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As the year draws to a close, the community surrounding Harding has remembered well the true meaning of the holiday season with special service projects.

One of the programs making a difference at Christmas is the Angel Tree project. "It's been wonderful," said Angela Spindler, one of those who has collected gifts and donations for the program. With each angel adopted, Christmas is made brighter for a child in northern Arkansas who has a parent in prison. Approximately 200 children will receive gifts this year, a 10 percent increase over last year. Spindler added, "People have been more than willing to help. We don't have enough angels to fill all the requests for gifts."

Aside from the presents given on behalf of their parents, the children receive additional benefits. "If they know their parent is in prison," Spindler said, "then getting a gift like this lets them know that the parent is thinking about them. A gift like this can help start some mending, too." Spindler's co-worker Zach Steele agreed, noting that Christmas can be especially hard on the one who cares for the child with an absent parent. "It really means as much to the parent or guardian who takes care of the child as it does the children," Steele said.

Though she will not be at Harding next year to help again, Spindler expressed optimism about the future of the Angel Tree project, and she said the experience is one she will not soon forget. "I talked to a lot of the care givers," Spindler said, "and it made a huge impact on me. It makes me feel good about the student body because they have really gone above and beyond our requests."

Students have another opportunity to give this time benefiting the African Handicap Market through the Jinja, Uganda, mission team from Harding. "The people there are in real need. The medical facilities are awful and seriously understaffed," Chris Williams, a Uganda intern, said. "We are sending all the money collected back into the African market." Each card is hand painted by one of the handicapped men in the market. Mark Moore, a Uganda team member, said the men began making and selling these cards to make a living. "What most people do not realize is that what they will pay for one of these Christmas cards is more than a day's wage for the average African man," according to Carter Davis, Uganda intern.

"People are contributing to an extremely worthy cause. The impact that the sales will make is tremendous, not to mention practical," intern Brandon Smith said. The Christmas cards by the African Handicap Market will be sold in the student center until Christmas break: 1 card for $1, 5 cards for $5, 10 cards for $10, and 20 cards for $15.

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Rhan Mohr, one of Harding's security officers, is just one of many who have come together in support of the L'Heureux family. His family has been very warm and open with the situation, Mohr said. "There have been so many people to respond and faculty and staff have given so much." Mohr and others at Harding who have helped at the "Christmas for Jonathan" table continue to collect donations for canned food, toys and money through today. The money raised will be used to purchase additional items, including clothing for L'Heureux and her son, and for a prepared Christmas dinner. Any amount left over will be given as a check to help cover her outstanding bills. Frank Snyder, another dedicated worker, said that all of the gifts they will give to the L'Heureux family,"our biggest gift will be a smile."

Several of Harding's faculty and staff have been important contributors. Mohr said, "We would like to give special thanks to Dean Butch Gardner and Dr. [David] Burks for allowing this to happen." Chancellor Clifton Ganus has lent a Santa Claus suit for one of the deliveries. With help from security chief, Dan Campbell, one of the new security cars will carry Santa and the gifts to Jacqueline and Jonathan on December 22 as a special treat for their family.

"It's overwhelmingly evident that the Harding family is willing to give," Mohr said. "It has helped us to remember the true meaning of Christmas and to know that Harding has, too."
My Thanksgiving turkey tasted all the better while watching the witty, carefree, peacefaced boys from Liverpool on Beatles' C, i, like kabillions before me, fell in love.

But, by the second of the Beatles Anthology series, my admiration turned to something like sympathy, and I started to glean some profound truths that recurred off 1962 and bounced into my living room.

Maybe it's just the aspiring journalist in me, but I found myself formulating questions I would someday like to ask the Fab Four for three out as long as we're dreaming, we may as well bring John back for this one. If I could talk to them now, here's how that interview might go.

Q: You say money can't buy me love. In fact, it can't buy me a family or happiness, either. It can't even buy true friends, the ones who stick around and support you when your face starts sagging and you grow a creepy-looking beard. It was the charm and the music that bought your fans, not the money.

But, my question is, what can money buy, boy?

A: An older, wiser George holds the answer behind his signature eyeglasses. Money bought the drugs and booze that led to addiction, and the women that poisoned innocence. Now, it can't buy me love, he'd say, but money certainly knows about love substitutes.

Q: Funny you should mention love, 'cause I've always wondered, John — what did you mean when you told that reporter once that the Beatles were "bigger than Jesus?"

A: He'd gaze from behind those rose-colored lenses (that never seemed to do him much good), take a long drag on his cigarette and tell me to wake up and smell the sewage. This world is toilet-bound. That's what he meant.

He'd get irate then: this is a time when homosexuality is taught as a way of life and glamorized in our most popular sit-coms. A time when any self-respecting 15-year-old girl would laugh out loud at the words "I wanna hold your hand," unless they came from her two-year-old kid.

And, yes, a time when more people have heard about Coke than about the savior of the universe.

A long and winding road

Q: Oh. Now wait a minute — I thought we all lived in a yellow submarine! Where's the boat taking us — and why? And what are we going to do when we arrive?

A: George speaks up this time, in his smirking accent (he always sounds to me like he's sucking on a Halves). We are traveling to the moon, he tells me. That's where he believes this mission is headed.

He'd talk about his own trip — the screams of half-crazed teeny-boppers that riddled his sleep; the Gramees that drenched his bed, the window of his hotel suite; the nights he was so drugged he couldn't remember yesterday, much less today.

Then he'd talk about today, gen-Xers on the way to the moon in a yellow submarine. He'd talk with his head down, knowing once we get there, we'll all look around, feel our loneliness, climb back into the sub... And head for home.

facing ISSUES

by Chris Alspaich

Bison guest writer

Should we send U.S. troops to Bosnia? Why should we? The ethnic cleansing that has been occurring over many years does not appear to be lessening, even with a signed peace agreement in effect. There have been other agreements, none of which have lasted. The arms embargo that was created, the African ban on the availability of weapons has done nothing except continue to fuel the fires of destruction. Similar outbreaks of strife between various factions and the Muslims could occur within a few months even if the peace holds.

So again I ask, why should we send American troops into a rocky, mountainous terrain that, no matter what the government says, is still relatively unfamiliar? Even William Perry, Secretary of Defense, recently said at a news conference, "Bosnia is a place where our vital interests are not threatened."

Let's see, last time we went into an area where "our vital interests were not threatened," we lost over $2 billion and 300 servicemen's lives, and still no change occurred. Of course, I am speaking of Somalia. In Somalia, the place we were going to assert our presence and make sure overall kindness toward the underdog, we watched on television the torture of U.S. servicemen being chained to fences and paraded around in the streets like they were novelties at an amusement park. In fact, America won nothing, gained nothing and solved nothing by sending troops.

And France has already lost 55 soldiers and is missing two airmen in Bosnia. Do you remember the last time France went into a country only to pull out saying it was too much for them, but the mighty U.S. rushed in after them, only to be stuck for a decade of fighting? I do. It was called Vietnam.

In a recent New Yorker, William Finnegan wrote, "The recent decision to expand U.N. forces in Bosnia should be understood for what it is: not to protect Bosnian citizens but the U.N. troops already there." Is there any doubt, then, why in a recent Time/CNN poll 73 percent of adults think the year at Harding, Iraq invaded Kuwait. In resent the availability of weapons has done nothing poll 73 percent of adults think the year at Harding, Iraq invaded Kuwait. In resent the availability of weapons has done nothing to stop the killing — if we got there, we'd all look around, feel our loneliness, climb back into the sub... And head for home.

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Keep the imagination sane — that is one of the truest conditions of communion with heaven.

— Nathanial Hawthorne

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by Johnna Duke
Bison columnist

Death has no sting in our savory

Now called the summer of 1994 the "hottest summer of the century" in Florence, Italy, the heat sometimes made an attention span collapse. One particular afternoon during my HH/ group was in class, studying Paul, and I wasn't exactly paying attention to the teacher. My parents had just called, and the news from home wouldn't allow me to fully grasp the lecture. I remember scurrying through our "Paul" book and getting stuck in a section on Paul's view of death. One phrase demanded my attention: "greeting death as victory.

I was startled from my trance-like state when someone stuck their head in to tell me I had a phone call. Immediately, I was worried because, at $.61 a minute, my parents didn't call twice a day. I gestured for my friend with the news that a friend of mine had died. I had a car accident. I tried to hang up before my parents heard me cry because I knew they hated to hear of the things that trouble you the most right now. Will they still be trouble when life has ended?

I felt that sentiment in mind, we present to you a list of the Top 10 Stories which you did not see this fall in the Bison, from the home office in Severy, Arkansas.

10. A cosmic void is discovered in the orchestra pit. At least we assume there is one. Few people have heard back from the guy who jumped in during chapel. I suppose we'll get the answers when we finally open the box of cereal.

9. The dating game enters the lightening round. Who knew that dinner and a movie would one day be reduced to a few moments of small talk before or after class and chapel? We suppose that it's only a sign of the times; dates are minor when you're pledging a social club.

8. Poor weather inspires a new sports craze. We just found out that, during the winter months, there has been a new trend of people going to heaven. Those who frequent open fires in the winter months are likely to experience a "greeting death as victory." Our most likely suspect is the guy who jumped in during chapel. And who knows? One day we might just be taking a break from our harried pace.

7. Students witness the brewing of a new battle in Severy. We admit that some could care less, but coffee has never been bigger in town with competing cafés and an expanded campus. One student told us, "It's either be quick or roast, just remember that decaf is not an option." A vote of confidence. Each is a priceless present to the giver. It's either be quick or roast, just remember that decaf is not an option. We would recognize one in a line-up of competitors, but it hasn't been able to tear a deal from its back, which makes gathering chestnuts confusing. However, the thought of roasting chestnuts conjures up the image of an open fire, and a fire which is open, warm and witty adds spice to any holiday gala.

Those who frequent open fires understand pyro-correct behavior. One face the roof, or so we estimate. This story seemed a bit out of our reach, since no one here speaks pigeon. If anyone reading this story is interested, we would have just enough to keep everyone awake to study for finals!

Welcome to the "early-bird" chapel. As plain as day and regular as clockwork, there they are Bissen Auditorium an hour or two before everyone else files into the building. No less than 40 birds perch in a straight line on the edge of the roof, or so we estimate. This story seemed a bit out of our reach, since no one here speaks pigeon. If anyone reading this story is interested, we would have just enough to keep everyone awake to study for finals!

And the story that you didn't see this fall in the Bison...

1. Championship races come to Harding's student center, sponsored by the United States Postal Service. For anyone who does not receive campus mail, going through the mailbox can be a surreal experience. It happens each time a bell ends a class. No less than 400 students file into the building. No less than 400 students file into the building. 


Today marks the fourth anniversary of the demise of the U.S.S.R., as several republics signed an agreement creating the Commonwealth of Independent States.
Memories left after ‘suspicious’ blaze

As arson is suspected cause of Retreat Center fire that burned more than ‘stone and wood’

by Ryan Butterfield
Bison staff writer

No arrest has been made in the suspected arson burning of the Duane E. Priest Hall at the Wyldewood Retreat Center Nov. 19. The damage caused by the fire alone was estimated at $500,000.

Former Camp Wyldewood employee Mark Lane reported the fire around 7:00 p.m. The Fairview Fire Department was the first to arrive at the scene; they soon received help from the Searcy and Center Hill Fire Departments.

Several witnesses who live in the Retreat Center area reported that they had seen someone on the grounds on Saturday and Sunday, according to state police investigator J.R. Howard. Howard is still following up on the leads.

The adjoining apartment where caretakers Kelly and Anna Koonce lived received only smoke damage, but a vehicle that was parked near the Center was destroyed. The Koonces were not at home during the fire.

Assistant camp director and chief of the Center Hill Fire Department Tom Martin, when commenting on the possible cause of the fire, said, “It looks very suspicious.” According to Martin, there had been vandalism at the Retreat Center for the previous three weekends.

The Retreat Center, which was a favorite place for club functions, weddings and church gatherings, burned on the first Sunday of Harding’s Thanksgiving break.

Part of the enormous fireplace is all that remains. “We’re looking at rock and stone and wood. It’s just a building. But, there are an unusual number of memories in there,” Martin said.

For 25 years, people from all over the country, as well as Harding students, have enjoyed the gatherings that have taken place in the scenic surroundings of the Retreat Center. Senior Marsha Burkett, and a number of other Harding women, attended a retreat organized by the JOT women’s service club only a week before the fire.

“I was very disappointed when I heard the Retreat Center had burned down. I couldn’t believe I had just been there a week earlier. I’ve been there several times for Koiné functions and other retreats, and I remember thinking to myself how nice it was there,” Burkett said.

“This past time was a little different, though. When we got there, three cars had been vandalized, and the announcement was made that if you didn’t lock up your car, it would be a good idea to do so.”

The wedding between Harding students Shelly Heslehode and Chad Bogie, scheduled to take place at the Retreat Center this spring, is being moved to another location. “I’ve always wanted an outdoor wedding, but it rains too much in Arkansas. So, since we both love the outdoors, the Retreat Center provided the feel of being outdoors while actually being inside,” Heslehode said.

“It was a really pretty place and we’re really sorry that it burned down.”

Vanderbilt dean woos scholars for grad school

by Carol Birth

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Four steps can lead you to graduate school, according to Wanda McGowen, associate dean and speaker from Vanderbilt University in Nashville. She was brought to campus Tuesday, Nov. 28, by the Honors Program, and her schedule included a visit with the Stephens Scholars.

“First, you must decide that graduate school is for you,” she said in her speech. "Next, you should apply to at least three specific graduate program. After you have been accepted to a program, you should visit the campus and talk to the students and faculty members.”

She also stressed that it is very important to become acquainted with the staff, so that while they are going through the selection process, your name is familiar to them. At the end of a question-and-answer period where she gave specific requirements about Vanderbilt’s graduate school, McGowen distributed applications for admission. "She knew where our students were coming from," said Harold Alexander, coordinator of the Stephens Scholar Program. "If you knew where our students were coming from, you knew where your students were coming from."

Georgette Humphrey, a third-year Stephens Scholar, said, "She opened us up a lot by asking us questions instead of us asking her. She wanted to know where we wanted to go, how we were going about getting there, and how we were accepting life and maturing here at Harding. She seemed more concerned about us than trying to convince us to go to graduate school."

Afterwards, McGowen had dinner with Dr. Larry Long, director of the Honors Program, and several Honors students.

“We invited her here because the Honors Council wanted to have a top graduate school representative on campus,” Dr. Long said. “We were really pleased with the quality of the information she gave, and she was impressed with Harding.”

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Alumna on stardom’s trail thanks supporters

by Allysion Ballinger
Bison staff writer

With her foot in the door of both the music and modeling industries, one Harding student attributes much of her recent success to her experiences here. Although Missy Green has always wanted to perform, spring encouraged her desire. “I loved the whole atmosphere—lights, the glitter, the deadlines,” she said of her experience in the ensemble.

“My friends at Harding have provided most of my inspiration,” Missy Green said. She thought that people at home, who had known her all her life and had heard her sing, didn’t provide more support for her. “They wanted me to stick to the ‘sensible things,’” she said. Green explained that several things, which some might not consider as sensible, are impressive: third place in the talent show at the fair, the feature entertainment at the Arkansas Symphony Ball, one of four models chosen for the upcoming Arkansas Bride magazine, and requested by AMI Records in Nashville, Tenn., to record her first demo. The person who influenced Green most is Kay Gowen. “Although I didn’t realize it at the time, she brought the true value of Harding to my life. I used to get so upset when she would get on to me for dress code when she was Dean of Women, but when I was with the other girls on the runways, I realized that I wanted to differentiate myself from them,” she said.

And, she is well on her way, differentiating herself in several areas. Her recent success is progressive country, for which Darren Ley, Harding graduate and director of communications at Arkansas Red Cross, is helping her write the songs. But Green also sings rhythm and blues and 50’s music.

“Modeling,” she said, “has taken off quicker than anything else, and it helps to pay for my other interests.” She is also completing her education in business studies so someday she can achieve another dream: becoming a nurse.

Green said she is seriously awaiting May when she will finish at Harding and be able to move to a city with more opportunities for her, possibly Los Angeles or Nashville. In May, she hopes to have more contracts in modeling or demo releasing.

HUE tourist notes ‘the irony of earthly fame’

by Dr. Paul Haynie
Associate Prof. History, HUE

Anyone visiting London who asks to be taken to see the big sights will be taken to see Nelson’s Column at Trafalgar Square and likely Wellington’s Triumphal Arch at Hyde Park Corner near Buckingham Palace. They may also want to see St. Paul’s, London’s greatest church building and Wren’s masterpiece, and there visit the crypt.

In this crypt one will find the tombs of Nelson and Wellington. Nelson’s, because he died first it seems, is given pride of place directly under the dome in the center of the crypt transept, while Wellington is a tomb is impressive in black and gold and Wellington’s no less in dark maroon and gold. Any visitor will surely be impressed with how England has immortalized her great military heroes.

There are also streets and pubs everywhere echoing their fame. These two men are at the top of England’s pantheon of heroes, and their fame rests on two battles (Trafalgar and Waterloo), where thousands of men on both sides died and thousands more were mangled and maimed. For their prowess in war, in the taking of lives, they are accorded the highest accolades.

Conversely, if one walks down Paved Street to the east past Paddington Station, one comes to the unassuming facade of the entrance to St. Mary’s Hospital. Walking beside this busy, nondescript street, one would have to look up for some reason to see a round blue plaque implanted in the wall of the hospital. And yet, unbeknownst to thousands of passersby, just three floors up something happened that changed the world and affected all of our lives for the good.

If one does happen to notice the modest blue plaque, here is what is recorded: “In the room on the second floor above this plaque, Sir Alexander Fleming discovered Penicillin.” The only other acknowledgment of this world-shaking discovery in the immediate area is the Sir Alexander Fleming Pub around the corner. A further irony is that Fleming is also buried in the crypt of St. Paul’s Cathedral. Here, one has to look diligently for his humble marker stuck upon a wall under theapse: “Sir Alexander Fleming/Discoverer of Penicillin.”

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Still, maybe there is a monument greater than any column or arch which could ever be designed or erected by man. Fleming’s monument is the millions of people living, dead or yet to be born who have or will benefit from his discovery. And yet, perhaps, these morning numbers do not even realize their monumental status or even acknowledge the wonder of it. But here, that they live is a testament to one man’s gift of life to his fellow man.

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Future graduation ceremonies will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. Students will register for the spring semester between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Student publications boast critical acclaim

The 1994-95 Petit Jean has received the gold medalist award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This is the top honor bestowed on college yearbooks.

The judge’s critique includes compliments on design and praises the editors for creating a “very formal book without being ‘stuffy or arrogant.’”

The Bison received a silver medalist award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for a design the judge called, “clean and functional.”

Arts and entertainment was noted as one of the stronger points. The judge said he saw “no major weaknesses” in the paper.
Finals week takes toll
by Emily McMackin
Bison staff writer

It's that time of the year again. Before students can pack up for three glorious weeks of Christmas break, they must overcome one more obstacle in the way of their freedom — finals exams. For freshmen, finals week is a particularly stressful time in their college careers.

Upperclassmen can recall the tension expressed by freshman Heather Bittle, from Memphis, Tenn. Her first experience with finals has her worried. "The grades I make on my tests will determine my GPA for the semester," Bittle said.

Seniors are far from immune to the stress, according to Micheal Ledbetter, a senior from Washington D.C., who admits to being anxious about finals week. "It is going to be a stressful time for me because all my finals are this week," he said. "I wish the teachers would lighten the homework load a little before finals week so that students would only have to concentrate on one thing in each class," he said.

Bittle calls finals week stressful in that "students have to deal with the stress of making the grades, pressure from teachers, and the Christmas season all at once; it's like the pressure is coming in from all sides." Ledbetter agreed that finals week is "crazy." "Everybody is so busy trying to study that they are really stressed out, it seems as if everyone has to struggle to keep their patience."

Ledbetter and Bittle agreed that finding a way to relieve all the pressure is essential. Bittle believes that the best way to relax is to take short breaks between study times. "When I get too stressed out, it helps me to step back from my work and talk to my roommate or others in my dorm; then I can come back with a new perspective," she said.

According to Ledbetter, listening to music and socializing with friends are good stress relievers. Bittle said that "dead week has helped her focus on her studies. Ledbetter agreed, but said that teachers can also help reduce the extra stress. "I wish the teachers would lighten the workload a little before finals week so that students would only have to concentrate on one thing in each class," she said.

Students toss out books, take on people
by Lois Voyles
Bison staff writer

Shadowing a professional is the aim of field experiences in the Behavioral Sciences, according to Dr. Jack Thomas, Ph.D., chair of the department. Students can participate in field experiences with an approved mental health, mental retardation, industrial or experimental setting, Thomas said.

Tessa Brock, senior, observed both group therapy and individual sessions with a clinical social worker dealing with adults who were abused as children and adults accused of incest. "I was awed," she said. "I loved it. When I woke up, I couldn't wait to go to work. I came home exhausted. I wished I could have video taped it as I learned so much."

Field experience is the stuff this program is made of, according to senior Chris Wagley, who worked with the Searcy Psychiatric Clinic. "It's great to get a college education from books, but until I met someone with schizophrenia, I only knew the facts."

"Field experience motivates students, according to Thomas. "They come back excited. Often they ask, 'How will I use this book learning?' Then they begin to see it," he said. "It has to be a stepping stone — book knowledge utilized in the field."

Students are better prepared to get jobs after their participation in field experience, Thomas said, "as they gain greater insight as to what is available in the field. It will help in choosing a career, and it broadens their awareness so they make better choices and waste time and money."

For those going on to graduate school, field experience is a plus as well, according to Thomas. "The students gain insight into what the profession has to offer, and they will make wise decisions when they get ready to choose their graduate program."

The program will also "enhance the probability of getting into graduate school," Thomas said.

Michael Moore, a senior who is majoring at Searcy Psychiatric Clinic, plans for graduate school. He said he's doing field experience because graduate schools expect competence in your ability to do independent research, and they expect some actual clinic experience.

In field experience, students learn how to deal with some very real problems. Brock was concerned about getting attached to some clients. "The lady I worked for is a Christian and I asked her how I should deal with it," Brock said. "The social worker gives her clients to God before she goes home. She encouraged me to turn them over to God, who can take better care of them than I can."

Thomas was enthusiastic about the growth of this program. "We've had this program for years, but it has expanded tremendously," he said. "I've had about half a dozen agencies, but nine new agencies will be participating in this program in the spring. All 16 agencies are very, very receptive and excited about having our students come to them and receive this type of experience."

"For example, we have Millennium-Meier-Rice Clinic in Little Rock. They are Christian-oriented, and that's one reason why we let us use them. We have SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect) and Sunshine School in Searcy," Thomas said.

Students are not left alone in their field work. "They are assigned a supervisor that they'll receive at the agency," Thomas said. "Students must keep a documented, day-by-day account of activities they participated in and what they learned from their involvement. The agency may require readings and specific tasks under the instruction of someone at the agency."

Doing field experience helps students focus on what they would like to do, Brock said. She discovered that she definitely wants to work with abused children. The incorporation of book skills and people skills is the program's reward, according to Wagley. "Hands-on learning and dealing with people's problems help the learning experience."

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Men bounce back with 84-72 win;
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by Carol Birth
Bison staff writer

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Stay in the pocket and zip it, Trent

After years of taking a beating from opposing players, it seems that some quarterbacks are ready to fight back, with Tampa Bay quarterback Trent Dilfer the main spokesman.

Dilfer was ejected after jarring on Minnesota Vikings All-Pro defensive tackle John Randle during Tampa Bay’s 31-7 loss. Harrassed all afternoon, Dilfer was fuming when Randle dove at his legs as he scrambled in what Dilfer termed a "cheap" shot.

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Despite the tough schedule, Lady Bisons make history

by Bart Blaengame
Bison Sports Editor

Someday, they will look back on this and smile. The Harding Lady Bison volleyball team wrapped up a season of historic proportions during the Thanksgiving holidays with a loss in the second round of the NAIA Southwest Region Tournament.

It was imperative that we begin to toughen the schedule...for the opportunity to be ranked in the NAIA."

- Coach Karyl Bailey

This is a chance for you, the Harding student, to battle wits with Coach Morgan before Friday at Bison Sports Challenge box at the Campus Mall. Name and Coach Morgan take part in club volleyball competition.

The plan seemed to work out well and Coach Bailey said. Three HU seniors – Hendricks, Huddleston and Casey Williams – led the Bison during the season. NAIA All American Hendricks was named all-tournament in every event the team played in and was recently honored as the Southwest Region player of the year.

Huddleston reached the elusive 30-kill mark three times in her career, twice during this year, and was named to the NAIA Southwest All-Independent team. Williams, Harding's setter, took on the role of quarterback and consistently led the team in assists. Other members of the Lady Bisons include sophomores LeKay Bain, Shela Burns, Hannah Crider and Jennifer Sidd, and freshmen Heather Gray and Allison Clemens.

Harding received yet another honor when Bailey was named the Coach of the Year for the NAIA Southwest Region.

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