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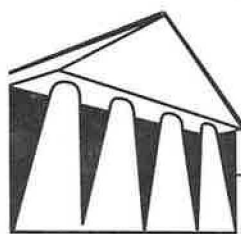
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## Quick look at NEWS

Three convicts that escaped from Greene County Jail in Paragould may have cut the wire with fingernail clippers. In order to test his theory, administrator Bob Ward clipped the jail's security fence in less than eight minutes.

Ross Perot and his followers plan to form a new political party, the "Independence Party," Perot told CNN's Larry King Monday.

Inflation will be just 2.7 percent this year, making this the fourth year in a row that it has stayed below 3 percent.

More women are dissatisfied with their appearance today than ten years ago, according to a new survey. Forty-six percent of women surveyed said they were unhappy with their weight.

An advisory committee to Clinton has recommended that the government apologize and compensate three individuals who, they say, were injected with plutonium as part of government-supported human radiation experiments conducted during the Cold War.

Sixteen-year-old Eric Borel of France shot three family members, opened fire on a town square to kill nine more people, then turned his weapon on himself Sunday, in France's worst massacre since 1989.

USA Today and Arkansas Democrat Gazette

## Students focus on deaf community

by Allyson Ballinger  
Bison staff writer

This year, the communications department has added to its curriculum American Sign Language (ASL), the language for the deaf that is becoming widely used.

The class filled quickly with students from a variety of majors, according to Debbie Woodroof, professor. There is no prerequisite for the class, and due to the interest expressed, there will be more sections next semester, Woodruff said.

Senior Darla Knox, who is enrolled in the course, said that, in addition to teaching ASL, the class explores the culture of the deaf community. Knox said this knowledge should aid in the developing field of deaf evangelism.

These are the goals of the DAC club, as expressed by its founder, Sam Roach: "To teach and train hearing people to preach the gospel and work among deaf people in any way they desire to serve."

Tony Slate, DAC club president for 95-96 felt this need on his campaign to Scotland where he met a deaf couple with whom he couldn't communicate. When he returned to school, he became involved in the DAC club.

After only a year, Slate is teaching a class on the intermediate level and interpreting in chapel. Graduates of Harding, who are former members of the club, have made a tremendous impact on the mission field, according to Slate.

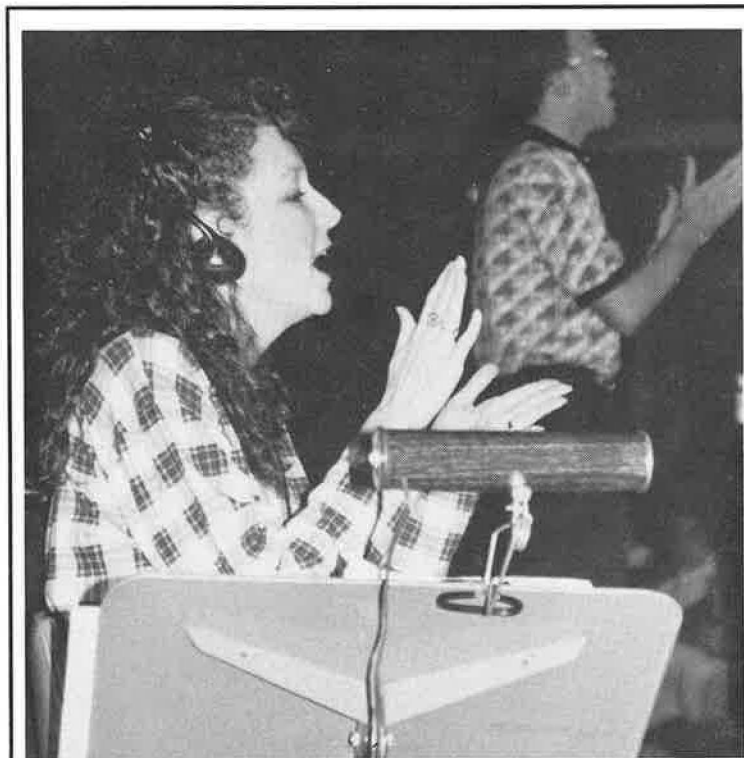
Freshman Jamie McCracken, treasurer of the DAC club, has been deaf since birth. "The DAC club has helped me meet so many new friends, making the new experience of college easier," she said. Jamie has used sign language since the age of two, and, like any other child, she has increased her vocabulary over the years. Her knowledge of the language has aided many of the other club members.

Like spoken language, sign language ranges in forms. The DAC club uses signed English in teaching the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels every Monday night before and after their club meeting. Jamie and her interpreters in class and chapel use signed English as well; however, ASL, as taught by Woodruff, is becoming the more widely used language because it is more concise and does not require the signer to express every word.

The DAC club will work with the Sylvan Hills Church of Christ in Little Rock one Sunday a month. They have also planned a deafness workshop for next fall, which will combine deaf awareness and interpreting missions evangelism.

The World Missions Workshop in October at Abilene Christian University is another goal, as they hope to prepare for campaign work in the spring, according to president-elect, Cheryl Hissong.

Hissong said a change in the club's officer election system makes the vice president, or president-elect, the



*Praise ye the Lord. Laura Shero uses signed English to share chapel messages with the hearing impaired. Photo by Christie Mangrum.*

president for the next year, allowing the club to develop long-term goals instead of starting over every year. Many other changes will manifest themselves in a new club constitution.

Hissong said the club eventually plans to sit together in chapel so that they may learn more by watching the interpreters.

This year's members also hope to

write a history of the 46-year-old club, according to Hissong.

Harding's dactylology club has been around since 1949 and was the first DAC club on a Christian campus. Following Harding's lead, many of the other Christian schools around the country started DAC clubs after realizing their importance in the mission field.

## Meet your newly-elected SA representatives

by Eric Rodgers  
Bison staff writer

The campaign commotion has died down now and a new group of seasoned veterans and nervous newcomers will fill the seats of the Student Association.

Heading up the seniors this year is class president Ryan Shephard, a nursing major and TNT member from Gaines, Mich.

With less than a week under his belt, the presidency still doesn't seem real to Shephard.

"It's nice," Shephard said. "All I can say is I'm excited. I hope I can make a difference and have some memories. I don't want to be a passive president."

Joining Shephard is a new vice president, Heather Troutwine, who comes from Springfield, Ohio, and is a

general studies major and member in Delta Gamma Rho.

Kellye Gooch, a human resources major and Ko Jo Kai member from Germantown, Tenn., will serve as secretary/treasurer.

The new guard for the juniors will have president Lisa Thomas at its helm.

Thomas is a sports management major and Zeta Rho member from Abingdon, Md.

An international business major and Theta Beta Kappa member, Yvette Ellis of Philadelphia, Pa., is the newly-elected vice president. The junior class secretary/treasurer will be Marc Wolfe, a French major and member of the King's Men from Urbana, Ill.

Sophomore Joel Boone, a Theta Tau Delta member from Nashville, Tenn., will preside over his classmates in the coming year.

Assisting Boone is vice president Marc Cross, a public administration major and Delta Chi Delta member from Borger, Texas.

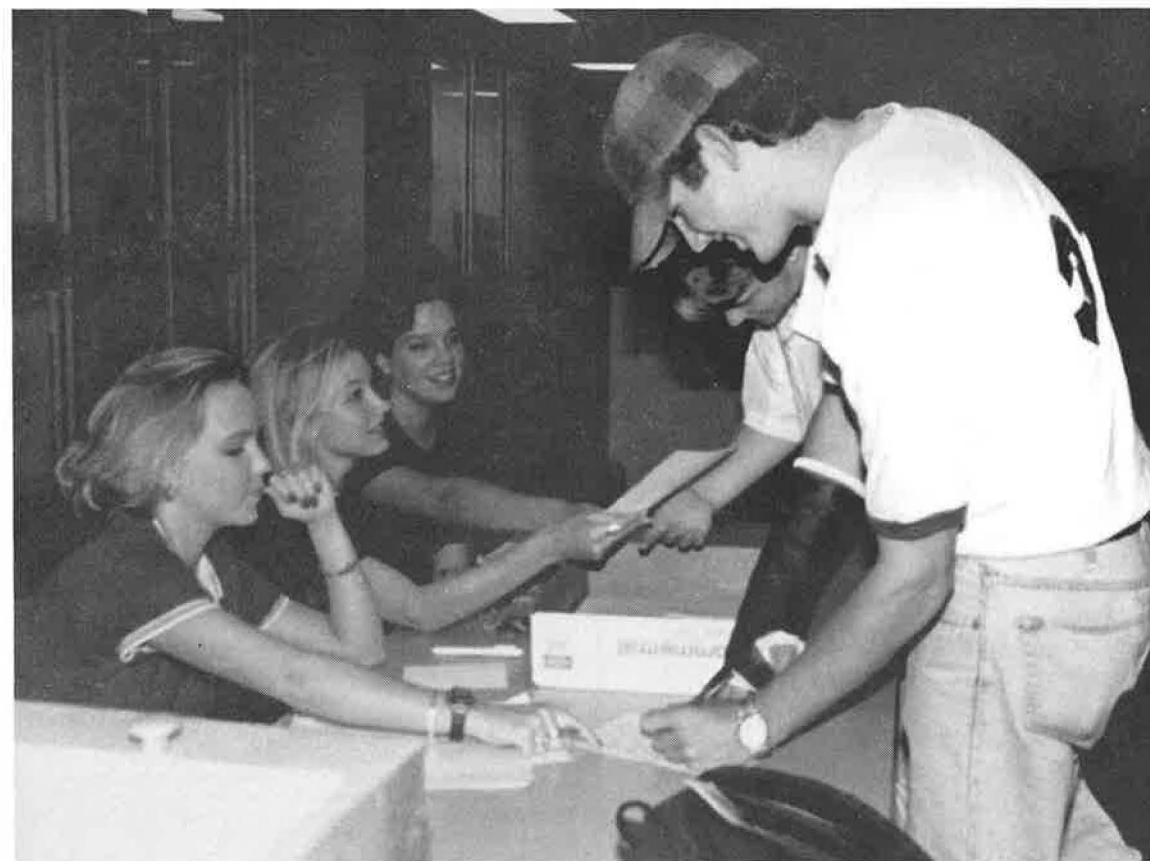
Dana Stokes, a member of Chi Omega Pi from Beech Grove, Ark., majoring in elementary education, will serve as secretary/treasurer, and looks to make hers an active class.

"I've heard that the elections are in name only," Stokes said. "I don't want it to be that way. I want to meet with everybody and get us involved in some service projects and have us do something."

For this year's freshmen, the election was a nail-biter that carried into Friday with runoffs for president and vice president.

Chad Gardner and Ray Patton won in the presidential and vice presidential races, respectively. Gardner is a computer science major from Glenwood, Ark. Patton hails from the Memphis, Tenn., suburb of Germantown.

The new secretary/treasurer will be Ashley Anne Scholl, a major in communication disorders from Tulsa, Okla. Freshmen will also have new representatives in the SA, Susie Smith, a nursing major from Little Rock, Ark., and Jeff Veal, a political science major from Broken Arrow, Okla.



*It takes just one vote. Many students exercised their voting rights during SA elections last week. Photo by Christie Mangrum.*

# just one **OPINION** The enemies of friendships



Relationships are not easy to maintain. This fact pierces me when I think back to second grade, the year my family moved. I promised all of my friends that I would write to them, and I remember passing a sheet of paper around the room to collect addresses. I wince even now at my failed efforts – how many seven-year-olds know their street address?

I wince more deeply when I think of the dozens of friends in my past who I thought would be friends for a lifetime, people I dreamed with as I made plans for “growing up,” people who would live next door to Michael J. Fox and me when I made it big in Hollywood.

And now the friendships are about as real as the dreams.

And something inside me still aches when I think about the process of growing apart.

That’s why I don’t like this part of the semester – when, because of time constraints and club siblinghood, we slam that process in fast-motion.

I know stress is partly to blame. Too many activities and classes and people demand us and turn that intangible commodity, *time*, into something more precious than friendship. To the time-conscious, I ask you to look at how Jesus spent his truly precious time.

He spent it with people. He spent it at a well chatting with a hurting woman, or at Mary’s house eating dinner with some old friends, or on a hill talking about his father. It doesn’t seem to me that Jesus had much turnover in his friendship business – because that’s where he devoted his energy.

I realize it’s impractical to assume that we can throw our books aside at every opportunity for interaction. But it’s not impractical to assume that *friends* should top our priority list.

And it’s not impractical to assume that friendships should outlast clubs. This scenario is far too common: Two girls meet the first day of classes, and they become best friends. They would like to join the same club, but one girl feels comfortable in *this* club, and the other in *that* club.

They decide it doesn’t matter; they will join two separate clubs and still be best friends.

Logic says they’re absolutely right – it doesn’t matter. Jonathon sought David’s friendship even when his father was seeking David’s head; surely the girls are right; two good friends can remain good friends despite club rivalry.

But, tradition tells me they are wrong. In my three nerve-wracking years of watching Harding’s highway, I’ve been forced to hide my eyes and cover my ears as too many friendships crash and burn

right after clubs cast their bids.

This is not a slam on clubs. This is a warning for friends.

And this is a reminder that good things never come easy. Somewhere we got the idea that relationships are a kind of chemical mystery. I’ve found that the main chemistry involved is the sodium in your sweat.

I think about the regret I feel for not having kept up with all of the people in my past.

And then I think of my friend Jana who I met in the sixth grade, right before her family moved away. I remember the sense of loss I felt when she said, “I’ll write to you.” Already the cynic, I knew it wouldn’t happen.

This December, I am to be maid of honor in Jana’s wedding. Jana was determined.

It’s this determination that is found in all lasting friendships. Don’t allow time to crowd out your friendships, and don’t allow new friends to replace the old.

Do what two best friends did in 1 Samuel 18:3, “Jonathon made a covenant with David, because he loved him as himself.” jlo

## facing **ISSUES** Build more prisons versus merciful release

by Heather Allison  
Bison guest writer

Many states are dealing with jail overcrowding. Researchers have discovered that 1.5 million people are in prison, nearly double the jail population a decade ago. These statistics are pushing state governments to come up with alternative plans of punishment. Among these plans is early release – a concept that will not work.

The average prison term is 20 months; in the effort to cut down on overcrowding, prisons have considered cutting that by two months. This move will drop the prison population by 10 percent.

Maybe two months out of 20 will not make a difference, but in a sentence of 18 months, the prisoner who is released early will not be paying for his crime. The problem is not in how much time spent in jail, but in the message sent to the offender who knows that, if he commits a crime he will not have to complete the sentence.

Money is always a problem, and it’s another reason for the prison overcrowding situation. States do not have the money to build more prisons. Because money may not solve the overcrowding problem, some governors have tried to come up with their own solutions.

Governor George Pataki of New York is trying to pass a bill that will change the stiff second-felony offender law already in existence. The second-felony offender law mandates a stiffer sentence for anyone convicted of two felonies within 10

years. This law convicted a five-fold increase of young, low-level drug users and dealers.

In 1992, 44 percent of the jail population were drug offenders, and 35 percent were violent offenders. Gov. Pataki’s new law would get drug addicts into drug treatment instead of jail. They go to treatment for 90 days, and then they go home. A great idea – until you see that Pataki is also cutting the budget for these centers in half.

This means *no one* is getting help or discipline for their actions. “This bill is going to put more prisoners in the system and hold them longer,” a New York Democrat said.

Many states are going to the “three strikes and you’re out” sentencing laws. In California, if someone is convicted of two serious or violent felonies, he or she is sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. These new sentences are expected to decrease serious felonies by 22 to 34 percent among adults.

Many states are discovering that letting prisoners go because of overcrowding is not the answer. What will keep people from killing, stealing and raping whenever they want?

The key is prevention: a firm punishment will scare the would-be convict into not committing the crime.

by Rebecca West  
Bison staff writer

It seems the general consensus is that all criminals should be locked up for as long as we can keep them out of society. For some, that may be necessary, but for others, there is another way.

It is no secret that overcrowding is a major problem in the American prison system. In fact, thousands of our tax dollars annually go toward building new prisons. I used to agree with the general opinion. I now have altered my thinking.

Locking a prisoner up for life may be a way to punish an individual, but is this the way to teach them a lesson? No. In order for these criminals to learn from their mistakes, they must be rehabilitated.

An Idaho correctional facility is now experimenting with a new policy. The policy states that, for the first two years of an inmate’s incarceration, he will be required to undergo 15 hours of therapy and three hours of counseling with a social worker. This therapy should teach the individual reasoning skills that were, perhaps, lacking at the time of the crime.

In today’s society, criminals are more than likely going to complete

less than one-third of their sentence. This fact makes rehabilitation even more imperative. If the government is going to release these convicts, they should be willing to educate and reform them.

Due to overcrowding, the early release of some felons may be necessary. Let me make myself clear – those individuals who have committed heinous crimes should be rehabilitated, but remain imprisoned. However, in such cases as non-violent crime, it is more profitable to society if the inmate is released and put on parole.

In some cases, it may be possible for an inmate to be released and placed in a half-way house. I believe the Louisiana state prison, Angola, has one of the best ideas around for rehabilitation.

After his release, the inmate is required to spend eight months in a federally-funded home, called the Shreveport Shelter. At the shelter, the convict is trained for a job and given the opportunity to begin work on a GED. Percy Graham, the Director of the Shreveport Shelter, said, “The men come here looking for a new start. If they aren’t trained, then we, as citizens, have failed in our responsibility.” Rehabilitation works.

Now, back to the plan for building new prisons. I ask this: since when does building more space for criminals decrease the crime rate?

The truth of the matter is that more prisons may relieve the problem, but the relief is only temporary. More space will only allow us an excuse to ignore the *real* problem – crime.

*“We never will be able to build our way out of [the crime] problem.”*

– Attorney General Janet Reno

U.S. News and World Report

### INSPIRATION *etcetera*

Eternal life – A rejection, or in scripture’s strong language, a crucifixion of the natural self is the passport to everlasting life. Nothing that has not died will be resurrected.

– C. S. Lewis

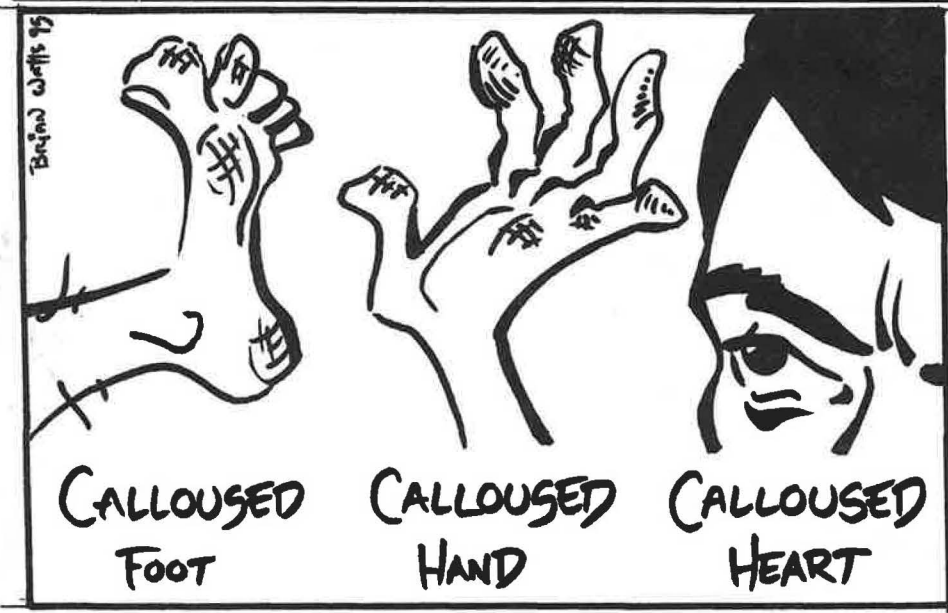
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## today in HISTORY



James B. Dean, star of the 1955 classic *Rebel Without a Cause*, died 40 years ago tomorrow in the crash of a speeding sports car.

Dean was 24.

Saturday marks two significant anniversaries for baseball fans. In 1927, Babe Ruth set a record for the most home runs in a single season when he hit his 60th.

On Sept. 30, 1934, Ruth played his last game for the New York Yankees after he was informed he would not be asked to manage the team.

Sources: *US News and World Report*  
*Chase's Calendar of Events*

## points of VIEW

# An answer to the question, "Is it all really worth it?"

by Cheryl Hisson  
Bison columnist

"Mayhem in the morning ...Craig O'Neal ...on B-98.5 ...!"

I hardly feel my hand dart out to slap the snooze button on my radio alarm. I bury myself in my covers and snuggle back into my brand new, over-sized, wonderfully-plush pillow, enjoying an all-too-brief delay of the inevitable. But the morning light continues to intrude, and the radio once again blares to the world that another day has dawned.

Sigh. There's no way around it. It's Monday again.

You'd think, wouldn't you, that just one of those wickedly bizarre creatures would be enough for any self-respecting month of the year. But, no-o-o-o-o, someone, somewhere, sometime, decreed that we should experience the untold bliss and wonder of a Monday every single week.

A look at the clock - oh, no, I'm late...again! I'm out of bed in a shot and down the hall to battle the "I don't want to get up, Mom, I just got to sleep!" blues.

Hmph. What does an eight-year-old know about "just got to sleep?" Did he stay up until 3:30 this morning, frantically putting the final touches on the paper he wouldn't let me concentrate on for more than two minutes at a time yesterday? No. Had he been asleep a mere 20 minutes when his nose started to bleed, his call for help immediately bringing Mom to his bedside? No. Does he care? No.

His Monday-life begins by dragging himself into the living room, regally demanding that the TV be turned on, his breakfast of toast and juice be prepared and brought to him, and, by the way, would I mind going back into his bedroom to get his covers and bring them into the living room and cover him up? Since, after all, he just woke up and he's so sleepy.

Oh, that all of life were as simple as my eight-year-old's. But it isn't.

Does it matter that I deliberately took the time last night - amid Lee's homework, my homework, my paper, supper, dishes, his bath, his night prayer and our ongoing bedtime discussion of the stars in the sky outside his bedroom window - to pick out the clothes we would wear, all in the interest of saving time?

Not this Monday. What was to have been a gloriously sunny day has mysteriously turned into a gloomy fog-filled day of cold wind and rain. Now where did I put those long-sleeved shirts and rain-repelling jackets?

Clothes gathered, I hastily grab books and homework and whatever else Lee and I need for our day of educated Monday bliss, forcing myself to pause long enough to get the right person's homework and books into the right backpack. I don't think my stats teacher would appreciate me turning in Lee's third-grade math paper as proof of my mastering statistics.

A quick shower and it's Lee's turn. Painfully, he is removed from what he calls his "favorite program of all time." It's interesting, isn't it, how kids can change their favorite shows to suit whatever activity it is they are attempting to avoid. None-the-less, he is hustled into his clothes, backpacks are gathered, last minute items are put (carelessly tossed aside) away, and we are finally out the door. Hurray, we made it - only to be thwarted by Monday's harsh reality - the car has a flat tire!

Running back inside, all but pulling my son (who is quick to tell me how *my* flat tire and being dragged around in the rain is ruining *his* day) with me as I go, I make a couple of quick phone calls to get us, finally, to our respective schools.

After a breathless, mad dash, I have actually made it to my first class, which, by now, is half over. But, at least I have a few minutes to let my mind and body reconnect ...slowing down, starting to relax ...what was that? Something about a pencil ...scantron sheets being passed out ...*the test I completely forgot?*

Sigh, again. Can we just remove the word "Monday" from the dictionary and be done with it?

Of course, I *could* think positively, believing (foolishly) that the worst is over, right? Wrong. My newspaper column was due this morning and I'm just now writing it ...a club report I should have

finished this weekend is still in the dark recesses of my brain, somewhere ...my phone bill, electric bill and gas bill came in ...and my financial aid check, which came in just last week, is almost gone ...I got the flat fixed and now the electric window is stuck - open - and it's raining again ...and, oh, yeah, there's my homework, a test on Friday, another test on Monday ...and the books I checked out for my independent study 35-page minimum research paper are overdue, and I hardly had time to read beyond the Table of Contents in most of them.

This evening did, however, allow for some mother-and-son quality time, around a visit to Lee's school for Open House. Lee's homework is done, while mine is still daring me to open my book. Supper has been eaten, and the dishes have actually been washed. And, finally, the flat is fixed, and the window gave up its hold, closing out the rain that had already stopped.

Late at night, as I now have a few quiet moments to myself, I lean back in my chair and close my eyes - and ask myself the same question I ask almost every night of every school year (this being my third Harding year): Is this really worth it?

Can I keep on going at such speed, losing sleep, studying, taking tests and writing papers for the first time in more years than I care to remember? Is it worth the headaches, the hassles and struggles, just to make it to the end of one solitary day?

As I stop in for one last "he's okay" look at Lee, just before heading to bed and a much needed rest, I realize that it all comes down to one simple truth - the light at the end of the tunnel. And my light is that sweet face of innocence gently bathed in the halo of his night-light. He doesn't know about "Monday's," yet. All he knows is getting up in the morning and going to bed at night, having food to eat when he's hungry and a soft, warm bed to sleep in at night. That, and the reassurance that I will be there for him, to hold him when he's scared, to laugh at his jokes, to protect him from all that is wrong in the world - just to love him.

When all the Monday's of this world have come and gone, what else really matters?

## listening to READERS

### Even good TV saps us of our time

To the editor:

I agree there is a lot of trash on T.V. and it needs to be cleaned up. However, even if we had the very best in programming, we would still need to exercise caution.

Television can be great for entertainment and education but if we're not careful, it can rob us of several things.

It can steal our imagination. Nothing is left to the imagination on T.V. It's all there in living color. I grew up in the 100 acre woods in northern Ontario. My friends and I pretended to be Indians. We hunted buffalo, pounded pemmican, lived in teepees and wrote messages on birch bark. As a friend of mine said, "We lived *Dances With Wolves*." Our lives were richer because we created

our own stories. I'm wondering how many hours of our lives we are willing to give up each day while we live vicariously through television characters?

T.V. can rob us of precious time that we would otherwise spend with friends and family. For the first 12 years of my married life, I lived in Papua New Guinea, with no T.V. My husband and I spent hours reading and talking. Boring? Not on your life!

But we don't have to go far away to develop our imaginations or to read more or to build meaningful relationships. Just turn off the T.V. from time to time. And even if T.V. does improve, ask yourself, "Has my life improved?"

Lois Voyles

## professional HOUSECALLS

by Dr. Lew Moore  
Bison guest columnist

Building strength in yourself is not an automatic process - it is a planned activity aimed at improving the self and enhancing life. Psychologists call the process **self addiction**.

While there are various ways to gain strength, some factors should be kept in mind.

First, choose an activity that holds some interest for you. This activity should be within *your* personal reach, and not the expectations of another person.

Secondly, the activity chosen for self-improvement should be

undertaken alone. It is best to avoid competition when working on a self-help activity.

Positive addiction should result from an internal motivation to develop and use personal resources.

Thirdly, you must believe that the activity pursued is valuable. The bottom line of any change process is a conviction that it can be done and it is worthwhile.

Finally, the efforts at improving self should not be critically evaluated on a daily basis. Change often comes at a slow pace and in bits and pieces.

Positive addiction is some-

## Get hooked on the positive

thing that has to be experienced to be understood. As an individual gains strength through exercising will power, more opportunities become available for growth.

In addition to gaining mental strength there are at least three other benefits of positive addiction:

- Positive addiction helps in avoiding negative addiction. To rid yourself of a negative behavior, there must be a focus away from faulting self.

- Positive addiction improves relationships with others as life becomes more meaningful. You should be the person through

whom you want to influence people.

- Positive addiction creates an attitude of self-help. Learning to exercise self-control prevents excessive need for dependency upon others, medication, alcohol, etc.

Helping yourself makes you believe in self!

Learning more about yourself makes you more aware of the Creator of self.

If you are considering evaluating personal strength and lifestyle, consider the benefits of positive addiction. It is not a myth or a mystery, but a mastery.



Service through cleanliness. Under direction of the SA, students pick up trash from the White County Fairgrounds. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

# Course offers help to troubled families

by Chris Alspach  
Bison staff writer

Harding's devotion to family values manifests itself as the Master of Science degree in marriage and family therapy begins its second year.

This sixty-hour course, offered through the College of Bible and Religion, has candidacy status with the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, associated with the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (AAMFT).

The intensive course includes a minimum of 500 client contact hours and 100 hours of supervision by the clinical faculty, according to Dr. Van Rackley, a supervisor for the program.

The first two semesters are spent on "in house" training, where the student learns basic counseling skills and observes fellow students.

Slowly the students become partners with the second year students and begin to aid in the counseling sessions.

During the third semester, the students begin administering therapy in a psychiatric inpatient setting, a women's shelter, a public school setting and at the Harding Marriage and Family Therapy clinic, Rackley said.

This clinic has recently received recognition from the AAMFT, according to Rackley, who said the organization's Supervision Bulletin featured Harding's therapy center for its technological advancements.

Harding's clinic was largely financed through the generous \$2 million donation of Mrs. Bernice Jones.

This 6,500 square foot facility has 10 state-of-the-art counseling rooms with audio and video hookups, seven offices for counselors, a video and audio control center, a student workbook equipped with computer workstations and a large reception and secretarial area.

Each of the counseling rooms are linked directly to the professor's office via video and audio lines, to provide close supervision and monitoring of the

student's progress.

Everything that goes on in the center is done in the strictest confidentiality, and any video or audio tapes recorded are kept under lock, according to Rackley.

"It is by far one of the best in the country, if not the world, in terms of teaching facilities," he said.

The clinical party consists of three full-time, one part-time, and one adjunct professor.

Dr. Lew Moore is the clinic's director and an approved supervisor.

He works with Rackley, also an approved supervisor.

Dr. Adrian Hickmon and Mr. Joe Brumfield are supervisors in training. Dr. Sherry Pollard is an adjunct faculty member who also counsels in the program.

Last year, eleven students graduated from the program, according

to Rackley. Of those eleven, "nine of them already have jobs, and one of them has been offered one," Rackley said. This year, the class is filled to capacity, with 15 students.

Altogether, there are 24 students in the program. "Most of our students have some connection with Harding," Dr. Rackley said. "But they usually aren't people who have just graduated, since the average age is around 33," he added.

The students represent a diverse background, with some holding bachelors degrees in education, youth ministry, speech pathology or behavioral science.

The program reaches out, not only to the Harding community, but to the Searcy area as well. Many of the clients come from the courts or school systems that refer families to the center.

Those interested in the graduate program may receive an application packet from the director of the center, on the third floor of the MacInteer Building.

Successful candidates for admission into the program must have a 2.75 GPA and have scored a 900 or higher on the GRE. A personal interview is also required.

"It is, by far, one of the best in the country, if not the world, in terms of teaching facilities."

## Spring Sing hosts prepare for fun

by Emily McMackin  
Bison staff writer

A dream came true for four people who auditioned for Spring Sing host/hostess September 17: Rochelle Rose, Angela Sholl, Micah Parkhurst, and Chris Wagley.

A sophomore music major from Hockessin, Del., Rose is a member of the Concert Choir and Zeta Rho social club. She will portray Rose Lennox in the Homecoming musical, *The Secret Garden*.

"Ever since I first sat in the audience at Spring Sing, I knew that I wanted to tryout for Spring Sing hostess one day," Rose said, "I'm very grateful to be chosen hostess this year."

Sholl is a junior biology major from Tulsa, Okla. A member of Zeta Rho, she serves on the S.A. Spiritual Life Committee. Sholl has had plenty of experience performing onstage. After performing in show choir and jazz choir in high school, Sholl was a member of Concert Choir and acted in the

Homecoming musical, *Funny Girl*, her freshman year.

"I'm excited about working with the other Spring Sing hosts and hostess," Sholl said. "I think we have a good mix of people this year and I hope that, together, we will add a lot of personality to the show."

Parkhurst, a junior biology major from Tulsa, Okla. has one of the lead roles in the Homecoming musical. He is also a member of Concert Choir and Delta Chi Delta, and he serves as co-director for the Good News Singers.

"There were so many talented people who auditioned," Parkhurst said, "I was very honored to be chosen."

Wagley is a fifth-year senior from Sikeston, Mo., and is majoring in music and psychology. He has been a member of the Concert Choir and Delta Chi Delta social club for four years and he also has one of the leads in the Homecoming musical.

In his second year as a host, Chris will serve as the vocal coach for the hosts and hostesses this year. "I'm very

excited to be involved with Spring Sing again," Wagley said.

"I hope that I can use my experience from last year to help the others and to bring a greater sense of fun to the show."

Although this year's Spring Sing will have some of the same elements of fun and musical diversity as in years past, the Spring Sing hosts and hostesses all agree that they want to involve the audience in the show even more this year and to make it an enjoyable experience for all those watching and performing in Spring Sing.

"I believe that alumni and students alike enjoy coming to Spring Sing each year and watching everyone working together and having fun putting on the show," Rose said.

Since its beginning 24 years ago, Spring Sing has become something of a trademark at Harding. Every year, this event pools the talents of students from various clubs, and with different majors, bringing the student body together for the making of a huge production.

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# Vietnam tragedy echoes the query, What about those we left behind?

Lois Voyles  
Bison staff writer

The Vietnam War officially ended 20 years ago, but for some, there is still no peace. "We knowingly left prisoners in Southeast Asia," former fighter pilot and prisoner of war in Vietnam, Ken Wells, said in an interview following his chapel discussion last week.

Wells said he has been frustrated with the way the government handled the prisoners of war and those missing in action, estimating that 200 to 300 men were left behind. "Many felt from the beginning that not all prisoners were released. Of all the crew members that bailed out over North Vietnam, 46 percent survived." Wells said reports indicated that only 1.6 percent of those who fell over Laos survived. "There should have been more. Of the 591 that were released after the war, only nine came out of Laos," he said.

Wells said he believes money played a part in the remaining captivities. In 1973, Nixon and Kissinger promised Vietnam \$3.65 billion in reparations to rebuild their war-torn country. Congress did not approve, and Wells speculates that Vietnam continued to hold hostages because the United States did not send reparations.

When Reagan took office in 1982, a Canadian diplomat to Vietnam delivered the message that Vietnam was willing to release 57 prisoners in exchange for \$4 billion, Wells said.

That Vietnam was asking for approximately the same amount as they had been promised in the first place was not a surprise to Wells.

The government has tried to cover up the hostage situation and has not seen it to its proper end, Wells said.

He said that, in 1992, when the Senate investigated the situation, all except Nixon and Kissinger admitted

that prisoners were left in Southeast Asia.

It is Wells' opinion that surviving prisoners would be a source of embarrassment to the government. "If they [Vietnam] were holding onto prisoners for ransom, there is no need anymore because we have now normalized relations with Vietnam," Wells said. He attributes the relations to our hope of financial gain. "General Motors is opening up plants, and Citibank is already planning a bank there. We've been waiting for an opportunity to do business with them."

Each president after Nixon has said that it's high priority to look for the prisoners, yet nothing has been done. "Maybe now that doors are open, someone will find out the truth," Wells said. "If we had won the war, we would have clout and strength to demand answers."

With more than 58,000 lives lost in Vietnam, Wells has struggled to see what they accomplished there.

"I hope that we have learned how not to fight a war, he said, adding that the fighting in Vietnam dragged on for too long. He *did* commend the Bush administration on the way the Persian Gulf War was handled. "We need to make our point, save lives and get out," he said.

"We need to be involved in the world community, but it should be through the United Nations," Wells said. He said it's right to be involved, but we shouldn't be the only ones. "The world will continue to look to us for leadership." Somebody has to take the lead, and the United States does that. We have the military strength to be the leader in police action, and we need to provide that leadership."

Since his 16-month confinement in Vietnam, Wells developed a new approach to life. A pilot for Northwest

Airlines, he hears crew members talking about their "toys" and their latest gadgets. Those things are not that important to him, he said.

What's important is his family. Growing up on a dairy farm in Washington state, Wells said that his family was not expressive with their love, even though they were very caring.

When he returned from Vietnam, he noticed that his family became more demonstrative in showing affection.

Freedom is also important to him and he is grateful in more ways than one. "We often forget that people fought and died for our freedom. When things go well for us, it's easy to be complacent. We forget about the first people who came to America and why they came. There has been no recent war in our land, and it [war] becomes remote to us," Wells said.

Part of the time Wells was in Vietnam, he was in solitary confinement, yet he told a Harding chapel audience that he knew he was never alone. Having grown up in a Nazarene family, he had a strong faith in God. "I guess you could call me a 'Cornelius.' I was a believer in God but I needed to be taught more," he said.

Wells met his wife, Candy, at college, and they had been married two years when he was sent to Vietnam. After his release from prison, and through her influence, he was baptized. "That's when I found my true freedom," Wells said.

Even though prison was difficult for Wells, he realizes the alternatives could have been worse. He was in Vietnam for just five weeks when his plane was shot down. He was asked by his mom if he had ever thought that God was protecting him and keeping him from being killed. Wells said, yes, that perhaps God kept him in prison to keep him out of the combat zone.



A long way from home. Four men from the Shishwan Province of China tour campus with host, Calvin Howe. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

## TV 16 adds friendlier format

by Ryan Butterfield  
Bison staff writer

Auditions were held for TV 16's news anchor positions this past Tuesday and Thursday. More than 25 people auditioned for the six scholarship anchor positions open for this semester. The try-outs were not limited to radio/television majors, but were open to anyone interested in being a news anchor.

The audition was a mock news cast, with each student reading a five-minute news story in front of the cameras. According to Shelby Lefever, "The tryout itself wasn't hard, but there was a lot of pressure to do good because of the quality of all the people trying out."

Scholarship winners have not yet been chosen. This Tuesday, eight to ten people will be called back for another reading, and, based on both of their performances the communication faculty will select six to fill the openings.

New anchors are not the only additions to Harding's TV station. TV 16, which was formerly TV 19, has completely changed its format. Since the start of Harding's television program, there has always been a five-day-a-week, 30 minute, student produced news cast. Now there will be a 30 minute live news cast on Mondays and Thursdays only.

On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, there will be a live 10 minute newsbreak presented by one anchor who has the top local stories of the day.

On Fridays, a 30 minute taped news magazine show will air. It will consist of feature stories and investigative reporting.

Only the top students will work with the show, and the goal is to push students to do their best in order to make them more marketable in their careers, according to Dr. Lou Butterfield

of the communication faculty.

"The reason for the changes in format was to reduce the stress being put on the students. The way it was, news was your life.

"You worked like a dog everyday trying to get the news on the air. You didn't have any free time, or time to produce other original shows that you had interest in."

Butterfield realizes that his students have other demands on their time. "With all the time requirements, grades in other classes were hurting. So we hope with this new format the students can stay fresh, produce better quality news, some original programs, and have the load not be so overwhelming that it becomes a constant worry."

Students have expressed appreciation for the changes. Alla Casey a senior radio/television major said, "I really like the changes that have been made in the format.

"Now more people will get experience, and, with some days in between each newscast, the material being presented will be of much better quality and have a lot more variety."

Programming is scheduled to begin on October 16. With a remodeled station, new editing suites and a new control booth, hopes are high for the best semester ever for TV 16, Butterfield said.

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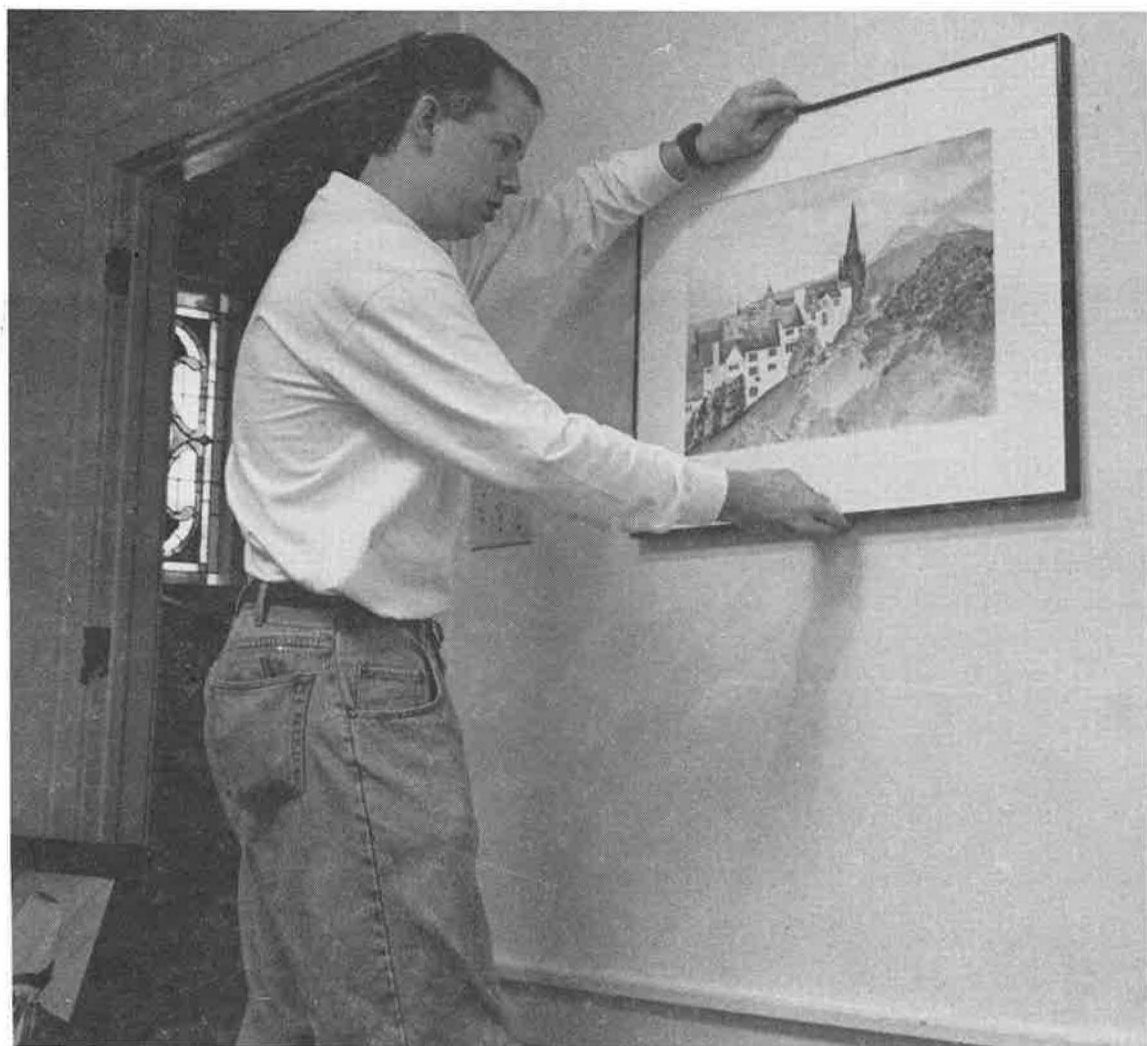
Quick look at **EVENTS**

**WEEKEND**

Isaac Alexander's "Screaming Mimes," will perform tomorrow, Sept. 30, at the Carmichael Amphitheatre. The show starts at 8 p.m., and admission is \$3. All proceeds benefit Searcy's "Holiday of Lights."

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Batman comes to terms with his darker side in "Batman Forever," playing in the Benson Auditorium Friday at 7 and 9:30 p.m., and Saturday at 8 p.m.



Getting it picture-perfect. Tony Slate works diligently to prepare for his senior art show. As part of their course of study, art majors must organize a one-week display for the public in the Stephens Art Gallery. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

## A freshman who has it together; a senior who wants a "fresh start"

by Carol Birth  
Bison staff writer

One would assume that a first semester-freshman and a fifth-year senior have very little in common. Stereotypes indicate that the former should be fluttery with excitement, while the latter is bored and ready to graduate.

Every year, a bright-eyed group of freshmen floods the campus, ready to begin their higher education; and every year a worn out group of seniors comes back to see their education to the bitter-sweet end.

In the cases of two particular students, these stereotypes don't hold true at all. Freshman Heather Biddle says she is very comfortable with her life and her classes. "Test week didn't even stress me out. I just studied and got it over with."

The upper-level classes of senior Michael Ledbetter gave him a little more trouble. "I had three tests in one day. It was pretty hard, but I'm glad it's done."

When studying is over and there's nothing left to eat, where do these students go? What is there to do after every quarter in sight has been spent at the Bison Lanes?

"I golf, go to movies, and play SEGA Genesis," Michael said. "I also date and make new friends. Although I very rarely feel pressured by couples I see on

campus, it's easy to feel alone."

Our freshman spends much of her free time with the owner of a large silver class ring she sports on her index finger. "I was expecting Harding to be boring, but there are lots of things to do on campus." Heather expressed special interest in nighttime group devotionals.

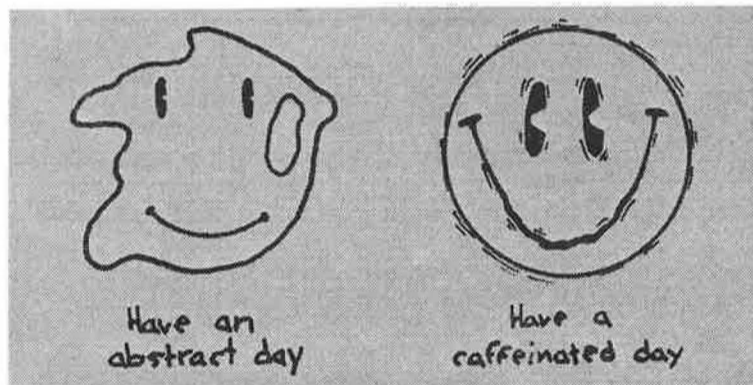
Apparently all freshmen are not



the lost souls upperclassmen sometimes imagine them to be. Right now, Heather has her head on straight, and is optimistic about the rest of the year.

Michael, too, has high hopes for the months to come. "It's a fresh start. This is a completely new year, and I have a new attitude."

Look for more about Heather and Michael in future issues of the Bison.



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## Sunscreen is not a cure-all; nutrition plays vital role

by Norm Conley  
Bison staff writer

In order to prevent sun damage, the cautious sun-worshiper should heed to several scientific facts, according to experts. Scientists are spreading the word about the limits of sunscreens, the role of nutrition in preventing cancer and some basic tenants of sun "etiquette."

Sunscreen is, of course, the most common defense against harmful radiation, but doctors warn against putting full faith in it. Researchers report that, while sunscreen protects against sunburns and mild skin cancers, it may not help in preventing other effects of UVR, including the growth of melanoma, the deadliest skin cancer.

Actually, sunscreen may put people at greater risk by granting a false sense of security that enables people to conscientiously stay in the sun longer.

So sunscreen is not an impenetrable wall between you and the glowing mass in the sky, but proper application maximizes its effects. One application will not serve as an armor for the whole day.

The sun-protective factor (SPF) of sunscreen multiplies the number of minutes required for untreated skin to redden. For example, it takes a fair-skinned Caucasian about 15 minutes of midday sun to get a sunburn. Sunscreen with an SPF of 10 increases that time to 150 minutes, after which time more lotion needs to be applied.

Amount of lotion is important, too. One teaspoon is the recommended application to the face, neck, arms and shoulder area.

Sun protection isn't the only prevention mechanism for melanoma. This cancer begins on the skin, but spreads into the bloodstream, infecting the other organs. In this way, it is closely related to other types of cancer, and its prevention will sound familiar, as the plan has been laid out by doctors for years.

These doctors have found that vitamins, and nutrition in general, have much to do with an individual's likelihood of contracting cancer. Eating more fruits and vegetables could cut the risk of some cancers by 50%. The

chemical *sulfuraphane*, found in broccoli, raises the level of "phase II" enzymes, which are noted for their ability to fight cancer-causing molecules.

As for skin cancer in particular, a recent article in *Prevention Magazine* said that people who supplement their diets with any vitamin were found to experience a 60% reduction in risk. More specifically, getting a daily amount of 100 international units (I.U.'s) of vitamin E was linked to a 70% drop in risk; 5,000 I.U.'s of Vitamin A was linked to a 98% drop in risk.

"...sunscreen is not an impenetrable wall between you and the glowing mass in the sky."

So what is the concerned person to do? The American Medical Association has a six-part answer to that question:

- Keep the time in the sun to a minimum
- Use sunscreen when outside
- Wear brimmed hats and sunglasses
- Stay in the shade whenever possible
- Don't try to get a tan
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The knowledge is available; the responsibility for skin health is in the hands of each individual.



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## SPORTS

Harding Bisons vs. SWOS Bulldogs

Saturday afternoon, 2:00 p.m., Milam Stadium

## Stingy defense outdoes No. 5 Savages

by Bart Blasengame  
Bison Sports Editor

The Harding Bison defense threw their own version of a ticker-tape parade for hometown product Mac Hurley, paving the way for the former Searcy star to lead the Bison to a roller coaster 26-25 victory over No. 5 Southeastern Oklahoma last Saturday night at Alumni Field.

Harding's defense played like an enormous sponge, soaking up three interceptions and dishing out three quarterback sacks, allowing Hurley to step in at quarterback and pass for 228 yards, two touchdowns and most importantly the first win of the season.

Hurley, who came off the bench early in the game to replace starter Jay Wright, was the story late in the game, but it was the Bison defense who kept Harding's head above water by stifling an explosive Southeastern offense. The Savages struck first midway through the second quarter with a 29-yard strike from quarterback Jeff Moser to Lamar Lowe. Southeastern looked to be driving again with 3:10 left in the half when a Jess Lanier interception set Harding up at the Savage five-yard line. Two plays later Lloyd Coakley powered into the end zone to tie the game at 7-7.

The Savages answered quickly though, again with a pass to Lowe, this time from 12 yards out. A botched PAT left Harding down 13-7, but it could have been much worse.

After the Harding offense sputtered, Southeastern got one more crack at the end zone, driving down to the Bison 10-yard line with just :13 remaining. With their backs to the

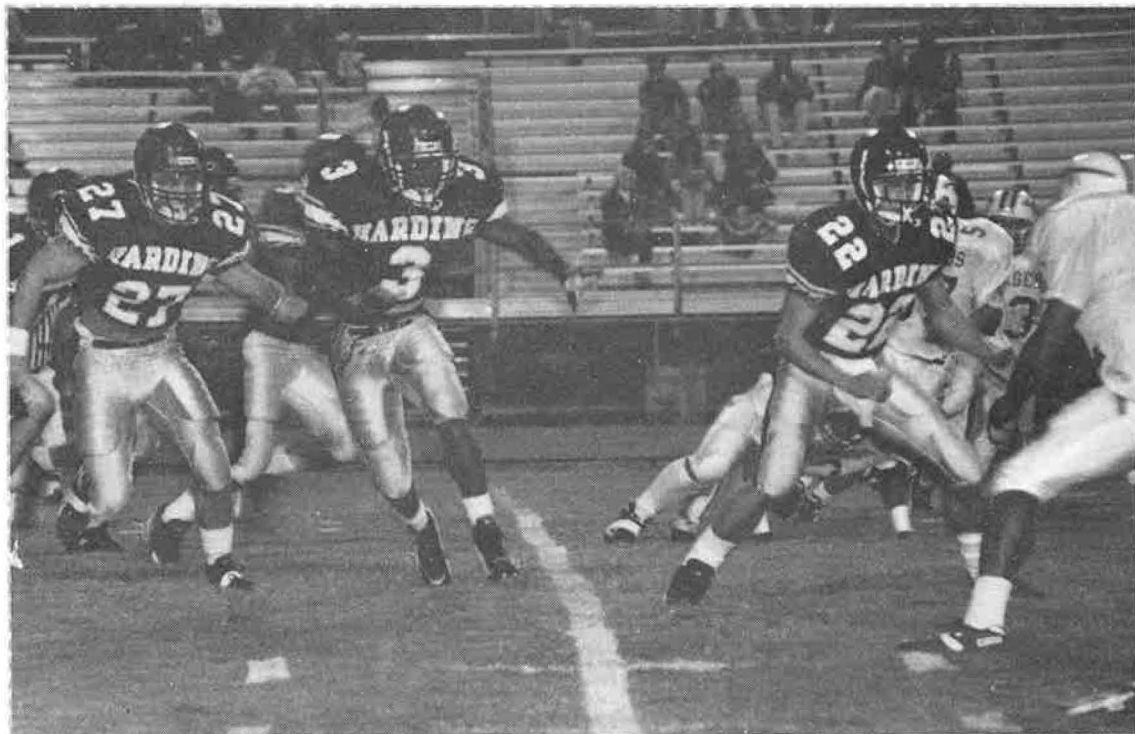
wall, Scott Alexander answered the call for Harding with a key interception to end the Savage advance and the first half.

The second half saw the Harding offense slowly crank into gear under

trailing once more, 19-14. Again though the Harding defense rallied, with Chad Griffin coming up with the Bisons third interception, which the offense quickly cashed in with a Hurley to Troy Smith 44-yard touchdown connection that

culminated on a 13-yard touchdown toss to Clay Beason with just 1:47 left to play in the game.

Harding was able to pull out the win despite the efforts of the Savage's Lowe, who caught nine passes for 137



**Bison Roundup.** Jermaine Cuffie (3), Dewayne Walker (27) and Chad Mashburn (22) led the Bisons on special teams in their game with Southeastern Oklahoma last Saturday. The Bisons won 26-25. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

the leadership of Hurley and the defense simply do more of the same.

The Bisons got on track late in the third quarter when Sedic McDaniel burst up the middle for a nine-yard touchdown run. Matt Wilson nailed the PAT to put Harding up 14-13.

That lead would last exactly :15.

Lowe once again struck quickly for the Savages with a speedy 93-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. A failed two-point conversion left Harding

made the score 20-19.

Trailing 20-19, the Savages launched a 58-yard scoring drive that included a fake punt. With Lowe on the bench, Peter Spratt caught a 12-yard touchdown pass to put Southeastern up one last time at 25-20.

But unlike the previous three weeks, Harding was able to overcome the adversity with a clutch 69-yard drive, mixing together a slick combination of run and pass that

yards and two touchdowns and also had 113 return yards and another touchdown.

For the Bisons, the defense had the most impressive statistics with Danny DeArman accounting for 15 tackles and Griffin racking up 12 other tackles besides his big interception.

Harding faces yet another Oklahoma adversary tomorrow as they travel to Weatherford to take on the Bulldogs of Southwestern State.

## Titans hold off Kappa Tau for fall softball crown, 16-8

from staff reports

The first step in the battle for the All-Sports Trophy has been taken.

For the third time in the fall season, Titans and Kappa Tau clashed on the softball field, but this time the stakes, much like the outcome, were quite a bit different as Titans took a quick lead and held off Kappa Tau for

a 16-8 win Wednesday night in the championship game of the Big Club A-Team bracket.

The win gives Titans 10 points for the first place finish, while Kappa Tau grabs eight-points with second place.

The two teams played earlier in the season in a one-sided affair that saw Kappa Tau crush Titans. But Titans emerged from out of the loser's bracket

to force another confrontation in the championship game. Kappa Tau jumped out early but Titans fought back and stole a 15-14 win to force another game in the double elimination format.

"It's really great to get off to such a good start," Chad Tenery, Titans athletic director and A-team first baseman, said. "We really ripped the

ball tonight with some timely hits and our pitching was really on."

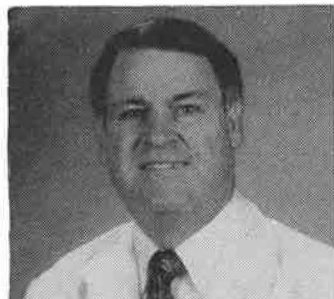
Titans pitcher Scott Tenery baffled the Kappa Tau battery with five strikeouts on the evening.

"He was really on, or lucky, or both," Chad Tenery said. "When you're throwing it as high as he does, it's hard to tell."

Wednesday's late game had Sub-T 16 squaring off against Titans in the B-team championship game. The winner in this game will also receive 10 points for the victory, while the loser will still get eight-points.

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**Twelve little Rams don't need a roster**

• In Lithia Springs, Ga., they grow real ironmen.

The Colonial Hills Christian School plays 11-man football with a team roster of 12 players, and does it quite well.

The Rams are currently 3-1 and coming into the season as defending Georgia Christian Athletic Association state champs. Of course, last year they had 13 players.

The team attracts players with limited technique and an occasional eighth-grader. Of the group, five never played football before this year.

**Turnaround tales told by turnovers**

• The current reversal of fortune experienced by the St. Louis Rams and the Pittsburgh Steelers can be attributed to one word: turnovers.

The Rams, 4-0 after going 4-12 last year, beat Chicago 34-28 Sunday, and they've yet to lose a fumble or interception.

Pittsburgh (2-2) which had 17 turnovers last season, already has equaled that. They had seven, two for TDs, in a 44-24 loss to Minnesota.

**3Com a loser with San Francisco fans**

• According to a poll conducted by the San Francisco Examiner, a majority of San Franciscans oppose the renaming of Candlestick Park to 3Com Park.

In a survey of likely voters, 57% opposed the name change, with 46% saying they "strongly" disapproved of the decision.

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9. Texas A&M (92.30)
10. Tennessee (90.10)

**From the Bleachers**

Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher, after his team was penalized for having 12-men on the field for a field goal attempt: "For officials to sit there and not be able to count 11 people...is an embarrassment to the NFL."



## After grueling road trips

# Lady Bisons find home

by Annie Garza  
Bison staff writer

The light at the end of the tunnel for the Lady Bison volleyball team is the light that leads to home. Home matches are what's in store for a team in need of rest. After a grueling two weekends on the road, the Lady Bisons return to campus for a five game home stand, which means a well deserved break from tournament play.

Exhaustion plagued the Lady Bisons to the point of winning one out of four games in last weekend's Central Oklahoma Classic in Edmond, OK. The win against Central Oklahoma could be attributed mainly to this team's senior leadership which includes Regina Huddleston, Lori Hendricks and Casey Wolfe.

But after winning the Austin Tournament just a week before, what

caused the losses to Drury, Cameron and Texas Womens College? The problem of being on the road for numerous matches at a time seemed to be taking its toll. The thrill of both winning the Austin Tournament and being ranked number 15 in NAIA was soon put into the background as the team searched to find chemistry and consistency in matches where it just didn't seem to "click".

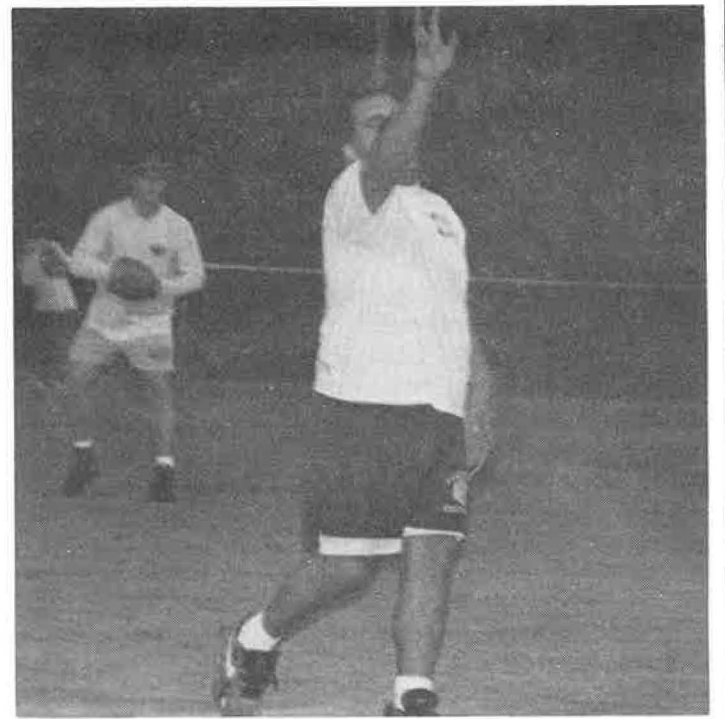
"It seemed like we would get a lead and then it would slowly slip away from us," Huddleston said. "The freshman were a major asset to getting us back on track and helping us keep focused."

The Lady Bisons have had a busy schedule this season and have participated in several tournaments already. Huddleston, a senior, has been a key to the 19-6 season for the

Lady Bisons and feels the team benefits and is made stronger, more competitive, by these tournaments.

"They (tournaments) are good for us because they help put us up against Division II teams and that will prepare us for the harder competition we'll meet in the larger schools," Huddleston said. "And even though the traveling has been hard, we are challenged by these teams and that makes the wins even more satisfying."

Beginning with two games on October 2, the volleyball team will be at home for games on October 3 and 6, giving the home fans a chance to see the Lady Bisons in action. The volleyball team has played only two home matches out of 25 this season. Their string of home games begins October 2 against Lyons College at 4:00 pm in the Ganus Athletic Center.



Float like a butterfly. Richard Proctor lets one fly in a club softball game. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

## Bison Sports Challenge

### NCAA games

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Welcome, arm-chair quarterbacks!

This is a chance for you, the Harding student, to battle wits with *The Bison* Sports Editor and be eligible for a great prize at the same time. Cut out the entire entry sheet and drop it in the **Bison Sports Challenge** box at the Campus Mail window before 11:00 p.m. tonight. HAVE FUN!

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### This Week's Winner

**Lisa Ashley** 19-6

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One Medium Pizza and a Six-pack of Coke from:



## THE BENCH

by Bart Blasengame  
Bison Sports Editor

Hello. My name is Bart, and I too am a...bad sport.

Hello Bart. Where do we begin?

I guess it all started when I was a child, about the age of eight. Tee-ball was the sport of choice and my team, the Lions, were playing the Bears for the pee-wee league championship. The Bears were much bigger and more mature than we were, some of them were even rumored to be in third grade. They hammered us hard, scoring and scoring again, using the tee like a slingshot to send the ball over our heads and into the outfield. They taunted us too, yelling out stuff about our moms, grandmothers and the fact that we still used those big fat round pencils to write with. I was scarred for life.

What happened next? Surely one incident couldn't shake you up that much.

Junior high was bad too. I remember one time our team had a football game against Van Buren. I realize the name means nothing to you, but let me assure you, shoes were a not too distant innovation for these folks. They were still growing out their rat-tails for crying out loud! I mean, their knuckles were all scabbed up from dragging the ground...

Please calm down. Now, did you lose?

Yes. But they were huge! The guy I was getting pounded by weighed at least 300 pounds and he had a beard. A full beard in seventh grade and I promise you, I know it sounds unbelievable, but I promise you I saw the guy after the game holding hands with his wife and carrying his small

child around in his arms. It was like some 'Norman Rockwell does Deliverance' piece of Americana.

How do you know that was his kid?

Because the kid had a full beard too!

How do you feel when you lose?

Like I want to throw-up. The anger starts in the tips of my grotesque toes and spreads like a virus to the ends of my retreating follicles. My fists clench up and I start to, well, I guess the word for it is pout. But I don't think I act like a little kid. I mean, just because I've been known to throw my hat in disgust or flop on the ground like a fish out of water doesn't mean I'm some spoiled child when I lose.

What's the worst thing you've done while under the influence of this, uh, "virus"?

My room is filled with the remnants of frustration relievers: control pads, remote controls, cassette tapes, chairs, tables, televisions and a couple of small furry mammals. My roommate still wonders what happened to his pet rat, Big Jim. I guess the worst thing was the time I took out some small kid on my way to snag a foul ball. He didn't even see me coming, which was a key element when I took the ball from his hands. You should have seen him cry as I raised my hands in ultimate victory, and you think I'm a bad sport.

When is the last time you've had an outburst like that?

Yesterday.

Have you come to terms with the fact that you have a problem?

Sure! Well, no. Is it a crime to not want to lose, to try and win at everything? Is it a crime to want to dismantle someone slowly after they've just beat you at NBA Jams? Is it wrong to dream? To achieve to rise up out of the ashes and reach for the unattainable heights that so many grasp for, but so many let slip away. I want to live man. I want to scale the utmost heights. I want to live the American Dream. I want to WIN!!

Are you finished making a fool of yourself?

The scary thing is, I think the answer is no.

How long do you think you can survive with such a warped view of winning?

As long as it takes for me to instill upon all my young, male and/or female, that vitally important chalk in your eyes, mud in your cleats, beaded sweat forming, and fall to your knees feeling of the word WIN.

Have you ever thought about taking up a new hobby? What about cross stitching, aluminum can collecting or interior decoration?

You know, you're right. I've got the hand-eye coordination of a nine-year old hooked intravenously to his Nintendo. Do you think they've got some sort of competition for that sort of thing? World League cross stitching? You know, I really think I could take my grandmother...is that wrong?!

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