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Holiday University in London announced

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The city where Shakespeare, T. S. Eliot and Charles Dickens wrote, the city where Sherlock Holmes solved crimes and Jack the Ripper committed them, and the city where Winston Churchill refused to fear, is soon to be the home of another Harding international program. In addition to programs in Florence, Italy and Athens, Greece, Harding University is planning to offer a semester program in London, England, beginning next fall. The program has been dubbed HUL (Harding University in London), after the Harding tradition of using acronyms to refer to its various programs. According to Don Shackelford, dean of international studies, the plans have not yet been finalized. Shackelford said the faculty has not yet been selected at this time. "We have some in mind, of course, but we have not made final arrangements with their departments," Shackelford said. He also said that, while the course offerings are not finalized, they will have a liberal arts emphasis, including British history and British literature. He said plans should be finalized before the end of this semester.

Shackelford said the students will be staying in a student hotel located north of Hyde Park, which will house 45 to 55 students. He said classes will be in a classroom near the British Museum, which will be rented from the University of London. The students will also have access to the University of London Library and Student Union, which includes a cafeteria and sports facilities such as a squash course and a swimming pool.

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Searcy, campus light up for Christmas

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Editorial

Shades of Grey

Ours is a unique generation. Thanks to the previous generation the world isn't so clear as it used to be. Not all of that is bad, but it sure makes it harder. When our parents and grandparents were growing up the world was simpler. Right and wrong were clearer. There was a greater degree of consensus about the basic American values. At least it seemed that way, even if it really wasn't true. Today there are more rights for the individual but fewer for the community, more O.K.'s but fewer wrongs. We have the previous generation to thank for these freedoms, if that's what they are. The previous generation revolted against a "Puritanical moral code" in America. Our generation experienced the explosion of problems caused by their revolt. They rejected Truth; many of us are just looking for something that seems right most of the time. We have been fed a lifetime of their propaganda. We bought it because there was little else. Even many churches, historically the bulwark of tradition, fell prey to their revolution - accepting things such as homosexuality, abortion and promiscuity. Others reacted to the revolution by making religion into rules, stripping much of the spirit away.

This brings us to the letter to the editor on page three. The apparent dispute between what Dr. Smith said and what Dr. Mueller says centers on this very idea of truth. How can we determine what is true in a time when there are no clear answers. There are several scientists who question the accepted theories of AIDS and HIV. Some, such as Peter Duesburg, Ph.D., question whether HIV even causes AIDS. The mainstream scientists dismiss Duesburg as a quack, but that's easy to do when you have millions of dollars of research money pouring in that is betting on the mainstream theories. The federal money is dependent on the idea that anyone can get AIDS. Recent news stories such as those about the kids that contracted HIV from household members lends credibility to that idea. And it just may be the case that the mainstream scientists are right.

The point is, in an era where truth is often colored by ulterior agendas and politics, we should be careful about what we accept. Things aren't black and white anymore. Of course, this shouldn't change how we treat those infected or make us feel more righteous. We may be wrong, too - about a lot of things. dkb

A Good Cliche is Hard to Find

by Carolyn Holmes

Our world is chock full of cliches. Some friends and I realized this on the road to Memphis, where we ran the gamut of cliches. Since cliches are more numerous than the stars in the sky, we hardly even scratched the surface! The day ended on a high note. But our tete-a-tete got the wheels turning in my mind.

You may think I'm just grasping at straws for an article and I should take this problem with a grain of salt. But I have a bone to pick, and I think it's time someone took the bull by the horns on this issue. But first, for those who are still a little wet behind the ears, let me lay the foundation.

The Webster's dictionary describes a cliche as something that has become overly familiar and commonplace; perhaps a phrase that was once interesting, but has now become worn out, stale and meaningless through overuse. In other words, they are old hat, and generally, dead as doornails. Trying to communicate any new feelings or concepts using cliches is like chasing the wind, because with cliches, words tend to go in one ear and out the other.

But the use of cliches in our everyday speech is just the tip of the iceberg. In the Bible, the phrase, "Praise the Lord," "Just pray about it," and "Your will be done," thinking we're on the right track. But all that glitter isn't gold, because it sometimes seems that the true meaning behind these words gets lost in the shuffle. This can make it all too easy to keep God at arm's length. As Christians, we sometimes throw these phrases around to show that we know the ropes. But if the words don't carry any weight, they too become meaningless cliches. Maybe we need to go back to the drawing board and look at the big picture. Do we remember that "praising the Lord" means our lives must shed some light on a dark world? Do we fly off the handle when we've said, "Your will be done," and God throws us a curve? When we spew out "Prayer is the answer," do we really carry it through and present our requests to God? Sometimes it just seems like God is out of sight, out of mind. To make a good impression in the world, we truly must practice what we preach, for actions speak louder than words.

The word I most fear becoming cliched about our Lord. There is nothing "worn out" in a fresh rainfall or a blossoming flower. There is nothing commonplace about the way He comes up day in and day out in our Bible textbooks, church and chapel. We grow accustomed to it. We take it for granted.

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After F. Lagard Smith's chapel talk Tuesday, Nov. 9, a student was overheard saying that heterosexuals cannot contract AIDS. Unfortunately, few of the scientific claims Mr. Smith made during his chapel speech that day were true. I will address only three erroneous statements:

1. Smith states that the world is not overpopulated because all the people on earth could fit on one small island near England. Space is a non-issue when addressing world population levels. The real issue is resource use and availability, which includes energy, food, water and natural resources. A secondary issue might be quality of life.

2. Smith claims that the real evolutionary issue is the missing sex link. This statement poses a particular danger because the missing sex link does exist. Planaria are capable of asexual reproduction through binary fission or sexual reproduction. A New Zealand snail (Pomatopyrgus antipodarum) tends to reproduce asexually in lakes and sexually in streams. Some organisms are sequentially hermaphroditic; that is, they change sex. East Coast oyster start life as males, later change to females, then may change sex every few years. Coral reef fish females are capable of changing sex into males. Other organisms are simultaneous hermaphrodites; they contain both sets of sex organs. If one uses Smith's intuitive approach to reach "truth" then we must now accept evolution as the source of life since there is no missing sex link! I hope not.

3. Smith claimed that AIDS is a bloodborne disease only; heterosexuals do not get AIDS. This statement is both untrue and dangerous. HIV, the AIDS-inducing virus, is found in bodily fluids, including blood, semen, vaginal fluids, and mother's milk. AIDS is transmitted by blood transfusions, sharing of contaminated needles, anal and vaginal sex, and from mother to fetus or mother to infant. In the United States and United Kingdom, heterosexual transmission of AIDS has now surpassed shared needle drug user transmission. One need go no further than White County to find cases of heterosexually transmitted AIDS. In Arkansas, there have been 225 cases of heterosexually transmitted AIDS since 1985. AIDS renders its victims vulnerable to an assortment of diseases including tuberculosis. To claim that Africans are dying from malaria or tuberculosis is true but misleading. Many of these people have AIDS, which weakens the immune system and invites death from another disease.

My gratification that chapel on November 9 was not attended by the general public. At best Harding would appear foolish to the secular world. Worse yet, could Harding be liable for disseminating erroneous information on a deadly disease? Perhaps most damning of all is the dehumanization that occurs as a result of such a presentation. One is left with the feeling that Smith was referring to a cold virus, not something which infected real, living people. What motive does Smith have in attempting to confuse this disease to blood transmissions and homosexuals? Do we feel protected or perhaps more "saved" if we can isolate this disease (which we cannot) to homosexuals? I wonder what Jesus would do if He were on earth today? Would He point His finger at the AIDS victims and condemn their humanity or would He treat them like He treated the lepers of His time? Would He walk the streets of San Francisco or Uganda villages healing AIDS victims, touching them true, and instructing them to go no more or would He isolate and despise them?

Truth is important; get the facts, then think carefully about your words and actions.

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**Bison News Bits**

**NATION**

Elders: legalization will reduce crime

Clinton's controversial Surgeon General, Joycelyn Elders, stirred up more controversy this week when she suggested legalizing drugs as a means of reducing the crime rate. Her comments were part of a speech on the health aspects of violence. She drew fire from many conservatives and the Clinton administration moved quickly to distance itself from Elders statements.

**Supreme Court lets “due to God” stand**

The Supreme Court let a lower court ruling stand which allowed the Boy Scouts to refuse to admit those who won’t take the oath. The oath includes a pledge to do one’s “duty to God and my country.” A seventh grader in Chicago, whose family is agnostic, was turned away because he would not take the oath.

**Denny’s attacker given 10-year term**

The man convicted of beating truck driver Reginald Denny and others was sentenced to the maximum sentence of 10 years in jail. Superior Court Judge John Oderkirk called Damian William’s actions "inhumane." The chairman of the jury that convicted Williams and some community leaders called the sentence unfair. William’s co-defendant was put on probation until January, 1997, and given 320 hours of community service.

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**Administration responds to student meal plan concerns**

**by Georgia Choate**

Major concern was proposed meal plan changes. Students living in dormitories, according to Harding regulations, have an obligation to purchase and prepare the food and provide service in the cafeteria. This makes up the majority of the meal plan charges. The new meal plan will include an additional charge added to cover upkeep on the building and equipment, which Harding owns. He added, "For example, next year we will have to put in all new carpet in the dining hall." According to Tucker, many years Harding does not take money from the meal plans than it is required to spend on upkeep. "However, any extra money goes back into the general fund, which funds all Harding's operating expenses," he said. "The only people who benefit from these monies are the students." He added. Money from the general fund covers expenses such as teachers' salaries, employee benefits and SA activities. When Senn told his parents that extra money would have been spent, he said that they had not been told of Harding's policy and they felt that they had been deceived.

Canadian Michelle Cox, also a senior, lives off campus and does not have a meal plan. Cox stated, "I lived on campus for three years, and I would rather it be general budget money be gotten from tuition than leftover meal money. I don't like the idea of hidden costs. I'd rather them charge me up front."

When asked about these "hidden costs," Tucker said, "We're going to try to add more competition to the food service and the parents when they come for Summer Experience or Student Impact. The cafeteria is an ancillary service, and the profit goes into the bookstore." The profits from these enterprises go into the general fund. "If we're going to lower the number of meals required for meal plans, it would be the same as lowering the cost of dorms or lowering costs at the bookstore. We're trying to keep costs down."

Tucker said it is necessary for the extra costs to be added in because they represent expenses related to the meal plan. President David Burks said a plan with a reduced number of meals is not entirely out of the question. "It is possible," he said.

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To insure the safety of the students, the workers put electrical tape around all the outlets, but extension cords still had to be placed across the sidewalks because it was difficult to find outlets. Coggins explained.

The Student Association did not have their opening ceremonies in conjunction with Searcy's because the city initiated their lighting ceremony during Thanksgiving break when no one was on campus. Instead, Coggins organized for the opening ceremonies to be held December 1 after Peak of the Week. Following the lighting ceremony, students were served hot chocolate and hot apple cider on the front lawn while watching the classic Christmas special, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer.


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Other trips will include one-day trips to places such as Stonehenge and other sites in the vicinity of London.

While the cost of living in London is considerably higher than in Florence or Greece, Shackelford said he is trying to keep the cost of the London program equivalent to the others. He said that, although other schools which operate programs in London say costs are about 35 percent higher there than in places such as Italy, he feels confident that the cost of Harding's London program will be no higher than the cost of the other two programs. The total cost of the program, Shackelford said, including round trip airfare, room and board and all planned group trips, will be about $8,300.

Shackelford said 60 students attended the informational meeting on Monday. Students who are interested in the program can begin signing up immediately, he said.
Friends, family reflect on loss of Carol Carter

by Jason Roberts  
Bison staff writer

It seems like only yesterday that I heard the last words Carol Carter would ever say to me. As she was studying her Bible before chapel, she tapped me on the shoulder and said, “Jason, you’re a Bible major. Did Luke write Luke?” I smiled and said, “Yes, he did.” Now an empty seat and an endless memory of her kindness confront me each day.

Carol Carter was born December 28, 1973, and she would have celebrated her 20th birthday with her family just three days after Christmas. But all of this changed on Tuesday, November 16, as Carol was driving to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson to babysit. She missed the turn she was looking for and, while making a U-turn, collided with an 18-wheeler. The accident severed her spinal cord and caused her death.

“lt’s just tragic and unfortunate that something like this has happened,” Mark Pugh, minister for the Downtown Church of Christ, said. Pugh spoke in chapel on the Thursday following Carol’s death, reflecting on his memories of her. When the last prayer had been said, many remained in their seats, silent and meditative. The solemn feeling that embraced the students and faculty was evident on campus throughout the remainder of that cold day. Jason Ward, a beau for Carol’s social club commented, “It’s really sad. It’s an eye opener to reality. You just never know when your time will come.”

All the beaux for her club, Delta Gamma Rho, received a letter from Carol on November 17, the day she died. Jeff Goodson, Jason Ward, Rob Kerndoll and Jason Koch will never forget the encouraging words she wrote to them. “I had just heard the news and I hadn’t checked my mailbox,” Goodson said. “Fifteen minutes later, I got my mail and found these words from Carol: ‘You are special. I hope you had a wonderful day. Good luck in all your classes. You are in my prayers. Love Carol.’” Jason Ward said, “Carol was real outgoing. She seemed very sincere and happy.”

Monte Cox, Carol’s Bible teacher said she was late to class almost every day. “Carol sat in the front row and would usually make a grand entrance when she arrived, making the class and me laugh,” Cox said. “She was a prominent person in class and provided a lot of humor to the class. She loved to be sarcastic and was a fun person,” Cox said.

Carol’s chapel seat remains empty, but her humor and gentle spirit will long echo in the minds of so many that she touched. Her spotless character, her courage, her attitude and her lovely disposition showed her to be a woman who was remarkably faithful to her Lord.

The following letters, written by some of her closest friends, reflect their feelings about Carol. Chanda Caflery said, “I cannot grasp the fact that she is no longer on this earth. Her life was touched by so many people. It feels for those who never knew her, because those who did were truly blessed.”

“Carol had a kind heart toward everyone. The moment we met, we immediately became lifelong friends. We had planned to room together all summer. She wrote me periodically, and she always sent a little something for encouragement. I carry a little card in my wallet that states the bond of our friendship.”

Michelle Hammond said, “I’m thankful for the times we had together, and I’m thankful that the Lord blessed me with a friend like Carol. I’ll never forget her smile or her laugh. I’ll never forget our late night talks. We planned our futures; they looked promising.”

“Remember all those Sunday aftemoons when Carol dragged me around the mall. I’ve never seen anyone spend as much money on clothes as she did. She worked all summer long just to pay off her bills!”

“Carol was so fun to be around. We never stopped laughing. She helped me through a rough summer. She listened to my heartaches, my hopes, my dreams. She was one of my few, true friends.”

In a letter to Bison staff writer, Jason Roberts, Carol’s father said, “I don’t know where to begin. My heart aches in such a way it can’t be expressed in words.”

“Our family has received so many cards and letters in the past few days. We didn’t realize just how many people Carol has touched in such a very short time.”

“Carol made that commitment to follow Christ, June 24, 1985, she had dreams of someday going to Harding University. She loved being around people who loved the Lord.”

“As I watched her grow, it was obvious to me that she had many talents that could only be gifts from God. When she would sing at a very young age, the words were not just sounds coming from her lips. The words that flowed were feelings and expressions from the heart. Carol could do anything when she decided she really wanted to do it.”

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“I believe a person’s true character is portrayed when they are away from close family and friends. I’ve learned a lot about my daughter Carol during the past week, things that make me so proud. She touched the lives of so many people in such a very positive way, people we’ve never met.”

Friends program provides role models for youth

by Drew Rushana

The Friends program at Harding provides children in the Searcy community with big brothers and big sisters, giving them role models and providing a positive influence in their lives.

The program is sponsored by Dwight and Barby Smith of Campus Ministry, but is run by student co-directors Candace Ware and John Spivey. Ware and Spivey work closely with Debby Miller from Searcy Housing Authority, who provides them with selected children for the program. The children range in age from 7 to 16 and usually come from single-parent homes whose families have asked Miller to enroll their children in the program.

The Searcy Housing Authority has been working with Harding on the big brothers, big sisters program for the last four years. Miller serves as Resident Service Coordinator as well as Alcohol and Drug Coordinator for the program. “Big brothers, big sisters gives the kids an alternative to drugs,” she said. There currently are 10 children enrolled in the program and she said a positive change can be seen in each one. “These kids often get so attached to their big brother or big sister that they generally have a positive effect on their lives,” Miller said. Miller said she has a number of children who want to into the program, but more student involvement is needed to handle an increase in enrollment.

The children are matched with students from Harding who have shown an interest in becoming big brothers or big sisters. Student applicants must first go through an application and screening process, which takes about two weeks to complete. Then they are paired up with children who have similar interests - boys with boys students, girls with girls students. The big brother or big sister is then required to spend at least three to five hours a week, twice a month with the children. Often, Miller said, the students spend more time than is required because of the enjoyment which they receive from their participation in the program.

Brian Baker, a junior from Clarksville, Ark., has been a big brother to a 11-year-old Bernie Burton for the last two and a half years. “It took awhile for us to become comfortable around each other,” Baker explained, “but now we go bowling together, play video games together and I’ve even taken Bernie out to Camp Wyldewood.”

Baker said the Friends program made him realize what some kids are going through and what their lives are really like. “It’s good for the children, too,” Baker added, “because it provides them with someone that they can look up to.”

The big brothers and big sisters meet with the children at least twice a year. In December they have a Christmas Party, complete with Santa Claus and presents. Then, when the weather warms up in the spring they get together for a cookout and an afternoon of softball and other outdoor activities.

Ware has been involved in the Friends program for four years. Her first year in the program she served as a big sister and then she was asked to be the director for the following year. She has held that position for three years, and this year asked John Spivey to help her with the effort. Spivey stepped in and took over all the paper work that goes with the program.

Ware said she is very excited about the program. “These kids are just normal youngsters who need some attention,” she said. The purpose of the program is to help kids that do not receive attention or companionship at home. It gives the children involved someone more on their level to talk to and relate to with their problems,” she added.

The Friends program is constantly in need of more student involvement, especially from male students, Ware said. Interested students may contact Campus Ministry for more information.
Searcy, campus not immune from crime problems

by Stuart Spencer

In today's society, all Americans are deeply concerned about the rising crime rate. These fears are substantiated every day when the mass media reports that crime rate is soaring out of control. Consequently, many citizens now view crime as the number one problem facing our nation.

The following figures display the severity of the crime problem in America:

* Each year nearly 5 million people in the United States are victims of violent crimes.
* If the current crime rate continues, 8 out of 10 Americans can expect to be a victim of violent crime at least once in their lives.

Americans are murdered every 21 minutes, raped every 5 minutes, robbed every 46 seconds, and assaulted every 29 seconds.

Harding's campus is not immune to crime. While the Harding campus is relatively safe compared to other college campuses across the country, incidents do occur. In October of this year, for instance, a number of vehicles belonging to Harding students were broken into. Additionally, two automobiles were stolen from campus. Fortunately, both of these vehicles were located by the Searcy Police Department and the individuals responsible for stealing the cars were apprehended.

With a growing crime rate, Harding security has hired 15 new student workers, increasing its work force by 125%. Security also has increased in full-time security force and relief workers.

Security patrols all perimeters of the campus 24 hours a day. Additionally, phone lines are open around the clock to answer students' questions and provide any assistance which may be needed.

Contrary to popular belief, small towns within the United States are not immune to serious crime. Indeed, Searcy is also having to deal with a growing crime rate. According to the Searcy Police Department, there were 538 crimes reported between January and September of 1993. While no murders were committed during this time, a substantial number of serious crimes did occur. They included rape (6 reports), robbery (2 reports), burglary (66 reports), and larceny (428 reports).

These numbers prove that Searcy is not invulnerable to the growing crime problem. To meet the needs of citizens, the city government has adopted a Five-Point Program addressing such needs as street repair, recycling, etc. One of the areas to be improved is public safety. There are plans to hire an additional six to eight police officers and upgrade all street lights to high pressure sodium in order to ensure higher visibility.

The crime rate in the United States is increasing at an alarming rate. Citizens across the country are demanding action to combat the problem. While it is customary for society to believe that small towns are free from crime, Searcy and Harding are facing growing numbers of criminal offenses. Measures are being taken to increase security, yet studies show that knowledge is the best weapon to combat danger.

Tips for dealing with exam stress

by Amy Johnson

Family Feud surveyed 100 people with this question: "Name one way you deal with stress." Survey said... "the number one answer was "eat." That may not be such a bad idea, according to Joni Mackey of the Counseling Center, as long as you eat a balanced diet.

With finals just next week, the stress can cause some strange things to happen on campus. Roommates turn into monsters. Otherwise sane people pull outlandish stunts in the dorms, bringing the wrath of dorm managers. Normally well-groomed students walk the campus having rolled out of bed five minutes prior.

Finals week is survivable, however. Some Harding students have even been known to survive five years' worth of finals. Mackey offered these tips to students coping with finals stress.

* Prepare early. Don't get caught in the "last minute squeeze." Look at your calendar and take steps to meet studying requirements early.
* Treat yourself right. Get some rest. You can't deal with the stress if you're too tired.
* Good nutrition is equally important. Get in your three meals a day and get a good variety of the types of food you need. Cut down on sweets and caffeine. Get plenty of exercise. Keep your body ready to react.
* Take breaks when studying. Stop and stretch. Take deep breaths, slowly exhaling to completely relax. You might take a mini-vacation in your mind. Go somewhere safe and fun. If you can't go physically, go mentally.
* Time for recreation. The dollar movie may be just what you need. Be able to rest your mind.
* Talk to others. Getting it all out can help.
* Cut down on as many outside stressors as possible. Make a list of other matters in a box to deal with later when you may be better equipped to face them anyway.
* Don't beat yourself over the head for things left undone, like papers not turned in or projects not completed. It uses a lot of energy to be thinking, "I wish I had..." Forget it.
* Avoid self-medication such as No-doz and sleeping pills to stay awake or finally go to sleep. They interfere with the thought process.
* Keep a sense of humor.
* Count your blessings and pray about it.
* Be nice to yourself mentally and physically. Find things that make you feel good: a warm bath, a milkshake.
* Take it one day at a time.

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Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for 1994 will pay tribute to 62 Harding seniors for their leadership abilities and their potential for success. A national publication which began in 1904 to honor students who are considered leaders in their schools, Who's Who represents more than 1400 colleges and universities in their publication each year.

To be honored by Who's Who, students must have completed at least 90 hours of college credit with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Faculty and the Student Association are responsible for choosing the nominees from among Harding's student body. Once a person is nominated, he or she receives an information sheet which asks for personal information and activities in which they are involved, including academics, athletics and community involvement. Once the sheets are completed, the faculty make their final selections for induction into Who's Who. Those selected for this year include: Kim S. Alexander, Christie Nicole Austin, Kacy Ellen Barden, Duane Keith Baron, Angela D. Baskett, Susan Murrell Billingley, Kaci Shannon Bolt, Eric Scott Bond, Laura Joan Caldwell, Christy Marie Cate, Michael Andrew Chunn, James Kyle Citty, Julie Dawn Clapp, Kara Lee Clark, Tisha Elizabeth Coggins, Jeffrey David Comer, Albert Bernard Cook III, Christy Clifford William Huot, Little, Richard Loh, Leah Dionne Jannett Coonts, Kelly Kay Cooper, Clint Reeves, Laura Rebecca Rice, David Benjamin Moore, Matthew D. Metheny, Darla Jean Miller, Jennifer Lynn McJunkins, Travis Kilmer, Tammy Kay Kodatt, Richard Alan Mangrum, Darin Farnsworth Martin, Paul Paul, Matt Ogren, Andrea Baker Ort, Jennifer Lynn Page, Jessica Lane Pell, Carol Lanette Reeves, Laura Rebecca Rice, David Benson Rubio, Amy Jo Shillenburger, Toria Jade Touchton, Lori Ann Tucker, Diana Ung, Tawnya Marie Widé, Nancee Beth Wilson. Rounding out the list of 1994 Who's Who are: Jason Eric Jewell, Kristi Nicole Wilson.

**SA holiday project brings cheer to kids**

by Jamie Martin

From staff writer

Christmas time! Can you remember the anticipation of waiting for Christmas morning? Remember waking up at 5 a.m., and dragging your poor, groggy parents out of bed to watch you unwrap multitudes of Christmas presents? Remember the excitement you felt at seeing numerous shapes and sizes of boxes all addressed to you? Do you recall wondering what the brightly-wrapped boxes contained? Could it be that Barbie dream house you always wanted? Or the life-sized Darth Vader action doll, complete with your very own light saber?

Unfortunately, not all children can remember present-laden Christmases such as the one just described. Many children in the United States belong to abusive, dysfunctional families. These children do not learn the way love should be shown in a family, and therefore continue the cycle of abuse in their own families. The Scared Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) office deals with families where the cycle of abuse is perpetuated, and works with these families to break this vicious cycle. In conjunction with SCAN, the Student Association is sponsoring a holiday project in which Harding students donate presents to White County families who are dealing with abuse.

The holiday project has pledged to help 30 families buy Christmas presents for their children. After a chapel service introducing this project, the SA received an overwhelming response from students eager to help. SA president Rich Little said that about 120 students responded to the plea for help. "It was very encouraging and heartwarming to get this response from the student body," Little said. "We only needed 15-20 volunteers, but we've assigned five or six students to each family. Each volunteer is assigned to a numbered family (in order to protect the families' identities). The volunteer then buys Christmas presents for the children of their assigned families. Some students have not only bought numerous presents for the children, but for the parents as well.

The SCAN office deals with cases of emotional, physical and sexual abuse. According to Kerri Palmer, SCAN director for White County, they handle a variety of family problems. "Some families are extremely dependent and lack every skill," Palmer said, "while some families are independent and only need help learning to cope with, for example, a hyperactive child. We provide a wide range of services to these families."

The deadline for donations to the project is today. Presents need to be turned in to the SA office. Because of this project, there will be many special memories for children from dysfunctional families.
by Drew Rouhana
Bison staff writer

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HUF students returning to states

Veterans of the fall 1993 semester at HUF are beginning to return from their globetrotting adventures. The group spent the last three months studying and traveling in Europe. In between classes at the Harding-owned villa in Florence, the group traveled to places such as Corinth, Athens, Paris, Rome and Amsterdam. Many of the students skied the Alps, visited Eastern Europe, and ate weinersnitzel in Germany.

According to Arden Mclaffey and Christina Pyktel, "Studying abroad provides the great opportunity of being exposed to a variety of cultures and different approaches to life." They were impressed by the diversity of cultures in Europe. "Each country is unique in its languages, foods, fashions and arts," they said.

The presence of such a wide variety of cultures made communicating difficult at times, according to Daryl Rogers, who said, "We too often assumed that people we came into contact with were going to be able to speak English." He said that he soon learned to communicate with gestures and a few words of the native language.

For the first month, they attended classes every day. The next two months, classes met on weekends before they traveled during the week. When the group was together at the villa, they engaged in many different activities. According to a member of the group, they often would just "hang out and talk." The group also organized activities such as football games, soccer matches, tennis matches, volleyball matches and ping pong tournaments. They had chapel and devotionals together, as well.

While the group studied and experienced different cultures, they also grew spiritually, according to one of the HUFers. She said, "Some of our favorite HUF memories are from devotionals. The group's spiritual high came when Will Ed Warren, a Bible professor, read Paul's speech on Mars Hill." She added, "We learned a lot about sharing and consideration and making the best of all situations, but most of all we have learned a lot about others, as well as ourselves."

THE DUOMO. The dome of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore is the dominant feature on the landscape in Florence. HUF students can see the dome from the villa where they stay, on the hillside overlooking Florence. (photo by Scott Baine)
Youthful Bisons, coach look to attack

by Kenny Lightowler
Bison Sports Editor

"Together we attack!" That's coach Jeff Morgan's theme for the 1994-95 men's basketball season. The team has taken on a new and younger look this season. With the hiring of the 27-year-old Morgan and 29-year-old assistant coach Tim Kirby, the Bisons hope to put their youthful enthusiasm into the basketball program.

Morgan has not only brought his own enthusiasm to the team, but he has worked to promote excitement about being Bison basketball fans among the entire student body. "I have always wanted to be at Harding, ever since I was a player," Morgan said. He made the move from Division II West Texas State where his team posted a 17-1 mark in his first year as head coach. Morgan stresses team unity and team play. "I feel that, if this team possesses these two qualities, everything else will take care of itself," he said.

When the Bisons take the court this season they are led by Tony Marion, a senior transfer from Southwest Texas State. Marion is a 6'4" post man from Chicago, Ill. The man in the middle for the Bisons this year is Fabian Mena, a 6'7" senior who came to the Bisons with Morgan from West Texas State. Mena is a native of Colombia, South America.

At the forward position, the Bisons are young but should prove that they can hold their own in the conference. Leading the way is swing man Sigmund Donelson, a 6'6" junior from Memphis, Tenn. Donelson averaged nine points for the Bisons last season, but according to the coaches, he should do a lot of the scoring this year.

Another bright spot for the Bisons this season is red-shirt freshman Darren Cowan. "Darren has come off the bench and given us some quality minutes so far and we're looking for him to get even better," Morgan said.

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Lady Bison expect good things

by Kenny Hightower
Sports Editor

This season the Lady Bison basketball team will sport a smaller line up but hopefully, their scrappiness will keep them in every game.

Coach Greg Harnden feels optimistic about the season. "I am pleased so far, because we have balanced scoring and everyone is really trying to step up their game," Harnden said.

Harnden believes his team has enough talent and ability to compete in every contest.

Leading the charge this season is the Lady Bisons' all-time leading scorer, Kymm Alexander. Against Williams Baptist last Tuesday night, Alexander passed Nancee Wilson, who formerly held the scoring record with 1077 points in 87 games.

Alexander is considered the go-to girl in the point for the Lady Bisons. She was also named to the preseason All-AIC team. "Kymm is our main scorer but she does much more than that on the court," Harnden said.

One of the biggest surprises for the Lady Bisons this season is freshman Angie Fouts. She has provided much-needed rebound help, while also lighting up the scoreboard. According to Harnden, she is a hard worker and a continual student of the game.

When the opponents concentrate on Alexander, Mindy Murphy takes up the slack with her offensive scoring abilities. "Mindy has done a great job so far by taking some of the pressure off of Alexander and Fouts," Harnden said.

Sophomore Cindy Camp made a sudden impact for the Lady Bisons last season and should provide the same sparkling numbers this year. At that same position, newcomer Bridgette Benson will be looked to in order to provide a much-needed spark coming off of the bench. Benson, who averaged 28 points a game in high school, will be called upon to put up some similar numbers for the Lady Bisons.

At the end of last season, Coach Harnden didn't think he was going to get his starting point guard, Jama Fullerton, back because of a severe shoulder injury. After surgery and rehabilitation, however, Fullerton has come back stronger and has even more scoring punch than before. Fullerton is always a three-point threat but she can also penetrate the defense.

Helping Fullerton at the point guard position are sophomore Sarah Collins and freshman Diane DeGrenier. Collins is another three-point threat who plays great defense, according to Harnden.

The Lady Bisons have compiled a 6-1 record so far. Harnden said, if they continue to play well together, "only good things can happen."
Lady Bison down Philander Smith

Kymm Alexander breaks scoring record

by Holly Latimer
Bison Staff Writer

With 17:47 left in the first half of Thursday night's Lady Bison game against Philander Smith, Kymm Alexander broke Harding University's all-time scoring record. After the record breaking basket, Alexander was presented the game ball by former record holder Nancee Wilson and Lady Bisons' Coach Greg Harden.

"I was never really concerned about the record," said Alexander, "but I was happy to break it. Everything goes back to my teammates, their passes to me and playing with them." The Lady Bisons won the game 100-84 behind Alexander's 30 points.

Freshman Bridget Benson also had a hot hand and tossed in 18. Benson, who is recovering from illness, only played for short time intervals, but made them quality minutes. "I was pleased with tonight's game. I was getting over my illness all week," Benson said.

Sophomore Cindy Camp was also in double figures with 16 while grabbing down 6 rebounds. Mindy Murphy came on strong with ten points, as Jama Fullerton had 7 assists during her 32 minutes of running the offense.

Fall sports wrap up, athletes honored

by Kenny Hightower
Bison Sports Editor

Even though they didn't all win, the fall sports teams provided plenty of excitement for Bison fans. The football team had high hopes of returning to the NAIA playoffs but lost two tough games at the end of the season to put them out of contention. The Bisons completed the season ranked 13th, while compiling a 6-4 record.

The Lady Bison volleyball team shared a piece of the conference title with Ouachita Baptist. In the district tournament, the Lady Bisons first defeated the same Ouachita team but lost in the championship game to the highly-talented Henderson State Reddies. Harding, winning at least a share of the AIC title for the fourth time in five years, completed the regular season at 19-17.

The men's and women's cross country teams both won AIC/District 17 championships. Both teams traveled to Wisconsin to compete for the national championships. The Lady Bisons finished 27th and the men came in 36th out of a field of 40 teams.

HONOREES FOR FALL SPORTS:

Football:


Honorable Mention: John Perry- Lineman, Paul Mares- Quarterback.

Volleyball:
All-Conference Region: Addie Haddon, Amy Deuel.
All District 17: Kathleen Basham, Amy Deuel.

A LITTLE HIGHER, Angie Baskett punches the ball over the defenders' hands. Ko Jo Kai defeated Shantih in a recent club championship game. (photo by Jason Burt)

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