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More than 500 Harding students collected 9,000 cans of food for "Feed Arkansas" last Saturday as students and churches throughout the state diverged on every neigh­borhood to solicit their help. Co-director of the project, Nate Mellor estimated "conserva­tively" that between seven-and eight tons of food had been collected by students from 20 colleges and universities and by youth groups and families from 35 churches.

"The food bank had planned to pick up all the donations today," Mellor said Wed­nesday, "but we were only able to get reports from Henderson State University and the church division of the project."

He said that Dustin Jones, the contact person at the Arkadelphia Food Bank, was thankful to get Henderson's 920 cans because their shelves were "bare at the time." In each community where students were canvassing the neighborhoods, church rep­resentatives were stationed at Wal-Mart stores, soliciting donations from customers.

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The program will be shown on Harding television station 16 and CMC channel 3 at least three times a week, each at a different time of day in order to reach a different audience, Butterfield said.

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In elementary school, Thanksgiving meant coloring pictures of pilgrims and Indians eating together at a very long table. It also meant drawing a turkey by tracing my hand onto paper. I actually hated Thanksgiving when I was a little girl. I just didn't understand it. All the other holidays had their own little fun gimmick, and I really liked those gimmicks.

On Thanksgiving Day, I would dress up in my Sunday best. A chubby man wearing red, white and green; and the web has made that reveals more information than any other medium.

As Harding has pointed out, the Internet is about our mindless activity on the web. TV, radio and newspapers are still with us because they fill a need, a void.

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We asked 100 students what they were most looking forward to doing over Thanksgiving break. And the survey says:

- Spending time with loved ones (40%)
- Taking a break from classes, resting (30%)
- Eating turkey, stuffing, pies, etc. (20%)
- Couldn't choose only one: all of the above (10%)

**Daily Reflections**

...Home for the Holidays

by Misti Nowak
Bison columnist

I realized it while I was browsing through the pages of my schedule, trying to figure out when finals week began. I was shocked, to say the least. Christmas vacation doesn’t begin until Dec. 21.

Now it just so happens that Harding isn’t trying to deprive us of the pre-Christmas excitement, marked by weeks of parties, caroling, wassailing and stringing stale popcorn. It’s just unfortunate that Thanksgiving falls so close to Christmas and, in order to fit finals in, we have to push Christmas vacation back a week or so.

I know. I know. It’s tough to come home and see that in your absence the tree has already been decorated and your siblings and/or friends have already been home from college for at least a week. You’ve missed running barefoot through the first snow and throwing snowballs at the massive icicles that grow larger by the minute as they cling to your garage.

Since this Christmas will start a bit later than most and will extend far into the month of January, long after everyone else has returned to work and school, leaving you cold and alone, I’ve prepared a list of the top ten things you can expect to encounter during those lonely weeks that follow the excitement of Christmas and New Years. By making you aware of the inevitable, I hope that you will be able to adequately prepare yourselves. Pick up a new hobby. Get a good book.

**BECAUSE, DURING THAT SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY...**

10. All of your friends have left so you resort to watching *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas...* 28 times.
9. Your brothers and/or sisters have left you alone and defenseless with Mom and Dad.
8. Because of #9, you are forced to sacrifice valuable TV time in order to help take down the tree and decorations (unless your family is the type to leave them up until April).
6. As a direct result of its perpetual re-appearance on your kitchen table, you begin to believe that cranberry sauce is one of the five basic food groups.
5. You bear witness to the self-destruction of your mother as she goes completely insane over post-Christmas sales.
4. Your father informs you that your new chore is picking tinSEL and pieces of candy cane out of the carpet... and the dog.
3. You are forced to watch the heinous deterioration of the snowman that you and your brother/sister made on Christmas morning.
2. You discover that there is a maximum number of times you can reheat Mom’s Christmas Casserole in the microwave before the laws of nature prevail, breaking it down into its various gases.
1. In your post-Christmas depression, you become secretly addicted to Grandma’s fruitcake.

I suppose there are some people out there who probably don’t mind watching *The Grinch* 28 times. At least no one is there to fight them for the remote! And I, personally, have never had the pleasure of reheating the same food enough times to break it down into the periodic table of the elements. With my brother around, it’s always gone the next day. Maybe it won’t be that bad after all. But then again, maybe it will. I hate Grandma’s fruitcake.

**Historical Happenings**

Nov. 15, 1887, was the birthdate of Georgia O’Keefe, who has been described as one of the greatest American artists of the 20th century. In 1924, she married photographer Alfred Stieglitz. His more than 500 photographs of her have been called “the greatest love poem in the history of photography. O’Keefe died at Santa Fe, N. M., at the age of 98.

**Letter to the Editor**

This letter begins with mixed emotions: frustration, anger and sadness. My protest is in regards to the Monday evening performance of “Beauty and the Beast,” held at the Benson Auditorium. The show was delightful, and enjoyed by myself and my seven-year-old son. This was an anticipated “date” between myself and my son, a date we had planned and looked forward to. Probably those of you who are parents know where I am going with this letter.

I have attended functions at the Benson sponsored by the S.A. and am acquainted with the student behavior. During movies, concerts and other university-sponsored events, behavior such as hooting, laughter, loud talking, etc... can and is expected to occur by university students. This is behavior that one weights in determining attendance at such events.

However, the performance Monday evening was a public-sponsored event. It was sponsored by Searcy Holiday of Lights. There were many individuals in the audience from our community who have no direct ties to Harding. The audience was made up primarily of parents and young children. It is the next group of attendees that I wish to express my complaint: the university students.

These individuals (I suppose there were a few who shouldn’t be lumped into this “tacky” group, although the sitting in our section were all “tacky”) have not learned etiquette for social events. Hooting, loud talking and unnecessary laughter were behaviors these individuals brought with them. I suppose they felt any activity at the Benson is theirs to be abused. My protest is to demand, throughout the performance, why a seven-year-old boy could understand the announcement at the beginning of the play, “Please be courteous. Do not talk during the performance, as it might disturb those around you.”

At this point, I could (and will) tug on your heart strings when I tell you that my son was so upset at the disturbance that he cried. It was difficult to explain to him why those around him could not follow directions. I plainly told them they were “rude.”

I guess I say all of this to get to this one point: you should have learned in kindergarten that “There is a time to play and a time to pay attention.” Monday evening was not a time for Harding students to play. It was a time for them to be an example at a public function, to observe suggestions on behavior, to represent Harding to the public as a place where social etiquette can be observed, or... to stay home.

This was not a “gala” event, but it was special for my son and me. Unfortunately, my child will remember this event with a stain because of Harding student behavior. I realize that this will just “roll off your backs.” However, I would like to think that the next time you are at a public-sponsored (or university-sponsored) event and you are sitting near a young child, you would think of your influence, and act appropriately.

Sincerely,
Parent and Child

**Creative Talents**

**Caged Femininity**

by Jenni Lane

Beneath the silken flow of hair and sensuous sweep of sash gently caressed by the wind as I look over the crowd to be adored in my feminine splendor... For this frame men would fall at tiny ankles, bound and upseated, that lead to legs encased in silk.

All that femininity formed by biting metal and crushing bone held up by straining garters down to the arching arches were... two inches high.

So fake it took three people to put it together.

So as I flee to home off come the stays and silk the turning hair is caught back as I transform back into a human and the two inch heels are tossed... someplace.
Let's Start Talking supplies format for campaigns to Japan
by Diana King

Harding's history, International Campaigns sent a group of campaigners to Japan last summer. The campaign was also the first to use the program's Bible study material. "Let's Start Talking," but it used the format for campaigns to Japan.

"Let's Start Talking" was the first to use the program's Bible study material. "Let's Start Talking" originated at Oklahoma Christian University and is designed to offer an alternative to the singing and personal contact campaigns.

"We had one-on-one studies using passages from Luke," said Mika Haneishi, a sophomore nursing major, who went on the campaign last year. "The campaigners had a manual that helped prepare for each study and named a specific point we were supposed to get across to the students."

During the studies, campaigners first read a passage with the visitors. Afterwards, they define words, talk about the text and, finally, lead into deeper thoughts about the meaning of the text for their lives.

Emily Albright, a senior music education major from Memphis, Tenn., who spent one year in Japan as a daughter of missionaries, was one of last year's campaigners. She said she found the "Let's Start Talking" method especially effective for the Japanese. "Most people come initially because they want to practice their English and meet Americans, not because of the Bible," Albright said. "This way, you actually sit down together with a Bible and you get people to open up as you study."

Albright also said she appreciated the material the program provides. "It helped us be well in control of the lessons and not give the students too much at once," she said.

Haneishi agreed. "The specific questions in the material helped the campaigners get to know the visitors very well. We could see them change."

Haneishi, who grew up in Tokyo, Japan, was a strong force in the planning of the campaign last summer and is also involved in organizing next year's campaign. She became a Christian in high school when she spent several months as an exchange student in Australia with her aunt and uncle. "When I was in Australia, a campaign group happened to come to the city where I was staying," she said. "After studying with them, I really knew what an impact campaigners have because they caused me to become a Christian."

The Hidaoka Church of Christ in Hitachi City, where last year's campaigners worked, has more than just this connection to Harding. The local missionaries, Tony and Vanessa Richardson, are Harding alumni who went to Japan two years ago to teach English and strengthen the church. "They helped so much keeping the campaigners' morale up because they remembered the problems they had when they first arrived, and they could identify with us," Albright said.

Since last year's five-person campaign, the number of students who plan to be involved has almost doubled. As a result, Haneishi said, plans are underway for an additional group to work with the Tachikawa congregation in Tokyo next summer.

"We are happy more students are interested this year, but we are still looking for campaigners and sponsors," she said.

One-act plays to present humorous entertainment in December
by Tammy Veazey

Two one-act plays, "Graceland" and "Night Watches," will be performed in the Little Theater of the Administration Building Sunday, Dec. 8, at 1:30 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. The plays will present contrasting plays, both with humorous story lines.

"Graceland" is an off-the-wall comedy written by Ellen Byron involving two women from totally different backgrounds who argue about who will enter the gates of Graceland first. The setting for the play is, of course, Memphis, Tenn., on June 4, 1982, just three days before the opening of Graceland first. The play's humor and setting. "The audience will relate to the humor of the play because this is the first play in which she has acted and directed," Albright said, "in a war-time setting, it isn't dark or gloomy."

Cox described his character as "the average Joe who isn't sure about the world." He said he prepared his role, for the play revolves around a conflict caused by his annoyance with the deaf and dumb. "I've rewritten the script to fit the role," Cox said, "to make the audience think about the serious issues of war, but in a light, easy-going way. It will definitely get some laughs."

"Graceland" and "Night Watches" are each 20 minutes in length, with an intermission between. Both directors said they are for campaigners and spon-
sors, "We people who like theater will like these plays. They're a stress reliever, so bring a date and relax and enjoy," Philipps said.

Graduate student Dana Martin receives a certificate for a free trip to Dallas from Jimmy Moss of World Travel. Martin filled out a coupon provided by World Travel during fall registration that advertised a "Big day in Big D.

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Debaters develop arguments and strategies to address government environmental regulations

by Aaron Wegner
Bison staff writer

This semester has been full of peaks and valleys for the 1996-97 Harding debate team. The varsity team of senior Matt McDaniel and freshman Robert Henson posted a 9-10 mark in three major tournaments this semester.

Although this is Henson's first year, the lack of numbers on the team forced Coach Pat Garner to put him on the varsity squad after the team's first tournament.

The second tournament of the season took place at the University of Alabama Oct. 14. The first-time team of McDaniel and Henson posted a 2-4 record, but the experience of debating with each other was a positive one.

"We really struggled in the Alabama tournament," Henson said. "However, we were able to learn what arguments we were more prepared to debate and what strategies worked better for us."

The following weekend, the team found themselves at Northeast Louisiana State. McDaniel and Henson compiled an impressive 5-2 mark before eventually losing in the semi-finals.

McDaniel, a youth ministry major, received the honor of being named fifth place speaker. "The tournament at Northeast Louisiana State gave us a lot of confidence and showed people that we were capable of winning against strong competition," Henson said.

Last weekend, in their final tournament of the semester, McDaniel and Henson compiled a 2-4 mark at Vanderbilt University. It was a difficult way to end the season, but the team's expectations and goals are high for next semester.

"The topic for debate this year is whether or not government should increase environmental regulations. This is a topic that covers a lot of information as well as many small details," Henson said. "Some of the schools that we debate against, such as Miami and Alabama, have more capabilities and information at their disposal than we do. In debate, your speaking skills are not as vital as the amount of information you know and can use. The work between tournaments - researching - is what is really important."

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for the members of the team. "I felt that both the varsity team of Matt McDaniel and Robert Henson and the novice team of Eryn Bennett and Brian Finrow had very good results in their tournament this semester," Garner said.

"We have really done well considering our limited resources. We have four tournaments planned for the spring semester, including the regional tournament at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the national tournament at the University of Kansas at Wichita. I would really like to see some first-place finishes at one of our first two tournaments, and I am really hoping that we will make it into the elimination rounds at nationals," Garner said.

"I believe we are really starting to pick up our weaknesses and addressing them accordingly," Henson said.

"We know we are capable of improving next semester if all of us do our share."
International students make plans for break

by Yvonda Fletcher
Bison staff writer

Thanksgiving is a time that most of us are eagerly awaiting because it means spending time with our families (even Aunt Hilda, the notorious cheet pincher), a week of Mom's cooking and a week with no 8:00 classes.

However, Thanksgiving is a special holiday that most of us take very seriously. The turkey and dressing are a plus, but the day is really about being with family and giving thanks for all God has blessed us with.

But what about the students who can't go home for Thanksgiving? Harding has many international students, most of whom can't afford the plane ticket back to Honduras, Russia or Kenya. So what do they do for the week the dorm is closed and everyone else has gone back to their families?

Glena Peace, a sophomore from San Jose, Costa Rica, said, "This year, I am staying with friends of the family who live in Huntsville, Ala." Other students also said they were staying with distant relatives or friends.

While most of the international students know where they are going and what they are doing, sometimes even the best laid plans can go awry. Last year, Ana Aguilar, a junior from La Ceiba, Honduras, planned to spend the entire vacation traveling with friends. During the trip, however, she lost her passport and had to go to Houston and stay with her cousin while getting a new one. "It was scary being in a strange country with no papers that said I could be here," Aguilar said.

Even though Thanksgiving isn't a celebrated holiday in all countries, sometimes the international students still feel a little left out. "Around Thanksgiving, I get homesick and a little jealous because everyone else gets to go home and spend time with their families. Then, I remember that I do get to travel and meet new people, plus, I get a break from school, so I always enjoy my vacation," Peace said.

Jana Hendrix, a junior nursing major from Lyon, France, whose parents are missionaries in France, said, "My parents were in the states over the summer, and I'm hoping to see them again next summer. We talk on the phone once a month and we e-mail, but I miss them." Hendrix and her younger sister Karen, a sophomore at Harding Academy, plan to travel to Oklahoma for Thanksgiving to visit their grandparents.

Michelle Guzman, a sophomore from Guatemala City, Guatemala, plans to go to Subiaco, a religiously oriented retreat center near Eureka Springs. Guzman will be traveling with a group of about 12 students. She said, "We heard [Subiaco] was really good and I'm curious about it." Guzman, whose sister recently gave birth to a baby boy in Guatemala, won't be able to see her nephew until Christmas because she can't go home until then.

For some of the international students, all this Thanksgiving hoopla is a new experience. Cynthia Castillo, a freshman from Santo Guz, Guatemala, said, "I've never been to a Thanksgiving celebration before, but I've heard about the tradition. I think it is nice because it reminds us to give thanks for all God has given us."

Felipa Santillan, the administrative assistant for the Walton Scholars Program said, "Some students simply don't have a place to go over the break. The problem is that the dorms are closed and the students are out in the middle of nowhere. "Especially with our newer students, they haven't made many acquaintances yet. They just don't have anyone to go home with. They don't know anyone yet." Students interested in taking another student home with them are encouraged to notify the Housing Office.

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Sports

TNT wins first-ever Super Bowl over Knights 13-0

by Paul King
Bison sports editor

The big club blue of TNT outscored middle club Knights 13-0 in the first-ever club Super Bowl Monday night. After winning a number of regular-season games by 12 points or less, TNT was facing the high-powered offense of a Knights team that was averaging almost 40 points per game and had allowed only three touchdowns all year.

Designed to determine which club was the overall champion in football, this game, which was the last to be played on Field 2, was one that saw a large crowd of spectators from TNT and Knights, as well as many other clubs.

Minutes before the start of the game, Knights found out that their starting quarterback, Jason Burton, was sick with the flu and wouldn't be able to play. Undeterred, Knights rallied as a team behind their other strength, defense.

The start of the game was slow-moving for Knights as they were three and out on their opening series. The Knights had a strong season offensively, led by an attacking defensive style and multiple weapons on offense, Burton was the leader on offense, doing all of the play-calling and balancing the ground attack with a heavy air assault. Without Burton in Monday's game, Knights fell behind for the first time all season in the second half.

In their first three games, Knights gave up only one touchdown while amassing more than 150 points against their opponents. The second of the three games was against primarily 'B' team players to overcome their opponent. Their toughest competition came from middle club Theta Tau Omega. In their first three meetings, Knights held on to close leads going into halftime. Fortunately for Knights, the offense was able to pull away in the second half and the defense was able to stop Theta Tau's attacks.

Both TNT and Knights members said they considered it a privilege to make history by playing in the first Super Bowl and the last football game to be played on Field 2.

They were allowed four attempts to score from the 8-yard line. TNT scored touchdowns all four times. Pi Kappa Epsilon had been a classic defensive struggle with both offenses hampered by rain and muddy field conditions. A late run by韦格纳 closed out the TNT victory with a score of 12-0.

In the semi-final game, TNT found themselves well-matched against their classic rivals, Titans. After a Titans comeback from 21-6 to 21-22, TNT's Ryan Howard caught a touchdown while amassing a number of regular-season games by 12 points or less.

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- Alabama at Miss. St.
- Tennessee vs. Arkansas
- Arizona vs. UCLA
- Miami-Fla. vs. Virginia Tech
- Auburn vs. Georgia
- Pro Football: Denver at New England
- Kansas City vs. Chicago
- Atlanta vs. New Orleans
- Philadelphia vs. Washington
- Oakland vs. Minnesota
- Pittsburgh vs. Jacksonville
- Indianapolis vs. N.Y. Jets
- Miami at Houston
- N.Y. Giants at Arizona
- San Francisco vs. Baltimore
- Carolina at St. Louis
- Seattle at Detroit
- Buffalo vs. Cincinnati
- San Diego vs. Tampa Bay
- Green Bay vs. Dallas
- Pro Basketball: Indiana vs. Portland
- San Antonio vs. Golden St.
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- Dallas at N.Y. Giants
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- Washington vs. San Francisco
- New England vs. Indianapolis
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Bisons end cross country season strong; send five runners on to the nationals

by Jeremy Schopper

Bison staff writer

Cross country Coach Bryan Phillips put himself on the spot early in the season by saying that this year's team is the best Harding has had for at least 10 years. They certainly have not let him down.

Two men and three women will represent their respective teams tomorrow at the NAIA national championships in Knoxville, Tenn. The Bison staff writer will attempt to earn All-America honors by finishing in the top 30 in a race that will have 350 competitors.

Representing the men's team, juniors Jonathan Tanui and Tommy Noel will be chasing the same honor.

The athletes earned their right to run in the national championships by finishing high in the rankings at the 17th annual regional championships that were held Nov. 1 in North Lake Park in Irving, Texas. The women's team finished fourth with Katie Fant and Amber Howard rounding out the top five.

For the entire team to make it to the national scene, it would have had to finish in first or second place. The men's team missed this mark by two points, with the host school, Northwood Institute, edging them out.

"Something like this is really hard to take," Phillips said. "Nine out of 10 times, we will beat them. They just ran a great race."

Since this is a year of transition into the Lone Star conference in the NCAA Division II, the teams are allowed a few extra competitions.

The men's and women's cross country teams took advantage of this by finishing fourth and second, respectively, at the Lone Star conference championships on Oct. 26 in Commerce, Texas.

The men finished second to perennial national power, Abilene Christian. They were led by Tanui who finished fourth, which placed him on the All Conference team. Noel, Abe Kjura, Jonathan Dandy and Seth Crumm finished in the top five.

The women were led with strong runs from Grubbs (8th), Lauterbach (9th) and Scharff (11th). Next season, we ought to be really strong with the experience that our freshmen have gotten," Phillips said.

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Junior Seth Crumm runs in the Rhodes cross country meet earlier in the year. The team will send five runners on to the national meet this weekend, two men and three women. Photo by Aaron Gilliam.

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Freshman Tim Hampton of Theta Tau Delta rushes past Knights defenders, senior Eddie Carson and junior Wheeler Howard. Theta Tau needed to win twice in order to take the middle club 'A' championship, but the Knights won the game 22-7. Knights also won the middle 'B' and 'C' championships. Photo by Kami Wentz.