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Parents' weekend begins today

by Poppy O'Guin
Bison staff writer

Approximately 640 parents, grandparents and other relatives and friends from 20 states are expected to arrive in Searcy today to visit students during the university's annual Parents' Weekend. Alumni office personnel have planned for the visitors to attend chapel, visit classes, see the campus and tour Searcy throughout the day. Tonight, they will attend the Student Musical Showcase, the Bison pep rally and a lily pool devotional.

Specific activities are planned according to the following schedule:

TODAY

- 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Registration in the lobby of the American Heritage Center.
- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Classes are open to guests.
- 9:00 a.m. - Attend chapel with the students in Benson Auditorium.
- 2:00 p.m. - Campus and city tour. Sign up at the registration table. Tours will originate in the American Heritage lobby.
- 5:30 p.m. - Treat your student to dinner, or dine with other students in the American Heritage cafeteria.
- 7:00 p.m. - Student Musical Showcase.
- 8:30 p.m. - Pep rally at old gym.
- 9:15 p.m. - An evening devotional at the lily pool in front of the Administration Building.

TOMORROW

- 8:00 - Noon - Registration continues.
- 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. - Enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast. Visit with faculty members and administrative staff.
- 9:15 a.m. - Welcome by President David Burks. Good News singers will perform.
- 10:15 a.m. - Meet in the American Heritage Auditorium for a special presentation about Harding financial aid programs and career opportunities.
- 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Family photos in one of Harding's famous swings will be made near the Bell Tower. Cost: \$10 for two 5x7's and eight wallet-size photos.
- 2:00 p.m. - Campus and city tour.
- 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Residence halls open for visiting.
- 4:30 p.m. - Barbecue at Harding Park.
- 7:00 p.m. - Harding vs. SE Oklahoma Post-Game - Relax in the Student Center after the ballgame.

SUNDAY

- 2:00 p.m. - Alpha Chi induction, American Heritage Auditorium.

Minor prophets subject of lectureship

by Stuart Spencer
Bison staff writer

Preparations are being finalized for the annual fall lectureship series, "Today Hear His Voice: The Minor Prophets Speak." More than 60 speakers from throughout the brotherhood of churches of Christ will present their research and insights during the four-day series, which begins Sunday night in Benson Auditorium.

Dr. Don Shackelford, lectureship director, said he is very pleased with this year's program. He believes that the topic - the minor prophets - is very relevant to today's Christian.

According to Shackelford, "The teachings of the minor prophets are applicable to contemporary social issues and religious life." Shackelford said he also believes that the lectureship series will appeal to a variety of individuals in that there is "something for everyone in the lectureship."

Topics such as "Focus on Youth: Faithfulness," and "Focus on Women: Obedience: What it Means to be God's Child," will be addressed, as well as many other contemporary subjects of concern.

Shackelford also said that there will be several highlights during this year's Bible lectureship. He is particularly looking forward to F. LaGard Smith's Bible forum on the issue of "The Cultural Church."

A new feature at this year's lectureship will be an all-women's chapel, to be held at 9 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the American Heritage Auditorium. Women students who normally attend the university chapel, are being allowed to attend.

Shackelford said the lectureship program "will provide significant teaching on the topics selected." He added, "much preparation and research goes into the speakers' presentations. Also, the very best speakers and teachers in

their respective fields are asked to speak during the lectureship program. Above all, however, the lectureship series provides a great opportunity to engage in Christian fellowship. It is a time when many Harding alumni return to visit and when visitors take time to explore the campus. The lectureship series is an integral part of the Harding experience," he said.

Program schedules showing all classes and teachers will be available in the Benson lobby, the display tent and the Bible department office. Daily classes are offered at 9:45 and 3:00, with Bible forums, theme lectures and morning devotionals each day.

Special singing by academy and university choruses at 7 p.m. and theme lectures at 7:30 will close each day's events in the Benson Auditorium.

Students react to peace agreement

by Jamie Martin
Bison staff writer

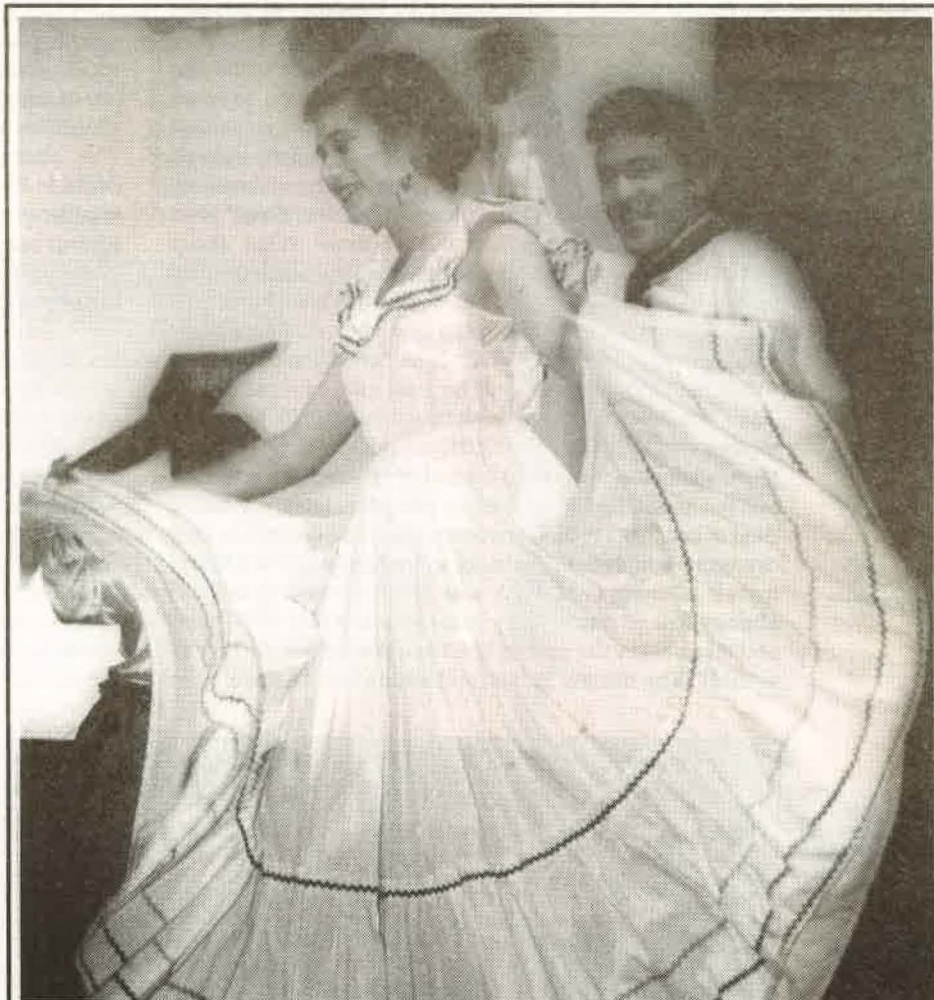
Israelis and Palestinians "buried the hatchet" last week as they signed a long-awaited peace agreement. This agreement offers hope for resolution of a long history of hatred, punctuated by violence and bloodshed.

Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, signed the peace agreement on Friday, September 9. The formal ceremony took place Monday, September 13, on the White House south lawn. Secretary of State Warren Christopher told Israeli television that the White House ceremony "gives greater substance to the agreement and is another bit of insurance that it will be carried out."

The agreement provides for the establishment of a Palestinian government in the Gaza Strip, and the West Bank town of Jericho. Arafat has pledged to end terrorism, and to recognize Israel's right to exist. In the West Bank and Gaza, this agreement has been greeted by enthusiastic rallies sponsored by leading factions of the PLO. Some protest has come from Hamas, a militant Islamic movement, but reports say that these rallies have been poorly attended.

Harding students have had mixed reactions to this historic declaration of peace between Israel and Palestine. Khamis Stephan, an exchange student from Palestine said, "In my opinion, [the peace agreement] is a good start towards peace. I hope it will lead to peace. Most people will support it unless their rights are not granted. They haven't seen any action so far, so

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OLÉ! Central American students, Miquel Carranel and Maria Bendaña, demonstrate the Punto Guanacasteco, a native folk dance, in celebration of their countries' independence from Spain. (photo by Jason Burt)

Editorial

Who is to blame?

On Tuesday Michael Medved spoke on campus, criticizing Hollywood's attacks on the values most of us hold. That Hollywood seems detached and even hostile to traditional American values is undeniable. That the entertainment industry has hardened our consciences is evident in the content of prime-time TV that would have shocked our parents and grandparents when they were our age. Now they are not even shocked most of the time.

However, Medved's claim that movies that run counter to majority values do not make money seems to be inaccurate in light of the "Terminators," "Die Hards," "Rambos," and "Robocops." All of these are full of self-gratifying violence, foul language, and other attacks on Christian values. Hollywood makes these movies because there is an audience for them and many of us are part of that audience.

What is it about movies? Why do people spend good money to see movies depicting all sorts of behavior in which they would never participate? I have to admit that, of the movies in the list that I have seen, I thought they were good movies with "good" triumphing over "evil" and all that, however nebulously "good" and "evil" may be defined. I also think we go to be shocked. The shock effect of events and behaviors that are not normally socially acceptable is appealing. But what price are we paying for this pleasure?

Those of us who have a solid background may not be so seriously affected. However, like Medved said, what about the people on the margins? Doesn't the violence in TV and movies encourage them to use violence because it is seen as an expression of power and authority when they feel powerless? Why is it that so many young people are committing so many violent crimes? Doesn't the sex on TV and movies encourage young people to become sexually active much earlier? Kids are getting pregnant at 12 and 13. These movies and TV shows are destroying the innocence of childhood too early. Even if it's not our kids, shouldn't all children get to experience childhood before being confronted with adulthood? Doesn't the entertainment industry bear some responsibility, especially when it could be a positive influence rather than a negative influence? Don't we bear some responsibility when we defend the violence and sex by claiming "it doesn't effect me?"

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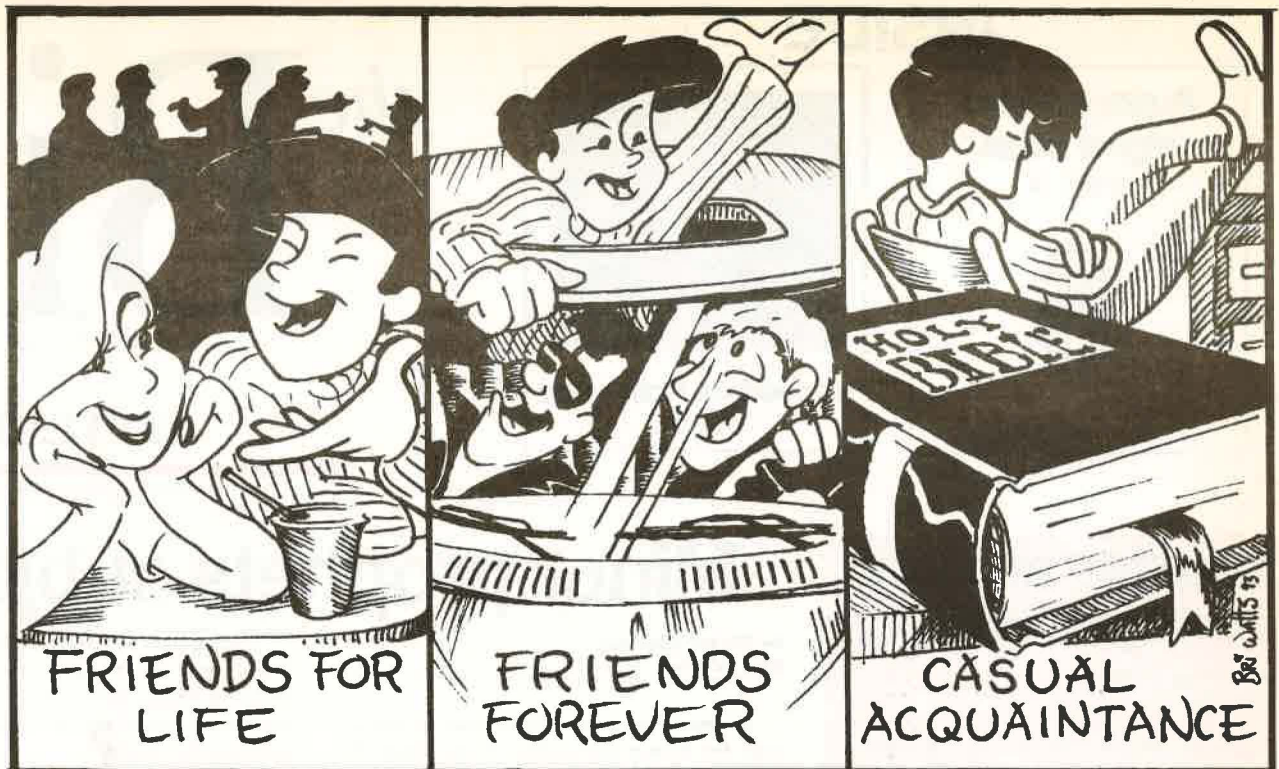
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We shall overcome someday

by Carolyn Holmes
Bison columnist

Parnell Henderson was only 19. He loved to sing, and dreamed of touring with Acappella someday. He was a strong, 250lb athlete who wrestled and played football; a great leader in the Maryland Heights church in St. Louis; the kind of energetic, good-humored guy who was loved by all who knew him. He had his whole life ahead of him. No one ever dreamed that his trip back to school at Southwest Missouri State would end in disaster. No one was prepared to say good-bye. Not yet.

Old people die. This is a fact that most of us can accept; and knowing this, we subconsciously prepare ourselves for such a loss. It's painful and we grieve, but chances are, we aren't going to be angry at the injustice of it all. When a 98 year old great grandmother passes on, people say "She lived a good, long life. It was time."

But what about when it isn't time? What about receiving a phone call, like some Harding students last week, that your 19 year old best friend has been killed in a car wreck? What about learning that your mother's heart condition is inoperable. What about hearing a doctor say, "Your father has cancer, and he's not going to make it."?

My first experience with death came at 16, when my mother was killed by a drunk driver. At least then, I felt like there was someone I could blame; there was somewhere to put the anger. But when, only a few years later, my father died of cancer, it wasn't anybody's fault. Still, I had to vent my agony somewhere. And, try as I might to fight it, I found myself blaming God. Why was He doing this to me? I'd already lost so much! Why hadn't He just lifted His hand and taken away the cancer, like I had prayed hourly that he would? Why did my father, still strong and enchanting in

his early 40's, have to suffer this way? Why was I being left alone? I knew God had the power to fix everything. Why had He turned his back on me when I needed Him the most?

These situations not unique on this campus. I know of many people who, in recent years, have lost someone young and vibrant. I wonder if sometimes they feel like God has deserted them. I wonder if they are angry, too. Well, I realized something the other night at a lilly pool devo that changed my whole outlook: It's OK to be angry. Joseph Walker, another student who lost his dad last year, spoke about the conflicting feelings when someone dies out of season. He made me realize that God isn't the one I should be angry with. Satan is.

Satan's intervention into God's plan was the cause of death in the beginning. And today, he's as glad as ever to take those we love away from us, in hopes that we will turn against our creator. All too often, that's just what happens. We've got to remember that God doesn't take away our loved ones. Satan does. So don't just get mad. Get even!

Bring someone to Christ. Lead a Bible study. Encourage a friend. Go on a campaign. Get Satan back. Maybe he's wounded us, but we can remind him he's not going to win this battle.

God never promised us smooth waters. He did, however, promise to carry us across the rapids in which Satan tries to drown us. So go on! Get mad! But not at the one who loved you enough to watch his own child die young for your sake.

Satan can and will make us suffer in this lifetime. Our peace can only come by looking at the big picture. "In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33).

Bison Policy

The *Bison* is a campus newspaper written, edited and largely financed by students, seeking to meet the needs of the campus. The *Bison* seeks to provide students, faculty, administration and alumni with a subjective, well-rounded coverage of campus events and 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, the *Bison* ascribes to the goal of upholding Christian ideals and standards while retaining the earmarks

of nondiscriminate objectivity which characterize journalistic excellence.

Existing primarily for the student populace, the *Bison* acts as a forum for student perspectives. It welcomes letters to the editor and guest columns which adhere to professional standards of ethics. Letters intended for publication should be signed and should not exceed 300 words. Pseudonyms or unsigned letters will not be considered, though an author's name may be withheld from publication upon request.

Submissions should be mailed to the *Bison* at campus box 1192 or brought to the office on the second floor of the Hammon Student Center by 10 a.m. Monday. The staff reserves the right to edit contributions for space requirements. Unsolicited manuscripts will not be returned.

Letters to the Editor

T.A.P.E. Program

Several months ago, the teens of Searcy made an effort to rid their community of sexually explicit videos, and they were thankful for the strong backing given them by Harding and the community. The first battle is over, and most of the stores have removed the targeted videos, but it seems that the war is far from won. The T. A. P. E. campaigners need your continued support to defeat this problem within our community.

The T. A. P. E. campaign — Teens Against a Pornographic Environment — began when teens from various congregations and denominations, encouraged by adult leaders such as Ben Berry and their youth ministers, banded together to improve the moral environment of Searcy by targeting sexually-explicit rental videos. These videos are illegal according to Arkansas' obscenity law.

The T. A. P. E. participants distributed cards stating their disapproval of the videos to the video stores in Searcy and were prepared to boycott if necessary. These teens wanted to show their support for, and interest in, the community, and they proved that any group can improve their community by taking a stand. All of the public video rental stores in Searcy removed the sexually-explicit tapes, defined as X and triple X-rated videos, as well as non-rated material such as Playboy, from their shelves.

There was one local video outlet which initially removed the offensive tapes, only to restock them a few weeks later. However, they have now agreed once again to stop renting the videos, and we applaud them for their sensitivity to the values and concerns of the Searcy community.

Harding has played an important role in influencing the moral environment of Searcy. Thanks to the university's involvement, we live in a community that is much more godly than most other towns of its size. As members of the community and participants in a Christian institution, the faculty and students of Harding also have an important individual role to play in

helping to keep the community morally clean, both for their own benefit and the benefit of generations of families and students to come.

Please continue to support the T. A. P. E. project by remembering our effort in your prayers. We, as a community, must be strong in standing up for what we know is right. If we do not give up, we know that good will triumph in the end for the glory of God.

Wendi Keller, Junior
Searcy High School

(Editor's Note: Dr. Burks received this letter and passed it on to the the Bison because it expressed some residents' appreciation so well.)

Dear President Burks:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing your fine, hardworking students to come to Missouri to help us. They did a wonderful job. These kids had a terrific spirit and a great attitude which we admired greatly and it was a pleasure to meet such fine, outstanding young men and women who conducted themselves as ladies and gentlemen. We fell in love with them!

The most difficult part for me was in the goodbyes — emotionally, I lost it. The kids hugged me, kissed me, and told me they loved me and would be praying for us. It was so touching — total strangers — but they felt our need, love and compassion. They accomplished what we couldn't.

So, President Burks, we just wanted to send you and the university our love and appreciation and thanks for all that you all have made possible.

God Bless,
Sandy and Rick Harwood
3224 Richardson Plaza Road
Arnold, Missouri 63010

Harding, Searcy cooperate in recycling effort

by Christie Jandecka
Bison staff writer

After Thanksgiving break, Harding University will launch a new recycling program in conjunction with the city of Searcy. "The new system, while environmentally responsible, will be much more economical," according to Lott Tucker, vice president for finance.

Searcy Mayor David Evans is also pleased with the program. "I believe that this is going to be a very positive step for Harding University as well as for the city of Searcy," Evans said. He emphasized, however, that the cooperation of both faculty and students would be needed to make the program work.

"I know that separating garbage is not a very enjoyable task," Evans said, "but if we are going to make this campus, this town and this world a better place to live in, then we're simply going to have to change the way we've been doing things in the past and start taking better care of the environment."

The new plan will be implemented in two phases. First, trash collection will be totally revamped. Instead of the garbage truck driving from building to building, collecting and compressing the garbage before taking it to the city compressor, there will be collection bins located in each dorm and office on campus. Bins will be provided for white paper, cardboard, newspapers, plastic and aluminum. Recyclable and non-recyclable trash will be separated, with a truck stopping at each location to retrieve the garbage, before taking it to a second location for compressing.

Harding is purchasing its own compressor, so that non-recyclable garbage can be stored until it is picked up. The compressor will be installed in the cafeteria, where much of the university's non-recyclable waste is generated. The compressing process will involve squeezing the water and juices out of the garbage, forming the leftover waste into blocks, and then placing them in a 40-yard container to await city pick-up.

With this new program, the city will be collecting all of Harding's recyclable and non-recyclable waste. Harding will be paying the city for their services, but it will not cost the university additional money. In fact, according to Tucker, "it will cost us less money."

The program is not going to be implemented until after the Thanksgiving break, because it will take a full week for the compressor to be installed. The cafeteria must be closed during installation and the first available opportunity to do this will be during the Thanksgiving recess.

Evans has monitored recycling procedures in several cities in preparation for Searcy's program. He said the cooperative effort with Harding should make the local program "easier to establish and maintain." Although the city is investing "quite a bit of money" in the project, he said the plan does not call for increased residential rates, at least during the first two or three years.

"We want to keep costs at a minimum, but the bottom line is that we are asking people to recycle these goods because it's the right thing to do," Evans said.

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NATION

Is God dead?

Earlier this month the second Parliament of the World's Religions met in Chicago. About 6,000 religious leaders of more than 125 religions, including Buddhists, Catholics, mainstream Protestants and even some witchcraft practitioners, signed a "Declaration of a Global Ethic." The document identifies four basic principles as universal ethical beliefs: You shall not kill, steal, lie, or commit sexual immorality. It condemns other related offenses, including "aggression and hatred in the name of religion." The document, however, does not mention God.

Amtrak train derails; 43 dead, 10 missing

An Amtrak train plunged off of a bridge into a bayou near the Mobile River in Alabama Wednesday. While more than 150 survived the crash, 43 are dead and 10 are still missing. The FBI is investigating reports that a barge might have struck the bridge, weakening it prior to the crash.

STATE

UCA to allow non-Christian groups to cover crosses

Secular or non-Christian groups using the University of Central Arkansas chapel will be able to cover the three crosses and a Christian mural in the building, UCA officials announced Tuesday. The decision was aimed at resolving questions involving separation of church and state.



ALOHA. Ju Go Ju's Christy Roberts greets prospective members during the club's annual luau mixer. Freshmen and transfers completed preference sheets for social club bids Monday. (photo by Jason Burt)

Flood relief helps clean up St. Louis area

by Jim Miller
Bison staff writer

After working with the flood relief cleanup project for three days in Missouri, more than 500 students who returned to Harding September 12, felt good about the work they had done.

Scott Harsh, a graduate student from Harmony, Pa., was one of the students who worked in Arnold. Harsh said he has good memories of the service project and is glad that he participated. "We spent almost all day taking all the dry wall and carpet out of one home," he said. "The house was completely ruined, so we had to tear it down."

Junior Brad Lawson also worked in Arnold. He spent an entire day disassembling a 10-foot wall of sandbags (approximately 100,000) which protected houses from this summer's high flood waters. "The work and damage I saw in Arnold," Lawson said, "was much more than I expected. We had some good teamwork going, though. We sang and prayed a lot to keep up our spirits." Students also worked in St. Charles and Florissant, Mo., and in Alton, Ill.

Student Association President Rich Little, who traveled to all the cities where students were working, said the entire project was a "great success. I felt real good about the organization we had," he said. "It was neat because the students got a chance to serve the people and the churches they were working with, but they also got to be served by the churches which brought them food and other things. It worked both ways."

The work and service the students did impressed Larry Hinman, a resident who led the St. Charles group, and whose home was one of those in which students did repair work. "I had hardwood floors in my home that needed to be torn out," Hinman said. "The students did that for me very quickly. They saved a lot of people a lot of time. My family was fortunate," he continued. "We didn't get as much damage as many of the homes on our street did. The students' work helped out tremendously, and I hope it will open doors for the church here."

President David Burks, who toured the work sites and assisted during part of the project, was also impressed. "All the students working seemed to have a great attitude," Burks noted. "Everyone was singing and having a good time as they worked, and I think the service project was one of the best things that has happened to Harding in a long time. It was strictly student organized. I just went to help out," he added.

In a letter to Burks, Sandy and Rick Harwood said, "This group [of students] went right down into the dark, wet, muddy, stinky basement, without lights or fans, cleaned up the wet and heavy ceiling tile, picked up broken glass, carried out wet, heavy papers, shoveled out tons of mud and debris and then had to rip out the wet carpet and carry load after load up the stairs to dump them out." They added, "We feel the Church of Christ has done more for the community of Arnold than any other organization."

Although many people whom the students helped praised them for their work, Alex Aziamov, a student from Russia, said they did not deserve the praise. "I don't consider us heroes or anything," he said. "The real heroes are the people who are living there, the people who have to face the effects of the flood every day. They've never given up—and they are the real heroes."



HERE, CATCH! Robin Luggner passes a sandbag to Carolyn Holmes during the recent flood relief cleanup in Arnold, Mo. More than 500 students participated in the SA-sponsored project in numerous communities in the St. Louis area. (photo by Michael Bass)

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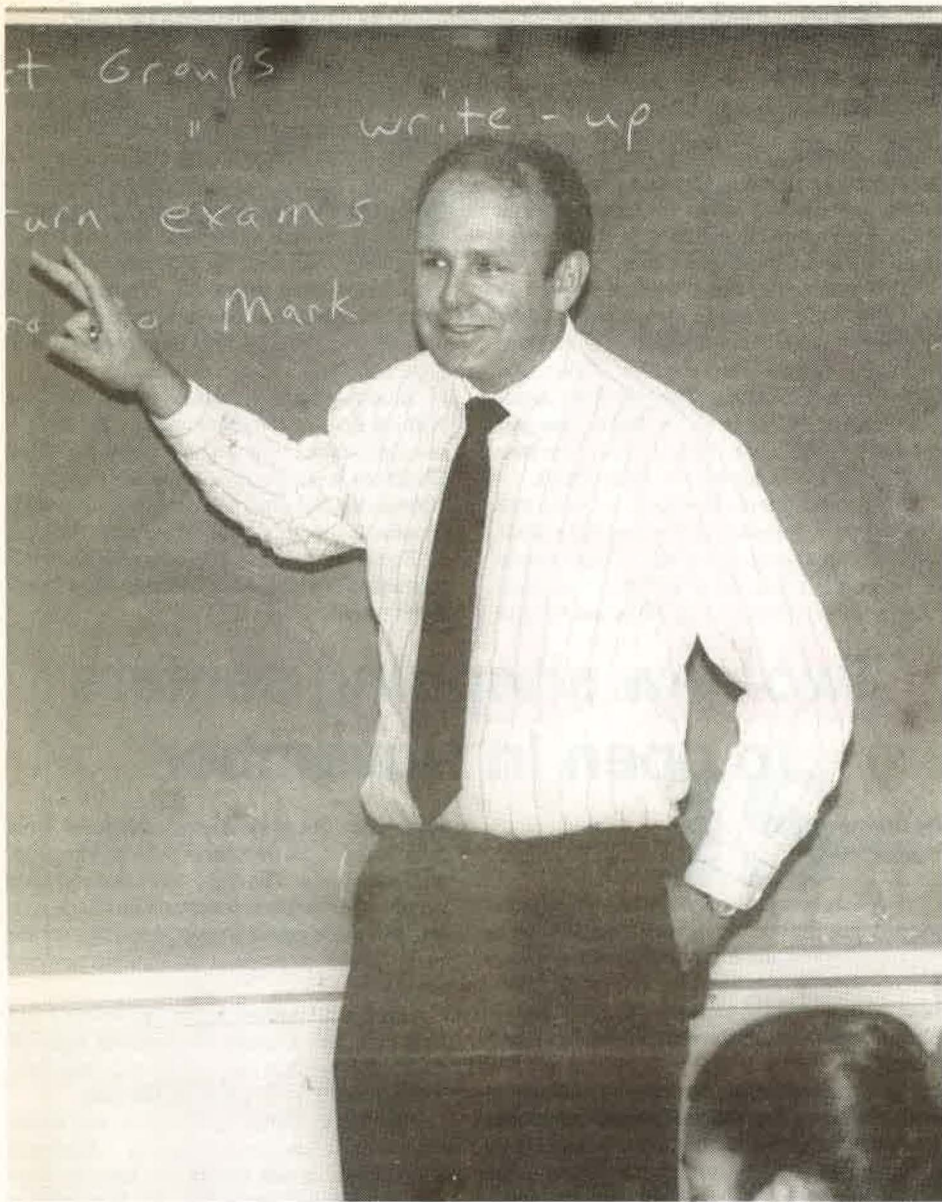
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STRESSING A POINT. Ross Cochran explains his course expectations to students in his "Life of Christ" Bible class. Cochran returned from doctoral study this fall. (photo by Jason Burt)

Cochran returns to teaching after graduate study

by Jason Roberts
Bison staff writer

Ross Cochran left Harding in August of 1990 with his wife, Nita, and two sons, Chris and Allen, to go to Natick, Mass., a Boston suburb, to pursue a three-year doctoral program in Christian education and ministry. "It was a wonderful experience living in Boston," he said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything - I considered it an adventure to be on leave from Harding for graduate study."

Cochran is still in the process of completing his dissertation, about which he commented, "I'm constructing a practical rationale for teaching scripture in a church-related college." The title of his thesis is, "How do you combine the scholarly study of scripture with the study of scripture in a church-related college."

"It was a much different pace in Boston," Cochran said. "I was able to spend a lot of time

with my family because I was able to study at home." He also served as pulpit minister for the Natick congregation.

"I've always had an interest in teaching," Cochran said, "and I wanted to be an effective classroom teacher. The program at Boston nurtured this." Cochran also said he appreciated Harding for encouraging him and others who do not have their terminal degrees to pursue them. "I feel very supported by them," he said.

About the future of mission work, Cochran said, "Harding has traditionally been an institution for supporting missions and preparing students to do mission work. I am glad to see Dr. Carl Mitchell encouraging students to choose a second major in vocational ministry."

Cochran is pleased with the addition of the Bible and World Missions Center, a facility which is scheduled for use by the fall of '94. "It will serve every student at Harding," he said. "It is a facility everyone will enjoy."

Non-traditional chapel program designed to appeal to older students

by Sara Looney
Bison staff writer

Many Harding students may not be aware that there is an alternative chapel service offered daily which is geared toward the non-traditional student. The "non-traditional chapel" is designed to fit the needs of older returning students who are on tight schedules and who have different lifestyles from the traditional college student.

Offered this year on a trial basis, this chapel appeals to this particular group of students because it easily fits into their hectic schedules. The format is designed to provide an uplifting devotional which is better suited to their different needs.

Sandra Chavez, a mother and full-time student, enjoys non-traditional chapel because she has time to study in the morning and doesn't have to worry about getting a sitter for just one

hour. She said, "It is intimate and is geared more to my lifestyle."

The format is the same as the traditional chapel assembly except that it is shorter and there are no programs. The students participate in singing, praying and a devotional thought. Dr. Ed Higginbotham, the chairperson for the non-traditional chapel program, said, "It's been a really good thing. It is reverent and focused on devotional and prayer."

Marlyce Kennedy, a nursing major, said, "It really hits the spot and helps me to regroup." She said it means more to her because the group is small and because it fits perfectly into her schedule.

The chapel meets from 11:45 to 12:05 daily in Shores Chapel. Non-traditional students who would like to become involved in the non-traditional chapel may contact Karla Feagin in the Student Services office for additional information.

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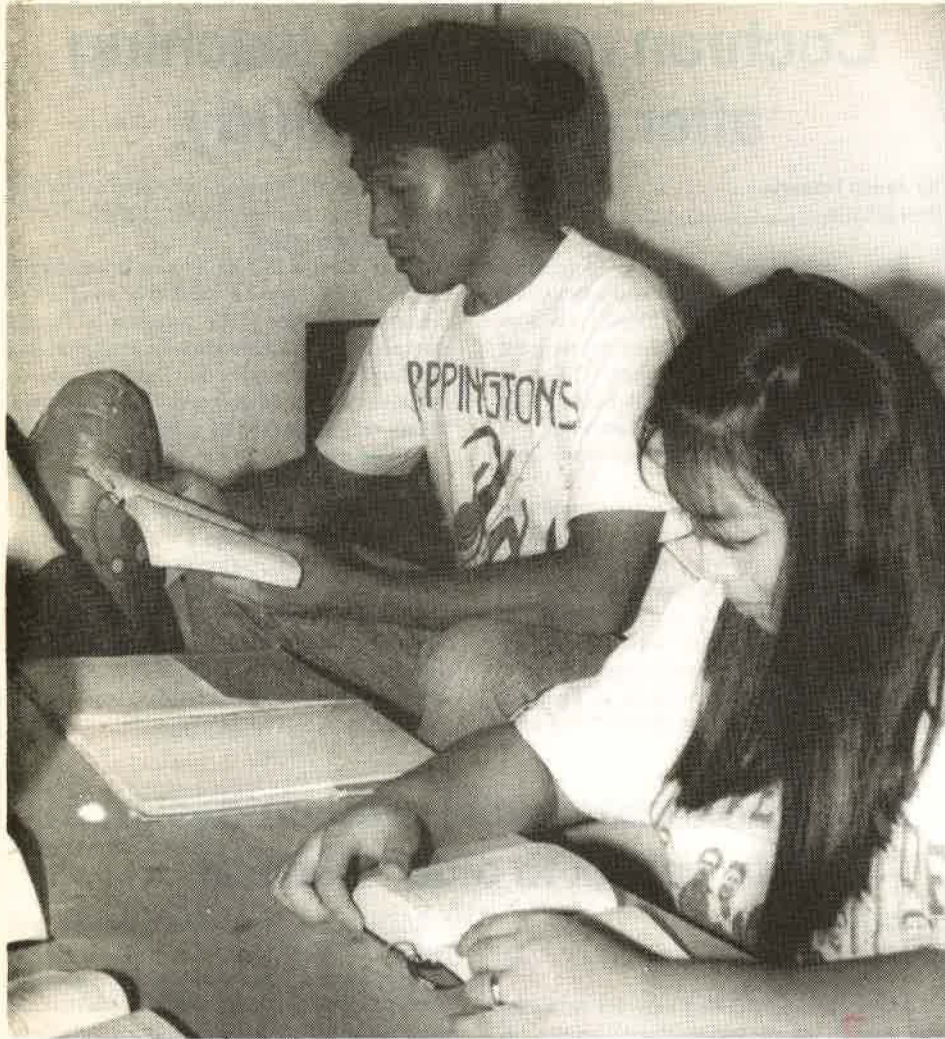
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WORSHIPPING IN JAPANESE. Kenji Nishida and Kaori Itaka participate in a Wednesday night Bible study for Japanese-speaking students. (photo by Jason Burt)

Parson's art show to end today

by **Christie Mangrum**
Bison staff writer

A noted artist was on campus yesterday to present a watercolor seminar to interested students.

Sheila Parsons, a professional artist and workshop instructor has been leading workshops for the past 15 years in the United States, Wales, Europe and Mexico. As a child, Parson wanted to be an artist. She received her master's degree in art from New York City's Pratt Institute. She is currently a member of the Mid-Southern Watercolorists, a faculty member at the Arkansas Arts Center and is active in the Arts in Education project of the Arkansas Arts Council.

Parsons not only supports art by being a part of these organizations, but she has also had more than 30 individual exhibitions of her paint-

ings and has been included in several national and international showings.

Parsons' paintings are on display in the Stevens Art Gallery. Today will be the last day that her paintings will be available for viewing.

The watercolor seminar, a "come and go" event, gave beginning and advanced watercolorists an opportunity to observe demonstrations, attend short lessons and receive constructive critiques. Parsons also answered questions about watercolor painting in general, as well as about paintings which were brought in by various individuals.

From late September through early November, Parsons will be hosting other workshops throughout Arkansas. Specific information about these workshops and registration forms are included in brochures which can be picked up at the Stevens Art Gallery.

SPRING BREAK IN MIAMI '94!

The Miami-Dade Church of Christ is conducting a community service spring break campaign in March of 1994. Eight different universities sent students to Miami last spring to participate in what many called "the most spiritually enriching experience we have ever had."

On Tuesday, September 28th, Dr. Rex Moorer and Albert Varas will conduct a meeting for all those who want to hear more about Spring Break in Miami. The meeting will take place in the Liberty room of the American Heritage Conference Center at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us.

Japanese students study together

by **Sherry Bryant**
Bison staff writer

Singing "How Great Thou Art" in Japanese is not very common in this part of the world unless you regularly attend the Japanese Bible Study on Wednesday nights with coordinator, Kenji Nishida, from Osaka, Japan.

This outreach to non-Christian, as well as Christian, Japanese began almost two months ago in the home of Kimihiro Iitaka as a result of Nishida's concern about the lack of Japanese Christians and his desire to teach others about Jesus Christ. "I like to teach others - not just Japanese - about Jesus because I know for sure that God works in our lives," Nishida said.

After working with the church in Osaka two summers ago, Nishida felt the need for a Bible study for Japanese students here. "Most people in Japan don't believe in any god," he said. "And less than one percent of the people who do

believe in a god are Christians." Nishida hopes this Bible study can reach and change those Japanese in Searcy who are a part of the majority that do not believe in any god.

While he may be the teacher of the group, Nishida feels he learns just as much from studying with his friends as they do. "No one knows everything," he said, "and seeing their faith grow helps mine to grow." Through tough questions asked by the students and dealing with his own faith, Nishida finds new things to learn and study.

Reaching non-Christians is not the only goal Nishida has for the Bible study. He feels a worship service in Japanese helps the other Christians in the group to strengthen their faith. "Obviously it helps to worship in Japanese because Japanese is our first language," he said.

The group meets each Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in Iitaka's home at 312 Meadowlake Road, Apartment 5.

Two new shopping centers to open in November

by **Drew Rouhana**
Bison staff writer

Two new shopping centers are under construction in Searcy. They will play host to a variety of stores, some new to Searcy and many just relocating to a more visible site. Both of the new centers will be on Race St., one next to Kroger and the other one across the street from Wendy's.

Gin Creek shopping center, next to Kroger, will be home to Radio Shack, Athlete's Choice, Becky's Hallmark, Lefler's Fashion Shop, Cothorn's Men's Store and Tara's Gold. Two additional stores will move in as soon as final details are worked out concerning ownership.

Jim Lefler began work on his new shopping center in March. His purpose for building the

plaza came out of his desire, and that of other store owners, to own their own buildings instead of leasing. The eight stores that will soon occupy the newly-constructed Gin Creek center, will each maintain part ownership of the plaza. Lefler calls this a "horizontal property regime."

Gin Creek is slated to open November 1 and Lefler said he expects the different types of stores to play off of each other, with customers progressing from one store to the next.

Old Towne Plaza, by Wendy's, will be anchored by a new store to Searcy - Hasting's Book Store. It will also be the home of Papa John's, Rallies, Cellular One, The Fleece Shop, Comet Cleaners and Two Sisters' Jewelry. It, too, has two openings which developers hope will be filled by November 1.

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Peace agreement motivates variety of responses from students (continued from page 1)

we'll have to wait and see how effective this peace agreement is."

Paul Davis, a senior political science major from Searcy said, "The PLO and Israel are working towards accomplishing a lasting agreement. This peace agreement is by no means a

final solution, but it is a good beginning."

Becki Folkerts, a sophomore nursing major from Rochester, Mich., said the agreement "seems like a step in the right direction, but only time will tell if this agreement will actually work."

Some Harding students, however, are not quite so optimistic about Israel's and Palestine's plan for peace. Steve Smith, a senior political science major from Denver, Colo., explained, "I don't think the agreement will work because the leaders composed this plan in secret. The

people haven't seen any action. Maybe if the people see the results, it'll all fall into line." James Tandy, a junior political science major from York, Neb., noted, "It is too early to say anything." He added, "Although I do not approve of Clinton's policies, I admire the role he played in orchestrating this agreement."

Michael Cox, a senior kinesiology major from Searcy, said, "Palestinians and Israelis have a long history of hatred between them. The U.S. stepping in will not change the past. Israelis and Arabs do not view life as we do. They will sacrifice their lives for a cause. I believe that there will be another major skirmish within a year."

One student felt that the U.S. should not have played a role in the peace agreement. Karen Banks, a graduate student from Searcy, said "I hope it works, but I think our leaders need to focus on our own nation's issues and let the Israeli leaders and Palestinian leaders work out their own grievances."

Mavenee Mays, a senior from Fort Worth, Texas, said she believes that the peace agreement "is a first step in a long chain of events, but it will not change the history of bad will. It would work if the Palestinians could establish land. It would take a lot of prayer and the people wanting peace for it to work."

During the historic joint signing ceremony Monday, Prime Minister Rabin told a cheering White House audience, "Enough of blood and tears. Enough. We wish to open a new chapter in the sad book of our lives together, a chapter of mutual recognition, of good neighborliness, of mutual respect, of understanding."

Campaign Fair introduces students to missions

by Russell Miller
Bison Copy Editor

"World Tour 1994," a campaign fair designed to acquaint students with the variety of missions opportunities available to them, was held in the student center last night. Approximately 30 booths, each one representing a different campaign destination or missions goal, were set up in the lobby, forming a large covered maze. As students made their way through the maze, they passed each individual table, and were given the opportunity to learn more about the campaign objectives of each nation represented.

Mark Berryman, resident missionary at Harding, said the idea for the campaign fair had originated with Monte Cox, the university's director of missions. "This was really Monte's idea," Berryman said. "He thought it would be helpful if our students had an opportunity to be exposed to all of our campaign possibilities at one time instead of simply being exposed to the ones which have the greatest amount of visibility or the most exciting destinations.

"Also," Berryman added, "we wanted people to realize that there's something for everybody to get involved in when it comes to campaigns." Berryman pointed out that not everybody can go off on a missions trip and stay for an extended period of time. "One of the things we wanted to stress to our students," he said, "is that there is an opportunity to go and serve for those who can only stay over spring break or for those students who may only be able to travel a short distance from their homes, just as much as there is an opportunity to serve for those who go halfway across the world."

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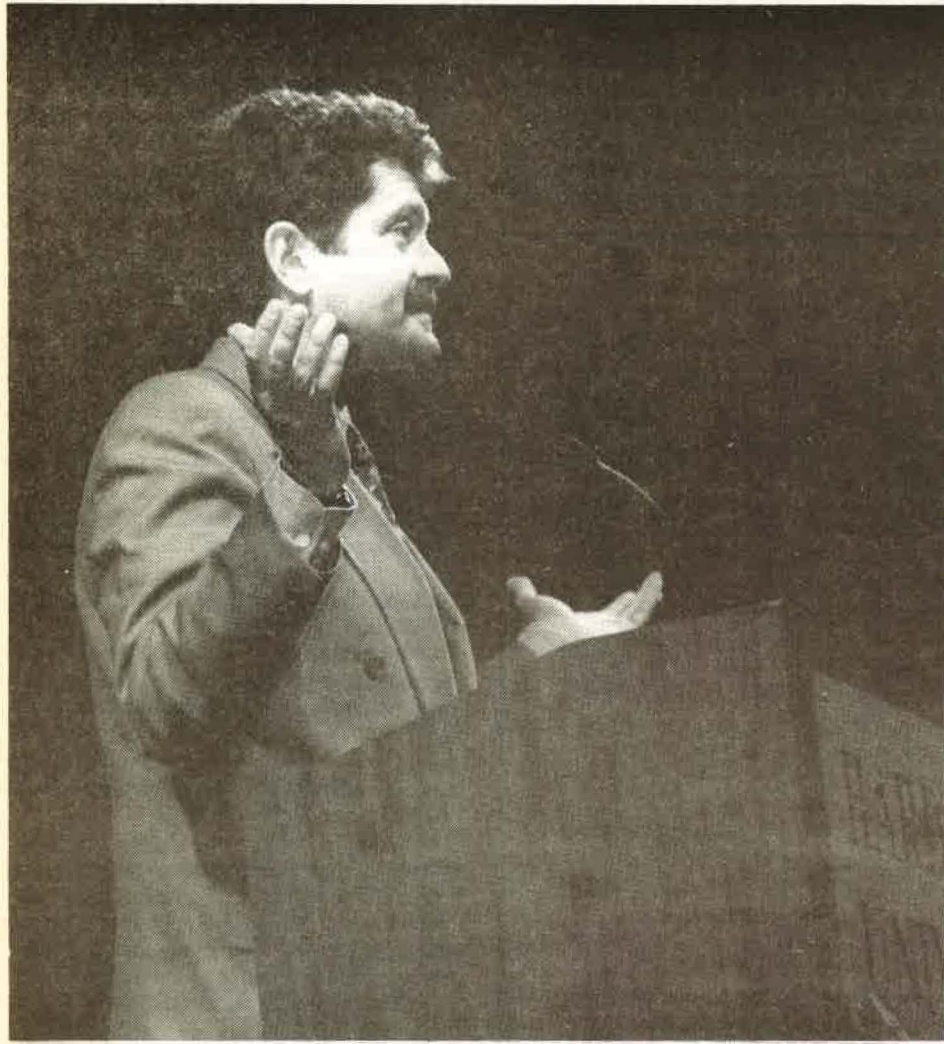
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"HOLLYWOOD VS. AMERICA" Michael Medved explains his rationale for believing and writing about Hollywood's negative influence on America. (photo by Nathan Ironside)

Medved blasts Hollywood

by Holly Latimer
Bison staff writer

Michael Medved, second in the American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, spoke Tuesday about the "three Hollywood lies" found in his controversial book, *Hollywood vs. America*.

Medved's first denouncement of Hollywood lies addressed the argument that, "it's just entertainment; it doesn't influence anyone." He said that Hollywood believes the violence portrayed in movies has no effect on the audience. Yet, according to Medved, Hollywood believes that putting small helpful hints concerning wearing a seatbelt, for example, affects the viewers in a positive light. He did, however, cite studies which show that those people who are affected are usually those "on the margin between right and wrong."

"Whether the effect is positive or negative, movies provide the public with what it wants," was Medved's second example of a Hollywood lie. A rebuttal of this lie pointed out that, two years ago, 61 percent of the movies released were R-rated. This large percentage only provided one-third of the total business for the year. Medved's movie study of the past 10 years showed an increase in R-rated films. It also displayed how, over this period of time, PG-rated films outranked R-rated films in revenues. This year, he said, movie companies began to "come around" by increasing the number of PG-rated films from 12 percent to 30 percent and reducing the number of R-rated films to below 40 percent.

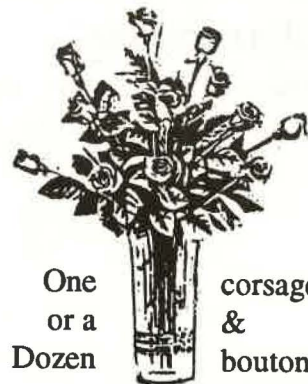
Medved's third perception of a Hollywood lie was, "if a person doesn't watch a show, it won't effect him." He said that society gives the public no choice on certain issues, adding that a person is exposed to an issue through promo-

tions, merchandise and hearsay, even if he or she avoids the actual program.

Medved concluded his speech by applying a Winston Churchill quote to the cleansing of Hollywood: "This is not the end, nor is it even the beginning of the end, but perhaps the end of the beginning."

Following the lecture, the audience posed questions to Medved, ranging from anti-religious expressions in movies and films to favorite movies and directors making an impact on Hollywood ethics.

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Burks explains tuition increases

by Russell Miller
Bison Copy Editor

Yearly tuition at Harding rose 5.5 percent this fall, climbing to \$163.00 per credit hour, a nine dollar per credit increase over last year's charge. Each student was also assessed a \$30 per credit hour general fee — up \$3 per hour from the 1992-93 school year.

These annual increases always seem to prompt student questions about the validity of the spiraling costs, as well as concerns as to whether cost containment might be easier to achieve if it were not for the fact that the university is involved in frequent renovation and building projects.

University President David Burks has heard these questions and complaints before and has addressed them on several occasions, the most recent being this past Friday in a *Bison* interview.

According to Burks, there are two things that students should be mindful of relative to the cost of tuition at Harding. First of all, he said, students should be aware that charges for tuition and fees assessed by the university, only cover about 70 percent of the total cost of educating each student.

"Last year," Burks said, "our operating budget was approximately \$42.7 million. That was the amount we needed to cover the cost of faculty and staff salaries and to continue operating the university. The amount we took in in tuition and fees covered roughly 70 percent of that need. That means we had to make up the other 30 percent with revenue earned at the bookstore, at the laundry, at the student center and through the use of private gifts and donations."

Secondly, Burks emphasized the fact that there is no relationship between the amount the university charges for tuition and the cost of either renovating older structures or erecting new ones.

"That \$42.7 million figure that I quoted you," Burks said, "did not include any allocations whatsoever for capital expenditures. And by 'capital expenditures,' I mean our building program." The building program, Burks explained, is funded entirely through private do-

nations to the university and monies accrued through fundraising.

"We never use tuition money for anything outside of our operating budget." Regarding construction expenses, Burks said, "None of it is ever used to build new buildings or to add to our physical plant."

Instead, Burks said that the real reasons why tuition continues to rise could be found in an article entitled, "Computing the Cost of Higher Education," which he authored for the summer issue of *Harding* magazine. In the article, he points to a number of variables which affect the cost of tuition, including scholarship assistance, the cost of books and journals and the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) versus the Consumers Price Index (CPI).

In the area of scholarship assistance, for example, Burks noted that, since he assumed the presidency in 1987, the amount of funds available for school-based scholarships has doubled from \$2.2 million to \$4.4 million.

The price of subscribing to academic books and journals has also skyrocketed. "From 1991 to 1992," the article states, "the price of the *American Journal of Public Health* jumped from \$80 to \$160, a 100 per cent increase; ... That same year the *Journal of Physical Chemistry* cost \$998 and the *Chemical Abstracts* subscription for one year cost \$7,999."

Finally, Burks noted that most people relate increased tuition rates to the Consumer Price Index. It is the Higher Education Price Index, however, he said, which gives a more accurate reflection of costs by including things like the rising price of scientific journals and high technology.

"Over the past 10 years," the article continues, "the HEPI has generally run about two percent more than the CPI. Hence, if Harding is to keep up on a year-to-year basis, tuition will have to be about two per cent higher than the CPI just to remain on a level playing field."

Burks also pointed out that, while the average cost of tuition among private colleges nationwide was \$10,498 last year, Harding's average cost of tuition for the same period was only \$5,460, a full 52 percent below the national norm. "We are committed to keeping tuition as low as possible," he said.

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MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT— Last semester Lorne had a major mid-term exam that he studied extremely hard for. On the day of the test he was so delirious from pulling an all-nighter studying that did not notice that he had wandered into the wrong classroom about to take another test.

While in the class he never seen any of the people in his class before. Lorne also noticed the teacher was looking at him strange. The teacher, however, proceeded to hand out the test. He struggled for almost the whole period before he got up and asked the teacher, "I don't remember seeing any of this stuff on our study guide." The teacher replied, "I don't remember seeing you in any of my classes." Lorne then finally realizes that he was in the wrong class taking the wrong mid-term.

He did make an A on the right test.

Bisons fall to 1-2; face Southeastern Saturday

by **Matthew Morningstar**
Bison staff writer

The Hardin football team traveled to Cleveland, Miss., last Saturday to continue an old rivalry against NCAA Division II power Delta State University. The series first started in 1959. This year's game was a hard-fought battle but, when the gun sounded at the end of the fourth quarter, the Bisons had fallen 20-6.

"We're playing tough football teams and we're still looking positive towards the rest of the season," said Bison Head Coach Larry Richmond, who is still standing behind his team after two straight tough losses.

The Bison offense played well but just couldn't convert on some crucial third- and fourth-down plays. There was one play in the third quarter in which "Famous Amos" Washington scored from 8 yards out but the play was called back because of a penalty. That touchdown would have tied the score and made it a whole new ballgame. Later in the fourth quarter, two good drives were stopped by interceptions deep in Delta State's territory.

Washington was the leading rusher for the Bisons with 90 yards on 17 carries. Paul Mann also passed for over 200 yards in a fine performance against a tough Delta State defense. His leading receiver was Ron Sparkman, who had 74 yards on 6 catches. Thad Hill was named the offensive MVP for the second time this season. "With Hill at 6'4" and with his size, he's valuable to our offense," Coach Richmond said.

The Bison defense was led by linebacker Eric Howell who made 19 tackles against the Delta State offense. Defensive end Paul Simmons was named the defensive lineman of the game. The big play of the game, however, was made by defensive back Jon Newby, who intercepted a Delta State pass at the end of the first half to end a scoring threat.

Overall, the defense kept the Bisons close throughout the game but the touchdown which was called back really stifled the Bisons' chance of winning.

This weekend the Bisons take on third-ranked Southeastern Oklahoma in the first home game of the year. It is also Parents' Weekend, and the Bisons have been virtually unbeatable on parents' night, compiling a record of 21-5-1 in the annual home opener.

Southeastern has a good kicking game and a transfer tailback who is very talented. Coach Richmond said the key to winning this game is for the Bison offense to keep things balanced between the run and the pass, for the special teams to play big, and for the defense to shut down the running game of Southeastern Oklahoma.

Southeastern has 15 starters returning and the game looks like a great opportunity for the Bisons to pull an upset. Coach Richmond noted the great support that the student body has given them so far this season and said, "the whole team really appreciates it."

Tomorrow's game kicks off at 7:00 p.m. at Alumni Field.



WATCH THAT KICK. Clint Emerson boots the ball through the uprights to score 3 of the Bisons' 6 points in a 20-6 loss to Delta State University. (photo by Jeff Montgomery)

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CLUB COMPETITION. Jerre Glover stretches to snag the throw from the second baseman as Robert Morris attempts to beat the play. Sub-T beat Kappa Sigs to earn a spot in the championship game against TNT. (photo by Jason Burt)

Intramural athletics involves many students

by Mark Levi
Bison staff writer

Many students at Harding are involved in the intramural athletic program since, for a number of reasons, they do not compete on a varsity team. In fact, the competition in intramurals is often considered more difficult than in intercollegiate sports because players know the people they are competing against.

Although more recognition is generally gained from varsity athletics, intramural practices and games are often as grueling and competitive. On the other hand, some participate just for fun and enjoy the social and physical benefits which the experience brings.

Competitions among social clubs are often considered as part of the intramural program, although the two are technically separate. Many clubs field a number of teams in various sports, adding levels of competition to the program.

Rivalry is as much a part of intramurals as it is a part of intercollegiate athletics, especially between social clubs whose teams have often found themselves competing "down to the wire" in championship games. Such rivalries often cause teams to "regroup" and plan new strategies to ensure success the next time the teams face each other.

Seven categories comprise the intramural program; they are team, singles, doubles, sports skill, interclub, interclass and free-time. Activities include softball, football, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, cross-country running, table tennis, swimming, racquetball, tennis and pursuit racing.

Students cite a number of reasons as to why they like playing intramurals. Top on the list is that it gives them a chance to be on a sports team and get playing experience. They also like the fact that they "don't have to play perfectly." Finally, it's convenient in that they play on

campus and don't have to spend time getting to and from the games.

Although club competitions are the most numerous, the intramural program emphasizes participation by all students. Regular sign-up times are offered for students who are not in social clubs to be involved. Many who play club ball also sign up for intramural competitions against teams which have people representing a variety of clubs.

Dr. Mike Pruitt, men's intramural director, and Barbara Barnes, women's intramural director, encourage students to take advantage of sign-up opportunities in the Student Center. Regular scheduling and offerings are posted on the men's intramural board near Brackett Library and on the women's intramural board between Cathcart and Kendall Halls.

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Amy Deuel
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HER FAVORITE ATHLETE— Flo Hyman (Former Olympic volleyball player)
HER FAVORITE TEAM— Portland State Volleyball


MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT— One day, during a team volleyball meeting, Amy was getting a little restless. She was messing with everything that she could possibly get her hands on. Just like a little child, she picked up something that she later regretted ever having touched. One of her teammates had a bottle of mace on their key chain.

Amy thought it would be interesting to see just how it worked. As she went to open the little case that it was in, she didn't notice that she had it pointed toward her face. As she opened the top of the case, she accidentally squirted the bottle and the mace went directly into her eyes. Now, she really is a true believer in mace.

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Lady Bisons smash Ozarks

by **Kenny Hightower**
Bison sports editor

The Lady Bisons prepared themselves for conference play Tuesday night by defeating the School of the Ozarks 16-14, 16-18, 15-13 and 15-8 in volleyball action. The Lady Bisons improved their record to 5-9 with the victory.

Sophomore setter Casey Wolfe came off of the bench to give the Lady Bisons the spark they needed. "Casey really gave us a big lift by coming off the bench and covering the floor well," said Head Coach Karyl Bailey. Outside hitter Regina Huddleston led the team in kills with 22.

According to Bailey, the Lady Bisons are one of the favorites to win the conference this year. "I am confident in this group of ladies because we have the talent to win the conference this season. Our toughest competition will probably be Southern Arkansas," Bailey said. "We have played some very good teams this season and have looked well at times, so I believe that we can go a long way this year."

The Lady Bisons will start conference play this Monday night as they will travel to Magnolia

to take on Southern Arkansas. The next home match for the Lady Bisons will be October 11 against rival Arkansas Tech.

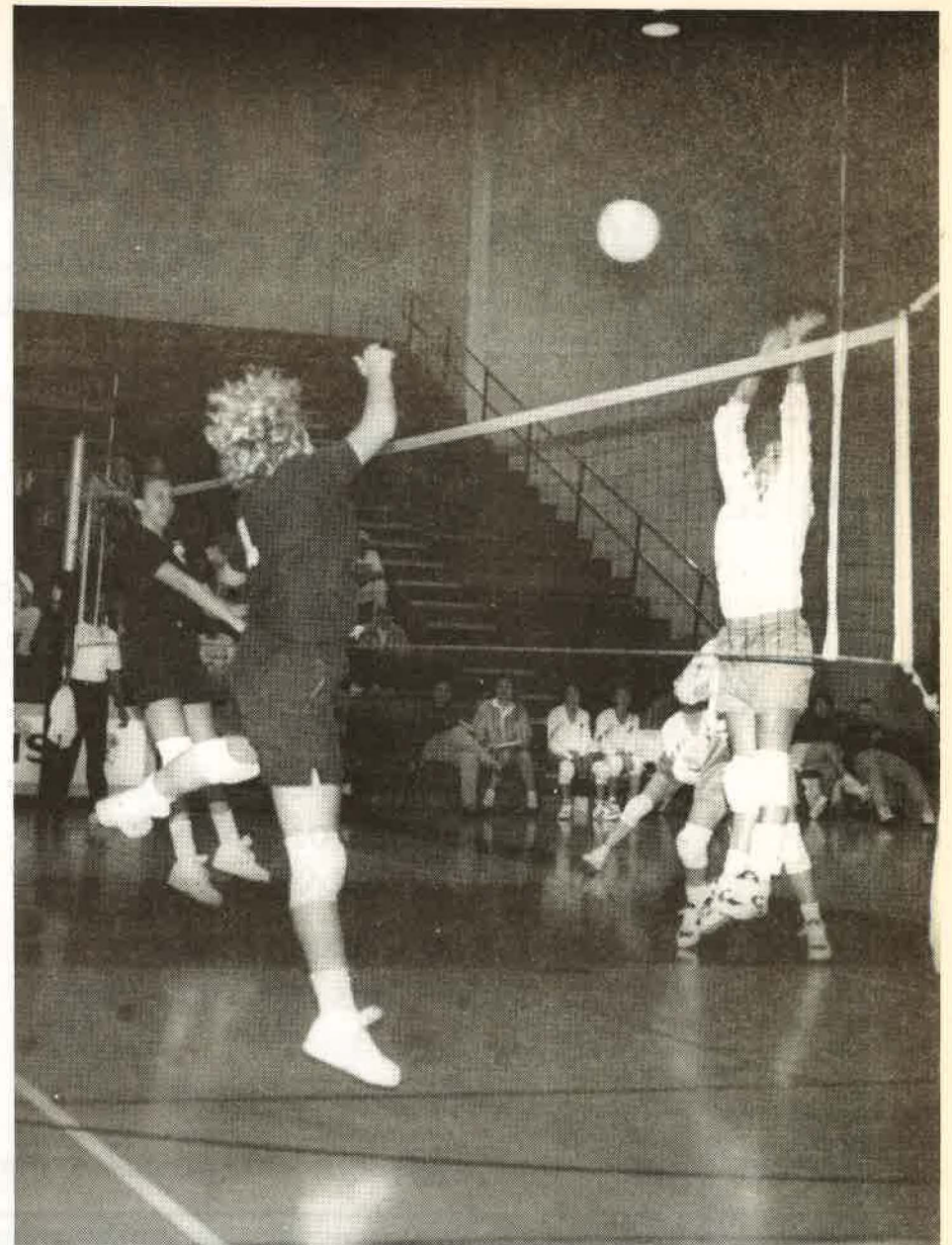
Runners compete well

by **Kenny Hightower**
Bison sports editor

The Harding cross country team got its season underway by running in the Ouachita Baptist invitational meet in Arkadelphia last Saturday. Freshman Jessica Barraza won the meet in the time of 19:48. The Bisons only took three runners to the event. Senior Nathan Howard and freshman Matt Quiggley both ran but did not place.

"This was the first race for Barraza and she performed as well as we thought she would," Coach Ted Lloyd said. "She is a real top class runner and this will not be the last meet that she will win," he predicted.

The next meet for the Harding cross country team – the Vanderbilt Invitational – will be held this Saturday in Nashville.

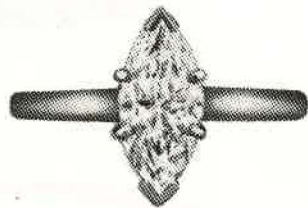


LEAPING SKYWARD. Christy Roberts volleys the ball across the net in a recent match against Williams Baptist College. (photo by Jason Burt)

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Bison Staff Baseball Picks

by **Russell Miller**
Bison Copy Editor

Wednesday, officially, was the first day of Fall. That can only mean three things: soon, summer's leaves will change to autumn gold; the football season will begin heating up, even as the weather begins cooling down; and, maybe most importantly of all, baseball – still America's national pastime – will be wrapping up yet another season for the "boys of summer."

So, we thought this would be a good opportunity for us to make our 'fearless Bison Picks' for both the NL and AL playoffs, as well as for the World Series. We realize that this is a lot easier for us to do, now that the season is practically over and a couple of the pennant

races appear to be foregone conclusions. But when you do it this way, your chances of being right improve dramatically. So without any further adieu, this is the way it looks to us:

NL West: What the Atlanta Braves have done is simply remarkable. What the San Francisco Giants have done is simply unforgivable. As Harry Caray might say, "Braves win, Braves win, Braves win!"

NL East: The Cardinals hung on for a while, until their middle relief finally collapsed on top of them. Montreal, as it turns out, was just a pretender. Philadelphia wins it with one of the best records in baseball.

AL West: The Chicago White Sox successfully fight off the Texas Rangers and the Kansas City Royals to win baseball's most competitive division.

AL East: Toronto, almost by default. The Yankees didn't want it and both Boston and Baltimore again fail to amass enough free agents to win the pennant.

NL Playoffs: Atlanta takes Philly in five, with the best pitching in the game.

AL Playoffs: Chicago - Yes! - finally wins something besides a basketball game. The Chi-Sox take the Blue Jays in four.

World Series: The Braves finally win their series – it's about time – and more people demonstrate against the "tomahawk chop."

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