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Quick look at NEWS

Judge Lance Ito's clerk dictated the words "not guilty" Tuesday to the largest television audience since June 17, 1994, when millions watched the infamous white Bronco lead police in a slow-speed chase.

In response, President Clinton scrawled three sentences as his statement to the nation: "The jury heard the evidence and rendered its verdict. Our system of justice requires respect for their decision. At this moment, our thoughts and prayers should be with the families of the victims of this terrible crime."

Clinton issued the third veto of his presidency Tuesday when he refused to sign a bill providing Congress with funding for what press secretary Mike McCurry called "pretty pathetic" efforts in recent weeks.

Hurricane Opal has stunned Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, killing at least 10 people and leaving 20 missing. More than 20,000 people were forced to evacuate.

Ross Perot's third party appeals to the gun-rights movement, which may result in a split vote and, therefore, Clinton's re-election, according to Alan Gottlieb, chairman of the Citizen's Committee on the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

The degree to which a person can delay gratification may be the true measure of human intelligence, according to Yale psychologist Peter Salovey. The book, *Emotional Intelligence*, by Daniel Goleman, addresses the study that emphasizes "the regulation of emotion in a way that enhances living."

Security chief fondly remembered

by Lois Voyles
Bison staff writer

A week after the death of Herman Keith Smith, chief of security, family and friends fondly remember the man who was husband, father and friend.

According to Joy Slayton, his secretary for 12 years, Smith's grandchildren were his life. Smith's daughter, Hermette Ward said, "I can't say enough about how much he cared for his grandkids. They knew it; they could tell how much he loved them."

Dan Campbell, who worked with him for 14 years, said Smith felt that way about all kids, recalling that Smith often said his most enjoyable time was when he walked kids across the street at the Academy crossing.

"Family meant the world to him," Smith's son, Kerwin, said. He finds himself following his dad's example with his own kids. His dad was always involved in sports with him and his brother, Kim (deceased), and also with Cub Scouts. He said that family was more important to his dad than his job, although performance was expected. The key was balance between his family and job.

Campbell said Smith made the workplace enjoyable. "Everyone felt pretty comfortable - Herman was not an overbearing kind of guy. That made for a nice, comfortable atmosphere to work in."

Slayton said, "He had his order of things and liked his order of things, but he was able to make you feel comfortable in it too. I guess he had the right blend." Slayton noted that Smith was calm in emergencies. She said he probably got that from being in the military. "He had a routine and a criteria to follow and he followed it.

He never got overly excited and his men didn't either," she said.

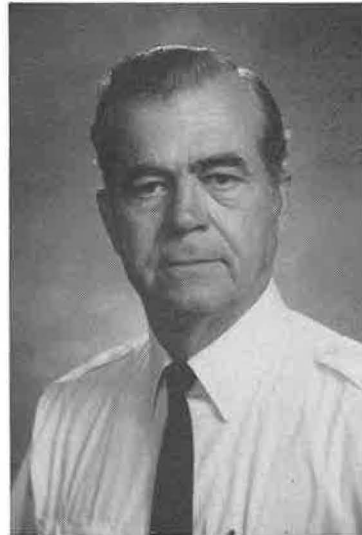
When Smith became a Christian in 1957, he wanted to make sure his children became Christians, his wife said. Today, they are all active members of their congregations. Smith also wanted his children to get a Christian education, she said. Ward said that Christian education was very important to him. "We always knew we would go to Harding. It wasn't a dictatorship or anything like that. It was just understood that we would go. And we wanted to go. We knew he (dad) would do anything to make sure we could go," she said.

Jim Nichols, professor of education and a close friend of Smith's for 20 years, said Smith made a sacrifice by coming to Harding so his kids could go to school here.

Smith taught his children to work hard, his daughter, Lynette Thweatt, said. She remembers that he stressed to his kids that, if you work hard, be on time, don't whine and moan, you'll get a good job and have a good reputation. Ward said, "My dad was a quiet man. When he spoke, I listened to him. I took him to heart. He has instilled in me a good work ethic, and it has meant the most to me as far as making it in the world. I have always had a good job and I credit that to my dad; and I told him that."

Smith was very patriotic, Claudette said. He liked being in the service and took pride in being an American. He served on the Mt. McKinley, General MacArthur's flagship, during the Korean War. "If it was raining, he'd always call his men and tell them to take down the flag. He didn't want it abused," she said.

Campbell said Smith was very



Herman Keith Smith
1931-1995

generous. When campaigners requested money for their trips, he always contributed when he knew the kids.

Slayton said a scholarship, the Memorial Loan Fund, was set up with his brother's and sister's name on it: William Wayne Smith and Margie Dewayne Harding. Smith started the scholarship when his son was sick. Claudette said, "We wanted to honor the nurses. They were so comforting to our son. In 1976, we set up the scholarship fund at Harding to honor nurses."

In addition, the Smiths had two apartments in their home where nurses could live. He paid the utilities so the nurses would have it a bit easier. Smith said the nurses were the backbone of the hospital. When he was in the hospital, Smith said the nurses were good to him. The family requested that memorials be sent to the

scholarship fund, which now also has Smith's name on it.

Nichols said that Smith was easy to talk to. He had a positive outlook on life. "My children went to the Academy and the University. They looked up to him. They felt that he had their best interest at heart."

Herman and Claudette were both from Hardy, Ark. They met one New Year's when she was home from Harding and he was home from the service and they were visiting their folks. Later, he sent her an Easter bunny and she figured that anyone caring enough to send an Easter bunny must be special. And special he has been for all these years, she said.

Slayton said Smith had his trials. "He lost a grandchild to cancer and he's had health problems, but he's done remarkably well."

Campbell said Smith was not a person who would want anyone to feel bad. "We knew his health was bad and he wouldn't be here much longer." Slayton said he would not want people to sit and grieve. "He always hoped to go in a hurry. He died the way he preferred to die," she said.

Campbell said Smith was concerned that he had been sick lately, and he didn't want to be a burden to people.

"The first thing he did every morning was make coffee," Slayton said. Claudette said, "Someone asked me if I was angry that Herman had left me and I said, no; I'm angry that he didn't leave me his recipe for coffee."

"Herman loved the mountains and the sea. He loved the outdoors. He loved plants, and he loved the grandkids," she said.

Smith's sudden death Friday, Sept. 29, was the result of an aneurysm.

Opportunities surface to serve area youth

by Lois Voyles
Bison staff writer

Opportunities abound for serving local youth, according to sophomore Andrew Baker. He is active in Operation Youth, a group that goes into various congregations in Central Arkansas every week, teaching and ministering to the youth.

"We go to serve and do whatever they ask us to do," Baker said. "Right now we have about 30 congregations asking us to help them."

Sarah Healy, a graduate assistant in the Bible department, has worked with girls of the Bradford congregation for several years. "I've fallen in love with the congregation," she said. "I've taken my mission of the youth group to heart, especially with the girls. I can help with their problems and teach these girls so they come to a better knowledge of Jesus and the scriptures." Freshman Pat Bills, just three weeks into the program, is enthusiastic about Operation Youth. As a youth ministry major, he sees direct benefits to being involved. "It gives you hands-on experience to see if this is really where you want to be. It could lead to a full-time job," he said.

Bills stressed that Operation Youth is for anyone. "It gets you out of Searcy and into sharing with others. It's definitely a learning experience," he said.

Baker said they are looking for more people to become involved. "So far, 16 people have volunteered and there are



Sing and be happy. Students and Bible faculty members join area youth in an outdoor devotional. Photo by Dan Stockstill.

more than 100 positions to fill. Sometimes people are afraid of making a commitment that says, 'I'll be there every Sunday.'"

On the other hand, Baker said he often hears students in the halls talking about wanting to help in a small congregational setting. "This is their opportunity. Lots of kids in Central Arkansas need big brothers or sisters. We can serve them using the abilities we've been given," he said.

Operation Youth began in 1991 as part of the Youth Corp club, sponsored by the Bible Department. Youth Corp hosts a lock-in for teenagers of area churches every spring in the Ganus Athletic Center.

Harding students can find other opportunities for youth service in the second annual carnival in North Little Rock in November. Co-directors Allison Rector and Marcus Reese work with the carnival committee in conjunction with the Little Rock Housing Authority. Rector, a junior, said they hope 250 students or more will volunteer to work the carnival booths.

"The purpose of the carnival is to plant a seed in a hurting community," Rector said. "It's a chance to get out of our comfort zone in an area we're not familiar with. Most of us don't understand their community or lifestyle. It can be dangerous in some

respects, not for us necessarily, but for the children who live there. They grow up in fear, with the stark reality of violence all around them. The biggest problem is gangs and the violence associated with that.

"It's a chance to give children a day of fun. They need someone to walk around with, someone to hold their hands and give them some attention for four hours," Rector said.

Senior Heidi Birkham, last year's director, works in the River City ministry with the Levy Church of Christ, which is also associated with the carnival. "We want people to be aware of the River City ministry and we want Jesus to be seen. We want to be more visible in the community."

Last year many children were wondering why the Harding students had come. They were not used to people giving them time and attention, according to Rector.

"We want to have more contact with parents, and we want them to meet us one-on-one," Birkham said. "This is not just a one-shot deal but an actual connection with the people of this community."

Last year, the carnival was on Sunday. On Monday, some of the kids went to school with paint still on their faces from the carnival, according to Rector's aunt, Donna Wilkins, who teaches some of these children. Wilkins said the children were so excited about their experiences she let them talk about it for an hour.

just one **OPINION**

What was I running from?



Why do we want to grow up?
I spent the bulk of my six color-by-number years of elementary gazing wide-eyed toward the "they write with pens" bliss that was to be junior high, only to discover when I got there that junior high was more blight than bliss.

This disturbing realization turned my head toward high school, where I could drive a car to school, pushing the gas pedal and everything! It was only when I found myself tangled in my first high school love web that it occurred to me that my car might find more appropriate use as a weapon than as speedy transport to that five-day-a-week doom.

So my only hope was college. And though Harding has filled many of my expectations, it's far from the haven of frolic I had imagined - and ethereal motion pictures of graduate school now flicker constantly in the optimistic theaters of my subconscious.

And I don't know why I want to grow up.

I look back on kindergarten with a deep sigh, remembering simpler times. Basic living was all anyone required, and adults mapped out the basic needs all day long in this circle: eat your vegetables; go play; take a nap.

Eat, play, sleep - who could ask for more? I could, and I did.

And more I received. Fifteen years later, I find myself ignoring the basics: eating is sporadic (and who can afford

produce?); playtime is reserved for that hour-long news magazine I watch on Friday nights right before work; and sleep - don't make me laugh, I need to save that energy.

The more I think about it, the more I appreciate the past, and the more I wonder why I'm always running.

Maybe I want to be like my parents. That was certainly the ambition when I was a child, and I used to slip on my mother's high-heeled shoes and clop around the house, shushing my big pink teddy bear. I wanted to eat Thanksgiving dinner at the big person's table and play dominoes and sit cross-legged on the church pew.

But it's not like that now. Somewhere in the progression toward shiny gold adulthood, the gold flaked off and exposed the green copper of electric bills on the kitchen table, "short cuts" on long vacations, headaches that no Excedrin can relieve, and fish-filled trash cans that no one wants to empty.

Glamorous? Not really; and yet I run.

Classes are like tying my shoe - a necessary delay, a rote flourish of the fingers, an effort to avoid the larger delay of tripping later. My leg bounces involuntarily to the click of my ever-constant friend, the wristwatch, whose clicks take me closer to another transitory weekend. Weekends find me sleepless and frazzled in my desperation to squeeze some intense fun into that 48 hours.

So, here I am, in my senior year, panting and sweating from exertion, and I pause to look around - like

a child who sprinted across an amusement park only to discover his favorite ride is closed for repairs.

I've decided to stop pushing life. The decision came not from looking back on the foolishness of past mirages or looking forward to a less-than-ideal future, but from running head-long into what really matters.

It happened at the beginning of chapel the other day. As usual, the bell rang and I had just put away study materials for my next-hour quiz. A barrage of snapshots of the day's activities flashed before me. My mind echoed a familiar moan, "Get on with it . . ." My restless body was glad when someone asked it to stand and stretch; my mind was vaguely aware of singing.

The song was "O Lord, Our Lord," generally a perfect tune for zoning out to make plans for lunch. But, for some reason, today I felt paralyzed; my mouth wouldn't work. I listened. And what I heard was a lot like I imagine Heaven will be.

Maybe growing up is all about stopping to enjoy where you are.

So, thank God for where I am; thank God for where I've been; thank God for wherever He'd like to walk me next. jlo

facing **ISSUES** *Should the NFL cap players' salaries?*

by Chris Alspach
Bison staff writer

We live in a capitalist country. This means, by Webster's dictionary definition, that "prices and the distribution of goods are determined mainly by competition in a free market and not by government control." Yet in certain sectors of our society, governmental bodies feel compelled to intervene in what appeared to be a perfectly homeostatic environment.

The National Football League has imposed a \$34.6 million salary cap on the teams' playing budget. This means that no team can pay more than \$34.6 million to all of its players combined. In setting this cap, the N.F.L. has disturbed the "natural laws" of economics and has forever changed the game of football.

Phil Simms, a perfectly healthy, 38-year-old quarterback for the New York Giants, was let go by the team after countless years of near-flawless playing. He was not let go because of deteriorating playing ability - he passed more than 3,000 yards and led the Giants to 12 wins in his last season. He was let go for money - the lack of it to be precise.

You see, the Giants found themselves in the unfortunate predicament of being uncomfortably close to the salary cap. And when the money ran out, they got rid of a star player and replaced him with two, young, unproven quarterbacks. However, his replacements are cheap enough to keep the Giants from exceeding the salary cap.

Without the intrusive salary cap,

the Giants could have kept Phil Simms and the seven other starters that they were forced to let go.

Under true capitalism, the team would be allowed to have any player it chooses, as long as the team can afford him. If a team cannot afford the player, he goes to another team to see how much money he can get. In the end, players would realize their true worth, and teams would realize who their fans want to see play.

In this system, the fans are the conclusive governing body of football.

The players would be more competitive to show their employers that they are worth their cost. The players would be seen as simply giving a service or delivering a good to their respective teams. If the fans or the teams do not like the service or the good that is delivered, the player would be dropped.

Without a salary cap, teams will still be forced to budget their dollars, and they will still be pressured by their fans to win games.

The N.F.L. worked before the salary cap, and it will work without one today. As Michael Irvin has said, "Free agency with a [salary] cap is like no free agency." By lifting the salary cap, free agency, and true capitalism, can return.

by Matthew Morningstar
Bison staff writer

Forty-nine million dollars, \$13 million signing bonus, \$72 million. When does it all stop? Who wants it to stop? Who says that it has to stop? No one... until now!

I can't believe my ears about all the money that is being spent on professional sports these days. A couple of years ago it was unbelievable that the star player of a sports team was paid \$2 million a year. That was then - this is greed.

It's all getting a little out of hand. The unselfish love for the game has passed everyone as if they all were caught looking at strike three.

Salaries are rising and the players are asking for more. The friction between the owners, players and

fans is as intense as ever. There is an extreme amount of pressure on the teams to put the best players out on the field each time a contest starts. To accomplish this takes money.

Two events come to mind when I think of what has sparked all the controversy - the strike and Deion.

The baseball strike was unbelievable to a sports fan. They were being such hardheads about the issue. Then to cancel the World

Series! This was the most disgraceful thing to do to our nation's pastime!

This fall, Deion Sanders or, "Prime time," said loud and clear that he's in it for the money. What did he just say? Now is when you look at your buddy and make that face that looks like you just took a bite of a lemon and you exclaim, "WHAT?" Meanwhile, your buddy is thinking the exact opposite, wondering how much Deion is going to get paid and saying, "Oh, that's Deion for ya!"

Acceptance of Deion's attitude is what has fueled this way of thinking from the start. If no one would accept that statement, it wouldn't be looked at as valid today.

And we can say that now. It begins with tougher salary caps in professional sports - caps that are lowered and enforced.

So, the crafty accountant who works with a team owner to find some big-name sponsor who will pay this player big money if he'll wear a specific team jersey needs to find a new home! The professional world of sports doesn't need that stress, because something is going to break.

When I say break, I mean break. Does the phrase "Black Monday" mean anything to you? I feel that the Great Depression is what is going to happen to sports if we don't take action by supporting tougher salary caps. Let's take this money-driven attitude out of their minds.

This will put more thought on the game just as it was intended. But remember, it only takes one person to listen to what they have to say and believe it. Don't be that person!

"It's all getting a little bit out of hand."

INSPIRATION *etcetera*

Never, never pin your whole faith on any human being: not if he is the best and wisest in the whole world. There are lots of nice things you can do with sand; but do not try building a house on it.

- C. S. Lewis

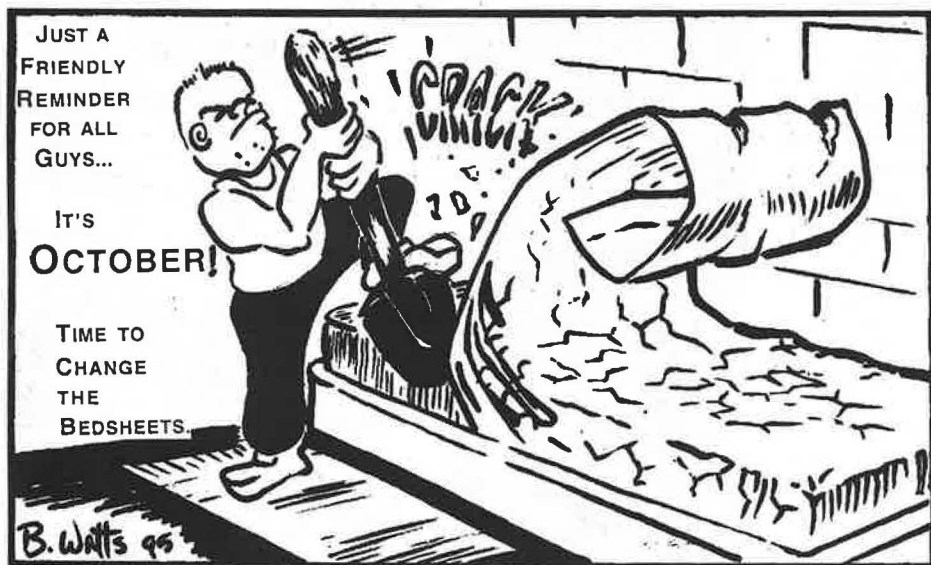
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points of VIEW

by Johnna Duke
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You won't slip in His steps

From its source in Jinja, Uganda, the Nile River rushes with great force on its way to Egypt. It fiercely charges through valleys and plunges off of mountains, producing amazing waterfalls. Sipi Falls crashes over the Ugandan side of Mt. Elgon and falls more than 200 feet to land in a lush green valley, obviously nurtured by the life-sustaining water.

Thirteen Harding students braved the Sipi Falls "resort" as part of our internship this summer with the Uganda team.

Resort has a whole different connotation to Africans. We did, however, enjoy ourselves, even without electricity, running water or an inside bathroom. The moonlight revealed the silhouette of a waterfall that called us to trek through the jungle early the next morning.

As we neared the base of the falls, I found myself paralyzed by the force of the winds and water and the instability of my footing.

A fellow intern later described this moment as being equivalent to driving 65 miles an hour down the interstate in a rainstorm with your head out the window. This was no weak waterfall.

The storm from the day before had made a muddy mush of the steep trail that leads to the falls. My clothes were drenched and my adrenaline was pumping (from excitement and fear) as I realized that the only way down this mountain was to fall and slide on my backside.

However, I soon discovered that I was among the most blessed in our group of interns because of my place in the line of descent. I was directly behind Mark Moore, a member of the Uganda team. As the path became impossible, he began to stomp out huge footprints for me. He would stomp the mud as much as he had to until there was a somewhat firm and flat place for me to step.

He fell several times, but his falling and determination provided for me a workable path. So I followed in his steps. If I ever strayed from the path he'd stomped, I would slide out of control. In these times, or if his footprints were too far apart for me, he would reach out, take my hand and guide me to safety. All the way down the mountain he led me; others, too, stepped in the same footprints.

At some point it occurred to me that there *was* another way to get down this mountain - it was to follow exactly the steps that Mark took. In thankfulness, I watched him work to make a path for me, and a verse echoed through my mind: "Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps."

Life is often overwhelming. At times its fierceness blinds me, and the unknown causes me to stop, paralyzed with fear. The ability to persevere is found in those footprints. We are among the most blessed of all men because of our place in line. Christ has already made it down the mountain, and the beauty of His call is that there are firm places for us to stand. All we have to see is the next step. When we miss His footprint, His hand is near. Because of Him we will finish.

professional HOUSECALLS

by Donald E. Kee, J.D.
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New challenges for the college student- In this legal "I am entitled" world of ours, as a college student who is a disciple of Jesus, you are called to ask yourself critical questions in the many situations which you face. You have left home for college and now face new challenges which, at first, appear to be simple, but, in fact, are not simple at all. The Christian college student faces one of these challenges as he or she leaves the college setting and seeks employment. Upon securing employment, you will most likely either sign a lease or establish a living arrangement with another person. In entering into a lease or a living arrangement, you need to know the legal as well as the biblical aspects.

The lease- When signing a lease, remember that the landlord/tenant law is determined by the state law where you are living. Look at the terms for cancellation of the lease in

the event that you are transferred to another city. Also, note what will happen if you do not complete the term of the lease. If you break the lease and move out early, you are still liable for the rest of the month's rent and you may be jeopardizing your security deposit. You also need to check the length of the lease, the terms for renewal, and the conditions for return of your security deposit when you move out. Find out the length of time required as notice before vacating the premises, assumption of the lease in case you sign the lease and then move out and your roommate decides to stay in the apartment, and the limitations of the lease, including: limit regarding the number of roommates, parking of cars and use of the facilities.

Remember, a lease is a contract, a covenant. After you sign it, if you realize it is not just what you want, you are transferred out of town, or you just want to make other living arrangements, you are bound by the lease. Your attempt to "get out" of the

today in HISTORY



Alfred Lord Tennyson, poet laureate of England in 1850, died on this day in 1892.

"Song"

The winds, as at their hour of birth,
Leaning upon the ridged sea,
Breathed low around the rolling earth
With mellow preludes, 'We are free.'

listening to READERS

Immigration is not a simple issue

To the editor:

Bilingual education has been a hot topic among lawmakers, teachers, and parents. While many different views exist about what is best for children in school and the country as a whole, it is important to look at both sides of the issue. The September 22, 1995 issue of The Bison did not present facts in favor of bilingual education, only against.

What exactly is bilingual education? As defined in *Racial and Ethnic Groups*, bilingualism is the use of two or more languages in places of work or educational facilities, according each language equal legitimacy. A bilingual education program instructs children in their native language while gradually introducing them to the language of the dominant society (English).

One author, Susan Black, states that the differing opinions about bilingual education stem from how one views the country, not the schools. "It comes down to whether you think of America as a "melting pot" (traditional assimilation, in which all citizens, including newest immigrants are expected to replace their native tongues with English) or a "salad bowl," in which immigrants retain their individual "flavors" even as they blend with the general population" (Black 54). In schools favoring the melting pot, students are likely to be shoved into regular classes where the subjects are taught in English. In schools taking the salad bowl view, students are more likely to be in classes where classes are taught in their native language.

The Hispanic founders of the Spanish American League Against Discrimination (SALAD) claim most Americans have a romanticized view of the melting pot theory learned in textbooks. In all actuality, "only western European immigrants became part of

an American stew; more often than not, Blacks, Asians, American Indians, and Hispanics were excluded from the pot."

Some believe that bilingual education programs are necessary for preparing students for the multilingual and multicultural challenges of the twenty-first century. Bilingual education programs allow but generally do not require English-speaking pupils to be bilingual. The statement has been made that even the bilingual education programs in place are not working. This could possibly be due to the self-fulfillment prophecy. If one believes the program will fail, it probably will.

Some schools who have implemented bilingual education programs have done so in order to avoid lawsuits, not because the school believes the program could benefit the students. "Research studies evaluating bilingual programs among Navaho-speaking children in Arizona, Chinese-speaking children in New York City, French-speaking children in Louisiana and Minnesota, and Spanish-speaking children in several states have all demonstrated that a quality bilingual program can be effective in improving both general learning skills and performance in reading and speaking English." (Schaefer 258).

The world is a bit different than it was when Teddy Roosevelt made his statement about squabbling nationalities. This nation will not fall apart at the mere introduction of different languages. In fact, we could probably all benefit from a lesson in multiculturalism. However, the issue here is what is best for the children. Can it be best for the children to fall behind in school because they cannot understand the language? Let's re-think whether we are arguing about what is best for the children or what is easiest for the public.

Julie DeWoody

Leases, both legal and biblical

lease will reflect on your discipleship under Jesus; therefore, when signing a lease, you must be cautious, knowledgeable and committed to fulfilling the lease.

Living arrangements Establishing a living arrangement with another person can be even more of a challenge than entering into a lease. In this situation, you and the other person may jointly sign a lease. The primary question you must answer is, what are your duties and obligations if your apartment mate moves out and leaves you to deal with the landlord.

A written agreement between the apartment mates is recommended. This agreement would set forth the amount of rent each party is to pay, the division of utilities, the responsibilities of each party as to housework, any limitations as to visits by friends, adding roommates, notice of vacating the premises and obligation if one moves out.

Even if the apartment mate is your friend and you do not believe you will encounter any problems, a

written agreement can be a source of reference should any conflicts arise. Sometimes, one party will depart suddenly, leaving the other to pay the rent and utilities for which the departing party was responsible, such as long distance telephone calls. A written agreement may provide you with some evidence of your agreement between you and your apartment mate.

The point- A simple thing such as entering into and signing a lease, alone or with a friend, involves your religious beliefs, your philosophy of how to treat people, your economics and your legal rights, duties and obligations. Your religious beliefs may be in conflict with your legal rights or economic benefit. To navigate through the many "simple challenges" of life, you need to become aware of legal relationships, rights, duties and obligations through reading, discussing, listening and using your liberal arts education to practice the principles taught by Jesus effectively and consistently.

Women hone their defensive skills

by Carol Birth
Bison staff writer

Whether we know it or not, most of us are highly accessible to criminals, according to Gene Hartsfield, speaker at the monthly meeting of the Associated Women for Harding (A.W.H.) in the Heritage Auditorium Monday night.

"Crime most often happens in the two places where we spend most of our time," Hartsfield said. "That's in and around our homes and in and around our cars."

Hartsfield is a representative of Citizens Against Crime, an organization that focuses on educating to decrease the chances of criminal activity, especially against women.

On the average, the company holds audience with 25,000 adults weekly nationwide. The objective of this seminar, "Don't Be the Next Victim," is to promote safety around the home and car.

Hartsfield quoted a 1993 Bureau of Vital Statistics survey that said that approximately 52 percent of all crime occurs in and around the victim's home; 32 percent of all crime occurs in or around the victim's car.

He also spoke about three key elements a criminal looks for in a potential victim: "He wants you to be

quick to get to, easy to get to, and he wants you to represent little or no risk."

In addition to usual home safety devices such as dead-bolt locks, solid-core doors, peep-holes, and light from sources outside the house, Hartsfield suggested more physical and visual deterrents for criminals.

"A dog is the best alarm," he said. He also said one might want to invest in longer and stronger screws for door hinges and catches to make an intruder's job more difficult.

Regarding escape from an intruder, he said, "The experts are now saying you literally need to have some type of protection in every room of your house. You have to give yourself and all your family members every possible chance to escape a situation."

Hartsfield discussed car safety at length, quoting an FBI report that said the highest percent of street crime occurs as the victim makes her way from a building to her vehicle.

"There are important things you do every time you go from a building to your vehicle. Number one, before you walk out of any building, heading for the vehicle, make sure you have the one key in your hand that you're going to be using. If you carry a weapon, now's the time for you to have it in your hand, not in your purse."

In addition to this, Hartsfield emphasized checking the front and back seats before getting in and locking the car doors immediately after getting in. Later in the program, he discussed rape and ways women could at least try to escape that situation.

"Every woman has to have a plan. Waiting until this guy gets right up to you is not the time to be planning what you're going to do. It's too late then," he said.

According to Hartsfield, one never knows what technique will work on an attacker, including pretending to faint or pass out, confronting him before getting in too vulnerable a position, and screaming or getting hysterical.

The women who attended will benefit from Hartsfield's advice, according to Lisa Williams. "I think he did a good job. He made you feel the urgency in protecting yourself so you wouldn't be the victim."

A.W.H., among other things, raises funds to provide scholarships for Harding students. Tomorrow (Saturday, Oct. 7) they will sponsor "sausage on a stick" at the football game. In the following months, they will have a program about decorating for the holidays, Lunch with Santa at McRae Elementary School, and Cheer Boxes for students in December.



Go ahead, make my day. Gene Hartsfield of Citizens Against Crime, demonstrates a recommended defense. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

Technology aids students' hearing

by Norm Conley
Bison staff writer

In an effort to accommodate a greater variety of students, Harding has made technical changes for the hearing impaired. This semester is the first in which wireless communication systems are being used for the benefit of two students who otherwise would not be able to attend Harding.

The students use a wireless FM system in chapel and in their classes. Their teachers wear a microphone, transmitting a signal to the headset the students wear, according to Dr. Dan Tullos of the communications department.

"The system is completely mobile and requires no special installation. In fact, the units were used at the all-school retreat at Wyldewood earlier this semester with great success," Tullos said.

Special provisions have been made in the Benson auditorium where there may be a number of people with hearing problems. Rather than requiring a speaker to wear as many microphones as may be needed to match the number of headsets used in the audience, a single broadcast antenna was placed in the ceiling, according to Tullos. Whatever sounds are taken up by the microphone and amplified are also rebroadcast by the antenna to the individual headsets in the room on a single FM channel.

Though at present the Benson is the only building so equipped, Tullos said he anticipates that the Heritage and Administration auditoriums will soon be fitted as well.

While there are only two students making use of this technology, two additional headsets are available and more are expected to be provided as needed for use by people coming to functions in the Benson.

According to Tullos, these two

students were in contact with the university during the summer when they said it would not be possible for them to attend Harding without accommodations for their hearing difficulties. The school moved quickly to acquire the necessary equipment.

The students using this system are not deaf. In fact, regular conversation without background noise is by no means beyond their ability to hear. It is an environment of shuffling papers, heating and cooling equipment, throat-clearing and peripheral conversation that most challenges their aural perception. Thus the need for the communication system, Tullos said.

Bible professor Joe Jones, who teaches one of these students, said the system is easy to use and very effective. "It's just like putting on a lapel mike," he said. "The student seemingly hears extremely well with it."

According to Tullos, a need for this sort of equipment has been present for four or five years, and the school has wanted to act on that need. This year, the university responded to the demand.

Receiver/transmitter combinations cost about \$650, while receivers alone are easily \$350. "I'm just thrilled about this. It's a great advance for the cost," Tullos said.

It is no small accomplishment that, with so little notice the school was able to gain this technology, according to Tullos. Department budgets are made in January and do not generally allow for additional expenditures. Tullos attributed funding to several university sources, to the White County Sertoma club and to the Student Speech and Hearing Association. Without these

contributors, concessions could not have been made for these students.

Tullos said he knew of a college church member who had been coming to Wednesday "Peak of the Week" services in the Benson. He could never make out anything of what was said, but he felt it important to make his affiliation known to people. Now this man is making use of the FM system and benefiting from all that is said, in addition to making his allegiance known, according to Tullos.

Tullos estimates that, on a campus this size, there are 20 people who could benefit from this technology. With Harding's growing enrollment and a greater variety of students, it follows that the university will need to make this kind of adjustment. "It was always just assumed before that, if you had special needs, you just went somewhere else," Tullos said. He is genuinely excited about the advance: "It's the greatest development we've had here lately."

Tullos said that the communication disorders department is committed to this service, and he welcomes any students who might benefit from it.

Ezell building refurbished

by Lois Voyles
Bison staff writer

The Ezell building has taken on a fresh look following recent renovations to the first floor and basement. Dr. Jack Thomas, chair of the behavioral sciences department, said the entire building was gutted and completely refurbished.

"The administration was very gracious in allowing us new furniture for reception areas and offices. We have new carpet, new paint, new blinds, and new doors. The kids are absolutely thrilled," Thomas said.

Graduate student Kim Harris, who works in the department, said, "It's great. It's 100 percent better."

"Not only does the new building look good; it also enhances our learning experience," senior Mike Ferris said.

The new facilities include a conference room and resource room in which faculty can work with students or review videos. Students have at their fingertips the latest materials, updated books and current journals. Thomas said the new rooms are heavily utilized. "It's excellent to have a place in which we will not be interrupted in order to prepare and do a better job in the classroom."

Seven Pentium computers with Windows were installed in the new computer lab. "This will help our students learn software that is used nationwide in their field," Thomas said.

According to senior Chris Wagley,

"The updated computer lab has really been helpful in getting our work done."

The old classroom, Ezell 100, was taken out and a faculty storage room, work room and a small space for student workers was added. Also, new offices were constructed. "I've visited lots of state schools, and we have some of the best offices anywhere," Thomas said.

Receptionist Mary Luallen did an outstanding job redecorating, according to Thomas. He said she went beyond the call of duty, working on her own time to give the department a "homey touch."

The basement has also improved vastly, according to Buddy Rowan, assistant vice president for finance. He spoke enthusiastically of the new offices. "We're tickled to death. The floor space is used more effectively now. Since the loan offices were moved out, we have more space. Also, it's much brighter," Rowan said.

Another welcome change for the students and faculty who used the building last year, is the new four-pipe system for heating and cooling. "The building now has marvelous heating and cooling upstairs and down," Thomas said.

Harding's physical plant personnel supervised the renovation project during the summer, including foreman James Rumfield, director of the carpentry and paint division; Ronnie Burkett, director of the physical plant; and Danny Deramus, director of mechanical services.

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Library connects to worldwide computer network

by Emily McMackin
Bison staff writer

The latest breakthrough in computer technology has arrived at the Brackett Library. Harding students now have access to a multitude of information through the Internet resources.

"Internet brings a whole world of information right to the students' fingertips, and, because of the variety of databases and information sources, they can receive up-to-date information by using it," Suzanne Spurrier, director of the library, said.

Although it may sound complicated at first, the process of logging onto the Internet system is relatively simple and convenient for the average college student, Spurrier said. First, students should look under other resources in the Harding Library Catalogue. They can then directly log onto the system by going to Internet resources, which will pull up a list of the different kinds of information that the library can access.

A popular site among the Internet resources is the Christian University Library Catalogue, which allows students to view the library catalogues of other Christian universities. According to librarian Henry Terrell, this resource is especially useful for students who are looking for a special collection of books or certain documents that may not be available in the Harding library.

Students can also find a variety of information pertaining to Christian history, Christian books, and commentaries by tapping into the Christian Related Web Sites, another site under the Internet resources. In addition, students have access to electronic books and journals which are available on the Internet.

The Internet system also provides access to the CIA World Fact Book, Job Searches, Medical Journals and the Internet Public Library. The Internet Public Library allows students to search for information under specific categories, such as business, arts and government.

According to Spurrier, this aspect of Internet is very beneficial to the students. "Students can search for information on almost any topic and find the most current information about the subject."

Jonathan Albright, sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., agrees that Internet poses many benefits for the college student. "I often use Internet when looking for general information on topic ideas for my papers. It also provides up-to-date information on new technology," he said.

Although the Internet system gives students access to a variety of resources and information, it is limited in the sense that it does not provide students with individual Internet accounts. Harding's Internet cannot be used for general surfing, according to Library Systems Manager, Ronnie Morgan.

"The Internet system in the library is only the tip of the iceberg," Morgan said. "There is so much more information out there that we don't have direct access to."

According to Morgan, anyone who knows of another Internet site that

would be useful to others should let the library know so they can try to make it more directly accessible to the students.

Students can also receive interlibrary loans over the Internet system, which allows them to request a book or piece of information to be sent to Brackett Library.

According to Morgan, the number of students using the Internet system has been increasing. "Students understand the process better, and some teachers are even making assignments that require students to use our Internet resources," Morgan said.

"Internet is not only easy to use, but it is a good way to find up-to-date information quickly," said Misty McDowell, senior from Kennett, Mo.

According to librarian Ann Dixon, free online searching will be available through Harding's Online Catalog during October and November. FirstSearch is a computer system offering a selection of 58 separate databases, including Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Conferences and Proceedings, General and Reference,



The Thinker. Angie Daugherty keeps afloat in the Internet ocean. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

General Science, Life Sciences, Medicine and Health Sciences, News and Current Events, Public Affairs, and Law and Social Sciences.

Yeakley serves 'Boston Movement' dropouts

by Allyson Ballenger
Bison staff writer

Dr. Flavil Yeakley, professor of Bible, has started a support group for individuals affected by the Boston Movement (also known as the International Church of Christ, the Crossroads Movement and the Discipling Movement) and other cult-like churches.

"We are looking for students who need to talk to someone who knows what they have been through," Yeakley said. Jay Salazar, a former member of the Boston Movement who is now a Harding student, agrees that former members of the church need support.

"The degree of openness in the church creates a relationship so strong

that, when you leave, it is like the loss of a family or a divorce. Former members are left with the impression that there is no hope for their souls. They need help developing a new relationship with God," he said.

The idea for the support group came from Yeakley's study of the Boston

"The people don't like the control, but they love the fellowship."

Movement and his involvement in "Project Recovery," a group composed of researchers, psychiatrists, cult exit counselors and educators who deal with the damaging effects of cults.

While Yeakley was on staff at Abilene Christian University, an elder from the Boston Movement came to an ACU lectureship and requested that someone tell the story of their church. Since the Boston Church was becoming the fastest growing church in the world, ACU sent Yeakley, the former president of the American Society of Church Growth, to

observe the movement. The story of the church was written, but Yeakley did not have nice things to say.

Although the Boston Movement branched out of the Church of Christ, a member of the church who wants to join the movement must be rebaptized, according to Yeakley. Their belief is that rigid control brings goodness, so their central doctrine is discipling. This means that, in order to be good, one must have a discipler to whom he confesses sins. A discipler sets the mold for his disciple, and he must be obeyed unconditionally. He can dictate who a disciple dates or marries or he can force his disciple to quit his job and move.

If a disciple does not reveal enough in his confession, the discipler labels him "prideful" and pushes for a deeper confession. If he refuses this doctrine, he is disfellowshipped, according to Yeakley.

Anyone joining the church must also acknowledge the apostolic authority of Kip McKean, the founder of the Boston Movement. He tops the church hierarchy, playing a role equivalent to the Catholic Pope, according to Yeakley. The other levels in the hierarchy are lead evangelist, zone evangelist, house church leader, Bible talk leader, discipler and new member.

Yeakley said he believes that people are attracted to churches such as these because of the growing lack of close interaction within traditional churches. "The people don't like the control, but they love the fellowship," he said. "These are not bad people," he added; "they are just caught up in an evil system."

EVENTS

The football team has nominated the following as Homecoming queen candidates:

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Loren Kopf
Katherine Nieman

The history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, has inducted seven new members:

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Jody R. Massey
Teresa R. McCammon
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Jay M. Wright
Phillip G. Young

Sean Connery as King Arthur and Richard Gere as Lancelot vie for the heart of Queen Guinevere in "First Knight," playing tonight at 7 and 9:30 in the Benson Auditorium.

The "SA Late Show," as printed on your student activities calendar, has been cancelled.

Five-dollar tickets for the Homecoming musical, "Secret Garden," will be on sale Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the Benson ticket booth.

The American Studies Institute will present John H. Sununu, chief of staff under President George Bush, Thursday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

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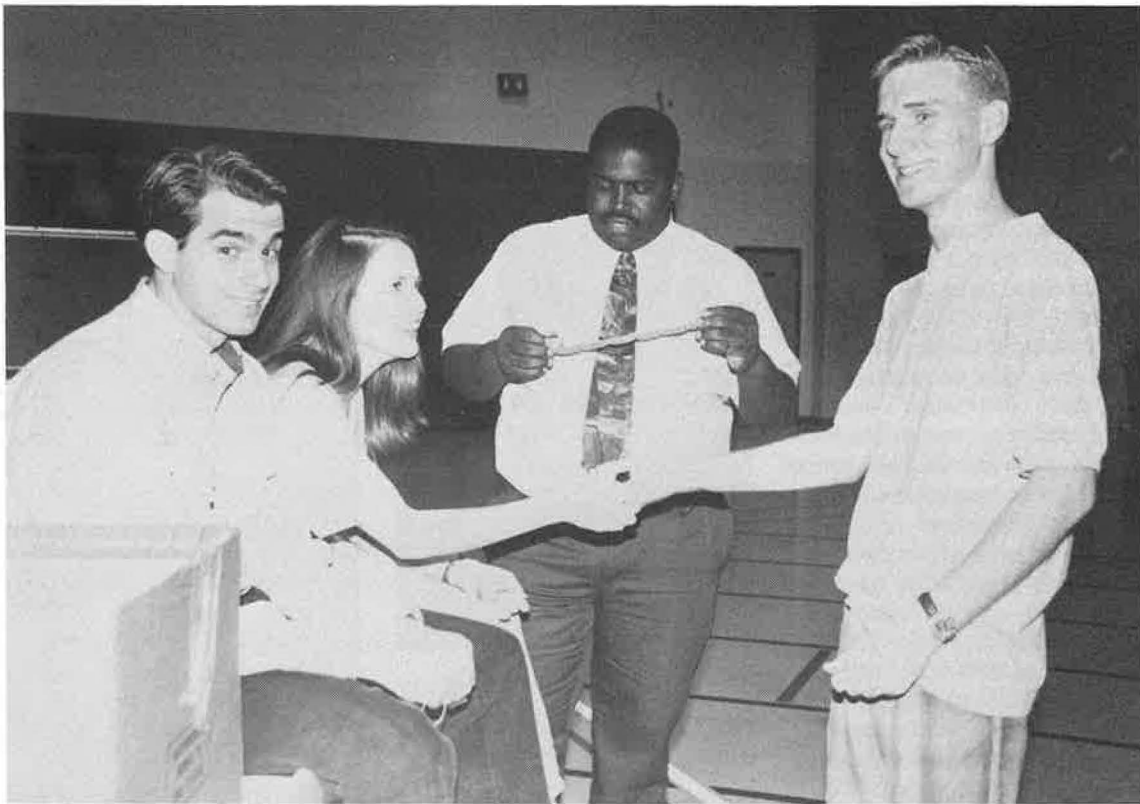
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The ultimate ticket master. Ryan Sorrell and friends sell tickets at the Lady Bison volleyball game to nominate students for "S.A. President for a Day." Photo by Christie Mangrum.

From state school blues to Harding; no regrets

A student's search for "the good things"

by Rebecca West
Bison staff writer

Choosing the right college is not always an easy decision. For some, Harding was the only choice, but others weren't so sure. Nicole Ulrich came to Harding as a freshman and, by her sophomore year, was ready to head home to Austin, Texas.

Nicole originally decided to come to Harding after a group from Harding visited her summer camp. After talking to Glenn Dillard, associate director of admissions, and attending the Texas Roundup, (a weekend where prospective students from Texas come to visit the campus), Nicole knew that Harding was where she wanted to go.

Nicole decided to transfer to Southwest Texas State University, with the logical aspiration of entering graduate school there in a few years. Things, however, were not as she had hoped, and now she is back at Harding.

Referring to her experiences at Southwest Texas, she said, "I found that I was overwhelmed by the size of the classes. The teachers didn't care whether you showed up or not, and they were not very accessible at all." She observed that the general attitude of the faculty was apathetic and unprofessional.

"At Harding, teachers know you by name, and if I were to miss one or two weeks of school, I am confident that they would ask about me," she said.

Seeing the same person three or four times a day at Harding is not uncommon. However, Nicole found it

hard to meet and maintain friends in such a big school. "I was very lonely. Nobody was overly friendly, nor did they go out of their way to be nice. In a classroom of 70 to 80 people, unless there was assigned seating, you never sat by the same people."

Nicole, a communication disorders major, feels that Harding will provide an adequate undergraduate background for her. "In viewing both the state and private schools, I think Harding is right up there as far as academics go. I know that I will get a good education here."

When asked about her reason for returning to Harding, Nicole said, "I guess I just got tired of looking for the good things. State school was not for me. It wasn't what I needed."

"I really didn't know what I had until I left, but then again I don't think anybody does."



Senior Nicole Ulrich

Harding helps in child I.D. project

by Ryan Butterfield
Bison staff writer

October 20 and 21 have been designated as Ident-a-child days for White County. The Ident-a-child program is a service that will record information on the participating children in order to provide assistance in identifying them if for any reason they are thought to be missing.

Harding's National Broadcasting Society (NBS), a club for students receiving a degree in mass communication, is teaming up with Central Arkansas Hospital, First Bank of Arkansas and the Searcy police to host the Ident-a-child program.

The Ident-a-child program is a service brought free of charge through the sponsorship of Central Arkansas Hospital and the First Bank of Arkansas, who are donating money, and members of the National Broadcasting Society, who are donating time. Ident-a-child will be held with the cooperation of the Searcy police, who will be on site to help gather information.

Harding NBS members will video each child against a height measurement chart. The children will then state their name so a voice sample can be recorded, and their fingerprints will be taken.

The video tapes will be kept in a safety deposit box at the First Bank of Arkansas, and the fingerprints will be given to the parents for safekeeping.

According to Dr. Louis Butterfield, sponsor of Harding's National Broadcasting Society and organizer of the Ident-a-child program, "The reason for the Ident-a-child program is to obtain information that most parents don't have about their child. The information will assist efforts to locate their child if, for any reason, he or she is missing. It is simply a precautionary measure to help provide safety for the children in White County."

Butterfield said that similar programs are available, most of which come with a fee. "This one is absolutely free so there is no reason why every child in White County cannot participate. With several kids missing from Arkansas now, we feel that this service is not only a good idea, but a necessary one."

Dave Donnelly, a senior radio/T.V. major, and president of Harding's chapter of the National Broadcasting Society said, "We're really happy to be involved with the Ident-a-child program. We feel that we have the abilities needed, not only to do the Ident-a-child program, but to do it well. We also feel that it will be a real

service to White County, especially in light of some of the recent tragedies. With the information that the police gather from the Ident-a-child program, if any more unfortunate events occur, the police would be one step closer to returning a missing child."

The program is open to anyone in White County, but the target age is from birth to 15 years. Ident-a-child will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Town and Country Plaza.

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Harding Bisons vs. NEO Redmen

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Bisons return home; spike Lady Suns, 3-1

by Bart Blasengame
Bison Sports Editor

The Harding Lady Bisons left their ruby-red slippers on all week long, clicking their heels to the tune of a five-game homestand and a satisfying beating of Arkansas Tech Tuesday night.

After spending much of the first month of the season on the road, the Lady Bisons played only their third match of the season inside the Ganus Athletic Center against the likes of Lyon College, Christian Brothers, Williams Baptist and Rhodes. The high point of the week came on Tuesday, with a 3-1 dismantling of former AIC rival, Arkansas Tech.

"I think we all feel a lot more comfortable at home, of course," freshman middle hitter Allison Clemson said. "That's not just because of the home court - the fans are great. This crowd played a major part in our win."

Harding simply overwhelmed ATU in the first set, with a ferocious display of ball-throttling ability, repelling the Lady Suns with crushing kills from Regina Huddleston and Lori Hendricks to take a 15-7 win.

The second set took more of a defensive stand for the Lady Bisons as they held off ATU to take a 15-10 win and a 2-0 set advantage. That's when Harding's patented third-set lull went into effect.

"There's something about this jinx

on their third set," Jim Diehl, a student assistant to the team, said. "It could be psychological - it could be in the back of their minds - they'll win their first two matches straight and then something happens and they lose the third. Then they come back psyched up in the fourth set and pull out the win."

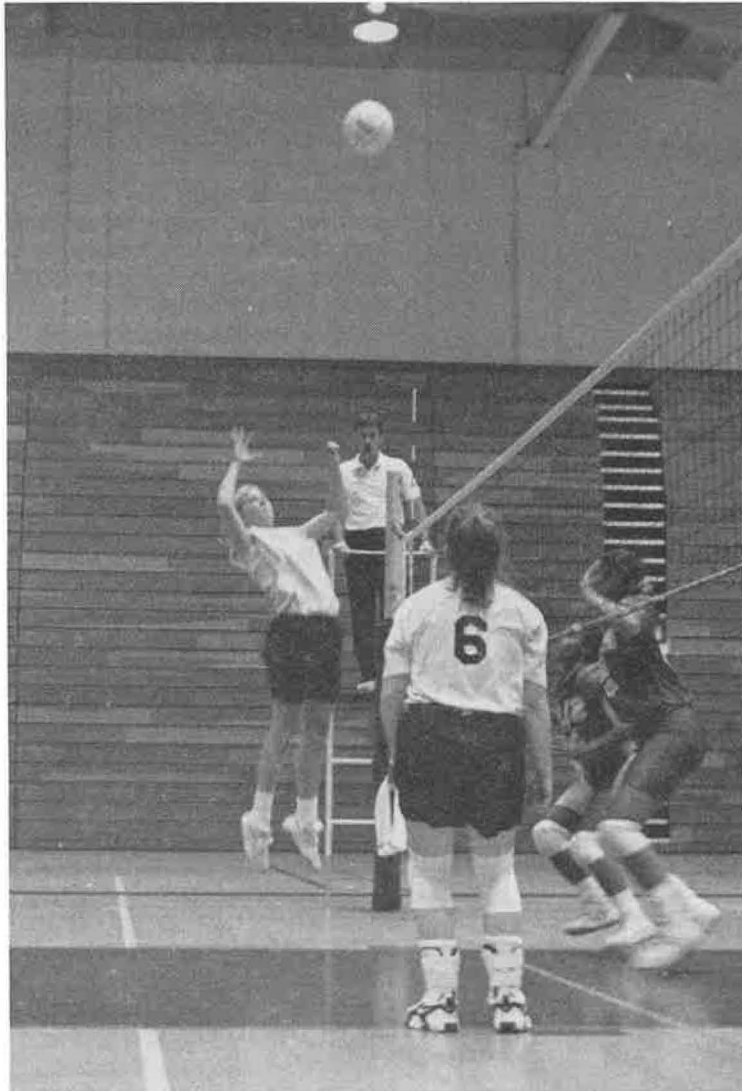
The Lady Bisons did just that, falling out of rhythm in the third set only to rebound and run the Lady Suns out of the gym in the fourth set, closing the match with a 15-8 win.

"This year's team has unbelievable talent, and it feels great to win at home," sophomore outside hitter, Jennifer Stein, said. "We were especially motivated tonight by the home fans; they are a great support. We're really hoping that as many people who can will come out and watch us."

Seniors Huddleston and Hendricks led the offensive onslaught with 15 kills each. Clemson accounted for seven kills of her own. Huddleston also had six aces in the match. Casey Williams, the team's setter, led the Lady Bisons with 39 assists.

Hendricks also played a major role on defense, serving as a human shield with 13 blocks and 11 digs. Clemson also played well, dishing out 10 blocks.

"We're real proud of the team," Diehl said. "They've been on the road quite a long time and they've had some hard losses, but I think they've more than proven themselves here at home. They definitely were a more focused



Waiting for the kill. Regina Huddleston elevates to smash the ball towards two ATU defenders. Harding won the match 3-1. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

team tonight against ATU."

The Lady Bisons now move to 22-8 on the season. The last game of their homestand will take place today in the Ganus Athletic Center against Williams

Baptist College at 4:30 p.m.

The Lady Bisons will play once again at 7:30 p.m. with a final match against Rhodes College, out of Memphis, Tenn.

Nothing goes right for Harding in 18-0 loss

by Bart Blasengame
Bison Sports Editor

No run, no pass, no defense was quite good enough to reverse the fortunes of the Harding Bisons Saturday as they endured another disappointing loss, falling 18-0 to Southwestern Oklahoma State.

Nothing seemed to work offensively for the Bisons, who

managed just 179 yards in the ball game. The fundamental collapse even spread to Harding's usually solid defense, which broke down in a two-minute span in the second quarter, allowing the Bulldogs to put a back-breaking two touchdowns on the board.

The loss continues Harding's downward spiral with a 1-4 record,

while Southwestern reaches .500 with a 2-2 record on the season.

"We didn't have any offensive consistency, and we gave their defense more confidence," Harding Coach Randy Tribble said. "We ran the ball, but only in spurts. We didn't have much of a passing game due to the pressure applied by their front line."

Harding's ground game, which in past seasons had been a strength, once again fell flat with only 69 yards on 32 attempts for an average of 2.1 yards a carry. Senior fullback Lloyd Coakley accounted for most of that, with 64 yards on 14 carries.

The air attack also crashed to earth. Mac Hurley, last week's hero in a 26-25 win over Southeastern Oklahoma State, became the third different quarterback to start a game for the Bisons this season. Any hopes of a repeat performance were quickly

dashed as the redshirt freshman went only 10-of-28 (35percent) for 110 yards and three interceptions.

"The key to the game was the way they controlled the ball," Tribble said. "They did what they needed to do to win the game."

The Bison defense held Southwestern to just six points after the second quarter, but the offense could get nothing going.

"They are a physical team and did a good job on defense," Tribble said. "Our defense did a better job stopping the run in the second half than they did in the first half."

Linebacker Chris Howell and free safety Paul Maple led the defense with eight and seven tackles, respectively.

The Bisons host Northeastern Oklahoma State, the defending NAIA champion, Saturday at Alumni Field. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Extra POINTS

Cubs are only true baseball puritans

● God **must** have a sense of humor.

As if Chicago Cubs fans haven't suffered enough over the years, the statistics now show that if Major League Baseball was in its old four-division-only format (instead of the new expanded wildcard divisions), the Cubs would be showering in champagne as East Division Champions.

Without realignment, the Cubs would have won the NL East at 73-71, four games ahead of the New York Mets and Philadelphia.

Dawkins too much for NBA - literally

● Darrell Dawkins, the former crown prince of backboard pummeling, is on the comeback trail at the leathery age of 38.

Dawkins, who wants to be known as the George Foreman of basketball, showed up last week at a Boston Celtics rookie free-agent camp and is apparently looking to sign up. The only problem is that he is too much like Foreman in the weight department.

Dawkins said he had to lose 16 pounds, but as one official said, "Yeah, that's in one leg."

Indians give away scalp for fat check

● The Arkansas State Indians got their hands slapped last Saturday for reaching into the cookie jar.

Arkansas State, a member of the not-so-tough Big West, took on the Golden Gophers of Minnesota, members of the historically tough Big Ten. Two things were for certain: that the Indians would get beat, and that Arkansas State would receive a nice pay check for simply showing up for the game.

ASU was indeed beaten - badly, 55-7, but they did receive a sizeable pentence for their beating in the form of a \$200,000 check.

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9. Virginia (5-1-0)
10. Tennessee (4-1-0)

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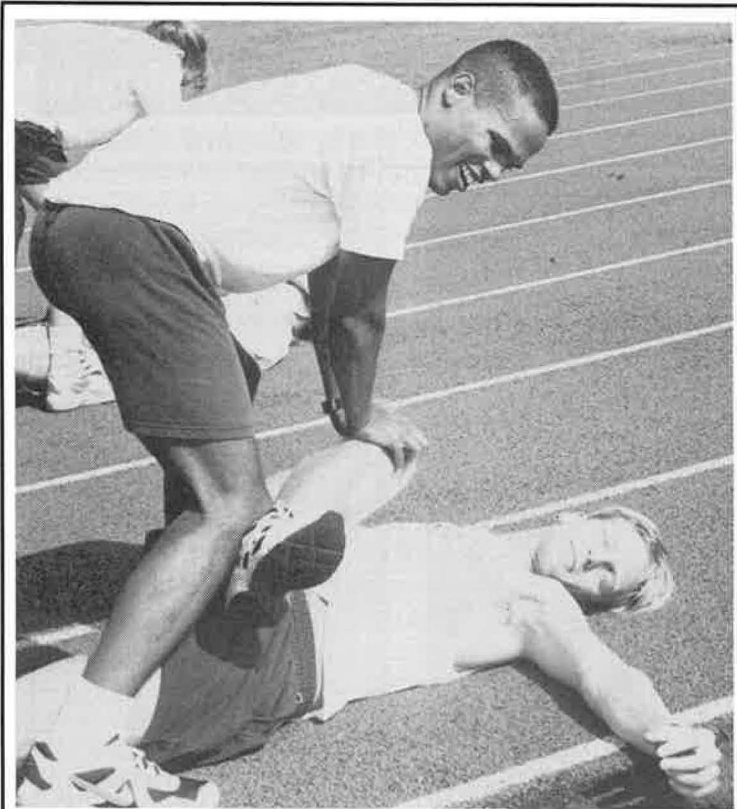
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Down the stretch. Ron Nelson and Jeremy Winters warm up before starting preseason track practice. Photo by Christie Mangrum.

Tales from THE BENCH

Testosterone: A thoughtful inquiry

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What is testosterone? Have you ever just stopped to really think about what this vital male hormone is really all about? And having thought about it and seen its effects, should it really be legal in our beloved White County?

Testosterone is what makes a man function. It is life-blood, it is sustenance, and it makes us manly men do some pretty down-right dumb things. For instance, why is it that, when two or more guys are in the same room, it is a sure bet that at some point there will be some sort of verbal sparring?

Example:

Guy 1 - "Hey did you see my Cowboys win yesterday?"

Guy 2 - "Yeah. Weren't YOUR Cowboys playing Mount St. Mary's School of Ballet and Quilt Making?"

Guy 1 - "Man (this is an important word because it verifies exactly what species is being addressed), you're just jealous because you got stuck with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers."

Guy 2 - "No. I'm just sick of all you morons jumping on the bandwagon of, well, let's see, Dallas, the Atlanta Braves, North Carolina, Hootie and the Blowfish. Weren't you born in Idaho?"

At this point, mother jokes are exchanged and the two intelligent debaters at some point end up on the floor wrestling around like a couple one might see on Harding's front lawn around curfew.

It's testosterone that makes men do other stupid things, like "the group stare." Defined in *Chuck Wollery's Dictionary of Courtship* as "when one member of the male species tells his friends NOT to stare at the attractive female passing by, yet the friends absolutely cannot control themselves. The resulting mass of eyeballs and fingertips is referred to as "the group stare."

And what about the "spontaneous act of stupidity"? This happens much like you see in the National Geographic TV shows. Two normal looking men are just having a conversation when suddenly they drop to the floor and start grappling like wild monkeys on steroids. Perhaps one was offended by the other setting foot in his territory, which is marked by an indescribable odor commonly known as "filth." Or perhaps one tried to snag a piece of the other's prey (pizza). Whatever the scenario, the scuffle ends when one of the contestants notices that he is now surrounded by a crowd and realizes just how stupid he looks.

Testosterone also provides the fuel for 90 percent of all athletic events. How else would you explain several 300-pound men running around crushing each other and turning each others' faces into piles of misshapen goo. How did "trash-talking" evolve? You guessed it, our friend Tony Testosterone. When that first trash-talker had reached his maximum testosterone capacity (MTC) after a thunderous dunk, he chose to release the intense pressure welling up inside his chest by belting out a good, hardy, "In your face!"

The Big T also dominates the majority of one's (cough, choke) love life. How else would you explain the inherent inability for most men to be able to form the words that express affection. The two emotions simply DO NOT mix.

How can one be suave, cool and just plain bad and still try to be Mr. Sensitivity? Most men compensate by taking their date to an athletic event. This is the equivalent of Heaven to most men; soft drink in one hand, Ms. Thing in the other and 10 sweaty guys running around and jumping after a ball like goobs right before your eyes.

Testosterone makes the world go round. If you don't agree with me, then I'll pound your face in. Of course we could arm wrestle...

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Bison netters optimistic about season

by Norm Conley
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Harding's tennis teams are optimistic about the upcoming season. With most of the proven members returning, hopes are high for another outstanding performance at the nationals in May.

Last year, the men had a 21-4 season and placed 10th in the nation. Three of last year's all-Americans and two academic All-Americans are back again, though the top two players from last year - Reuben Gonzalez and Juan Dominguez - are gone.

Junior Nathaniel Israel, who's played since his freshman year, and freshman Andrew Garner will take up the slack, according to Coach David Elliott. Elliott does not believe the team is in any way disadvantaged by the changes, and he feels confident that Israel and Garner

are "already broken in" and "just as good" as the two players who are now gone.

The women had a 21-3 season last year and placed 11th in the nation. All of them return, including three who were All-Americans, and one of which was an academic All-American.

The Lady Bisons won six of seven singles matches and two of the three doubles matches Thursday in defeating Southeast Missouri at the Harding courts.

Alicia Rojas, Jessy Ruiz, Christina Rodriguez, Claudia Cordera and Claudia Navarro of the Lady Bisons posted victories in singles. Rojas and Shelly Shaeffer, and Navarro and Melody Miller won in doubles.

"SEMO has been a good matchup for us the past three years," Elliott

said. "It is always good to win against a Division I (NCAA) school."

The men also played well in the "Heart of America Tournament" in Edmond, Okla. Leonicio Dominguez and Arturoz went 5-1 and played in the finals of the consolation bracket.

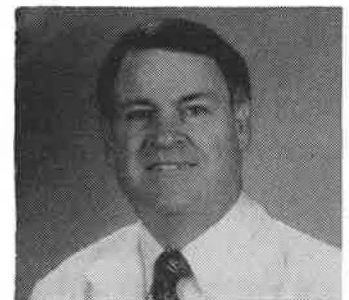
Garner and Israel were also solid and Harding's No. 1 doubles team of Rodriguez and Hernandez (10th-ranked in the NAIA last year) won three rounds before having to default due to injury.

Rodriguez also played well recently by making it to the semifinals of the Rolex Tournament in Tyler, Texas. Daniel Velasco went to the finals in the consolation bracket.

When asked about the team's strategy, Coach Elliott disclosed the simple formula: "We're going to win every match we can."

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