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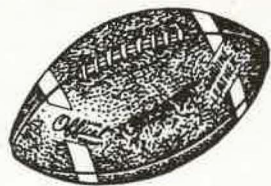
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## Deans, clubs prepare for Pledge Week '93

by Georgia Choate  
Bison staff writer

Sunday, October 3, is the day which most freshmen and transfers have both longed for and dreaded since they arrived on campus - the day that social clubs extend bids to prospective members.

Acceptance meetings on Monday night will begin the week of pledging activities, which will culminate in informal initiations on Friday night and many formal initiations throughout the weekend. Although each day will bring visible evidence of pledging, the most notable day to observe unusual behavior and dress has traditionally been on Thursday, which is designated as "Silly Day."

Even though these activities are just now beginning, preparation for the annual event has been going on for weeks.

Peggy Huckeba and James Anderson, the university's assistant deans of students, have met regularly with social club officers and sponsors to discuss the purpose and plans for the week. Weekly meetings of the InterClub Council (ICC) have brought the deans together with the president and vice president of each men's and women's club to work out details and to keep focused on activities appropriate for the week.

"Harding is very traditional with its induction activities," Dean Anderson said, "and, while we are for developing unity among our students, we would like to move even further away from activities like rough night."

A survey of new members following pledge week last year reflected that same attitude. The majority complained that "some activities were unchristian," and a significant number said they would not want to repeat the experience.

"Female students tended to have a better initiation experience than did their male counterparts," Anderson said. "Although the responses to pledge week activities were favorable overall, they were not as positive as we would have liked."

Dean Huckeba explained the university's position on hazing. "The Arkansas hazing law is very broad in that any activity that would cause physical or mental 'discomfort' is unacceptable." She added that much of the problems with the week seem to involve a "power trip for sophomores," many of whom use "derogatory language" and require "personal favors" from pledges.

This year, both upperclassmen and freshmen will be required to sign contracts at acceptance meetings, indicating their understanding of the limitations on both pledges and pledge

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**REVIEWING.** Deans Peggy Huckeba and James Anderson discuss the Pledge Week guidelines in the Social Club Handbook. The deans oversee all Pledge Week activities. (photo by Jason Burt)

## Lectureship attendees hear 'voice of minor prophets'

by Drew Rouhana  
Bison staff writer

The fall lectureship, a tradition throughout Harding's 70-year history, drew more than 500 registered guests to campus to study the application of the minor prophets to modern Christian living.

Beginning with an old-time songfest Sunday night and going through the keynote lecture by Prentice Meador, Jr. Wednesday night, the lectureship provided "something for everyone" as speakers focused on the theme, "Today Hear His Voice: The Minor Prophets Speak." Keynote theme lectures each night were presented by Ian Fair, Gregg Hood, Jimmy Allen and Meador.

Using Malachi as the text for "When Worship is Not Worship," Fair explained that Christians too often become wrapped up in the formality of worship and neglect the original intent. He warned listeners to place more emphasis on function than form, defining "form" as the physical aspect of worship and "function" as the purpose of worship.

"So often," Fair said, "the older generation is comfortable with tradition and formality, while younger people want change. We must keep worship in balance." He explained that worship does not have to always "follow a stringent set of rules and formalities, nor should it be self-gratifying. Rather, the intent of worship is to keep us focused on God," he said.

"What Does the Lord Require of You?" was the question from Micah which Hood, a Harding alumnus, addressed Tuesday night. Explaining the premise that

See **Lectureship**, page 3, column 3

## Alpha Chi inducts new members

Harding's Arkansas Eta chapter of Alpha Chi inducted 54 members during initiation ceremonies Sunday, officially marking the end of Parents' Weekend.

Requirements for admittance into the national honor society include achieving a 3.75 grade point average on 80 or more hours or a 3.55 grade point average on a minimum of 104 hours. Approximately 10 percent of the junior and senior classes are inducted during the combined fall and spring ceremonies.

Members are eligible to participate in competition for Alpha Chi scholarships and fellowships and have opportunity to present scholarly papers at regional and national meetings of the organization each year.

Harding houses the national headquarters for the seven-region organization, with Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, professor emeritus of physical science, serving as executive director. Dr. Dennis Organ, chairman of the English department, will assume that office following Pryor's retirement in January. Other chapter sponsors are Dr. Larry Long, Dr. Don England, Dr. Arthur Shearin and Patty Barrett.



**THANKS.** President David Burks presents an appreciation plaque to Dr. Don Shackelford, lectureship director, during the closing session of the lectureship. (photo by Jason Burt)

## Editorial

### America's violent youth

A tenth tourist was killed this week in Florida, the victim of a random highway shooting. Many of the suspects in Florida's crime wave against tourists are young people. In West Memphis, the trial of three teenagers accused of killing three eight-year-olds last May is in its early stages. In Washington D.C., the mayor is calling for the National Guard to come in to stop a wave of violence that has shocked the city. The city's murder toll reached 350 Monday, 20 higher than last year at this time. In North Carolina earlier this summer, two young men killed Michael Jordan's father, James Jordan, while trying to rob him as he slept in his car.

What is so disturbing about all this is the fact that so much of our violent crime is being committed by young people. According to *Time* magazine, murders committed by teens ages 14 to 17 rose 124% from 1986 to 1991, while it fell slightly among adults over 25. 124%! The murder rate more than doubled in five years! That is indicative of a significant breakdown of major American institutions. It represents a rejection by a significant number of Americans of the most basic right we have, the right to life. Paul Greenburg writes in his editorial in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* that "when legal rights are expanded much beyond life, liberty, and property, each right is diminished until everything is a right in theory and none in fact." It seems if we have claimed so many rights that we are losing the ones that are supposed to be inalienable.

Where does that take us? By claiming infinite boundaries on some rights we have sacrificed our more basic rights. We need to remove the guns from the hands of these children. Children do not have full exercise of all legal rights and it is irresponsible to allow them to run around armed. Gun-control will not keep the guns out of the hands of all criminals, but by banning the possession of any gun by any child, except under adult supervision, we could eliminate many of the problems associated with children and guns. Additionally we should ban the import, possession and production of all semi-automatic weapons which are used for little else but killing.

The guns, however, aren't the cause of the crime. America's churches have abdicated much of their moral leadership in favor of taking easy positions that please rather than challenge. The churches must take up the battle to restore values to American youth and to strengthen the family, whose decline has contributed to the problem. It is not too hard to see what life without God is like. We must work to bring God back to America, our cities, our governments, and our lives.

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## By their jerseys, you shall know them??

by Carolyn Holmes  
Bison columnist

It has been a busy time for just about everybody. Upperclassmen have painted elaborate posters, planned mixers, and dreamed up ways to humble their pledges. Frazzled freshmen and transfers have run around like proverbial headless chickens, going to mixer after mixer, visiting, and ultimately trying to make that excruciating decision of which club to choose. They have tried to decide who is most like them; who they want to spend the next four years playing sports, serving, having banquets and hanging out with.

As a happy non-clubber for the past two years, I find it a fascinating time of year just to be a spectator.

Just because I no longer belong to a club doesn't mean I don't see the benefits. Clubs are filled with opportunities for fellowship, sports, service and much more. I pledged as a freshman, and it was an encouraging time for me. Coming from far away without knowing a soul, the feeling of being a part of something again, being accepted, was truly exhilarating. It gave me functions to attend, people to talk to, and a great jersey that cried out, "Look who I am!"

Whoa. Hold on. Rewind.

Being part of a club is one thing. But if we adopt the attitude behind those four little italicized words, we build high, thick walls. We form unfounded prejudices. Maybe worst of all, we can condemn and be condemned before we ever say a word.

"Oh, he's in XKP. Everyone knows that nobody in XKP ever takes a shower!" "She's in Delta Kappa. The girls in there are such snobs."

Before anyone starts to get upset with me, please

understand that I'm not bashing clubs. I am, however, bashing the discrimination that sometimes occurs because we are different. Each club has a unique personality. That's how it should be. Yet, there is the tendency (which I, too, am guilty of) to label different groups and give them a collective personality. If we hear these blanket statements and are exposed to these stereotypes long enough, it becomes all too easy to start believing that they're true.

And that's where the prejudice begins. Two girls in Delta Kappa jerseys give you distasteful looks in the hall. You think to yourself, "I guess everybody was right - they are all snobs." So, the next time you see a Delta Kappa girl, you decide to show her you won't take any flak from her type. You give her a dirty look first. You win! Right?

Wrong! We all lose.

Something as simple as a jersey can keep you from seeing people as they really are. It can keep you from meeting people who could turn out to be some of your best friends. It can breed bad feelings toward people whom you've never even met. But only if you let it!

Maybe our best bet for harmony is to keep reminding ourselves that we're all members of something much bigger. Above everything on this campus and in our lives, we are Christians. And Christ longed for the unity of His people. His judgments were not based on appearance, social status or affiliation. Christ wouldn't have seen jerseys; He would have looked at people's hearts.

I hope everyone has a great time with club activities these next few weeks. It's a rare and wonderful opportunity to make a variety of friends. Just don't let a jersey of a different color keep you from getting to know the person inside.

## 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.

## Letter to the Editor

### R.E.N.E.W. Society

In America today, it has become fashionable to be involved with the environment. Helping lead this trend is R.E.N.E.W., which is beginning its fourth year at Harding University. R.E.N.E.W. is comprised of approximately 45 students who wish to show their concern for the environment. We are not working to put the world's resources in a glass box. We simply believe that we should use those resources as wisely as possible.

R.E.N.E.W. also hopes to be involved in several activities throughout the course of the year. We are planning a service project, for example, which will allow members of the community who make a living recycling aluminum cans, to collect cans at various locations on campus. Another goal of the club is to persuade the university to buy only recycled goods rather than virgin products. In addition, we are thinking of ideas for club-sponsored excursions, such as canoeing or camping trips.

We want to encourage students to come to our meetings on Thursdays to seek membership, to debate an environmental issue or to merely listen. Whatever your reason for coming, we hope to see you there.

Allison Ballinger,  
R.E.N.E.W. Society member

## Spiritual Life

By Nick Fouts and  
Jim Kennell

### Service Project

"...Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:26-27)

The year is off to a great start. The tone that was set with the flood relief service effort in early September will hopefully continue throughout the year. As Christian young people, we must be actively involved in service if we desire to live as Jesus did.

This year the SA is offering several opportunities for students to get involved in service projects. A project in conjunction with Glenn Boyd and the African Christian Hospitals Foundation, will be conducted soon. This effort will be campus- and community-wide and everyone is encouraged to take part.

The project will help raise funds to purchase a mobile trailer unit to send to Ghana, West Africa. It will be used to travel to remote places in the interior, to administer health care and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. This is a chance for Harding students to change someone's life, physically and spiritually. More information will be made available soon. So please, get involved!

### Lectureship (continued from page 1)

God wants Christians to be involved with national affairs, Hood said, "We need not look out for ourselves only, but to look out for everybody. God loves everyone, and His people should get involved, but do it with love." He cited the recent flood relief project involving the Harding student body as an example.

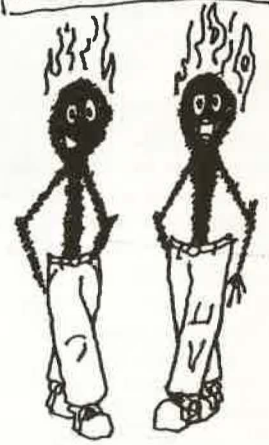
In a discourse on the book of Nahum entitled "The Day of the Lord: God's Judgment," Allen called for Christians to live by God's values. "Many Christians have not only lost their ability to hate wickedness, much less speak out against it, but they, like the people of Jeremiah's day, are not even embarrassed by it," he said. He also compared Ninevah to America, saying, "It is righteousness that exalts a nation. If we are to get things turned around in the United States by a spiritual and moral revival, it is absolutely necessary that we humble ourselves, turn from our wicked ways, and seek the face of God."

Meador's topic, "What Do You Do When Your Wife Goes to the Streets," was a look at the book of Hosea and the application of unfaithfulness in marriage to the Christian's disloyalty to God. "God cannot abandon his bride, Israel," Meador said. "In spite of her infidelity and prostitution, the relationship is maintained by the steadfastness of God's love and mercy," he added. He then applied that same mercy and grace to Christians today by saying that "the amazing grace of God gives us our identity... our mission... and our commitment to relationships."

In what was perhaps the best summary of the week's focus, Donnie McLaughlin said during a chapel presentation on Monday, "Quit trying to be better; let the best - Jesus Christ - dwell in you."

During the closing session, President David Burks announced the dates and theme for the 71st annual lecture series. With the theme, "To God Be the Glory: Ephesians' Call to Unity," the lectureship will combine with a student lectureship, the dedication of the McInteer Bible and World Mission Center, and Homecoming weekend for a week of special activities October 24-29. Burks also presented an appreciation plaque to Dr. Don Shackelford, dean and director of international programs and director of the lectureship, in appreciation for his work.

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### Pledge Week (continued from page 1)

masters for the week. "We want to move everything to a higher level by establishing an honor code that each person will act under," Huckeba said. "Each person should intervene and/or report improper activities, whether or not they involve that person's club."

Since Open House for women's clubs on September 4, men's and women's clubs have hosted mixers to allow prospective members to get acquainted with all the clubs. On Monday, September 20, preference sheets indicating each person's top three choices, were due in the Student Services office. Finally, clubs hosted "first choice mixers" and then worked through the selection process.

"Every student will receive a bid from some club, whether or not they listed that club on their preference sheet," Huckeba said. "Since club sizes are limited to provide a close-knit, small group to which to belong, many clubs just cannot take as many as want in. We believe we have a great social club system here, but it is always difficult to face the disappointments that some go through when they don't get their club of choice," she added.

When midnight comes Friday and all the "wild and crazy" activities are finished, the only thing left to do will be to pay club dues to cover the cost of jerseys, banquets and other activities, and to begin the experience of "belonging" in a social club at Harding University.

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### NATION

#### Abortion funding ban upheld, but eased

The Senate voted to uphold the 17-year-old Hyde Amendment on Tuesday by a 59-40 vote. The Hyde Amendment forbids the use of federal Medicaid funds for abortion, except when a woman's life is threatened. The Senate eased the restrictions to allow funding in the case of rape or incest. The House approved an identical bill in June.

#### Flood waters rise again in Missouri

Heavy rainfall caused the already-swollen rivers in Missouri to rise once again, flooding large sections of the state on Tuesday. St. Charles and Arnold were both hit again. According to the Associated Press, flash flooding in St. Charles County wiped out roads and bridges in areas that were not even touched this summer.

#### House calls homosexuality "unacceptable risk"

The House passed a bill Tuesday aimed at discouraging homosexuals from enlisting in the military. The vote represents a rejection of the president's more lenient policy. The amendment labels homosexuality as an "unacceptable risk" to military morale. While the amendment leaves intact the policy of not questioning recruits or service members about their sexual orientation, it allows future administrations to resume the policy.

### WORLD

#### South African Parliament votes to include blacks

Last Thursday, the South African Parliament voted to allow blacks to participate in the government for the first time, the Associated Press reported. The vote creates a transitional council to help oversee the first multiracial election in April. Among its other powers, the council will have veto power over the use of security forces to put down political unrest in black townships and will help oversee foreign, economic and national security policy.

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## R.E.N.E.W. promotes conservation

by Sara Looney  
Bison staff writer

The R.E.N.E.W. Society (Realize the Environmental Necessity to the Earth noW) is an environmental awareness group emphasizing understanding and responsibility to the earth. The goal of R.E.N.E.W. is to take pride in the environment and to promote conservation. "You can be environmentally aware without being a tree hugger," Paul Pruitt, vice president, said. "It's a necessity to be stewards of our surroundings. It's not about greenpeace, but about being servants to our earth."

R.E.N.E.W. was established four years ago by a small group of people who decided that environmental awareness should have a place at Harding. Peter Epton, president and three-year member of R.E.N.E.W., said he has seen the club grow from six initial members to 35. "I want to see even more environmental programs and outreach on campus to increase the awareness," he said. Member Erin Madden said, "It is so rewarding just to know that you are being a good steward of what God has given you."

The organization's projects this year include setting up boxes in each residence hall for recycling aluminum cans and cleaning Moss Street once a month. R.E.N.E.W. kicked off their yearly activities by cleaning up the stream behind the Athletic Center last Saturday. In the approaching months, they will be promoting Environmental Awareness week and encouraging other students to become involved.

Students interested in R.E.N.E.W. are invited to attend a meeting any Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Science 100. According to Epton, the organization provides an excellent opportunity to practice good stewardship and to take pride in the environment.

## Watts inspired by 'Bugs Bunny'

by Mark Levi  
Bison staff writer

Bison cartoonist Brian Watts, whose work appears regularly on the editorial page, has been drawing since the age of 7 and has honed his craft to that of a nationally-recognized artist.

Watts, a sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., became fascinated with the art of cartooning after watching numerous episodes of "Bugs Bunny" and other television cartoons as a child. Watts' drawing career began in the second grade when he began sketching his own cartoon characters, with names like "Superdunce" and "Airhead." During elementary school, Watts practiced drawing simple characters who resembled villains, in 'flip books.'

In junior high school, he lost interest in pure animation, thinking he was too old to be drawing cartoons for kids. He did, however, print several issues of an animated magazine called *Dunce*, which was patterned after *Mad* magazine. Watts changed schools in the 10th grade and spent the remainder of his high school years primarily drawing for the yearbook, designing backdrops for plays and making t-shirt designs.

During the summer between graduation and his enrollment at Harding, Watts competed in an airbrush painting contest sponsored by the congressmen who represent Tennessee's six congressional districts. He was named the winner in his district and was invited to Washington where his painting hung in an underground walkway leading to the nation's Capitol. Watts said the highlight of the trip was an appearance on NBC's *Today* show and the chance to meet *Today* weatherman Willard Scott and actor Tom Cruise.

Since Watts has been at Harding, he has done some computer animation, which can be



"THIS IS SERIOUS STUFF." Brian Watts, whose cartoons appear on the editorial page off the *Bison*, concentrates as he puts the finishing touches on one of his cartoons. (photo by Jason Burt)

viewed on video, and he also designed the t-shirt for the flood relief program in St. Louis.

Watts said a friend told him about the opening at the *Bison* and he decided that being a newspaper cartoonist might be a good way to broaden his horizons. "This is the first time I've done any really serious stuff," Watts said, "but I'm enjoying it. It challenges me to think a lot more about what I'm drawing." He said he

considers his *Bison* work to be "sort of a unique combination of talents. I'm doing something I really like plus working for the kingdom at the same time."

Watts said he would ultimately like to pursue a career in cartooning, with either the Walt Disney Company or with Warner Brothers Studios, which produced the "Bugs Bunny" cartoons.



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# Fundraising supports University

by Sherry Bryant  
Bison staff writer

In a recent chapel program, Harding students were introduced to a university advancement campaign entitled, "The Dream Continues," in which funds are being solicited to improve all facets of the university, including student life, financial aid, faculty and staff salaries, technology, the learning environment and long-term financial security.

"The Dream Continues" is defined in the published report about the project as "a comprehensive campaign designed to prepare Harding University for her place in Christian higher education in the 21st century." According to Dr. Gary Elliott, vice president for university advancement, this campaign is very specifically concentrated to meet the needs of students and faculty.

"An advancement officer's first responsibility is to secure the funds to meet the mission of the university," he said. He stated that several committees have been formed to arrange priorities for the university's advancement. From committees which deal with long-range planning to strategic planning committees to executive committees, all provide a different perspective for deciding what to spend where. Elliott said he believes this is a good strategy for seeing all sides of the spending issue. "Any time money is being spent and changes are being made, it's good to consider every perspective," he said. Elliott also said that "everyone is invited to have input in university advancement."

The first phase involves a phone-a-thon in which faculty, staff, volunteers and students are spending three nights a week, working to meet

the matching requirements for the \$2 million "Harvey and Bernice Jones Challenge Grant." This grant will be used to fund the new Marriage and Family Therapy program. Harding must raise \$4 million to meet the challenge.

Doug Campbell, director of annual giving, said the challenge must be met by February, 1994. "The campaign is going real well. Right now we're at half-a-million dollars," Campbell said. Continued phases will include solicitations from corporations and families who wish to give. Campbell said he believes Harding will meet the challenge.

Funds will also be raised for the completion of the Jim Bill McInteer Bible and World Missions Center, and for equipment for a new technology/fiber optic network, expansion of the art and music buildings, the addition of a new gymnasium at Harding Academy and maintenance of existing buildings. Other needs include annual giving for scholarships and faculty enrichment and for endowments to assure a secure future for the university.

As phase one of the campaign enters its third week, the advancement office seems pleased with the results, but also realizes the campaign has a long way to go. "The phone-a-thon has been successful because of the generous giving and hard work of the faculty, the staff, our students and others," Elliot said.

The fundraising program at Harding has been focused on a principle espoused by J.N. Armstrong, Harding's first president, in 1925: "Remember that Harding lives as the result of keen sacrifice; that every brick in her walls, every book in her library and every piece of equipment in her laboratories are the result of the influence of Christ upon hearts."



**MOTOWN OLDIES.** Rick Kelly entertains students and parents in the Benson Auditorium during Parents' Weekend with Motown oldies and activities that involve the crowd. (photo by Michael Bass)

## Kelly entertains small crowd

by Holly Latimer  
Bison staff writer

A sparse crowd turned out for singer Rick Kelly's Harding debut Friday night. However, Kelly, who said he doesn't believe "success is equal to numbers," dazzled both students and parents with Motown oldies like "Lean On Me," "Signed, Sealed, Delivered," "Wait Till The Midnight Hour" and others. He also introduced the crowd to some of his own compositions, including "Come With Me."

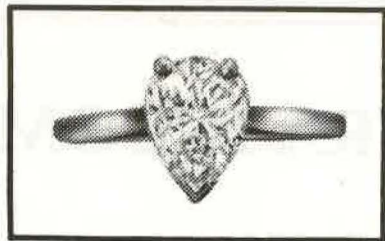
To involve the crowd, Kelly added sing-alongs, hula-hoop contests done to the song "Now That I Can Dance," and hand choreography. He also offered the audience chances to sing backup as the "Drifters" and "Driftettes" on "Under The Boardwalk."

Kelly, who is working on his third album and a more expansive record deal, had worked with Harding for five years to arrange a performance on campus. He also performed this year at Delta State University.

Kelly said he believes that "10 people is a great crowd if they want to have fun," and that he would love to come back to Harding for another performance. He humorously told the crowd that their choreography would be good practice for this year's Spring Sing.

Kelly said he didn't know what the reaction might be to his performance at a conservative Christian university like Harding, so he tried to "christianize" what he believed were the more offensive parts of some songs. He added, however, that he was very pleased with the crowd's response.

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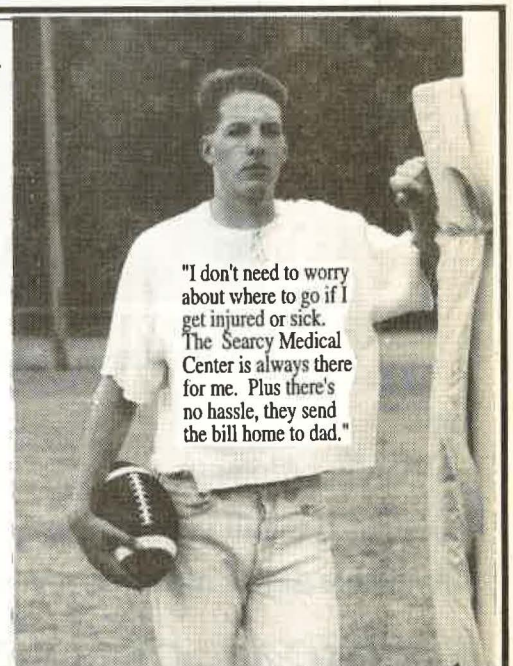
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# Bisons 'scalp' Savages in home opener

by Kenny Hightower  
Bison sports editor

Paul Mann threw for 156 yards and connected for two touchdowns to push the Bisons past the Savages of Southeastern Oklahoma 21-12 Saturday night at Alumni Field.

"It was a big win considering the game was played at home and also on parents' night," said Head Coach Larry Richmond. "This brings our record to 2-2. This game serves as a springboard for the team's momentum throughout the conference. This win over Southeast Oklahoma is a good step in the right direction," Richmond said.

The Bisons scored on their first possession with "Famous" Amos Washington doing most of the damage. They drove the ball down to the 10-yard line where Mann connected with Ron Sparkman in the corner of the end zone to tie the game 6-6.

After trading possessions in the second quarter, the Bisons started rolling. Troy Smith and Washington carried the ball down the field. With 1:36 left before halftime, Washington fought his way into the end zone from three yards out to put the Bisons in front to stay. Washington led the Bison rushing attack with 61 yards on 21 carries and one touchdown.

When the Bisons came out to begin the second half, they knew that they had to stop SEO's running back, Earnest Hunter, who ran for 196 yards on 37 carries.

Both teams came out in the third quarter displaying great defense, stopping each other when needed. Sophomore Chad Griffin intercepted a ball in the end zone to stop the best threat that Southeastern had in the third quarter.

In the fourth, the Bisons put the game out of reach when Mann connected with a diving Clay Beason for a 41-yard touchdown strike.

"Our rushing offense was more balanced this game and Amos and Troy both did an outstanding job," Richmond said.

The Bisons' play West Georgia tomorrow.



**UH-OH!** Bison running back Troy Smith tries to elude a defender in Saturday's home opener against SE Oklahoma. The Bisons won 21-12. (photo by PR office)

## Lady Bisons take Conference opener

by Kenny Hightower  
Bison staff writer

Outside hitter Regina Huddleston sparked the Lady Bisons Monday night as they defeated rival Southern Arkansas in their first Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference match of the season.

"Regina did a fine job for us tonight. She really came through when we needed her," Head Coach Karyl Bailey said. Huddleston led Harding with 19 kills and, according to Bailey, "had an excellent night in the back row."

The Lady Bisons took the first game 15-7, catching the Riderettes napping, and from there they never looked back. The win improves the Lady Bisons' record to 6-9 overall and 1-0 in the conference.

Harding travels to Conway Monday night to take on Hendrix College in another AIC match. The next home game for the Lady Bisons will be October 11 against Arkansas Tech.

## Tennis team starts strong

In recent weeks, the university tennis team has competed in matches at Freed-Hardeman University, Oklahoma City University and Arkansas College.

At Freed-Hardeman on Sept. 11, Ignacio Ruiz and Zack Rader won their divisions, Artero Aguilar and Juan Dominguez advanced to the finals in their divisions, and Nathaniel Israel took third place in his division.

Ruiz went all the way to the semifinals before losing in three sets in the Heart of America Tournament in Oklahoma City Sept. 18. Leoncio Dominguez won the consolation bracket in the top division.

The Bisons defeated Arkansas College 9-0 in a fall match on Tuesday.

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# Cross country runners aim at AIC title

by Matthew Morningstar  
Bison staff writer

While students have been adjusting to another year at Harding, many have been competing as full-time athletes as well. Of those athletes, 19 have been on the cross country course day after day for almost two months. They have already competed in two multi-team track meets, with the women taking first and third place and the men taking first and fifth place, respectively. The team has four returning seniors and are being led by Coach Ted Lloyd for the 25th straight year.

"We have a competitive and talented team. We're young, but dedicated, and we have already seen good results overall," Lloyd said. "I feel we have an excellent chance to win both the conference and the district."

The women's team has won the last seven AIC titles. With all of their members returning this year, they appear to be the favorites once again. The team is led by All-Conference runners Ketty Jensen, Edna Duran, Keri Hutchison and Mandy Crider. The freshmen are led by Jessica Barraza from Saggus, Calif.

"Jessica is an outstanding runner and has a personal best of 5:06 minutes in the mile," Lloyd said. Barraza was the leading runner at the last meet and Jensen was the leader in the first meet.

The men's 19-year-reign as conference champs was ended in 1990 by Ouachita Baptist. The Bisons regained the title in 1991, only to lose to Ouachita again in 1992. Now the Harding runners are poised to reclaim the top spot. The men are led by their only returning senior,



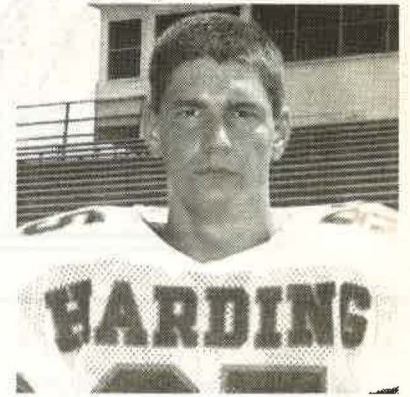
**GOING FOR EIGHT.** The women's cross country team will attempt to win their eighth AIC title this year. All of last year's championship team is returning. (photo by PR Office)

Damon Work. He was an All-Conference selection last year but is having a rough start this year due to a bout with mononucleosis over the summer. The team has been led by freshman Jonathan Griffin in their first two meets. He is from West Plains, Mo., and was an All-State cross country athlete last year. "Jonathan is one of the best freshman runners we've had in some time," Lloyd said, commenting on the strong performances he has had so far.

"In order for the men to knock off a veteran team from OBU, it's going to take a focused team effort. But they can do it," Lloyd said.

The goals of both teams are similar: to win the conference and to win the district. According to Lloyd, the future looks great for the Bison teams. "We have excellent depth for the first time in about five years. Our men and women teams look strong now, and should be even stronger in the future."

## MEET THE BISONS



**Thad Hill**  
#85  
TIGHT END

**HOMETOWN**—Long Island, New York  
**MOST ADMIRER PERSON**—Jerry Hill (father)

**FAVORITE ATHLETE**—Jay Novacek (Cowboys)

**FAVORITE TEAM**—New York Giants

**MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT**—

In high school, Thad was never one to "showboat" at all. However, one Friday night during his senior year Thad thought he would get cute. His high school team was playing their biggest rival that night.

The game was close, as was expected. Thad, who also played tight end in high school, was the team's primary receiver. As the clock was ticking down, everyone knew that Thad would be the target the quarterback would be looking for. His team was on the 19-yard line, trying to score before time expired.

As the play was called, the quarterback looked into Thad's eyes as if to tell him that he would be looking for him. The ball was snapped and Thad broke into the open in the middle of the end zone. The quarterback spotted him and threw a bullet.

The whole stadium was hushed as the ball traveled through the air. Thad caught the ball! Because he was so happy, Thad tried to dunk the ball over the goal post. He mis-timed his leap, hit his head on the goal post and knocked himself out.

He woke up in the hospital the next morning with the cheerleaders around him, laughing at the new "Neon Deion" of New York.

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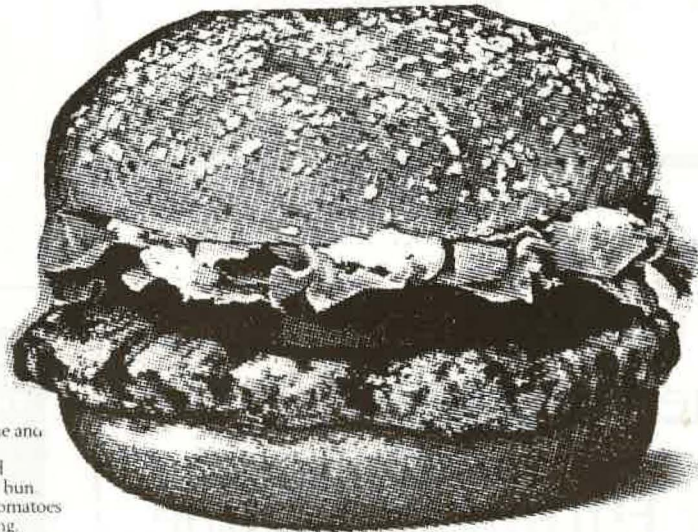
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