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National News

William Jefferson Clinton recaptured the Oval Office on Tuesday, becoming the first Democrat to win the presidency a second time since Franklin Delano Roosevelt, five decades ago.

Rep. Tim Hutchinson became the first Republican in this century to win a U.S. Senate seat in Arkansas by narrowly defeating Democrat Winston Bryant Tuesday night.

A 72-year-old Texarkana man won \$20 million in the lottery on Sunday afternoon. Bennie Block said that he and his wife, Lois, will probably buy a new house and help their church. He also plans to send his grandchildren to college. Block said, "I really don't feel any different than I would any other time."

Arnelle Simpson, daughter of O.J. Simpson, was acquitted by a jury in a personal injury lawsuit filed by a Los Angeles cameraman who claimed she drove her Saab over his foot while leaving her father's estate on the day O.J. Simpson led authorities on the Bronco chase.

Joey Montanino, a pumpkin vendor in San Gabriel, Calif., lost \$4,000 worth of gourds when someone posted a bogus "Free" sign outside his pumpkin patch while it was closed.

Pop star Michael Jackson will soon become a pop. Jackson's longtime friend, Debbie Rowe, is pregnant with Jackson's child. Rowe is a 37-year-old nurse who has been a friend of Jackson's for 15 years. Jackson is "thrilled" that he will soon be a dad.

The above information has been taken from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

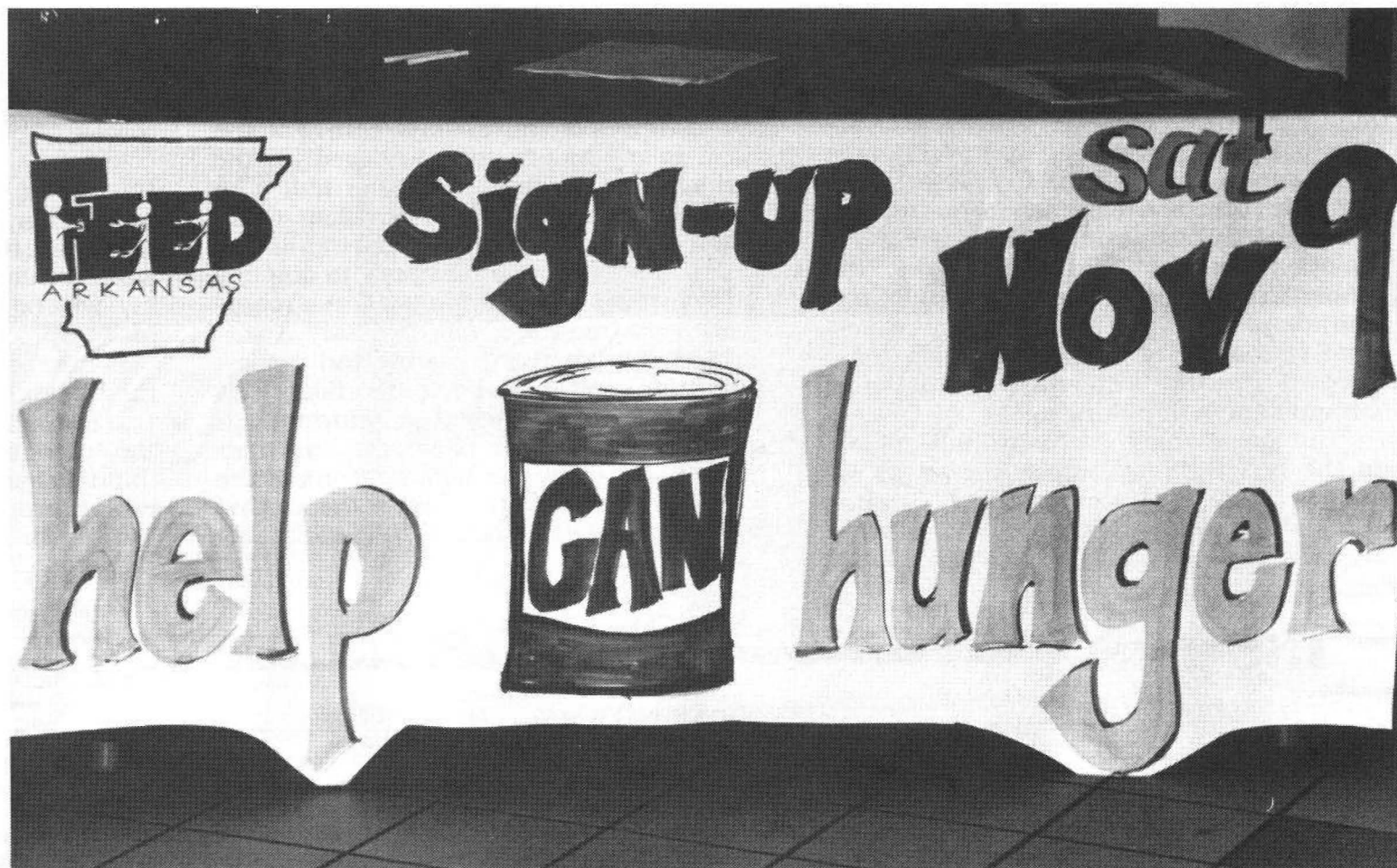


Photo by Kami Wentz.

Rector, Mellor initiate program to feed hungry; students to collect food from local residents

by Janna Shero
Bison guest writer

An average of 18,563 hungry people ask for assistance each month at one of Arkansas' seven food banks.

Tomorrow at noon, Harding students will join forces with 20 universities and seven food banks across Arkansas to battle this hunger epidemic in an effort dubbed simply, "Feed Arkansas."

Students will gather in front of the Jim Bill McInteer Center to combat hunger on a local level. "College people can get involved [in this project]," said Nathan Mellor, co-director of Feed Arkansas. "We don't have the money, but we do have time."

Students have been encouraged to get involved through chapel programs, fliers posted around campus and sign-up sheets in club mail boxes and in the hands of coordinators who have directly asked students for a commitment of a couple of their Saturday afternoon hours.

Feed Arkansas originated in the fall of 1995 when Allison Rector, co-director of the project, and Mellor served together on the Spiritual Life Committee. When it didn't fall into place immediately, they decided to put the idea on hold until a more suitable time. Although they revived the project on their own this semester, many organizations and individuals have endorsed Feed Arkansas and given the outreach a strong



The Feed Arkansas logo, designed by senior graphic design major Vanessa Bearden of Ledyard, Conn., has drawn the student body's attention to a special project that will be launched tomorrow at noon.

foundation and credibility. "The best part of Feed Arkansas is how supportive Harding University has been," Rector said. "The students are excited, and the administration and board of trustees love the program." The Public Relations Students Society of America (PRSSA), of which Rector is president, and the Alpha Epsilon Rho broadcast society (AERho) were involved in college recruiting and compiling and distributing media information kits.

Although most social clubs and about 500 individuals have already committed to participate, Rector urged all students to take part. "We

need more than have signed up already," she said. "We need people to show up on Saturday without having signed up."

A committee of seven students and two sponsors split responsibilities for the project. Other than Mellor and Rector, those involved were Ryan Butterfield, broadcast media director; Brad Wallace, food bank coordinator; Shannon Berryhill, Jeremy Kernodle and Shelby Smith, campus involvement coordinators; and sponsors Dr. Lou Butterfield and Dr. Jack Shock. The Feed Arkansas logo was designed by Vanessa Bearden.

"It has been great to watch everybody work together to get it all done," Mellor said. "All the coordinators have made it a wonderful project to be a part of...they've really worked hard."

Berryhill said the most challenging part of campus involvement has been to get students interested. "People are more apt to stand back and say, 'Ah, someone else will do it,'" she said. "We want those people to get involved." Yet, she said she believed that the minimal commitment would be appealing to students who, like her, want "to be involved in something other than studies."

Entergy Corporation, Walmart and PRSA have all agreed to sponsor Feed Arkansas. Seventy-four Walmart locations will serve as drop-off points for canned goods across the state tomorrow.

Rector said she has been pleased with the success of Feed Arkansas thus far. "I hope people will see from this project that it is good to dream big," she said. "College students in general think 'We can't make a big impact on our cities, states or country,' but we can!"

The success of Feed Arkansas this year will determine the future of the project. "We need to all get involved so our communities can see the great need that exists, even in Arkansas, and that college students are willing to help to make the situation better," Rector said.

Stark Insights

Remember your second grade field trip? Mine was an excursion to the Oklahoma City Zoo. It was a pretty important day for me. I screamed all the way through the snake house and I saw an ape throw up and then he... well, you know. Anyway, one of the big lessons that I learned from my second grade field trip involved my sack lunch.

My mom had packed me a peanut butter and syrup sandwich (that was during my I-hate-jelly stage), Cheetos, a juice box and Oreos. My job was to keep up with my sack lunch, and after I ate the food in it, I was supposed to return to the school bus with all of my trash. This meant keeping up with the ziplock baggie that held my sandwich, the empty Cheetos sack, the empty juice box and the plastic wrap that held my cookies. That was a pretty big responsibility for a second grader, especially under the circumstances of puking apes.

But guess what? I actually made it back to the bus with my empty juice box, my ziplock baggy, my juicebox and my Cheetos bag just like I was supposed to. Oh yes, that

*All I ever needed to know about trash,
I learned in second grade*

was a big day for me. It was the day I learned trash responsibility.

Unfortunately, it seems as though some Harding students were absent the day their second grade class went on their field trip. That must be the reason why a few students haven't yet learned their trash responsibilities.

Last Thursday was "Good Housekeeping" day in Searcy Hall (a.k.a. the new apartment dorm). It was my turn to take care of all the trash in my apartment. I bagged up the garbage and trekked down the hall with three large bags to the third floor trash room. Unhappily, the trash room was locked and it was necessary for me to lug my garbage down to the first floor trash room.

During this trash responsibility trek, I discovered something terribly sad. Some unfortunate girls on the second floor (girls who had obviously been absent during their second grade field trip) were piling their trash bags up in the hall, in front of the locked trash room with a large sign on it that read: "If this room is locked, please take your

trash to the first floor trash room."

Hmmmm. The sign on the door seemed pretty self-explanatory to me. I therefore came to the conclusion that these poor girls must have also been absent the day that their classmates learned to read.

To those who were creating leaning towers of pizza boxes and mountains of colorful garbage bags, the sign on the trash room door must have been difficult to decipher. It is because I felt it my duty to educate these poor students that I have written this editorial. It is my hope that my writing will serve as some sort of make-up learning experience for those who missed their second grade lesson in trash responsibility.

I'm terribly sorry that I can't provide the puking ape experience, but I do believe that the science department has a snake exhibit over in the science building you can see for free.

Andrea Stark



Facing Issues

Homes offer alternative to public schools

by Jimmy Brooks
Bison guest writer

It's no secret that the American educational system has fallen into an alarming status of disarray. Schools have succumbed to the desires of pleasing everyone, teaching a little bit of everything, and making the process of learning as easy as possible on all involved. Tragically, "learning" has been diluted to and equated with the obtaining of a grade or the passing of a test, rather than a process of acquiring, synthesizing and applying new knowledge and skills to one's life. The result is a system which often cheapens the academic process for all involved.

In addition to the inconsistencies of educational quality in America, the corruption of the academic atmosphere to a society laden with violence, drugs and negative peer pressure has prompted an increasing number of Americans to choose to educate their children at home.

Several negative factors may be prompting the popularity of home schooling. However, many advantages exist for the family which chooses to home school. Foremost, parents may integrate their religious and moral philosophies into teaching.

Home schooling allows parents more contact with their children—a developmental necessity which has been lost as the general family unit has been stretched and broken. Home schooling also provides a more personal learning experience for students. The value of the student-teacher ratio has been acknowledged as a recruiting tool in higher education and by mandated law in secondary and elementary schools.

Finally, home schooling allows more academic accomplishments. Students learn at their own speeds and as their interests develop in different fields rather than being forced to follow a predetermined schedule of activity and having no voice in what holds personal interest. The feeling of boredom or of wasting time, which most students

experience at various times, is greatly reduced or eliminated, thus indicating that the academic process was both efficient and interesting.

Opponents of home schooling generally attack from one of two angles: social development and academic achievement. Removing a child from being with his or her peers does present the danger of undeveloped social skills. To remedy this potential problem, the home-schooling groups in many communities have formed their own schedules of activities together; also, other social groupings, such as church families, help compensate. Academically, home-schooled students perform on standardized tests as well as or better than traditionally-schooled students (Bishop, et al.). It's true that some parents may not educate as well as the state could, but with the many problems of today's school system, most should do no poorer than the state would do.

Home schooling is not an option for everyone. The potential for participation in activities such as choral music, band or athletics is limited; social retardation is a legitimate concern; and academic experiences will be different.

However, many advantages exist for the home-schooled child—advantages which better form the foundation of true scholarship, providing lifelong skills for the independent acquisition, synthesis and application of knowledge. Regardless of their reasoning, parents' desires to home school their children reflect the depth of concern for the welfare of their children—a much-needed concern in America in the 1990s and one which should only be supported by others.

by Yvonda Fletcher
Bison staff writer

Our society today perceives public schools as a prime environment for crime, gangs, drugs and other evils of society. Some schools in some parts of the country may very well be; but in the majority of schools in the United States, the benefits of a public education far outweigh the drawbacks that cause parents to make the decision to homeschool their children.

The first advantage of a public education is that it fosters the development of a child's social skills. During the formative years, it is imperative that children be exposed to their peers; otherwise their social growth could be hampered from the beginning. Kindergarten is no longer the first step of the education process. Head-start programs, as well as private preschools, are springing up all over the country because parents realize the importance of starting education early.

However, the emphasis in most of these programs is teaching the children how to interact with each other in the classroom setting. Developing motor skills and teaching the children basic building blocks of learning are also stressed; but usually those skills are taught in a way that the children must interact with each other in order to complete the task.

Social interaction doesn't stop at the preschool level. Throughout elementary school, the recess period allows students to get out of the classroom and enjoy others' company. In high school, the interaction takes place not only in the halls between classes, but on the football field, in the

"National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI) estimates that the number of home-schooling families is growing by at least 15% annually."

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July 15, 1996*

music building, on the stage or in the after-school meeting of FBIA.

Public schools also teach and develop skills needed for the job market. In the professional world, these skills, which include teamwork, perseverance, task commitment and the ability to pay attention, help separate those workers who have the keys for success from the ones who will be lucky not to be laid off.

The second major advantage of a public education over home schooling is the quality of education that students receive. How many parents have a master's degree in science, math, English and history? Even if the parent is able to adequately teach basic skills, who will instruct the children in upper-level courses such as physics, calculus, anatomy or advanced British literature? Home-schooled children also miss many opportunities to immerse themselves in different activities public schools offer to give students a taste of various careers. How will they know they want to be artists if they never get to take art classes? These are opportunities and experiences that most home-schooled students will never have.

The last advantage of public schooling is the financial aspect. First of all, every property owner pays to help run the schools in each district. But perhaps more importantly, how is a family going to be able to afford home schooling?

Most families in the United States need two incomes in order to make ends meet. If one parent was to quit in order to educate the children at home, then that family would have a difficult, if not impossible, time maintaining their standard of living. In low-income families who are already struggling to buy food and pay rent, dropping below the poverty line could expose the children to more negative influences than they would have been exposed to in the worst possible school environment.

Our public school system isn't perfect; but if public or home schooling are the choices, then public education is the way to go.

Quotable Quotes

*"Speak low
and
speak slow."*

John Wayne
actor
c. 1940



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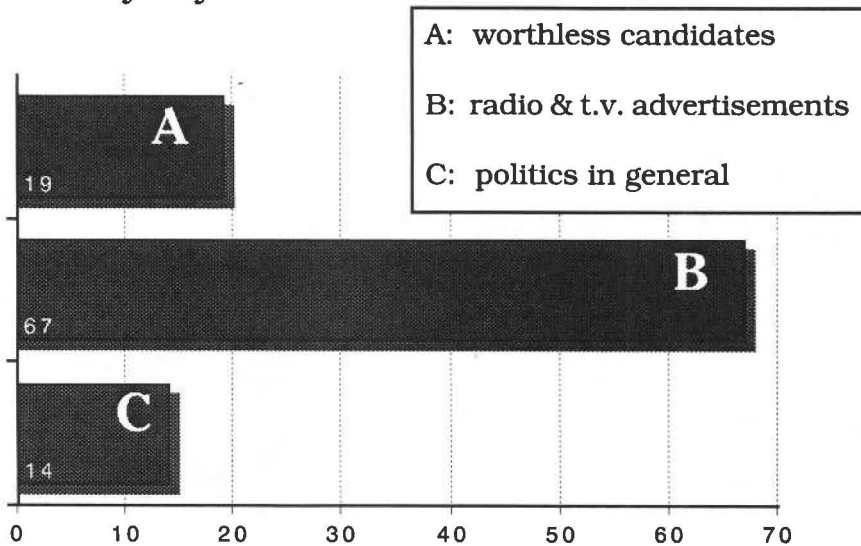
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Student Surveys

We asked 100 students what they thought the most annoying element of the 1996 elections was. The survey says:



Historical Happenings



Nov. 8, 1656 was the birthdate of Edmund Halley. Halley observed the great comet of 1682 (now named for him) and predicted its return in 1758. Edmund Halley's memory is kept alive by the once-every-generation appearance of Halley's Comet. The average time between the comet's appearances is 76 years. It is next expected in 2061.

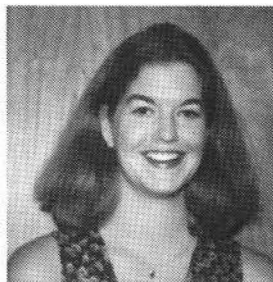
Nov. 8, 1889 marks the day on which Montana became the 41st state of the union.

Nov. 8, 1900 was the birthdate of Margaret Mitchell, an American novelist who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1937 for her only book, *Gone with the Wind*.

Nov. 8, 1922 was the birthdate of Christian Neethling Barnard, the South African surgeon who performed the first known human heart transplant in 1967. Today is Barnard's 74th birthday.

Daily Reflections

The Dish-Washing Debate



by Robin Jubela
Bison columnist

If there is (only) one chore I hate to do, it has to be washing the dishes. When I lived at home, my sister, my brother and I would argue after every meal about whose turn it was to perform the dreaded duty. Looking back, I realize that we didn't really have to wash dishes all that often, but it seemed to us that our mother, though a wonderful cook, attempted to use every dish we owned when preparing a meal. I remember staring into the murky water left over from the previous meal and at the mountains of dirty dishes crying out for the return of their dignity and thinking, "I hate this. I really hate this."

Later I began to notice that Mom didn't exactly relish the job of washing dishes, either. It's safe to say she has washed 100 dishes for every one that I have, but I don't think that means she enjoys it any more than I do.

When I figured out that she really appreciated when I washed the dishes without complaining to the degree that I normally did, I used this to my advantage. For Mom's birthday or at Christmas, I gave her one or maybe two coupons designated as good for "Free Dishwashing Services." The coupons, in theory, were supposed to cover all areas of the task, but I usually cajoled my sister into helping me clear the table or maybe rinsing the dishes for me. Obviously, I still lacked the spirit my mother wanted so badly for me to have.

What has become clearer to me since those years at home is that, to my mother, washing dishes is a sign that I love her because I am willing to help her. She could easily have translated my hatred for the chore of washing the dishes as hatred for helping her. That was clearly never my intention, but I see now that it could be perceived that way. To Mom, my agreeing to help with this non-thrilling household task continues to serve as a greater evidence of my love for her than simple words, "I love you."

What I've learned from the whole dish-washing debate is that for love to be real, it must be put into action. It's fairly easy to tell someone we love him or her; showing that love is usually more difficult. Putting our love into action, however, is the only way we can assure other people that our words are of any value. What we say is obviously important, and I am definitely not discounting the importance of oral communication. What I am trying to emphasize is that our actions need to be consistent with our words. If we love someone, we should both say it and show it.

When was the last time we did something for a friend just to show our love for him or her? Consider what you can do to assure your friends and family that you love them. Think of what they enjoy and what makes them smile. It's important to know what people appreciate in order to really please them.

In a similar way, it is important to know what God wants us to do in order to show Him that we love Him. But He's made it easy for us! His desire is made clear in John 14:15, which says, "If you love me, you will obey what I command." Instead of merely professing our love for God in words, we can prove it beyond any doubt by putting our love into practice and obeying His commands.

It will always be important to tell our loved ones that we love them, but these words will only be valid if our actions are consistent with them. We need to remember that, in our relationship with other people and with our Father in heaven, our love should always be translated into action - even if it means washing the dishes.

Creative Talents

An ugliness, a disfigurement

by Jennifer Thweatt

An ugliness, a disfigurement
 Made more obscene when considered
 against the purity
 which was meant
 To remain an eternity.
 And life, the constant dance
 Shifting from one foot to the other
 To keep your right profile to the audience
 And the other players
 Until finally chance
 plays you false, so choose another
 tactic to hide
 A scarf artistically draped
 And make-up artfully applied
 All the time a more difficult task
 And everpresent agony
 Of what do they see
 When all that must be done
 Is surrender
 Go show yourself to The priest, my son
 Just ask
 Then take up thy bed, and walk.

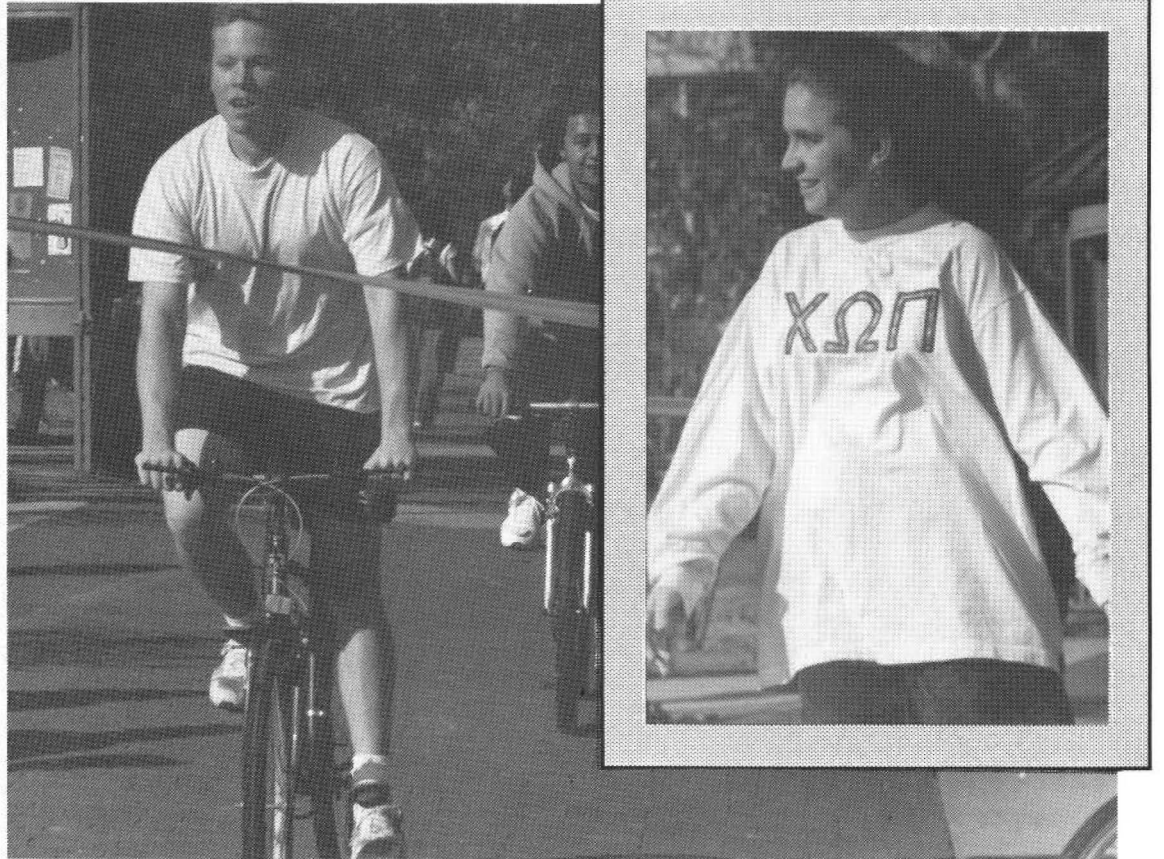
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Who's Who

Congratulations to the following students who will appear in the 1997 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

- Shelley Denise Allison
- Jeffrey Ryan Baker
- Amanda Dean Bawcom
- Troy David Bendickson
- Rebekah Marie Black
- Kyle James Brice
- Kristy Karen Brown
- Michelle Antoinette Browne
- Samuel Ryan Butterfield
- Kendra Lyn Cheri
- Tammy Lynn Clark
- Mitchell Allen Coston
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- Bobbie Jaye Cox
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- James David Hobby, Jr.
- Catherine Denise Hoover
- John Jordan House
- Nathaniel Israel
- Earnestine Jackson
- Heather Amanda James
- Jennifer Elizabeth James
- Kent Michael Jobe
- Bert Lawrence Johnson
- Anna Maurine Jones
- Sara Courtney Kirkpatrick
- Lynda Renee Leavelle
- Jennifer Beth Long
- Sara Elizabeth Looney
- Elisabeth Amber Luallen
- Gloria Annette Matthews
- Philip Lee McKinney, II
- Laura Kristen Meredith
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- Jennifer Lynn Silva
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- Kevin Walter Stewart
- Jennifer Leigh Strickland
- Joseph Scott Thibodeaux
- Allison Rose Travis
- Christopher Bruce Turney
- Daniel Velasco
- Lois Elizabeth Voyles
- Jennifer Claire Walker
- Brian Keith Watts
- Rachel Elizabeth Welch
- Jana Lynn White
- Cara Dawn Wilson
- Heather Marie Wilson
- Joseph Jeremy Winters
- Katherine Deanne Wright



Seniors Chuck Pappas and Takeo Sonoji lead the bikers to the finish line and senior Jennifer James finishes first in the walking division of "Run for their Lives." Participants raised more than \$1000 for Kenyan Christian School. Photos by Kami Wentz.

'Run for their Lives' to aid Kenyan school

by Leigh Brannan
Bison staff writer

More than \$1,000 was raised by 93 participants in the Run For Their Lives Race for the Kenyan Christian School in Africa last Thursday. Abe Kirwa, a Kenyan himself and a student at Harding, explained that there are many Kenyans who want to attend the school to receive a Christian education. The money raised from this effort will benefit them by enhancing their experience through additional educational equipment.

The 93 people participated in the race by running, walking or biking. They started on their way after being dismissed by S.A. President Zach Steed at the beginning of chapel.

Phil Freeman, a senior from Searcy, was the first to finish the course in the running division. "It was good to get out and see everyone running," he said. President David Burks participated in the running race as well. After completing the race, the only word he found to

describe his condition was "tired." Commenting on his pace, he said, "You can't get much slower than that!"

However, Amy Neely, a junior runner from Ohio, had a different story. She remembered that Nathan Mellor, assistant to the president, began the race with Burks but had to stop and catch his breath while Burks forged ahead.

Soon Burks caught up with Neely and had a good bit of speed as she had to make every effort to keep up with him. "It was really neat to cross the finish line with Dr. Burks and see all the people cheering," Neely said.

Jennifer James, a senior from Searcy, was the first walker to finish the race. "I just walked along and talked with Brenda Osborne, and we had a good time. It was fun," James said.

Chuck Pappas was the winner of the bike race. For him, the excursion was a good time for thinking, exercising, and getting extra credit in Dr. Bob Reely's class while getting out of chapel. "The entrance

fee of \$15 may sound like a lot, but it really goes so far to get an education for people who might not get a chance," Pappas said. He said the race helped him remember and be thankful for the education that he sometimes takes for granted here at Harding.

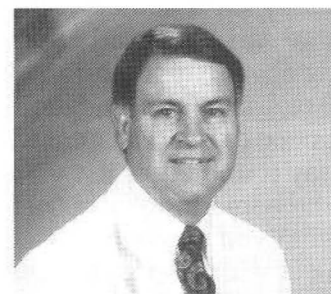
Christy Powell, a junior from California, was the first female who finished the bike race. For her, it was a time of concentration as well, but of a different sort. "I was trying to keep up with the guy in front of me! The path was not marked at every turn, and I was afraid I would get lost," she said.

The program was organized by S.A. President Zach Steed and sophomores Allison Black and Ashley Black. Sophomore volunteer Susie Smith was highly complimentary of the Black sisters' work on this project. "They did an awesome job getting all this together," she said.

Participants received "Run For Their Lives" T-shirts at the completion of the race.

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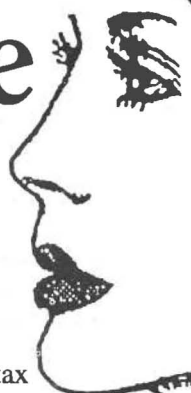
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Plans for Sadie Hawkins Week made by Student Association

by Tammy Veazey
Bison staff writer

The Student Association will host its annual Sadie Hawkins week starting Monday, Nov. 11 and continuing all week. S.A. members described the week as "a great opportunity for all women on campus."

That opportunity includes several activities planned by the S.A. to promote Harding women to ask out Harding men for a date.

Monday, the play, "Beauty and the Beast," will show in the Benson at 7 p.m. Tuesday, students will receive the chance to see how the other gender lives during Open House. The men's Open House begins at 6:30 and lasts until 8 p.m. The women's open house will then begin at 8 p.m. and will end at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, women are urged to ask a guy to Peak of the Week, which begins at its normal time of 5:30 p.m.

Thursday will mark the debut of the theater department's one-act plays. "Cupid's Bow" and "Why Do We Laugh" show at 7 p.m. in the Little Theater on the second floor of the Administration Building. Admission is \$2. The plays will show again on Friday at 7 p.m. while the movie "Phantom" plays in the Benson at 7 p.m.

Saturday night, fans of Indiana Jones, a.k.a. Harrison Ford, will be delighted with the double feature of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "The Temple of Doom," starting at 7 p.m. in the Benson.

The S.A. believes that Sadie Hawkins week is so full of fun and unique activities that Harding women will not refuse

the opportunity of asking out "that one guy they've had their eye on all semester." S.A. president Zach Steed said, "This is the chance for all the women of Harding who think they never get asked out to grab a perfect opportunity and to have a great time."

Several Harding guys expressed their views of Sadie Hawkins week enthusiastically, while others said they did not really care. "It's good because they can take us out for a change!" Jon Micah Clanton said.

On the other hand, Will Jones simply said, "I don't care. It is not a big deal." Clayton Braucher *did* think Sadie Hawkins week is a big deal and expressed concern by saying, "It's a shame there are so many fine women on campus and only one me."

From the women's point of view, Sadie Hawkins week was seen with different eyes. "Every week is Sadie Hawkins week at Harding," according to Laura Kee.

Jennifer Parker thought that Sadie Hawkins week is a good idea for women of Harding. "It's time that girls stop feeling intimidated to ask guys out," she said. Jenny Green had a unique objective: "The real trick of Sadie Hawkins week is asking a guy out and still making him pay."

The success of Sadie Hawkins week is yet to be seen; however, some Harding women may be interested in taking on the challenge to change Ray Lynn Woods' perspective on the week: "Idealistically Sadie Hawkins week is a good idea, but I don't know a single guy who's been asked out by a girl."



The American Family Theatre group's *Beauty and the Beast* production will begin at 7 p.m. Monday night in the Benson Auditorium.

Harding cooperates with FNB to help fund 'Holiday of Lights'

by Aaron Wegner
Bison staff writer

The popular heartwarming story of *Beauty and the Beast* will come alive on the Benson stage Monday night at 7. Presented by the American Family Theater group, the play is being sponsored co-operatively by Harding University, First National Bank, and other organizations and individuals to benefit Searcy's Holiday of Lights.

One of many shows in the theater group's "Broadway for Kids" series, the production will recall this all-time favorite story of how Beauty's love for her father causes her to be trapped in the castle of the Beast. Beauty's adventures at the castle then help her to discover the goodness and kindness in the Beast and lead to the magical moment where Beauty's love transforms the Beast into a man.

American Family Theater, the nation's oldest and largest theatrical company, provides top quality, affordable musical productions. Based out of Philadelphia, the group recreates blockbuster box office hits and critically acclaimed Broadway shows. They also employ many top New York directors, choreographers,

designers and scenic artists in order to achieve a sense of professionalism that they claim is "unmatched in their market."

Another unique feature of American Family Theater is that all of their productions are completely original, from the music and script to all production designs. In addition, their shows attempt to blend vividly colored costumes with spectacular scenery in order to catch the attention of audience members of all ages.

The popularity of live theater has declined in the past decade, but according to Laurie Wagman, the founder of American Family Theater, the future of live theater appears bright. "Theater is one of the cornerstones of a gentle civilization, and it must be kept alive. Children are not often invited to tune in to theater, but the adults who do care will almost always tell you that they were originally turned on to it the very first time they ever went to a play.

"If we introduce kids at an early age to relevant, exciting quality theater, they'll come back again and again - and we are developing an audience for the future that will keep theater alive."

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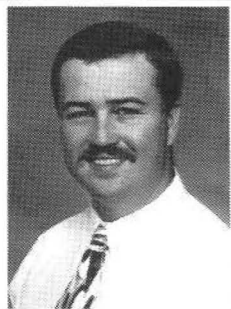

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Straight Company will perform tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 or free with the pass.

Feed Arkansas will kick off tomorrow at noon. Meet in front of the Jim Bill McInteer Center to receive directions on what you can do to help.

The S.A. movie, "Phenomenon," will be shown tomorrow at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

Alive performance of *Beauty and the Beast* will be presented Monday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

The Sears Learning Center will present "I have a test," a workshop on test-taking strategies, Monday, Nov. 11, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Heritage room.

The freshman class will hold a dinner party on Tues., Nov. 12, at 5 p.m. in Banquet rooms B & C. Interested freshmen should sign up in the cafeteria today or Mon., Nov. 11.

Pre-registration schedule for next week:

Nov. 11-12
Juniors/Seniors
Nov. 13-15
Sophomores
Hours: 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Congratulations to 18 new members of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in psychology. The inductees are:

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Students practice a language that ministers to the deaf

by Kate Sugg
Bison staff writer

Any visitor to the Harding campus quickly realizes that our students communicate in several different languages. One of these is not actually spoken and is never heard but communicates as well as any of the others.

It is the silent language into which we watch chapel devotionals and songs being translated almost every day: sign language. Although Harding does not currently have any students who depend completely upon the translations, many interested students use the time during chapel to polish and improve their own skill in the language.

The last two years have seen an increased interest in dactylogy (that's the fancy word for sign language) here on campus. Last year was the first time that classes were offered for credit, and many students took advantage of the new opportunity.

The dactylogy club also saw an increase in membership and continued interest in the non-credit classes they offer. Linda Thompson, director of Student Support Services and faculty sponsor of the dactylogy club, says that the club has been active on campus since about 1949 and

that she first began learning to sign when she was a student here in the 1960's.

One of the leaders of the club is freshman nursing major Tammy Reese, who serves as president of the organization. She also volunteers her time and talent at least three times a week to translate the words we hear in chapel into the visible language that is easier for the hearing-impaired to understand.

Tammy's interest in signing began in high school. "There was a deaf girl in my youth group," she said. "I watched people translate for her and communicate with her in sign language, and I wanted to learn how to talk with her."

Tammy said she appreciates the chance to practice sign language during chapel and emphasized that it not only benefits the hearing-impaired students, but also those who are signing and the dactylogy students who sit near the front of the Benson so that they can observe.

She explained that there are two ways for her to translate what she hears a speaker say, and the one she chooses can make a difference in how much she "catches."

Most hearing-impaired signers prefer to communicate using American



Tammy Reese signs during chapel to gain valuable experience in communicating with the hearing impaired. Dactylogy students learn from her language skills. Photo by Kami Wentz.

Sign Language. However, this version of sign language is more difficult for hearing students to learn because the grammar is quite different

from the English grammar that we grow up speaking.

This makes English Sign Language easier for translation purposes because the translator is able to interpret exactly what she hears, word for word, rather than rearranging the sentence or attempting to translate whole concepts.

This weekend, the

Dactylogy Club will go to the Sylvan Hills Church of Christ in North Little Rock to participate in a worship service that the congregation holds for the deaf.

American Sign Language I and II will be offered next semester for credit, and the dactylogy club will continue to offer its non-credit courses.



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Sports

Tues. Harding Volleyball at Arkansas Tech at 7 p.m.

Bisons lose close game on the road, 20-23

by Scott Goode
Bison staff writer

Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls, Texas, was the site last Saturday of Harding's most frustrating loss of the season. The Indians of Midwestern State University, winless in eight prior games, handed the Bisons a 23-20 overtime loss and ended a three-game winning streak for the black and gold.

Numerous penalties and turnovers at key points of the game left the Bison players and coaches shaking their heads wondering how they had let this one get away.

"We got what we earned today," mused Coach Randy Tribble after Indians kicker Nathan Turner booted through the game-winning field goal in overtime. Senior linebacker Christian Scudder added, "They were an 0-8 team, and we played like we were an 0-8 team. They played like they were 8-0; we got behind and waited too long in the second half to try to come back."

The Bison offense came out

sluggish on their first possession, going three plays and out, allowing Midwestern to start at the Harding 40-yard line. Eight plays later, Indian quarterback Broderick Senegal punched the ball in from two yards out to give MSU a 7-0 lead. It was only the third touchdown scored in the first quarter this season for the Indians.

Harding's next possession yielded better results for the herd. Following an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Midwestern, Harding's backfield of Chris Pierson and Chris Gilliam powered over the Indian defense, setting up a 23-yard touchdown run by quarterback Clay Beason, which tied the score at 7-7.

The Bisons looked like they had things going their way when Jermaine Cuffey intercepted the pass of the Indians' other quarterback, Marty Mitchell, and returned it down the sidelines for a touchdown, Harding's sixth interception return for a TD this season.

The herd could not live with prosperity on this day, however, as two Bison penalties including a personal foul led to an Indian field goal and cut the Bisons' lead to 14-10. Harding extended their lead back to seven points when the rushing of Pierson and Gilliam once again had the Bisons in good field position. The 12-play, 52-yard drive ended with a 35-yard Jeremy Thompson field goal. Following an intercepted pass, the Indians booted another field goal, making the halftime score 17-13. Despite a poor offensive first half, Harding went into the second half with a lead.

The second half was a nightmare for the Bison offense. On seven possessions, Harding punted three times, missed two field goals and lost one on downs. "Midwestern did a great job of blitzing us



Junior Chris Pierson breaks open for good yardage in Harding's Homecoming game against Ouachita Baptist. Last Saturday, Pierson broke the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the season. This makes Pierson the first to do so since "Snake" Dixon in 1972. Photo by Paul King.

and mixing things up and just got us out of sinc," Tribble said. "We shot ourselves in the foot." The shooting included 13 penalties for 115 yards and three key turnovers.

A 33-yard Indian touchdown pass with 12:44 to go in the game left the Bisons behind again, 20-17.

Harding's offense finally came back to life on their next possession. The herd marched 97 yards on 21 plays taking up almost 10 minutes on the clock, and reaching the two-yard line before stalling on third down. A 19-yard field goal by Thompson tied the game at 20-20 with eight seconds left.

The overtime was the first in Harding football history. This season, the NCAA instituted overtime in which each team gets the ball at their opponent's 25-yard line. Whichever team scores the most with their possession wins. The Indians had the ball first and kicked a field goal

from 27 yards out. The Bisons were not so fortunate. On third down and 12, quarterback Clay Beason's desperation pass was intercepted in the end zone, giving Midwestern their first victory of the season.

A bright spot for Harding was the work of tailback Chris Pierson. The junior from Garland, Texas, rushed for 98 yards on 22 carries. This gave Pierson 1,086 yards for the season, making him the first 1,000-yard rusher for the Bisons since Alan "Snake" Dixon in 1972.

When told of the mark, Pierson responded, "I am happy about it, but I would have been happier if we had won today. Our offensive line has been really good this year and has helped me get where I need to go."

The Bisons have next week off before ending the season on Nov. 16 against NCAA Division I opponent Nicholls State in Thibodaux, La.

Sports Notes

A sport junkie's dream

The number one all-sports cable network launched its third channel, ESPNET, on Friday, Nov. 1, joining its predecessors ESPN and ESPN 2. The new channel promises news and in-depth sports coverage and analysis. Unfortunately for Arkansans, the news channel will only be picked up by cable companies in the state if the station succeeds elsewhere. So, stay tuned.

1996-97 cheerleaders announced for B-Ball

The following cheerleaders have been chosen to represent Harding for the '96-'97 basketball season:

- Mendi Clothier
- Summer Daniel
- Miriam Dodson
- Amber Keilers
- Torri Predmore
- Carla Reed
- Carri Thetford
- Janalyn Williams

NBA turns 50

To commemorate the NBA's 50th season, all of the leagues' teams will be outfitted with retro-uniforms from years past. The first retro game was between New York and Toronto. The game was 50 years to the date of the first Basketball Association of America contest played between the Knickerbockers and the Toronto Huskies.

NFL starts stretch toward the playoffs

The NFL is starting to separate the cream of its crop from those teams that won't make this playoff season. After going through spring training, pre-season and half of a regular season, each conference is offering its own early leader. The AFC gives us the Denver Broncos at 8-1, with 33 fourth-quarter comeback master John Elway at the helm. The NFC has the Green Bay Packers, also at 8-1, who are led by the big cheese Bret Favre.

Sampras ends as no. 1

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- Philadelphia vs. Buffalo
- Oakland at Tampa Bay
- Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
- New England at N.Y. Jets
- Houston at New Orleans
- Washington vs. Arizona
- Dallas at San Francisco
- Denver vs. Chicago
- Seattle vs. Minnesota
- Baltimore at Jacksonville
- Carolina vs. N.Y. Giants

Pro Hoops (Nov. 9 & 10)

- Phoenix at Philadelphia
- Charlotte vs. Milwaukee
- Washington at Indiana
- Chicago vs. Boston
- Dallas vs. Miami
- Houston vs. Miami
- Portland at Sacramento
- Denver at Cleveland
- Minnesota at L.A. Clippers
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- San Antonio at Portland
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Game of the Week - NFL (Monday)

San Diego vs. Detroit

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Volleyball team enduring a rough season

by **Jeremy Schopper**
Bison sports writer

The volleyball team has been forced to endure a season that saw their record drop to 12-22 from last year's mark of 39-15. Going into the season, the team knew that it would be fighting an uphill battle throughout the year, with a majority of last year's team having graduated, including All-American Lori Hendricks, who is now a graduate assistant.

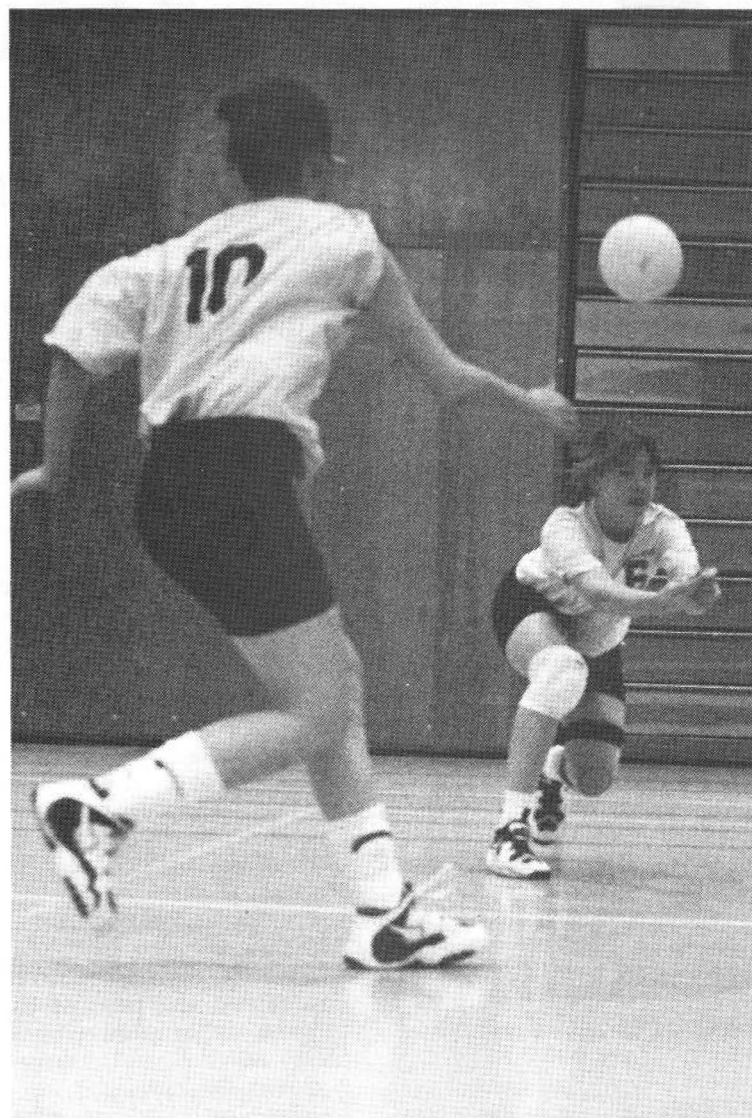
This void was filled by seven freshmen. "It has been a big adjustment for the team," sophomore Heather Grey said. "We are at the end of the season and we're still trying to get used to one another."

The addition of the many new players forced Coach Karyl Bailey to move some players around to new positions. As a result, the team had only one player from last year's team to play the same position this season. "I think we have played really well under the circumstances that we've had to face," Bailey said. "They showed some real character in their work habits and attitude."

Tuesday, Nov. 5, the Bisons traveled to Henderson, Tenn., to take on Freed-Hardeman and University of Tennessee/Martin and came out on the losing end in both matches. Against the scrappy Freed-Hardeman team, they went down in four games. "We went into the match thinking we would win, and when we got down, we started getting frustrated and making mistakes," Bailey said.

UT/Martin, a Division I school, was another story altogether. The Bisons played them straight up, matching them point for point, forcing overtime after the fifth game could not decide a winner. UT/Martin came out of the overtime victorious. "We played them really well - they were just a tough team," Bailey said.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1 and 2, the Bisons hosted a tournament that involved teams from Freed-Hardeman University, Cameron University, Pittsburgh State University and Arkansas Tech. The



Lady Bison Tara Duncan digs a ball to setter Anna Schlientz during the Harding Invitational. The volleyballers won two of their four matches last weekend, but fell twice in Tuesday's matches. Photo by Kami Wentz.

lack of experience on the college level and the lack of time the Lady Bisons have played together was evident during the matches. They finished with a record of 2-2 for the weekend.

The first opponent for the Bisons was Pittsburgh State on Friday afternoon. According to Bailey, the team matched up well against them, but the Bisons disposed of them in four games.

Next, they played Arkansas Tech, who also went down in four games. "We played our best game against them; all the pieces seemed to come together," Bailey said. Freshman Misty Fant led the team with 10 kills and 11 digs, but suffered a sprained ankle that kept her out the rest of the tournament.

Saturday, the team ran into what might as well have been a brick wall, falling to both Cameron University and Freed-Hardeman. "We should have beat Freed-Hardeman," Grey said. "They are not as good as we are." Even though

the team put up strong stats, such as Grey's 17 kills, accompanied by 12 each from Tara Duncan and Lekay Bain, it was little mistakes that cost them the game.

"Our serve/receive game was terrible; that is what really hurt us the most," freshman Anna Schlientz said. "Nor did we communicate on the court well."

Once it was time for the team to play Cameron University, they had still not gotten over the loss. "All of us freshmen were part of really successful high school programs," Schlientz said. "That makes it hard for us to know how to handle losing." Cameron dominated the match, winning in three straight games. "Despite what the stats say, we played really well against them. They were just too strong," Grey said.

The team finishes up the regular season Tuesday against Arkansas Tech before hosting the Eastern Independence Regional Playoffs Nov. 15-16.

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