (Jim) Wacker called me the night before the game about 11:30. He said Becker was out and that I was going to play against Brigham Young University.

"During the game, after a TCU third down, capped off the season by being selected as an NAIA All-American punter. The Bisons had another All-American kicker that year in kickoff specialist and placekicker Brent Goodwin. Mark held the ball for Brent during field goal attempts and after touchdowns. They worked closely together during the season and brought out the best in each other, but even that relationship had a rocky beginning. A pristine Explained, "The Emporia State game during my freshman year brought Mark and me together. He was the upperclassman, I was the freshman and yeah, I intimidated me a little bit. So Mark got off a bad punt; he was upset and I went over to try and encourage him. Well, Mark lit right into me and we got into a confrontation. I didn't take any stuff off him and he didn't take any stuff off me, but it broke the ice between us and we eventually got to be real good friends."

"A frightening moment occurred early in the 1986 season (Mark's senior year): "We were playing against Samford University, an NCAA school. During one play, they sent everybody after me. They all hit me, my leg, everything. I thought, 'Man, I've had it broken in half. I thought my career was over.' Fortunately, Mark was able to return later on in the game; and, he eventually shook off the ankle injury and went on to his finest season ever. A season in which Mark and I were co-champions of the AIC and played in the National League's tackle championship game."

"The 1989 season was a banner year for Mark. The Horned Frogs had another All-American pick, he once again made All-American team. He averaged 41.6 yards per game (third in the nation). But that statistic doesn't tell the whole story," said Goodwin. "Mark sacrificed a lot of yards for us. He was kind of a left-footed punter, and the fact that he's a left-footed punter ("it's unique because of the reversed spin — it's harder to catch") has raised more than a few eyebrows in the pro ranks. The New England Patriots have shown an interest, as well as Dallas Cowboys scout Walter Julliff (who has watched several of Mark's games). Former Los Angeles Rams and Cowboys kicking coach, Ben Agajanian, has also worked with Mark on his punting skills.

"Mark's senior season average, the "hang time" for his punts (around five seconds), his size (6'1" and 220 lbs.) and athletic ability and the fact that he's a left-footed punter ("it's unique because of the reversed spin — it's harder to catch") has raised more than a few eyebrows in the pro ranks. The New England Patriots have shown interest, as well as Dallas Cowboys scout Walter Julliff (who has watched several of Mark's games). Former Los Angeles Rams and Cowboys kicking coach, Ben Agajanian, has also worked with Mark on his punting skills."

"Last Saturday, Mark tried out for a spot on Little Rock's Arkansas Miners football team, a franchise in the new Professional Spring Football League (PSFL). From an almost 300 hopefuls who tried out, he was one of only a handful of athletes picked from the tryouts for further consideration.

"The most memorable game of his college career was also in 1989, against the University of Central Arkansas. "My last punt I nailed UCA back on the six yard line and our fans went crazy. We were able to get a safety out of that. Our fans really went crazy. I really felt good about it." Coach Richmond applauded Mark's ability to aim his punts. "One of the things that he did so well for us was being able to pun inside the 25-yard line of the opponent team."

"Mark exploded during the 1996 campaign. He averaged an average of 40.2 yards a game (10th in the nation), again received All-AIC and NAIA District 12 honors, and is now a bona fide prospect for the pros."

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Bisons lose heartbreaker in double OT; Ronnie Brothers breaks three-point record

by Suzanne Dunlop

The Bisons came off a strenuous road series with a record of 0-2. Thursday, Jan. 23, the Bisons went to the University of Arkansas-Monticello and lost 82-66. Morris Williams was the team high scorer with 29 points followed by Thomas Nesbitt with 22 points.

Saturday, Jan. 25, the Bisons traveled to Arkansas College and lost a heartbreaker in double overtime 83-81. The game was a battle from the first tip-off until the final buzzer. Emotions ran high in both teams. Ronnie Brothers started it for the Bisons with a three-pointer. From then on the score alternated, each team evenly matched. Defense was a big factor and both defenses forced turnovers and missed shots. The Bisons trailed at halftime 46-30.

The Bisons started the second half strong. Arkansas College answered each time. With 14 minutes remaining Williams took the lead with an easy lay-up. Arkansas College then went on a 5-0 scoring run; however the Bisons were relentless and fought back. Williams cut the lead to two with 5:40 remaining. Arkansas College responded with three. Allen Bishop answered for the Bisons bringing it within three. Arkansas College scored again and the Bisons were down by five. With 2:39 left in the game, David Collins scored a three-pointer, 64-69. Aggressive Bison defense forced Arkansas College to go away empty and Brothers capitalized with three. Again the Bisons were within two. Arkansas College missed again and Williams tied the game at 64 with 44 seconds remaining. The Bisons trailed at halftime 46-30.

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Bisons were not aware that he had broken the school record of the most three-pointers in a single game until after the game. Brothers stated, "I try to hit the open shot, I just want to help the team win." He also led the team in scoring with 32 points, followed by Williams with 17 points and Bishop with 11 points. Collins led in the rebounding department with five rebounds. The Bisons second leading scorer, Nesbitt, was hampered with early foul trouble which rendered him unable to make the major contribution that he had made in previous games. Free throw shooting was their downfall. The Bisons shot 14 of 25 from the line and missed several crucial free throws at the end of the game.

Monday, Jan. 27, the Bisons lost to Henderson State University 79-86. The Bisons trailed by 27 points at the half. During the break Coach Nicky Boyd stressed the fundamentals and reminded the team that they had another half of basketball to play. The Bisons responded, playedmore intensity and taking better shots. The Bisons cut the lead to six with 1:38 remaining in the game. HSU held on to the lead and won.

Brothers was the team's high scorer with 15 points. With 16 seconds left the Bisons fouled Williams with 14 points each. Williams and Nesbitt had eight rebounds apiece although the Bisons were out rebounded 24 to 27.

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THINK FAST. Freshman Cindy Camp, 35, fires a pass in recent conference play.

Lady Bisons improve in conference

by Michael Mazo

The Lady Bisons, led by Coach Greg Harnden and Coach David Elliott, are once again helping Harding compete for the all-sports trophy.

The team boasts a 5-4 record in the AIC and a 15-5 record overall. Coach Harnden feels good about where the girls are in the standings. He says that the team is right on track to where he wanted to be so far this year. The last seven games have been against UCA (82-56 L), Ouachita Baptist (86-77 W), Arkansas Tech (80-46 L), UCA (82-56 W), Monticello (78-71 W), Arkansas College (68-50 L) and Henderson (78-52 W).

The teams starting five have been working well together this year. Nancee Wilson, the team’s starting center, has already broken the school record for scoring and rebounds. Jamie Holman, the starting point guard, broke the school record for three-pointers in the Ouachita Baptist game. She made six in that game which helped win the game for the Lady Bisons by a score of 86-87.

The other starting guard for the team is Cindy Camp, who is also a freshman. Kymmi Hudson, the team’s starting forward, leads the team in scoring this season. Her goal is to help the team go to nationals. The only senior on the team is the other starting forward, Karyl Hartfield. The team is young and healthy with a deep bench which makes them tough to beat.

Thursday, Jan. 23, the team played the Cotton Blossoms of UAM (1-5 in conference play). UAM controlled the first half with 12 turnovers. In the second half the Lady Bisons came back with a series of scoring drives, but it just wasn’t enough for the girls to recover from the deficit. Turn-overs and missed free throws assisted UAM in winning the game. UAM was 75 percent from the line while Harding was only 59 percent. High scorers for the game were Hudson with 17 and Sissy Reaper with 13.

It was a tough battle against Arkansas College Saturday. The Lady Bisons gained the lead in the first half but lost it once again early in the second half. With 10 minutes left in the game Harding took a 43-38 lead over Arkansas College, but with 17 seconds left the Lady Pipers sunk two free-throws to tie the score at 40. In the final seconds of the game the Lady Pipers forced a turnover and set up for the winning shot, winning the game 42-40. It was a tough way to lose a game.

Coach Harnden’s long-term goal is to get Arkansas College a District 17 Tournament trophy. He feels they will get the home court advantage in the District 17 Tournament. He feels they are right on course.
Titans fall; men's club A-team action advances

In the game of the week, several hundred fans witnessed a classic TNT/Titans struggle in Gana Athletic Center Monday night. After both teams had worn each other down, TNT prevailed 61-56 in the finals of the big club A-team winner's bracket.

In the early moments, Scott Drury took advantage of several offensive rebounds to give Titans a quick 4-4 lead. TNT battled back with its own inside game of Nick Fouts and Kirk Hendricks.

Midway through the first half, TNT intensified its pressure with George Pitcher, Chad Davis and Sammy Tucker turning up the heat and forcing turnovers. They managed to extend the lead until Titans began to make better use of their height advantage. Boasting a starting lineup with everyone over six-feet tall, Titans grabbed several key offensive rebounds to tie the score at 23 to end the half.

In the second half, the frantic pace slowed somewhat and the shooting averages improved. Midway through the second half, TNT pulled out to a 43-38 advantage. The lead appeared only to be growing until a key Titans time-out. After the time-out, Brian Bequette hit three in a row from beyond the three-point stripe to narrow the margin.

With a free throw and another three-pointer, Titans tied the score at 46. It was just a matter of hitting the free throws.

Despite Titans' five consecutive three-pointers (three by Bequette, one by Tenery, and one by Terry Beasley), Titans never led again. When Bequette fouled out, it was all over. TNT and Titans could meet again as the

Students battle it out at Carmichael; prove hockey is not for southerners

In a classic North vs. South struggle, the North prevailed last week 14-6. The battle for this civil war was the Carmichael Center and the artillery consisted of hockey sticks and a puck. General Don Bartch led the Tennesseans Northern Troops against the Confederates States of America. (Translation: hockey impaired)

Sympathy should be showered upon the poor southerners who were outmatched from the beginning. After all, hockey to a southerner implies trips to the arcade, quarters and air. For many, the Nintendo version of Blades of Steel is as close to the excitement of hockey. Why else would the campus event hockey. Why else would the campus event of the century take place at the Carmichael Center. Although the goals were make-shift and the ice imaginary, the strategy of centering the puck and attacking the defender was the same.

For those who grew up admiring Bruins, Islanders and North Stars, it was another chance to relish the excitement of hockey. Hockey, even at Harding, had already become a weekly showcase with weekly games at various locations. Now this was the Stanley Cup. (Translation for southerners: World Series, Super Bowl, etc. Correct southern usage; once annually, after the final Stanley Cup game in a last-second sports summary. For locally, the Valley Springs senior boys defeated Western Grove 76-65. Jim Bob Bodine of Yellville-Summit finished 203rd at last week's Boston Marathon ... and, oh yeah, the Edmonton Oilers won the Stanley Cup.)

Obviously, hockey has never received the respect it deserves from those south of the Mason-Dixon. After watching last week's event and the accompanying crowd, scorekeeper, organ player and photographer, it was almost like a field trip of dreams whispering, "If you dream it, it can happen ..."
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