The Thanksgiving holiday is a time to celebrate both thankfulness and family, and is a much-needed break for students. While many students can go home to their families, it is different for international students.

Students from all around the world choose to attend Harding, leaving them far away from home on Thanksgiving. The chance to go home is slim because of time restraints and cost of transportation. The university and local churches try to aid international students and those who are unable to go home by matching them with local families for the week.

"The school placed me with a family that lives about two hours away," Rita Toledo, a junior from Guatemala, said. "I've been going there for the Thanksgiving holiday since I came as a freshman." Toledo also stays with the family during the holiday season. Toledo said ticket sales for the show have met expectations and are around average for non-country acts. The album is a complete piece that has taken their music to another level. It's always a fun time."

Philip Davis
Staff Writer

I think the idea of the holiday is really nice. I wish we could celebrate it every day — the thanksgiving part. I think it's really good to remember all of what God has done for us.

Rita Toledo,
junior

I'm glad that Harding is bringing them, "he said. "They're a great band, and it's a good way to bring in prospective students." Harding has made a renewed effort to attract popular non-country acts since they Might Be Giants played the Benson in 1996.

"I think Harding is getting a lot better with its level of entertainment," junior Renee Culbertson said.

After playing 30 shows in a year, Sister Hazel took a well-deserved break before starting to write and record "Fortress." The group includes Ken Block (lead vocals and acoustic guitar), Andrew Copeland (guitar and vocals), Ryan Newell (lead guitar), Jeff Beres (bass) and Marcus Trojanowski (drums).

The album is a complete piece from the opening track, "Change Your Mind," to the gorgeous arrangement of the title track that closes out "Fortress." Block and Copeland's vocal harmonies soar over the top of rhythmic guitar on songs such as "Out There" and "Thank You."

Their organic blend of rock with key elements of American roots music offers something for every type of music lover. The album was produced by Paul Ebersold (Stevie Ray Vaughan, 3 Doors Down) and Richie Zito (Cheap Trick).

The first single off the album, "Change Your Mind," made the Top Ten. "I think the students are really excited," Evan Page, Student Activities manager said. "It's great to have a band that's frequently heard on the radio.

Sister Hazel began the tour June 29 when they played James Landin in Tampa, Fla. Sister Hazel is named their band after an African American woman who ran the "Sister Hazel's Rescue Mission" in Gainesville, Fla., during the 1970s and early 1980s. The Sister Hazel concert is probably the highlight of a busy weekend on campus; the last weekend before Thanksgiving Break.

around 300 prospective students are on campus Thursday through Sunday as the admissions office hosts Bison Day. Tonight's SA movie is "The Kid," showing at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium. Tickets are $2 or free with the PASS.

Saturday, the football team plays its final game of the season against Ouachita Baptist University. Kickoff for the Gulf South Conference contest is set for 2 p.m. at First Security Stadium.

Also this weekend, senior Kimberly Holder presents her one-act play, "Hard Candy." The show will be tonight at 7:30 and Saturday night at 7 in the Administration Building's Little Theater. Admission is $1.50.
Witnesing history

On Nov. 3, members of my church history class, led by Dr. Paul Haynie, professor of history, visited a Jewish synagogue, a Greek Orthodox church and a Roman Catholic cathedral in Little Rock. Dr. Haynie told us the day would be "very interesting." He was right. But he neglected to tell me the day would also be one of the hardest of my semester. It was difficult, not because we sat through almost four hours of church services (on a Saturday), and not because I was stuck wearing church clothes all day (I despise party hose), but because it was a day burdened with questions about faith.

So much of what the Jews and the Greek Orthodox and the Catholics believe mirrors my own faith. I can say along with the Jews, "Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one." (Deut. 6:4). I can agree with Father Nicholas that water baptism is important. I can even believe in "one holy catholic and apostolic church" — the one God sees.

But what am I to do with our differences? What about the Catholics' prayers to the Virgin Mary? What about the Kisses Orthodox believers believe in across their icons? What about the idea that, O God, what, am I to do with the Jewish man who, when asked what he thinks of the Christ, the Messiah, the Prince of Peace, the Lamb of God, my Jesus, says, "I don't think of him at all?"

Yes, it was a hard day. The thing is, all of these people are — just like me — trying to reach God. They are sincere. Sitting in their places of worship, listening to their hearts tell their brains their tongues to sing out praise to God — all this made me think of pay phones. Dr. Haynie gave me a full day of questions. Perhaps he would have liked my brain to be filled with questions about church history: What is the difference between the Pope and the Patriarch? Why does the Synagogue in Little Rock face east? But when I heard those words, "I don't think of him at all," church history was lost to me and I could think only of the present — of the status of all of our souls before the Lord. And how long we stayed up — 40 years from now.

Guest Room

Father on this very day. Does God hear every prayer addressed to Him? Does He answer every prayer addressed to Him? Does He bend near to the earth to glory in all worship given to Him? Does He watch over all of us who call on the name Yahweh with the same wonder that an 8-year-old boy eyeballs an ant farm?

For, whatever our differences, I need God's grace as much as Jews, Orthodox believers and Catholics do. I need for Him to hear and answer my prayers. I bow my head to His ear in my direction. I long for His gaze to turn in wonder at my antics. But if not for the grace of God, we would be lost.

Perhaps I have come to a threshold of deeper faith. Like the disciples in John 6, I am caught saying, "This is hard teaching. Who can accept it?" They questioned how we can feed off Jesus' flesh and blood. I question the truth that narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it (Matt. 7:14). O God, why do I see a scalpel prodding a tumored organ. You may know that Jewish, Catholic and Orthodox services are based on liturgies — set orders of worship. The priests read prescribed portions of scripture to the congregants, who respond with prescribed prayers. Annie Dillard describes the scene in her essay "Holy the Firm," saying, "The higher Christian churches ... come at God with an unwarranted air of professionalism, with authority and pomp, as though they knew what they were doing, as though people in themselves were an appropriate creation of creatures to have dealings with God. I often think of the set pieces of liturgy as certain words that people have successfully addressed to God without their getting anywhere. Their words do not bear the blood; they would fill the Holy of Holies in an instant; they would beat the blood; he would fill the Holy of Holies with smoke; and then he would be in the Holy of Holies, his right hand attached to his ankle in case he died in there and had to be pulled out. He did this because he knew that if he saw God, "his face would melt off." May we be humble priests in God's presence, rather than Mohawks twirling to our deaths.

And may you, if you are needing an "interesting" day to pull you to a deeper faith, ask me for the directions to these three houses of worship in Little Rock. I'll be glad to give them to you.

Speak out: Where is your favorite place to relax?

"I like to go to Brock, because there is [usually] nobody out there, and it's quiet." — Meredith Brandon, freshman

"I like to go to Mountain View because I love to listen to the music selection there." — Katye Stone, sophomore

"I go to the skate park because I don't only do like to skate, but I also enjoy reaching out to the younger kids." — Bert Jobe, senior

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Campus television station revamps lineup with two new student-produced programs

Carrie Guild
Staff Writer

TV-16 viewers are used to seeing "Live at Five," the nightly student-run news program at 5 p.m. each evening.

They are probably also accustomed to seeing a variety of other programming during the evenings, such as chapel replays, athletic events and religious programming.

Starting this week, however, TV-16 viewers will see more programming during the evenings, such as chapel replays, athletic events and religious programming.

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At least two new student-produced programs are going on the air this fall.

"We would love for anyone who is interested in doing a show to talk with us," Dr. Mike James, chairman of the communication department, said.

"Especially those students in the communication department because it would help them develop the skills they need in producing, directing, editing and acting."

While other programs are in the planning stages, two shows have already started production and have taped pilot episodes which will air later this month on the university channel.

The first program, "Our View," is led by four students - sophomore Sandra Kirk, senior Whitney Leach and freshmen Elyse McKenna and Emily Wade.

The show, which is scheduled to premiere Monday, will focus on informing students of major news events and also include a variety of topics, like fashion, entertainment, recipes, sports, health and fitness and a weekly "Who's Who at HUT?" interview.

A second show, designed to help students learn to cook, will also be airing soon.

It's been kind of hectic with four different girls with four different schedules. It's been a really awesome learning experience for all of us, though.

Elyse McKenna, freshman

Another new program is being produced by senior youth and family ministry major Rob Guild.

The show is designed for Harding students who have the facilities to prepare food in the dorms, but have not yet developed a talent for cooking.

Guild said the show will teach students how to prepare easy, delicious and cheap meals.

"I want this show to be useful for anyone watching, but I want it to really focus on the guys here at Harding," he said.

"Many of the guys have been accused of lacking creativity when it comes to dating."

"I know many ladies who don't want to just 'see a movie,' but would rather do something more personal. In this show, I want to help provide a spark of idea to help guys eat better personally and assist them socially as well."

The first episode of Guild's program is set to air this Thursday.

It will feature an appetizer, main dish, dessert and a 'date night' idea of the week."

Correction

In the Nov. 3 issue of The Bison it was incorrectly reported that the business office hopes to have online class selection available in the spring 2002 semester.

The story should have read that the business office hopes to have online financial registration by spring 2002. The Bison regrets the error.
A round 450 units of blood are needed each day to service hospital patients across the American Red Cross/Greater Ozarks/Arkansas Region (Arkansas, Southwest Missouri and the Mid-South). Part of that need is met by regular blood drives, like the one being hosted by OEGE and King’s Men social clubs Nov. 13, 14 and 16 in the Hammon Room on the second floor of the student center. “We have King’s Men and OEGE members walking around talking and comforting you as you are giving blood,” sophomore Brian Davis, King’s Men service project director, said. “If you need a drink or something to eat while you are giving, they are more than happy to get it for you and bring it to you.” OEGE and King’s Men have set a goal to collect 175 pints of blood during the drive. The last drive in September gathered 175, but 85 others were turned away because they did not meet requirements. “The primary goal, though, is to make students and faculty aware of the need for blood throughout the state of Arkansas,” Davis said.

Statistics from the Red Cross state that every 17 minutes a person in the Greater Ozarks/Arkansas Region needs blood. One pint can save up to three people. Each unit of blood goes through 11 different tests after collection to assure its safety and compatibility with the recipient. Requirements for blood donors demand that they be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. A person may donate every 56 days. It takes about an hour to an hour and a half (depending on the wait) to donate blood, which includes registration, the health check and refreshments. For each donor, the nurses use clear gloves and a sterilized needle, which are promptly disposed of.

When a donor arrives, he starts by filling out a simple form. The form includes identifying information and asks a series of questions to determine if the donor is qualified to donate. Certain behaviors or conditions bar some people from donating. After that, a nurse conducts a health check. During the health check, the nurses interview each donor about his health status. Then they check the blood donor’s temperature, iron levels and blood pressure. If everything is OK, the donor waits for an open bed.

A Harding student gives blood at the King’s Men and OEGE blood drive in September. The two clubs will sponsor another drive starting Monday in Student Center 236. The primary goal is to make students and faculty aware of the need for blood throughout the state of Arkansas. Brian Davis, sophomore, said: “It’s never as bad as you think it’s going to be,” senior Sarah Cunningham, OEGE service project director, said.

After the blood is drawn, donors get cookies and a drink to replenish their sugar. Most donors feel well enough to leave within 10 minutes. “It’s so much fun to give blood because you know that you are being given the opportunity to save three lives with your one pint of blood that you donate,” Davis said.

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Williamson, an elementary education major, will go to school part time next semester and graduate next fall. Since she’s been pregnant, she said her perspective on life has changed.

“Having a baby gives us a push in our spiritual lives,” she said. “We have to be firm in our beliefs so we can teach Christ to our child. That’s been the biggest change.”

Amy and Lake VanBuskirk should be holding their overdue little boy, Aaron, any day now. The VanBuskirk’s have been married for about a year and the pregnancy was a shock.

“I’m excited now,” VanBuskirk said. “I can’t imagine not staying home and taking care of him.”

This new life has changed Amy’s outlook on school. “School is not nearly as important as it was before,” she said. “I would not have a problem dropping out if my baby needed me. It’s a big change.”

VanBuskirk goes to school for three hours a day and will probably graduate in three years with a degree in social work.

She says her main priority is spending time with her baby.

“[I’m concentrating on] getting a house and keeping up with that and my husband,” she said. “I was working at the hospital, but quit so I could stay home.”

VanBuskirk’s friendships have also changed.

“All the people about to have babies group together,” she said. “I know more pregnant people now than I ever did.”

Jamie and Eric Williamson are both senior Jamie Williamson and junior Amy VanBuskirk will soon face that challenge. Jamie and Eric Williamson are expecting Andrew Christian Williamson in two weeks. To prepare for the baby, Williamson has reduced her schedule to two classes this semester. Williamson said her pregnancy is a blessing.

“A lot of people may think this is a bad situation because of the timing,” she said. “[However] we have been really blessed. For us, there was no better time. People at Harding are so willing to help us out.”

Jamie and Eric Williamson said a priority for them will be to raise their new child in the ways of the Lord.

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New restaurant combines fine dining, local history

Katie Tool
Staff Writer

Searcy has a new restaurant and it's not just another chain establishment moving into town. Restaurant at the Mayfair opened Wednesday on the downtown square in Searcy.

Mike and Beth Mauney, who currently live in Ward but will move to Searcy soon, renovated a part of the former Mayfair Hotel into a new restaurant.

The Mayfair Hotel was built in the 1920s and served as the elegant accommodations and delectable meals. It's not just another chain establishment moving into town.

The hotel was quite well known in its heyday. The most famous person to spend an evening at the Mayfair was Hall of Fame outfielder Ty Cobb.

"I think that the architecture is a classic style and I wanted it to convey that with the decor," Beth Mauney said.

"I've always wanted to open a restaurant. I fell in love with the building, and I love Searcy!" Restaurateur at the Mayfair serves both lunch and dinner. The menu includes special foods like cheese soup and gourmet desserts. They also have a special shrimp and scallop pasta. The menu has hot and cold sandwiches, a soup of the day, prime rib, hot tamales, pastas, salmon, swordfish, gourmet salads and other items.

Notable beverage options include flavored tea and a full line of flavored coffees, including mocha, cappuccino and latte. Dessert lovers will find offerings like raspberry tuxedo cake, gourmet cheesecakes and chocolate decadence cake.

Restaurant at the Mayfair is open for lunch Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. It is open for dinner Wednesday-Saturday 5-9 p.m.

Patti Sherrill and Bill Bulice prepare for work during Restaurant at the Mayfair's opening day Wednesday. The establishment's location on the downtown square has a long history of fine dining.
With Harding's fall sports teams winding their seasons to a close, the men's and women's basketball teams have been preparing for a challenging season in the Gulf South Conference.

Both teams will start their seasons with tournaments Nov. 17-18. While the men are playing in the UCA Classic in Conway, the women will be playing in the Lyon Conference Classic in Batesville.

Men's head coach Jeff Morgan said the men will face a challenge this season, their first in the GSC. The Bisons will be part of the nine-team West Division.

"This is a very athletic conference with a lot of dominant teams, very similar to the Lone Star Conference we were in last year," Morgan said. "Henderson State has won it [the division title] the last two years. They had another good recruiting class, so they will be tough. Delta State also had a good class and are picked second in the coaches' poll." Harding was picked to finish fifth in the coaches' poll, but as high as third by some coaches.

"This is a very athletic conference with very physical teams which are well disciplined as well as well coached," Morgan said. Morgan is pleased with the new conference for other reasons as well.

"Travel is much better," he said. "Every other game is a home game and all but one conference game is on a Monday or Thursday. That lets more fans come out to support the team."

Morgan said the Bisons have another advantage at home — the Rhodies Rowdies.

"The crowd is a very important part of our game," he said. "Most other schools do not have as big a following, so they are going to really need our fans. And with our style ball we know it will be enjoyable to watch."

As in the past, the Bisons plan to keep the ball moving by playing a man-to-man game.

"We want to create a lot of turnovers keep things fast paced," Morgan said. "We are deeper on defense this year and that will help on both sides of the ball. Our point guards, [sophomore] Aaron Farley and [freshman] Darren McCrillis are very physical and get after it real hard. Our centers are similar to most others in this division. We have players who are 6'5" to 6'10" who have a pretty good nose for the ball for rebounding and have honed their scoring skills."

While the men's team is hoping speed brings an advantage to their game, the women are counting on experience.

"We have several players returning this year who have gotten better since last year," women's head coach Brad Francis said. "Also, we have some young players who are looking good."

Like the men, Francis says the Lady Bisons face a tough division in the GSC West.

"Arkansas Tech and Delta State are far and away the better teams to watch out for," he said. "Arkansas Tech is picked to win it, but Delta State is really good."

The Lady Bisons sit eighth in the GSC coaches pre-season poll, but hope that their aggressive style of play will help them move near the top.

"We are going to play a full court man (to-man) that helps us get our tempo up and keep the game moving," Francis said. "As soon as the new class gets a feel for the style of play, they will help out our depth."

The schedule for the Lady Bisons is not as kind as the men's, with six (mostly road) games before Christmas and then three in Fitch after the holiday.

"We might be eight and one or we might be two and seven," Francis said. "But these are games we feel we have a pretty good chance of winning. There are going to be a lot of close games in this conference, so we must be competitive every night and be in every game."

In the UCA Classic, the men play East Central Oklahoma University Friday and Arkansas Baptist Saturday. Both games start at 6 p.m. The women play in the Lyon Classic, taking on host Lyon College at 8 p.m. Friday and Freed-Hardeman University at 2 p.m. Saturday.

**Soccer teams wrap up tough year**

Seasons of learning for young women, younger men

Carrie Guild

Staff Writer

Soccer season is over for the Bisons and the Lady Bisons. The teams extended their first year while the Lady Bisons finished up their third year.

With an overall record of 5-11-0 and a 1-6 Gulf South Conference mark, the Bisons showed some promise for next year.

The Lady Bisons ended the season with the best record of their three-year history with a 10-7-1 overall record and a 4-4-GSC finish.

"This was our first year in the Gulf South Conference, and I feel that we did well," Lady Bisons coach Terry Edwards said.

Although the difficulty of the conference took its toll on the Bisons and Lady Bison teams, both are still hopeful for next year.

One advantage that both teams have had this year is the growing interest in soccer on campus.

"Attendance has topped 300 per game, making soccer the third most popular sport here on campus," Edwards said.

While student attendance has indeed helped boost the morale of the team, Edwards also credits their closeness to each other.

"I think that the sense of unity has really helped us this year," he said. "Traveling up to 800 miles per game gives us lots of time to get to know each other. This is a great bunch of girls to travel with and I am honored to be associated with Harding athletics."

Edwards also believes his returning players gave strength.

"We had a strong incoming freshman class that really helped, but we couldn't have done it without our second year girls. Next year we will have a great advantage because we will have girls who have been on the team for two or three years. I am excited about it. It is going to be a great year for us."

Both teams posted some impressive numbers during the season, with obvious offensive leaders stepping up.

Freshman Luke Boren led the Bisons early on with 10 goals in his first five games, but left the team due to philosophical differences with head coach Franco Zengaro. Freshman Zach Dameron then led the team, scoring six goals on the season.

Junior forward Lauren Hensley fights to get the ball away from her opponent during a home match earlier this season. With Hensley's help, the Lady Bisons were able to improve this year on their 1999 record.

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Bush-Gore turns into Super Bowl of democracy

Somewhere around 10:30 p.m. CST on Tuesday night, flicking between CNN, ABC, FOX and all the other TV news organizations, it became very apparent. All I needed was a few pizzas, chips, several bottles of Coke and some game-time buddies. This election thing was getting good.

Who could've known that a presidential election, normally from Mazzio’s in Searcy. Simply predict the winners of those things. But you can win, or for more information, please call Tim Smith at Carmichael Community Center, 279-1010.

It wasn't over. No one knew. All the while, of course, the political experts were sweating away on the TV tube. It all over each other trying to explain what was going on. And the way they did it was something any sports fan could understand. Was that really someone using a telescop or a political map? Sure was. And that box in the top corner of the screen with a running tally of the electoral votes? It looked like it was ripped off a Monday Night Football broadcast, with the "Fins" and "Jets" removed. It wasn't hard to see images in my head of Mary Albert, Al Michaels, Jack Buck or John Madden up there in Election Central. In fact, given the botch job some of those "experts" did in calling this, the mother of all presidential elections, Dennis Miller would've been pretty much right at home.

"Man, Gore is eating up the Northeast. But Bush is moving down the Midwest. This is smash-mouth politics, Dennis. Bam!"

"Yeah, Cha Cha, this thing is turning out tighter than Cher's latest facelift," Albert. "Oohhh, a technical foul on the bearded one." Politics and sports always have had a strange, synergistic relationship. You've heard of Jesse Ventura, right? Of course, this particular example is only useful if you're one of those boneheads who thinks professional wrestling is a sport.

Tom Osborne, the former Nebraska coach, is now a U.S. congressman. Joining former Oklahoma quarterback J.C. Watts and former NFL wideout Steve Largent.

Former NBA great Bill Bradley made a great run through the Senate and ran a very competitive campaign against Al Gore in the Democratic primaries.

George Bush — with the H.W. played collegiate baseball. George Bush — with the W. — used to own baseball's Texas Rangers. But never has there been a presidential election as reminiscent of a top-notch sporting event as this one. It has been the thrill championship game of win-never take all, a Super Bowl of democracy. And what makes it even better is that the fate of the greatest nation in the world holds a little more weight than the Lombardi trophy.

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Jeff McKeand
Sports Editor

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NCAA Football

(Associated Press Rankings)

1 Oklahoma @ 23 Texas A&M
4 Nebraska @ 16 Kansas State
21 South Carolina @ 5 Florida
Arkansas @ Tennessee

NFL Football

New York Jets @ Indianapolis
St. Louis @ New York Giants
Philadelphia @ Pittsburgh
New Orleans @ Carolina

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(All games Saturday, November 11)
Charlotte @ New York
Toronto @ Chicago
Minnesota @ Milwaukee
Miami @ Phoenix

 Tie-Breaker: Monday Night Football

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