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News

at a Glance

- Former Philadelphia City Council member Jim Tayoun Sr., who served three and a half years in a federal prison on corruption charges, has established a 900 number which offers advice to white-collar criminals about to enter prison.

- Peter Hodgson, 30, whose grandfather once lent a tape recorder to Beatles member Paul McCartney, claims to have found a tape of the group performing as the Quarry Men Skiffle Group. The 1959 tape has 16 recorded songs.

- Almost 170 teachers in Boulder, Colo., are expected to lose their jobs as the school district tries to cut \$7.3 million from its budget.

- Following a crash that killed a pregnant woman, the state Supreme Court in Jefferson City, Mo., ruled that life begins at conception in wrongful death cases.

- Wrongfully accused of making a bomb threat, 18-year-old Walter Hill was offered a four-year scholarship by NYNEX, the company which mistakenly traced the threatening phone call to Hill.

- Twenty years after the end of the Vietnam War, Vietnam's premier, Vo Van Kiet, appealed to U.S. lawmakers for full diplomatic and trade relations with Washington.

Stunned campus begins to cope with the loss

by Tracy Evans
Bison editor

The week after her death, a campus of friends remembered Carla Willmon and the special ways she touched their lives. "A gentle and quiet spirit" is how E-Beth Wilson, Willmon's suite-mate, described her.

Wilson smiled as she talked about the nightly ritual of watching television and "pigging out" she and her roommate, Holly Carpenter, shared with Willmon. "Sometimes she would be watching something in her room, and we would hear her laughing. She'd come running into our room and say, 'Did you see that?' She was one of those people that you loved to be around because she could always make you laugh."

Laughter was a rare commodity on campus last week as everyone began to cope with such a tragic loss. Thoughts of the life Willmon would never have filled the minds of those who had known her. Discovering that Willmon had secretly been married since March was at first a shock to friends and family, but surprise has now been replaced by acceptance. "Her family and I think that it was a good thing (Willmon's marriage). That's one more thing in life that she got to experience," Wilson said. Keeping such a large

secret was out of character for Willmon, who, according to Wilson, was often the last person to pick up on the secrets of others. "She was always so naive and innocent. She would believe anything you told her. She was the one to pull the wool over everyone's eyes this time."

Although Willmon's life was cut short, she did not leave without making an impact on the lives of others. "She was like a magnet - she just drew people to her," Wilson said. Even in her death, Willmon has drawn people to her as she continues to be mourned by students and faculty, many of whom had never met her. Her death has had a profound effect on the Harding family, creating a renewed spirit of unity.

The support of friends has been very important for those close to Willmon, especially her Tri Kappa club sisters. "If there is one good thing that has come out of this whole thing, it is the unity that we [Tri Kappa] have experienced. We had a devo with Sigs [Kappa Sigma Kappa] the day after [her death], and a lot of people were thinking more about their spirituality," Wilson said.

Life without Willmon has been an adjustment for those who knew her well. "Reality hasn't hit yet. I spent last



Carla Willmon

week helping her family plan the funeral and talking to the PR office and helping them write articles. I've been so busy that I just haven't had time to sit down and really think about it yet, and I'm kind of glad about that," Wilson said.

As time passes, Willmon's memory will remain. In a questionnaire she filled out only two weeks ago, Willmon said she wanted to be remembered as a genuine person. Judging from the heartfelt concern and pain that has filled those who knew her best, her wishes will be granted. Wilson summed up Willmon's gentleness, joy and Christian character by saying, "She was truly an angel among us."

Abducted coed meets tragic end

In the hours that passed after Carla Willmon didn't return to Pattie Cobb at curfew on April 17, friends and administrators hoped that somehow she would return safely. But, as Tuesday wore on, and reports of the discovery of Willmon's car began to float around campus, hope began to wane, and was finally extinguished with the uncovering of her body in the trunk of her car. At the time of the discovery, police had no suspects and no leads in the case.

As news of the tragedy spread across campus and throughout Searcy, so did the disbelief that something like this could happen at Harding. "I was just shocked. I didn't expect something that bad to have happened," junior Liz Magruder said.

Lew Moore, Sherry Pollard and other members of Harding's counseling center began the healing process by meeting with the members of Tri Kappa on Tuesday night.

The first opportunity for the entire student body to assemble following the recovery of Willmon's body came during chapel Wednesday morning. There was no need for Dr. David Burks to call everyone to order to begin the service - a solemn silence had fallen across the audience as he had approached the microphone to speak. Following Burks' sharing of the most recent information in the investigation, Dr. Joe Brumfield, Carla's Bible teacher, Mark Pugh, the minister at the Downtown Church of Christ, and Moore recalled memories of Willmon and offered words of encouragement.

A very sober air hung over the campus for the rest of Wednesday, as Willmon's friends grieved and people who had never met her began to cope with feelings of fear and disbelief.

Wednesday and Thursday came and went with no arrests, and apparently no suspects. Then around 2 a.m. Friday, authorities arrested two Judsonia men who had reportedly been seen about one mile from where Willmon's car was found within the time-frame of her disappearance. The men, who wept at their first court appearance on Friday, are being held without bond in the White County Detention Center on charges of capital murder.

Officials have not released details related to the body or the cause of death.



Former British Prime Minister Lady Margaret Thatcher concluded the American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series for 1994-95 with her speech last night. Thatcher, in a rare U.S. visit, spoke to a standing-room only crowd in the Benson Auditorium. Prior to giving her speech, Thatcher dined with 600 invited guests of the university. Scotland Yard and FBI officials patrolled campus prior to and during the visit. Photo by Jason Burt.



Tragedies, though painful, teach valuable lessons

When I began college, I knew that I was coming to school with the purpose of gaining knowledge. In two weeks, I will be walking across the Benson stage to collect the piece of paper that says I have accomplished my purpose and am leaving this institution of higher learning not only four years older, but four years wiser. But does a diploma really mean that I am ready to face the world?

Trying to answer that question in the light of everything that has happened this semester seems impossible. In January, or maybe even as short a time as two weeks ago, I would have confidently replied that I had the world in my back pocket and could hardly wait to face the world on my own. The tone in my voice would have remained calm and steady, even as I admitted to having a few fears about the unknown future. Now I find myself simply being thankful that I still have an unknown future to face.

This semester has been a tough one for many people here on campus. Not a single student or faculty member will end this academic year unchanged. We've all experienced a

lot of pain as we have witnessed life-changing accidents and, most recently, the cruel and untimely death of a fellow student and friend.

As I have been searching for explanations for such tragedies, it has helped me to view them as the final lessons I had to learn on my way out of college. My eyes have once again been opened to the amount of knowledge that is gained outside of books and classrooms, and I have been reminded that life is a constant learning process. Each experience of life is a lesson that must be learned, and some lessons will be much easier to understand than others. As painful as the lessons of the past few months have been to learn, my education would not have been complete without them.

Going through trials makes us more appreciative of life, both of its ups and its downs. In the wake of Carla's death, there is hardly a person on campus that hasn't taken a closer look at his or her own life and thought, "What if it had been me." Thoughts like these, while sobering and sometimes

scary, are the beginnings of a realization of the frailty of life. No matter how many times adults remind us twenty-somethings that we are not invincible, we have a difficult time grasping the concept of death until we are forced to face it. In facing it, we have lost something of our naivety, but we have gained something much more valuable – an understanding of the value of today. Today is our only opportunity to learn and to live, and in doing so, we build a bridge to tomorrow.

It is important that, as we begin to look toward tomorrow and put the events of this semester behind us, we do not also leave behind the lessons we have learned. If those of us who are graduating two weeks from tomorrow forget every class we've taken in the past four years the minute that Dr. Burks hands us our diplomas, our degrees are worthless, and we have learned nothing. So also it is with pain – the only meaning it can have is to be found in the lessons we learn from it.

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Is higher education fulfilling its purpose?

A college degree is still something of value

by Blane Covert
Bison staff writer

Few ideas are more ingrained in the minds of America's youth than the absolute necessity of a college education. Higher education fulfills its purpose by giving graduates opportunities to succeed in today's tough job market. There is the contention, however, that higher education just isn't what it used to be. Do the people claiming that a college degree isn't worth getting honestly think a person is better off without one? I hope not, for they would be sadly mistaken. A college degree is more valuable today than it has ever been, and its value continues to increase every year.

To be fair, approximately 20 percent of college graduates were underemployed during the 1980s. An underemployed person can be defined as a college graduate who works in an occupation that usually doesn't require a four-year college degree. We must take into consideration, though, that a small percentage of these underemployed people choose to be that. Underemployment has been caused primarily by the rapidly increasing enrollment in United States colleges and universities, coupled with a stagnant economic environment, which brings us back to the concept of supply and demand. Educational analysts say that schools can help the situation by focusing on the quality and not the number of degrees awarded; what counts is how hard students work and how much they actually learn.

With this 20 percent rate of underemployment, most would agree that competition in the job market is at an all-time high, which proves my point that a college education has never been more important. Granted, a degree does not guarantee its holder a job, but a person with a degree does have a legitimate chance in today's market. Those without a degree simply do not have that chance. If nothing more, a degree fulfills its purpose by opening doors.

Besides preparing students for the job market, college allows students to gain a new

view of themselves. They see themselves in the light of responsibility. They find themselves crawling out of bed instead of slapping the snooze and waiting for Mom's shrill beckon. They find themselves studying for that test instead of "hanging out with the guys." They find themselves feeling proud of that "A" paper because they know the work that went into it.

College students also view themselves more clearly as they are challenged with new ideas. Students often come to college with a program of beliefs built by well-meaning parents. At some point, a mature student must find his own system of beliefs by exposing himself to a variety of ideas.

These new ideas and responsibilities are, at times, frightening. But, because other students are experiencing the same transitions, the same growth and the same fears, change is made easier through friendships with these other students. When bombarded with new experiences, students can lean on each other and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

But intrinsic values are not the only beneficial factors of a liberal arts education. College graduates earn nearly 60 percent more per year than their high school counterparts do.

A college education gives you more leverage in today's competitive job market, it allows you to grow and develop as a mature individual, and it carries with it a 60-percent salary premium. Statistics show that a college degree does not necessarily guarantee success, but the evidence proves that a college education is the first step in the right direction.

Educators have forgotten what is valuable

by Judie O'Farrell
Bison staff writer

Don't panic, but the word is out – the American higher education system has failed our generation. Law school graduates are working as waiters; the markets are flooded. College promises to create productive people, and in that it has failed . . . so people say.

I agree that the American educational system is failing, but not because of jobs or money. It is failing because it has lost sight of what makes people productive.

Too much classroom curriculum focuses on the mighty pocket-book.

Too little educational energy pushes the student toward the true components of a productive person: driving optimism, boundless imagination and a crystalline vision of the eternal.

The picture presented to students is grim. In fact, a study comparing 1972 students to those in 1992 shines a bright light through the dense fog of pessimism that pervades our generation. The study found that students

in 1992 were far less likely to agree with the statement, "we will have a better society in which to live in the year 2000" (Conference of the Midwestern Educational Research Association, 1992).

The future is blackened by educators who want to graduate realists; instead, they are graduating products of their predictions. They tell students that corruption pervades politics, then expect

them to be politically active. They tell students that the green-house effect will soon turn us all into strips of bacon on a huge skillet, then expect them to take care of their bodies. They tell students that they evolved from slugs, then expect them to have a high self-esteem.

It is little wonder that graduates have no faith in their ability to change the world.

To change the world students must also renew faith in imagination. This pure, child-like quality gets lost in the purely adult shuffle for the dollar. I. M. Cross, in his essay "You're Still Failing," quoted a survey in which "84 percent of the students on a state university campus listed music as their first love; only two percent chose music as a career." Cross, a teacher reprimanding his students for their materialism, lamented the trade-off today's students are encouraged to make.

Many educators ask them to trade their uncertain dreams of painting or writing or singing for the stable nightmare (in their minds) of business or accounting. The perceived reality presented by educators mandates safety in the form of money. But money does not create productive people.

God does. And many educators in the world have taken God away, too. After stealing the student's innocent optimism and child-like imagination, today's educators banish them to painful "presentness." My friends at state schools tell me that the Bible is spoken of there as a great piece of literature – nothing more. Jesus was a good man, but he did not save the world. Heaven is only our subconscious way to cope with finality. And God? God is simply a myth created in the minds of a desperate society.

And desperate we are – desperate for productive people in a world that has forgotten the One who produces them.

"No man ever reached to excellence in any one art or profession without having passed through the slow and painful process of study and preparation."

Horace



LETTERS to the editor

To the Editor:

This semester has been difficult. It has seemed to be one long string of tragedies. Spring break involved two of our number in terrible accidents. I can't remember how many prayer requests I've heard for Drew, and I don't think any of us who heard it will ever forget the letter that John wrote to us which was read in chapel.

Now one of our number has been killed. The powers of this dark world reached in among us and took her. It is difficult to believe that it's real. How could this have happened? She was so young.

It raises some questions: Why did God let this happen? Why didn't He protect? Why didn't he protect her parents from the horror of out-living their child? What about those of us who were her friends? How could he allow this dark thing to happen? Why must we taste this pain?

Why?

I keep thinking of how this semester began. We started it with a week of chapel services about faith. I keep thinking about that, and all the prayers we said.

I remember the story of the little boy who fell into the pool. So many of us cried and all of us shared the pain of that poor little boy and his wonderful parents as they told us the story of the growth of their faith. That was why they told us that, wasn't it? To tell us about how much their faith had grown through the horror of that terrible pain.

That week, we prayed for deeper faith. Every prayer said in chapel that week included the request for more powerful faith. Perhaps God heard our prayers. Maybe faith and pain are related, and we must go through pain to find our faith.

I don't mean to suggest that God is attacking us. I don't believe that God pushed Drew, or crushed John's car or murdered Carla. But he has

allowed these terrible things to happen. It forces us to think about his nature.

I don't know. Maybe God knew that this would be a difficult semester, so he prepared us by guiding the campus leaders to have a week of chapel on prayer. Maybe he heard our prayer for deeper faith and knew that we needed pain to get there, and so he let these terrible things happen. Perhaps there is no relationship at all, and God allows events to control themselves. I do not know the mind of God.

But I do know my own faith is challenged by these things. I can't help but wonder why it is that God should protect one man who fell through the ceiling of the Benson to what should have been his death, but not save the life of a girl who did nothing to earn her cruel murder. Why does he use his power to protect sometimes, and not others? I can't help but wonder.

Still, God is our God. He is our guide through this dark, evil world. We can't forget that this is a world at war, not at all the peaceful Eden that God first created. Our adversary, Satan, would have us blame God for the evil he himself does.

God is a great and mighty teacher, and he would have us learn about him. His lessons can be hard. His goal in our lives is not just to make us happy, but to help us to love Him and to love each other. That's the lesson we should have learned from that week of chapel—that God cares, even when it seems he does not. That when it seems he is the farthest away, he is actually the closest, and that he loves us too much to protect us from all pain.

God cares for us now. He is reaching out to those of us who are suffering. God is not far from the broken-hearted. He is a refuge for crushed people.

Oh, God, increase our faith. Oh, God, please be gentle if you can. Oh, God, increase our faith.

Ethan Brown

Editor of the Bison:

Thanks to Tracy Evans for many thoughtful editorials during the past year, especially for the editorials which have called on students to examine the differences between biblical faith and "pop" Christianity. She has warned readers that those movements, which seem to offer much while expecting little, often turn out to be "fads" rather than the call of Jesus to take up the cross and follow him.

Dr. Duane McCampbell



LIVING our Faith

The only place to go

by Shannon Smith
Bison columnist

I can almost see the pained, earnest face of Jesus as he surveys his followers, gulps and says, "Are you going to leave me, too?" He had just delivered a frightening, explicit challenge to the masses, declaring that they must eat of his flesh and drink of his blood to truly abide in him, and the dust from the feet of numerous disillusioned disciples still rose up fresh from the road.

As Jesus' question hung heavy in the air, one solitary voice answered: "To whom shall we go, Lord? You have the words of eternal life."

Today, as I pen my last article and prepare to close the chapter on my college years, that simple statement uttered by Peter nearly two thousand years ago stands boldly as an anchor in a sea of uncertainty.

For, unlike I had hoped, I haven't "figured everything out" here in college. I have learned from many wise teachers, grown from passionate, dedicated friends, and gained insights from a variety of dynamic speakers. And yet, all of my collected shining platitudes and profound thoughts melt into hollow, unsteady mush when the dark side of life rears its ugly face. Once again, I realize that I am still plain old vulnerable human me, and that this world isn't so explainable after all.

It's at these times, when men's questions scream louder than preachers' answers, that I'm forced to remember Peter's simple statement – no, question – of faith. For, when life hits hard, and I'm hurting and doubting and not too confident in my own grasp of heaven, hell, earth, suffering, or anything, I, too, hear my beaten, faltering soul say, "But where else can I go, Lord? Only You have the words of eternal life."

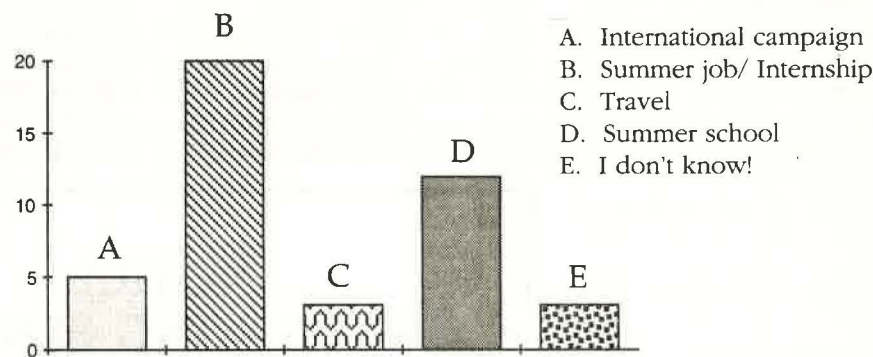
In two weeks, I will be graduating. And, although I've learned several facts and figures that are sure to make me a more adept Trivial Pursuit player, I really don't know a whole lot. I can't explain why I've enjoyed such a rich college education when there are people all over the world who live in poverty and hopelessness. I can't give you adequate explanations for the rising abuse, violence and mental illness in our country. And I can not explain the justice of a young life so cruelly snuffed out for no reason.

But I do know one thing: The God who told Moses, "Just tell them I AM," still rules the universe today. He still commands the sun to rise, notices when the sparrow falls, and longs for every child of man to be with Him in heaven. And because I believe in this eternal I AM, because I almost reluctantly admit that He is the only place my heart will ever find rest, I will not run away when confronted with this world's haunting questions: He is all I need to know.



SURVEYING our Readers

Fifty-one students were recently asked: What are your plans for the summer?



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Post-graduation life resembles an earthquake

by Carolyn Holmes
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I feel the earth... move... under my feet.

Relax! This isn't another warning about the New Madras Fault or the earthquake Arkansas may have some day. The shaking I'll be talking about has nothing to do with seismic activity. It has everything to do with the "Big G" (and I don't mean Ganus)! Those of you preparing to pick up your caps and gowns know of what I speak. Are your knees knocking a little these days when you think about the "real world"? It's just the tremors of change, shifting the ground you're standing on.

In the months to come, your footing may seem less certain. Familiar paths may be less stable as your piece of ground is rattled. Your thinking will be shaken up, too. In short, you're headed for an amazing adventure, a remarkable rendezvous with the unknown.

Perhaps I should explain my reasons for the earthquake motif. Since I recently began working with the Red Cross, I've been hearing a lot about earthquakes. Portland's supposed to have a biggie sometime in the next 500 years, so everybody's getting ready. I even had to take a four-hour preparedness course yesterday!

Unlike an earthquake, entering the real world doesn't have to be tragic or devastating. But life after graduation will rock the world as you know it. So, to offer a tip from earthquake prep. training: have your survival gear ready! Here's a check-list of suggested supplies from someone who's been there.

1. **Survival Plan** - Although one can never be sure of what to expect in life's earthquakes, the prepared individual has a rough plan. As you put together your survival strategy for the days to come, consult the supreme planning guide and its author. From there, make a list of personal goals and rules for your life. That way, when a path you're walking seems questionable, you can check it against your list and see if it is really helping you reach your ultimate destination. Independen-

dence is a lovely thing, but it's accompanied by big questions of ethics, morals and beliefs. If you already know where you stand, you'll be less likely to fall when the earth shakes.

2. **Sturdy Shoes** - Unless you are one of the lucky few who already have a job lined up, you will need them for pounding the pavement. It can take months to find a job in your field. It has for most people I know. But don't give up! Just when I thought I was at the doorstep of Denny's, God provided me with a terrific entry level job in my field. And working hard for it has made me appreciate it all the more!

3. **Tissue** - Keep them accessible for the days when everything is too unfamiliar, too lonely or too uncertain. If you think you're too macho for tears, pack a first-aid kit instead. It will come in handy after ramming your fist into the wall. OK, I may be exaggerating. But my point: frustrating days are part of the transition into the "real world." Realize that we all have them, that it's OK to have them, and that you aren't alone... which leads to the next supply.

4. **Important Addresses/Phone Numbers** - Keep in touch with your old friends. Mail and phone calls from my college buddies, who are experiencing the same things I am, are vital reminders to me that I'm not the only one feeling this earthquake. We share the successes in our new lives and help each other cope with the bad days through our prayers and common memories.

5. **Water Filter** - Don't swallow everything you hear. Because of our Bible training, we may be able to tune out a lot of strange doctrines. But the more subtle lifestyle choices can be more difficult. When so many people drink a lot, can it be that bad? And everyone out here sleeps with the people they date, so is it really that important to

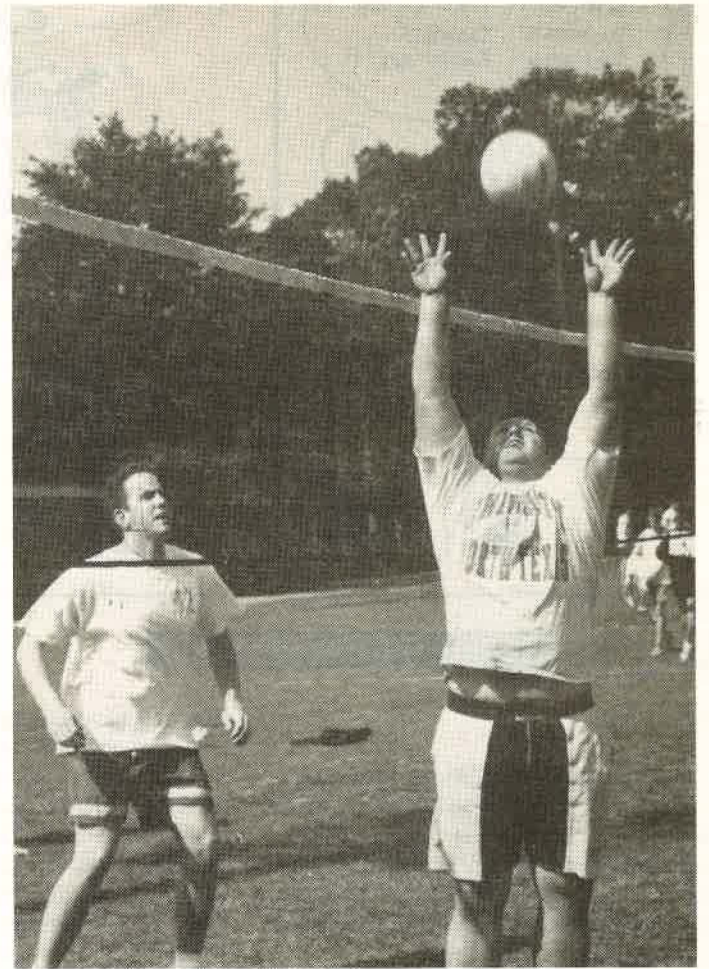
wait? No matter how strong we are, we can easily be affected by the views of those around us. The pollution doesn't necessarily pile up all at once. Over time, even things that were once crystal clear to us can become cloudy. We have to be aware of the impurities and continue to filter them out.

6. **Daily Bread** - The earthquake manual says to pack a 72-hour food supply. In the spiritual sense, however, we can't plan that far in advance. Many times, I've found myself struggling to make this new life perfectly settled and orderly *right now*. But God wants us to enjoy and experience the new challenges of each day, whether or not things are going according to *our* plans. He wants us to see that, through each moment of these tremors, he's right there to feed and comfort us.

7. **Flashlight** - "The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple." (Psalm 119:130). I like the word *unfolding* there. In this adventure we call life, something new is unfolding every day. And with each new challenge I face, I feel like God's ancient words, too, are unfolding before me in a whole new way. In an earthquake, there will be unexpected pits and trenches. But with a flashlight, even the "simple" man can see where he's going, and he'll make it through.

I've still got a lot to discover about the real world. I'm still just a freshman out here, re-learning the ropes. But quite honestly, I love it. And each time the ground shudders, I feel my legs getting a little stronger.

Hey, this is *life*. The ground will always be moving. So, be prepared, and enjoy the ride. If all else fails, you've got earthquake insurance: "God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: The Lord knows those who are His." (II Tim. 2:19).



Playing for a friend. Titans, with the help of two corporate sponsors, organized a three-person volleyball tournament to raise money for Drew Roubana. Last weekend's effort earned more than \$1300 to defray Roubana's medical expenses. Roubana, who was injured in an accident while on a spring break campaign, was not covered by medical insurance. PR photo.

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Harding rounds up the most cows for Croatia

by Allison Rector
Bison staff writer

The Harding University "Cows for Croatia" herd now stands at six cows and one and a half calves, and incidentally, this is a few heads more than any of the other schools rounded up, at \$800 per cow and \$400 per calf.

Harding has been named winner of the "Cows for Croatia" contest, which challenged each Christian school to raise more money than the others. Harding came in first, raising \$5,433. Abilene finished second in the contest with \$2,000 and Michigan Christian raised \$500.

The prizes for winning the contest include a plaque for most money raised, plaques with pictures of the cows and their names, and one round-trip ticket to Croatia to help deliver the cows.

"We need some help from the student body," S.A. President Nathan Mellor said. "It's great that we've bought all of these cows, but right now, they are all nameless. We need your input. Please send your suggestions to campus box 1365, or tell me personally."

A "Cows for Croatia" spokesperson said that, due to severe bombing in Croatia right now, the trip has been postponed. However, he said that, as soon as his organization feels it is safe to go, the cows will be delivered to the families there.



Opening a book properly. Dr. Joe Pryor demonstrates how to open a yearbook without breaking the binding. The 1995 *Petit Jean* was dedicated in chapel yesterday. Photo by Jason Burt.

1995 *Petit Jean* is 'A Change of Pace'

by Cheri McManus
Bison staff writer

After careful reflection, Scott Baine, *Petit Jean* editor, summed up the 1994-1995 school year in four words - "A Change of Pace." This year's theme was chosen to represent the numerous changes in Harding and her students.

The pace for many students was altered by new pledge systems, two new international study programs and completion of the McInTeer Center.

In addition to the selection of a theme, the *Petit Jean* dedication requires careful thought and consideration. Each year, students and faculty members look forward to the dedication ceremony. The 1995 senior class chose English professor, Dr. Larry Long, as the recipient of the *Petit Jean* dedication.

Long came to Harding in 1976. Since then, he has influenced countless students as their friend, mentor and hero. Long is a sponsor of Alpha Chi and a deacon at the College Church, where he teaches classes for engaged and married students. Baine chose the theme, "Setting the Pace," to describe Long's positive influence on students.

Baine brought four years' experience and lots of hard work and dedication to his position as editor of the *Petit Jean*. He has been on the staff for four years and has served the last two years as editor. According to Kay Gowen,

adviser, Baine's talents bring depth to the yearbook. "Scott has brought to the job a great amount of ability," Gowen said. "As a graphic design major, he was able to incorporate good design principles into the layout and make the book look better overall."

In order to symbolize the changes in students' lives, Baine incorporated leaves into the graphic design of the yearbook pages. He also placed photographs of the Ray Muncy clock in the beginning and at the end of the yearbook. On the opening page, the photograph is taken at night. On the ending page, the photograph is a daytime shot. The clock, a reminder of the brevity of life, is the senior class project which remembers the sudden death of Dr. Raymond Muncy last year.

Today, students may pick up yearbooks from 3 to 5:30 in the McInTeer atrium. Students who were enrolled for 12 or more hours have paid for the book through general fees and must just present their IDs. Those enrolled for fewer than 12 hours either or both semesters will have to pay partial (\$12) or full (\$25) payment after presenting their IDs.

Events at a Glance

- Robert Powell's senior art show, "i wish," will be on display in the Stevens Art Gallery May 1-5.

- The Counseling Center is sponsoring a women's seminar entitled "Especially for Women: Challenges, Struggles and Victories," tomorrow in the Administration Auditorium. Doris Black from Round Rock, Texas, will speak. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

- "The Dining Room," a student-produced play written by A.R. Gurney, will be performed tonight and tomorrow night at 7 in the Little Theatre. Admission is \$2.

- "The Swan Princess" will be showing in the Administration Auditorium tonight at 7 and 9:30. Admission is \$2.

- "Pagemaster" will be showing tomorrow night at 7 and 9:30 in the Administration Auditorium. Admission is \$2.

- Next weekend, the SAC will be showing "Jungle Book" on Friday night and "I.Q." on Saturday night. Both movies will be shown in the Benson at 7 and 9:30.

- "Crazy for You," the Tony-winning musical, will be showing in Little Rock on May 9 and 10. Call 661-1500 for tickets.

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New officers waiting in the wings

by Heather Allison
Bison staff writer

New officers have been elected for the 1995-96 Student Association.

Ryan Sorrell ran his campaign and successfully landed the presidency while spending the semester at HUF. He hoped people would not find his bid for the position a joke, and the ballot totals indicated that students took him seriously.

Sorrell's main goal for next year will be to have more people involved around campus. He said he does not want the same people doing everything all the time. "I would like to provide more opportunities for people to come out of their shells," he said. Sorrell was very thankful to all his friends on campus who believed in him and worked to help accomplish his goals. He especially wanted to thank Jason Sheehy for running his campaign in his absence.

Laura Bartlett will be vice president for next year. Her first reaction to winning was excitement and nervousness. She said she was excited because of her new responsibility and nervous all at the same time. Bartlett knows that the S.A. may not be able to accomplish all of the goals they set for themselves next year, but she believes they must give it their best.

Brad Wallace was elected secretary, and his reaction was much like Bartlett's; he said he is excited about the possibilities. He also said he is excited about working with the S.A. team. Wallace said he hopes to work with the other offices - treasurer and

the representatives - to become more involved. He would like them to be more visible, and to start some projects among themselves. Wallace said that he would like to see all of the S.A. officers involved in suggesting ideas for projects.

April Fears will be the 95-96 S.A. treasurer. Fears said that she was very surprised at the outcome of the election because she was not sure she had a chance to win. Fears was a write-in candidate and didn't know how many people were running against her. She feels a personal challenge as treasurer will be to do her very best at whatever will be asked of her. She said she is looking forward to a great year.

The rest of the election winners were Becki Folkerts as senior women's representative, Wes Vernon as senior men's representative, Cara Wilson as junior women's representative, Anna Lisa Gearhart as sophomore women's representative and Jason Fulmer as sophomore men's representative.

There was a run-off for junior men's representative, which ended in a tie between Jeff Baker and Jim Miller. Each of these men will have the opportunity to serve for one semester. Baker will serve during first semester, and Miller will serve second semester. This split in the responsibilities of junior representative is a first for Harding's S.A.

"I am impressed with the quality of people that have been selected to serve on the S.A.," President Nathan Mellor said. "Each S.A. has a different personality that helps highlight the talents of the students, and I have full confidence in the incoming S.A.'s ability to serve."



"The beauty of her voice is exceeded only by the depths of her Christian character." Dr. Arthur Shearin presents Christine Tucker with the academic award for the music department. Nineteen students received academic awards in chapel on Wednesday. Photo by Jason Burt.

1994-95 Academic Awards

- Scott Baine, Art
- Catherine Weber, Behavioral Sciences
- Richard Colby Hill, Bible
- Keith Grams, Biology
- Michael Brooks, Business
- Forrest Doddington, Communication
- Matthew K. Smith, Computer Science
- Todd Denoyer, Elementary Education
- Paul Mann, Secondary Education
- Tressa Cole, Special Education
- Rebecca Helm, Graduate School
- Carrie Brown, English and Mathematics
- Carolyn Escue, Family and Consumer Sciences
- Daryl Rodgers, Foreign Languages
- Jason E. Jewell, History
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- Jessica Beltzer, Nursing
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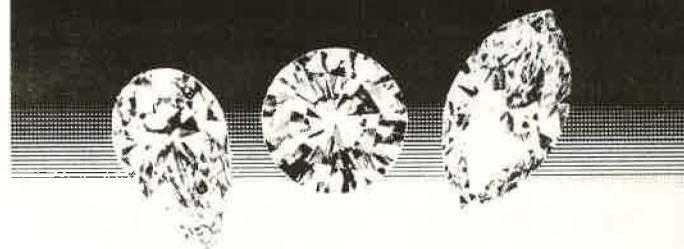


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Bisons win double-header to wind up season

by Allison VandeGevel
Bison staff writer

The Bison baseball squad ended their season on a good note, claiming a 6-2, 11-2 double-header victory over the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) on Monday.

"The guys came out with a good attitude and kept it through both games. That was the best performance the team's had all year as far as I'm concerned," graduate assistant Shane Fullerton said.

Sophomore pitcher Tim Lacefield picked up the victory in the opening game. Lacefield struck out 13 Bollweevils and walked none. "Tim had what I believe was his best game of the season," Fullerton said.

Backing up Lacefield's winning pitching was a strong offense. Three men batted over the .500 mark. Lead-off batter Daryl Johnson hit .600, claiming two singles and a double. Freshmen Jeremy Pharr and Ryan Tharp added a pair of singles each.

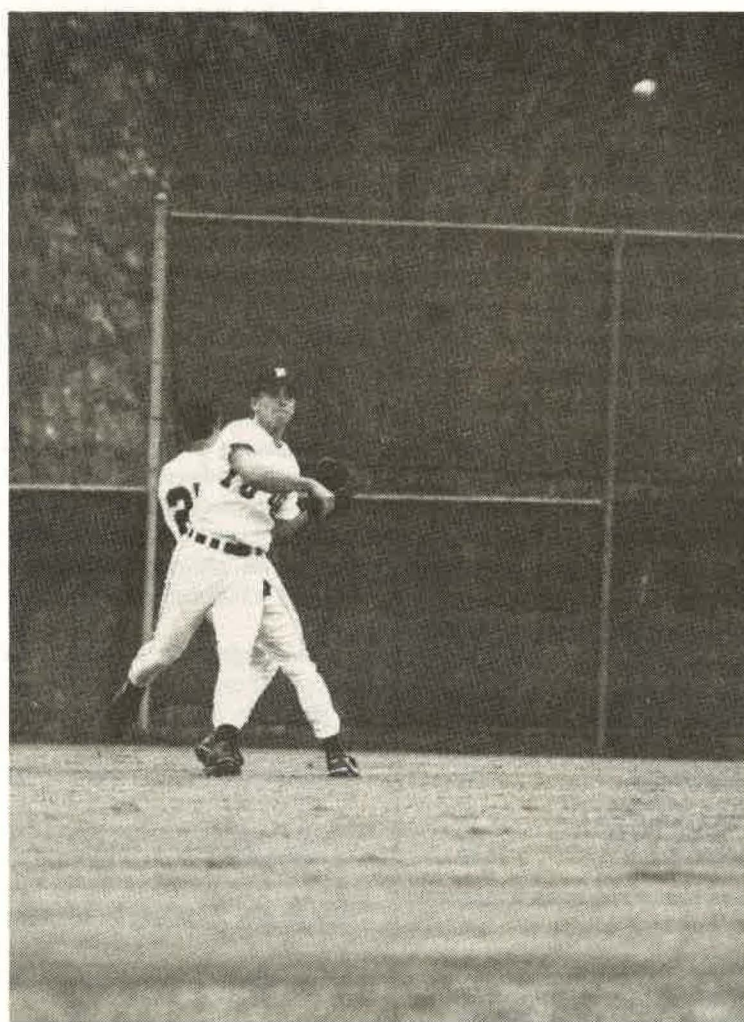
Senior Kevin Burton was the winning pitcher during the Bisons' second game with UAM. He claimed four strike-outs and only one walk.

Both teams started off slow, with no scoring done until the third inning. But it was Bison bats that were cracking in the fourth inning. Senior outfielder Wade Wilson sent one over the fence to put Harding up 4-0. UAM's Grayson tried to retaliate in the same inning by hitting the second home run of the day, but it was no use for the Weevils. Burton's pitching and the Bison defense kept UAM's scoring down to a bare minimum, while the Bison sluggers took control.

The season came to a close on Wednesday. UAM's victory over Lyon College gave the Bisons a fifth-place ranking in the AIC conference, with a 15-13 record.

With the whole team hitting over a .300 average, Fullerton believed hitting was the key to this season's finish. Two players, Daryl Johnson and Kevin Burton, were hitting in the .400 range.

At the beginning of the season, Coach Jess Bucy had expressed concern over the team's youth and inexperience. "We never expected to even be in the position we were in [by being barely edged out of conference play by UAM]," Fullerton said.



Throwing to reach the cut-off man. Outfielder Daryl Johnson fields a hit. Johnson, who batted in the .400 range for the season, was an integral part of the Bison baseball team. The Bisons completed their final AIC season with a pair of wins over the University of Arkansas-Monticello on Monday. Photo by Jason Burt.

Sports at a Glance

NBA Individual Season Leaders

Scoring-	ave.
O'Neal,	29.3
Orlando	
Rebounding-	
Rodman,	16.8
San Antonio	
Assists-	
Stockton, Utah	12.3

1994 Pre-Strike Team Leaders

National League	AVE
Montreal	.649
Atlanta	.596
Cincinnati	.579
American League	
New York	.619
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Cleveland	.584

Trivia & Survey

Keith Wilkes in 1975 was the last player to win Rookie of the Year and a NBA Championship for Golden State.

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This is a chance for you, the Harding student, to battle wits with a faculty member and be eligible for a great prize at the same time. The rules are simple: look at the faculty favorite denoted by the team in bold and then pick your favorite by filling in the appropriate box. The person with the highest score above that of the faculty member wins. In case of a tie, you are entered into a drawing. Cut out the entire entry sheet and drop it in the **Bison Sports Challenge** box at the Campus Mail window before *Friday midnight*. HAVE FUN!

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All-Sports Trophy up for grabs

by Jill Shirey
Bison staff writer

A tennis ball is a golf ball is a baseball. So it is when the AIC tallies the points to determine which college will be the recipient of the All-Sports Trophy, given to the school who excels in sports participation.

Harding is a serious contender with their successes in all of their sports. However, as always, it has come down to the very end of the year, and there is no clear winner. All four of Harding's spring sports are at or near the top of the conference, but nothing is certain.

This year's tennis teams claim the two best records in Harding history. Both teams, as of yet, are ranked second in the conference. The men are 12th in the nation with a 21-4 season record. They are waiting on an at-large bid for the national tournament in hopes of continuing their winning season.

The women were all alone at first place in the conference for a while. But a player on the team had dropped below 12 credit hours in school, which forced the team to forfeit those matches in which she had played, and the women lapsed into second place. They are still ranked 14th in the nation, holding a 20-3 season record. The women, like the men, are hoping for an at-large bid to the national tournament. "These are the all-time best two tennis teams we've had," Coach Elliott said.

Harding's baseball team seems to be holding on to a middle position in the conference. They swept a double header against the University of Ar-

kansas at Monticello (UAM) last week. UAM still has three more games to play, and these games are critical, not only to their own standing in the conference, but to Harding's standing, as well. The team is hoping for a fourth place finish, although a fifth place one is possible. Harding has games against Ouachita Baptist and Lyon College left to play.

The golf team is presently in second place. However, as they are finishing the AIC tournament, they have a chance to tie for the championship. Either way, the golf team, especially

Brad Williams, will contribute much to the All-Sports contest. Williams has a chance to be the top golfer in the conference. If Williams wins, he will go to the national NAIA golf tournament.

The track teams' final standings are the most difficult to predict. Both the men and women have been competing and placing well in their meets thus far. But their standings in the previous track meets will have no consequence in the conference outcome. All placings will be determined by the conference track meet.



Setting up for the backhand. Arturo Rodriguez, the Bisons' number one player, concentrates as he prepares to return a shot. Photo by Jason Burt.

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