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Rhoden reigns over festivities

by Leigh Brannan
Bison staff writer

Jodi Rhoden was crowned queen of Homecoming at halftime of Saturday's Bison football victory over Ouachita Baptist University. "Being named queen is something I'll never forget and something I don't want to forget," Rhoden said following the game. Rhoden related her thoughts during the ceremony, before her selection was announced. "The neatest thing [about it] was seeing my dad standing beside me on the field and being so proud," she said. While awaiting the announcement, she said he leaned toward her and told her to "bottle this memory up." Since Rhoden's family had routinely attended football games to watch her brothers play, she said she was pleased that, now, her family and friends had come to see her. In fact, one of her brothers who had been scheduled to work showed up anyway, along with lots of friends who had graduated, club sisters, and people she barely knew. "It was nice to feel so liked," she said. Rhoden was presented to the record crowd along with the two other queen nominees, Jackie Wood-Blasdel and Kathy Nieman, and the four class representatives - senior Shawna Sciba, junior Betty Davis, sophomore Stacey Dempsey, and freshman Kelly Lauterbach, who was away to participate in an out-of-town cross country meet. Each member of the court was asked to share the name of the person on campus she most admired. Rhoden's example was Dr. Betty Watson, a distinguished professor of elementary education. The others cited Dr. Bill Oldham, Dr. Don England, Dr. Ross Cochran, Dr. Terry Edwards and senior Danny Freeman.

Omicron Delta Kappa inducts student leaders

by Diana King
Bison copy editor

Seven new members were inducted into the National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa, Monday night. President Jeff Hammond and Vice President Jeff Baker conducted the induction ceremony in Shores Chapel with S.A. President Zach Steed leading an invocation and benediction on behalf of the inductees, Mary Ann Dozier, Angela Ealy, Jason Fulmer, Anna Lisa Gearhart, Anna Jones, Robin Jubela and Scott Schweigler. "I really liked the ceremony," Jones said. "Even though the setting was very formal with black robes and candles, the atmosphere was really friendly." Jones was nominated for membership in the society because of her leadership in campus and community service, which includes her membership on several S.A. committees, and her help in organizing Student Impact and the World Missions Workshop. Omicron Delta Kappa recognizes student and faculty achievement in five areas of leadership: scholarship, athletics, campus or community service, journalism and the mass media, and the creative and performing arts. Each member must show leadership in the area of scholarship by being in the upper third of the student body academically as well as exhibiting leadership in at least one of the other specified areas. The society was founded Dec. 3, 1914, at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. The founders believed that leadership of exceptional quality should find recognition, that all levels of college life should be included, and that students and faculty should meet on the basis of common interest, under- standing, and helpfulness. The Harding circle of the society was established in 1994 when national president Richard Hoover personally delivered its charter. Since its establishment, Omicron Delta Kappa has added more than 40 Harding students and faculty members to its number, in addition to former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during her visit to Harding in the spring of 1995.
Let me set a scene for you. It is Sunday afternoon, and you’re working diligently in a computer lab on campus. Suddenly, an announcement from the lab worker disrupts your thoughts on the significance of the Old Man in Chaucer’s “Pardoner’s Tale.”

“What did he say?” you question the girl typing next to you. “Lab closes in five minutes,” she says while she frantically clicks away at the keyboard. A quick look at your watch tells you the time is only 3:55 p.m. Why is the lab closing at 4 p.m.? AAagghh!

Sound familiar to anyone? It probably does if you’ve ever worked in a computer lab on Sunday afternoon. Well, I’d like to voice a Stark insight on the policy of closing Harding’s library and computer labs on Sunday evenings.

As a senior English major, I’ve spent a significant amount of time in computer labs working on papers, as well as time researching in the library. Like most students, I consider my time to be valuable. Two hours productively spent is two hours closer to my goal of becoming the best student that I can.

Let me say here that being a student is not at the top of my priority list. Being a Christian is. My priorities regarding God’s position in my life have long been established. I base my decisions on those priorities. Now, if I’ve offended anyone, please accept my sincerity with the reasoning behind closing the library and labs for Bible study. Not only do I sympathize, I fully support that reasoning.

However, a problem has evolved. That problem is the diverse time periods provided by the many congregations in the Searcy area for Bible study. The result is the “tragedy” of Sunday evening worship time slot has become obsolete; therefore, setting aside that traditional time slot has also become obsolete in its reasoning.

As a Harding student I am blessed with several options for my Sunday evening worship.
We asked 100 students whether they intended to vote in the upcoming presidential election. The survey says:

- Yes: 60%
- No: 36%
- Maybe: 4%

**Daily Reflections**

...on practical jokes

by Misty Nowak
Bison columnist

Practical jokes have long been a well-practiced tradition amongst all peoples possessing the slightest sense of humor. Harding University is no exception to this natural tendency. In my experience at this school, I have witnessed many a practical joke - some ingeniously constructed, others shamefully destructive - and I would like to share a few of these with you, examining each event for its aesthetic beauty and creativity.

So where does one begin? Perhaps an object that stands as a symbol for this institution would best serve our purposes: the white swings. Yes, often the target of practical jokes, these ancient relics of our past fall prey to devious hands. One thing I have never understood is how people can get their kicks from turning swings around so they face another direction. Couples will do their thing no matter which direction they are facing. It’s not like some strange Eastern religion that requires people in prayer to face east or courting lovers on white swings to face north. So, what has been accomplished by turning the swings? Probably not much.

However, large masses of people have been known to erupt into violent laughter at the sight of a Harding swing suspended 20 feet in the air by a tree branch. That’s something you don’t see every day, but when you do, you can’t help but smile! Another one of my favorites is the old “raise the chain” trick. Being a person of considerable height, I find it quite amusing to watch short people try to hop up onto the bench and then hang there motionless because their feet can’t touch the ground to make them swing.

But, on to other types of practical jokes. One prank I cannot tolerate is when people put the cafeteria salt shakers in their drinks so that, when they dry, the salt hardens and can’t be used. When I get stuck with one of these shakers, I just put it down and pick up another. It’s not funny. It’s not inconvenient (because there are salt shakers everywhere). It’s just a waste of something that didn’t cost much to begin with. This practical joke gets zero points for effectiveness and zero points for creativity.

Some of the best practical jokes are those that happen spontaneously. Someone gets an idea and, with little effort, is able to produce countless laughs. My favorite practical joke this year (so far) happens to fall into the spontaneous category. The prize goes to whoever wrote “Keep running!” on the “Out of Order” sign taped to an emergency call box. Brilliant, yet simple! I must have passed that box 20 times, and every single time I saw “Out of Order - Keep running,” I either cracked a huge smile or busted out laughing. As an added bonus to this practical joke, no one was injured (physically or emotionally), and no property was destroyed.

Crusty salt shakers are a part of life and hey, who cares if you have to give your girlfriend a boost up onto the swing that someone strung too high. No one should be forced into a dull and predictable daily routine. The little things that leave you smiling are the things that you’ll remember, and when you’re old and senile, they’ll be twice as funny as they are now.

Nov. 1, 1972, marks the death anniversary of Ezra Pound. Considered one of the most influential writers in English and American history, Pound was a modernist poet, critic and editor. He died at the age of 87 at Venice, Italy.

Nov. 1, 1848, was the day on which Samuel Gregory, a pioneer in medical education for women, opened the Boston Female Medical School. With an original enrollment of 12 students, Gregory’s medical school was the first exclusively for women. In 1874, the school merged with the Boston University School of Medicine and formed one of the first co-ed medical schools in the world.

**Creative Talents**

God (i)[ ] in Their Lives

by James Benge

Hand in hand, finger
Over finger, they walked,
Now stood, to proclaim
Their dependence.

Friends before, two sisters
Rose to find love;
To accept grace and deny control.

And heart-to-heart
To cross,
The One they sought
Had been their'[s] all along.

Hopscotch Happiness

also by James Benge

Sketches of etches on a sidewalk thus
Confuse the vision once bestowed.
See the lines, but smell the chalk;
The children have grown up.

**Editor's Note:**

This space is being reserved for student submissions to the Bison each week. To be considered for publication, send your letter, poem or pencil drawing to Box 1192 two weeks before publication date. All submissions must include the signature and phone number of the creator.
The ghost of the one of the world's finest 17th Century painters roamed the stage of the Harding Auditorium last Tuesday evening, "Rembrandt, a portrait" was a solo show written and performed by Klaas Hofstra. The show was done as a flashback by Rembrandt from modern times to his own lifetime.

Hofstra played the 63-year-old Rembrandt of 1669, who returned to his studio in Amsterdam in the year 1996. As the first act began, Hofstra introduced the audience to some of the wonderful and mysterious painting of Rembrandt. Rembrandt created nearly 700 paintings throughout the course of his life, including more than 90 self-portraits.

Hofstra used slides of Rembrandt's self-portraits and paintings during the show to coincide with his explanations and inspirations for Rembrandt's works. Hofstra's unique use of light, darkness and shadows helped to show Rembrandt's turbulent personality. After the birth of their son Titus, Rembrandt's wife, Saskia, died from complications during the delivery. Rembrandt later fell in love with a young serving girl by the name of Hendrickje, but his decrepit financial state kept him from marrying her and therefore made them both outcasts from society.

Rembrandt's faulty investments, along with his naive manner in dealing with corrupt art dealers, led him into poverty throughout his lifetime. At one point, Rembrandt sold his own house, furniture, all of his etchings and paintings, and he could still not get out of debt.

Rembrandt lived a life full of passion and often pain, and Hofstra's performance gave a unique insight into the successes and struggles of one of history's most beloved artists.

"Rembrandt: a portrait" is Hofstra's third solo show, following "Were I Vermeer" and "Vincent." His acting has led him all over the world, and in the United States he has appeared on the Today Show and the CBS Six O'Clock news show.

"When I was in high school, we had to write essays on Rembrandt, and that is where my original fascination with him started," Hofstra said. "I had seen one-man plays that attempted to portray Rembrandt's life, and they were always dull and boring. I decided to write a play that would give a different dimension to the life of Rembrandt. I try to add a humorous element to the play, and give Rembrandt a personality that the audience can identify with.

Concerning the message Hofstra wanted people to take away from the show, he said, "I want people to see that even though Rembrandt was a genius and a status symbol, he was a human being first."

French club schedules outings to sites in nearby states by Leigh Brannan

The French Club at Harding University has a large membership this year and many social events and activities on their schedule, including a trip to the Audubon's collections in Louisiana and a trip to a French festival in Missouri. Members traveled to Memphis last Tuesday to hear a French poetry reading and view a local historical museum house. Having served as the setting for Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's love poem, "Evangeline," the mansion has characteristics of French, Indian and other cultures, a mixture that is referred to as Creole.

The group will set out Nov. 7-10 for New Orleans to tour the French plantation house, Bayou la Tche, which was built by Acadians from Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1836.

Events at the French/Canadian festival include tours of restored 18th century homes, a grand ball and a parade. In addition, a local historical museum houses many of late naturalist James Audubon's collections.

The last date to join the French club this semester was Oct. 22, but President Olivia Long encouraged students to come to meetings and plan to join next semester.

The benefits of joining the French Club are that it really enhances the French you know by not just learning the language, but the culture as well," explained Long, a sophomore from Juneau, Alaska. "It also looks nice on your resume."

During meetings held every other Friday, the club goes over club officers (row 1): Jamie Cogburn, secretary; and Olivia Long, president; (row 2): Matt Quigley, chaplain; Matt Prince, vice president; and Aleksand Ivanovic, treasurer. Photo by Kami Wentz.
One-act plays slated for Sadie Hawkins Week

by Tammy Voazey
Bison staff writer

Two one-act plays will appear among the many attractions during Harding's annual Sadie Hawkins Week Nov. 11-16. The plays will be presented Nov. 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater on the second floor of the Administration Building.

Several Harding students will serve as both actors and directors of the two plays. "Cupid's Bow," directed by Jenny Moses, a senior oral communication major from Atlanta, Texas, includes cast members Kim Parish, Barry Watts, Darla Dilkes and John Stoltenberg.

"Cupid's Bow" presents a romantic comedy about a young couple named Alex and Susan who are on their way to a company banquet. Both are desperately hoping that Alex receives a promotion so that they will have enough money to be able to get married. However, there is one slight problem ... Alex cannot tie his bowtie.

According to Moses, the play provides an interesting twist for the ending. "It's very light hearted ... comedy all the way. Both plays are just a fun night of theater, and I'm really proud of the work that's been put into the plays. It's been a neat experience for me because I plan to direct in the future."

The characters of "Cupid's Bow" make up a variety of personalities. Parish, who plays Susan, remarked about her character, "Susan is dingy. She has a spine; however, we just don't know where it is." As for the character Alex, Watts said he considered the role challenging. "I'm a lot like him in his struggle with over-ambition. This makes it harder to play him because it's not a stretch for me."

Dilkes said about her character, Mother Lake, "She's the mother whom no one expects anything from, but she really knows it all."

"Why Do We Laugh," a second one-act play will follow "Cupid's Bow." Director Henry McDaniel, a senior theater major from Henderson, Tenn., describes the play as a love story centering on a couple named Meredith and Andrew.

The play reflects on the building of Meredith and Andrew's love and life together as the two progress through four stages of life. Eight actors portray Meredith and Andrew as they were at age 5, 16, 42 and 67.

In describing what he believes to be the essence of the play, McDaniel said, "It's all about Meredith and Andrew remembering things and scenes of their life. I believe that it's a really sweet love story that appeals to all ages."

The cast of "Why Do We Laugh," directed by Jenny Moses, includes Angie Gay and Mark Farrar who play Meredith and Andrew at age 5, Becky Hinton and Pete Varn who play them at age 16, Jennifer Barrett and Darren Knowles who play them at age 42 and Carla McCarty and Marcus Neely who play them at age 67.

Farrar said he enjoyed his experience of playing a 5-year-old. "One thing I like it is that it gives me a chance to be a kid," he said. "It's sort of a license to be playful. I get to be goofy without people thinking I'm really stupid. Besides, I'm a playful kind of guy, and I'm looking forward to the play's production." Farrar also raved about his fellow cast members and his director, McDaniel.

Playing the role of the 42-year-old Meredith, Barrett said, "It is so challenging playing a woman of that age because there really is no stereotype set for a woman in her 40s."

To prepare for her role as the oldest of the Merediths, McCarty said, "I just watch people about that age, the cute little old men and women. I try to see how their walk is, how they speak. I look for the little things." McCarty added, "The challenge is that I've never been old before. Conveying her age is kind of hard."

"Cupid's Bow" and "Why Do We Laugh" will be open to the public at an admission price of $2. There will be a drawing for a free gift certificate to the local restaurant, The Lite House, for a romantic dinner for two.

The Sears Learning Center will present "Notetaking Night-mares," a workshop on how to take notes and how to take tests, Monday, Nov. 4, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Heritage room.

The Career Center has scheduled the following recruiting opportunities: Tuesday, Nov. 5, Alltel Corporation Career Center.

Wednesday, Nov. 6, Graduate School Fair 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Student Center Lobby

Anyone interested in applying for the position of R.A. for the spring semester should go by the Student Services Office and pick up an application now.

Exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5.
Zach Steed, an atypical typical guy, leads the student body

by Indie Pereira

Bison staff writer

"My life is not worth any man who doesn’t think anybody else’s, but I feel blessed by God," commented S.A. President Zach Steed on his life thus far. And true enough, Zach’s is a typical story. He said his years at Harding proved Zach’s is a typical story. He said his years at Harding proved typical story.

"I’m very introspective, sometimes too much," he said. On many questions that most people would answer with a quick, funny reply, Zach thinks deeply. He said that his first question to God when he dies will be, "Why me? Why did you send Jesus for me?"

Many influences have served to mold Zach into the man he is today. Of his parents, he said, "They’ve given me the foundation for everything else." Since he married Janel, he says, "Every choice I make is unquestionably influenced most by my wife."

Just like the rest of his life, the way he met his wife was also typical, for Arkansas anyway. One fateful day in the school supplies section of Walmart, Zach’s life changed forever when he met Janel Gardner.

Discount shopping may be a strange way to meet a woman, but Zach’s proposal to Janel toppled even that. Being a big baseball fan, he thought of a ballgame as a great relationship analogy. Zach’s dad had always told him, "You win some, you lose some; some get rained out." There were no storm clouds in the sky the day Zach and Janel took a stroll down to the Harding baseball field. As they walked toward first base, Zach recounted the beginnings of their relationship and discussed its deepening as they moved to second, third and finally home base.

Upon reaching home plate, Zach knelt and gave Janel a ring, asking her to marry him. Zach said baseball was his first love, but he wanted to show Janel that she was his greatest love.

A wish to be an active part of what is going on at Harding prompted Zach to run for S.A. president. "It was a dream for what Harding can be and sort of a vision based on what I know the students have inside of them," he said. Zach said he loves Harding and that, although it is not perfect, there are so many exciting things to get done.

When Smith found out that the guy he had known since their freshman year was going to be president, he wasn’t surprised. "I knew he would do a great job," he said. Johnson said he believes the staff and the students at Harding share a respect for Zach that helps to make him a good president. He was a little surprised that a married student became president because other students often feel that married students are removed from the rest of the student body. Johnson said he believes this made a statement to the confidence of Harding’s students in Zach’s abilities.

Although Zach has many goals for his life, he feels they can never be summed up with the verse that says, "Seek first the kingdom of God." He loves verse that sum up the faith, such as John 20:31, which states, "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

All of this leaves us wondering: is there anything that this nice, spiritual guy has done that isn’t so nice?

Well, do you remember the Bedazzler, the little instrument sold on TV for $19.95 that could add sparkling jewels to clothing? One day in high school, Zach and a friend had hold of one of these and bedazzled a kid’s underwear. That’s the one not-so-nice thing he recalls.

Zach Steed shuffles through the day’s pile of papers as part of his duties as student body president. Photo by Kami Wentz.

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Bisons sweep home games; set new records

by Jeremy Schopper
Bison staff writer

Coming into this season's home finale, the Bisons had not lost a Homecoming game since 1989. This year's team was not about to let that feat come to an end. With a 50-21 win over the Tigers of Ouachita Baptist, they extended that streak and set a new Homecoming scoring record. The previous record of 48 was set in 1972.

This was the sixth consecutive season that the football team defeated Ouachita. And it didn't stop there.

With the victory Saturday, a home winning streak of seven games was continued. "It really means a lot to us seniors," said wide receiver Chad Mashburn. "It was really special to go out undefeated."

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Sophomore tailback Aaron Evans finds a hole to run through behind lineman Troy Berreth for the start of the game. Both offenses came out sluggish. Neither team was able to effectively move the ball in the first quarter, with the Bisons' first four possessions ending in either punts or turnovers. "I was able to run through some holes because of my (offensive) line, but I was not happy with my performance because I fumbled the ball twice," said junior tailback Chris Pierson.

This all changed in a hurry once the second quarter came around. A minute into the quarter, the Bisons scored on a 54-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Clay Beason to wide receiver Mark Faeger. This ignited a second-quarter scoring rampage of 29 points. Other scores in the quarter included a 29-yard field goal by Jeremy Thompson and touchdowns by Aaron Evans and Chris Pierson. Rob Stroud also scored on an interception return, where linebacker Christian Scudder intercepted the ball and, just before being tackled, pitched it to Stroud, who promptly romped 38 yards down the sideline for the touchdown.

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The Bisons next game is at Midwestern State on Saturday.
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