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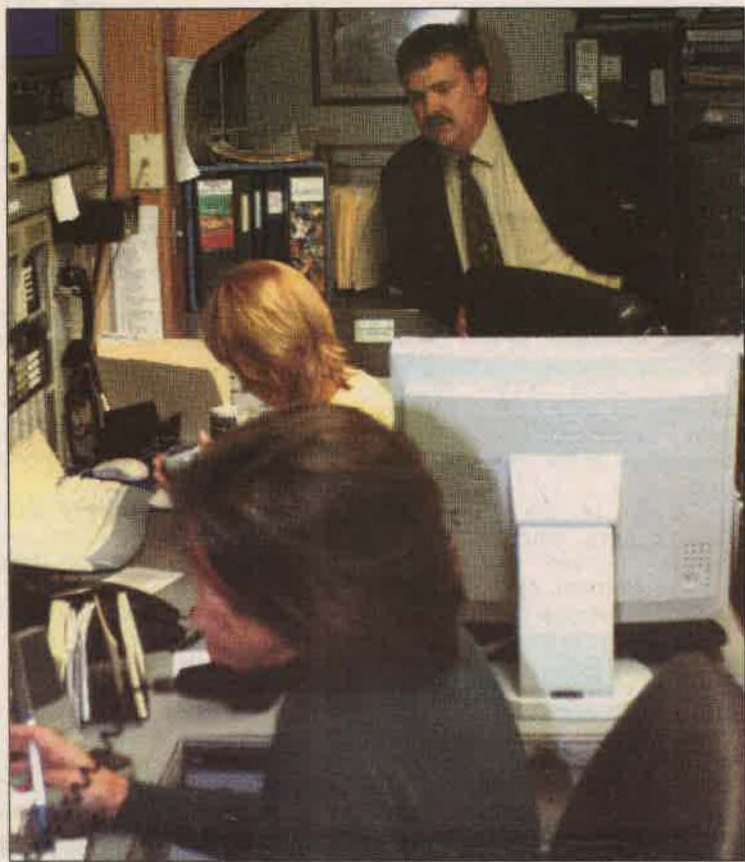
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HISTORIC ADDRESS
University's past intersects
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Local sales tax going up to pay for new county jail



White County Sheriff Pat Garrett (top) observes in the crowded emergency dispatch and 911 call center in the county jail in downtown Searcy Oct. 14. A new half-cent sales tax approved by voters Oct. 7 will provide funds for the construction of a new jail and the improvement of county law enforcement services.

JEFFREY C. HUNTER
Editor-in-chief

Harding students will help pay for a new county jail after voters approved a sales tax increase in an election Oct. 7.

Fifty-five percent of the 6,006 votes were cast in favor of the measure, which was turned down by voters in 1999 and 2000.

Funds generated from the permanent tax will be used to fund White County law enforcement, including the construction of a new jail in Searcy.

A new jail is not expected to be completed until 2005.

According to White County Judge Bob Parish, the sales tax increase comes as an alternative to a property tax increase.

"This is the cheapest way out," Parish said. "This way, everyone helps pay for the jail, including [Harding] students."

Although students will see higher taxes on everyday shopping items, Parish believes the sales tax could actually be a good thing for students.

"Who knows, keeping personal property taxes down might just keep Harding University from having to raise their tuition," Parish said.

The half-cent increase will bring the White County sales tax up to .015 percent from its previous .010 percent.

White County Sheriff Pat Garrett said the current jail, which was built in 1979 to hold 54 inmates, was unsafe for both inmates and employees. The jail held 101 inmates on Tuesday, and has held as many as 153.

"We are having to release prisoners that should be incarcerated because we are out of space," Garrett said.

The new sales tax, however, will not only pay for the construction of the jail. In the future, it will provide needed funds for the county's thinly stretched law enforcement.

Fourteen deputies patrol more than 4,400 miles of roadways in a county with more than 67,000 people.

"This tax is going to allow us to grow and to serve the citizens of this county better and faster," Garrett said.

Garrett said he has stuck to his campaign promise to make the county's present law-enforcement facilities work, but the county has out-grown the facilities.

"I am taxed out like everyone else in the county," Garrett said. "But I understand first hand the need for a new jail."

When Garrett took office in 2001, he used \$42,000 in county funds and additional \$40,000 of federal money to repair the jail and bring it up to state standards

for detention centers.

"It has been a real challenge, but we've met the challenge," Garrett said. "County government works so slow — like molasses running uphill."

The building also houses White County's emergency services dispatch and 911 call center. Both are in a small room, part of which was a converted jail cell.

Despite modifications, including new cell doors and an addition of portable metal buildings to house misdemeanor offenders, Garrett said the current jail is harmful to White County.

"This isn't the only prison that is crowded," Garrett said. "But we reached a point where we had to do something. The sales tax was the only way this county could bring in enough money to the general fund to pay for a jail."

White County's current one-cent sales tax is divided among the 16 cities in the county, leaving only 48 percent for the county to use. More than \$6 million in sales tax was collected last year, but according to Parish, the county's allotted \$3 million was insufficient to operate necessary facilities.

"The county has an obligation to maintain a courthouse and a jail according to the state constitution," Parish said. "Our law enforcement could not do it all under the present situation."

Fall Fest in need of volunteers

SA seeks students to help with annual children's carnival

ALISA MOLONEY
Staff Writer

The Student Association is in need of help from students for the third annual Fall Fest Oct. 24.

The event for Kensett children will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Kensett Elementary School.

Seniors Kim Taylor and Daniel McGraw, co-directors, are encouraging students and Searcy businesses to get involved in the outreach to area children.

"God blessed me so much by being there last year," McGraw

said. "It's about letting your light shine and letting all the glory go to God."

According to Taylor, helping with the physical aspects of the festival is not the only way to serve.

"We need university students to go through the festival with the kids all day," Taylor said. "We're trying to show the kids Christ through us."

Helping with the activities doesn't necessarily mean spending an entire day at Fall Fest, Taylor said. Donations are also needed for the festivities, and students who have tight schedules can help out in this way.

"There will be boxes in all of the dorms for students to donate candy as prizes for the festival," Taylor said. "We also need donations of cakes, cookies, brownies and any other baked goods for the cakewalk."

Children are given goody bags in which to carry their candy prizes. These bags include a Bible, a list of area churches and coupons that have been donated from area businesses.

Fall Fest also supplies lunch to the children and helpers.

"The menu will be determined by what [has been donated to us]," Taylor said. "We have to rely on area businesses and people to donate almost everything we use for Fall Fest."

McGraw said Fall Fest is an opportunity for children to have fun and enjoy the company of their

older Harding friends.

"It's a chance for the kids to come out and have fun and to go home with a sugar rush," McGraw said. "With the cakewalk and all the booths giving out candy it makes for a sugar packed, fun-filled day."

A list of Kensett children is compiled as they arrive. The list is later used by the Kensett church of Christ to keep in touch with the children and their families.

Throughout the day, children are paired with volunteer Harding students who lead them through games. The student is the child's big brother or big sister for the day.

Games include a dart-throwing booth, a beanbag toss booth and an arm wrestling booth.

Other activities include field sports like the three-legged race, egg race and a giant moonwalk.

This year will include balloon animals as well as face painting by Harding students.

"Even if you can't work [on Saturday] there is so much more to do than just work," McGraw said. "Behind the scenes, donations of cookies, cakes and candy really helps."

McGraw said people are also needed to set up and clean up after the event.

Students interested in volunteering should contact the SA office at extension 4323.

Fall Fest is open to children Kindergarten to sixth grade.



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison

A leg up on the Tigers

Freshman Cade Allen intercepts a pass intended for a Ouachita Baptist University player Oct. 7 at Bison Field. The Bisons beat the Tigers 3-1. The team finished with a scoreless tie in a game against the University of Alabama-Huntsville Oct. 10, and lost 3-0 to Lincoln Memorial in Harrogate, Tenn. 3-0, Oct. 12.

OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

SISTER SCHOOLS

Lipscomb hosts World Mission Workshop

Lipscomb University is hosting the 2003 World Mission Workshop this weekend. A number of Harding students will join students from sister schools, campus ministries and missionaries from around the world for the three-day event which carries the theme "The Word Became Flesh."

York College in York, Neb., will host the 2004 World Mission Workshop Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2004. ■

SEARCY

White County sees four shootings last week

Last week was abnormally violent for White County when four shootings were reported — including one homicide.

According to the Daily Citizen, Alric Seward, 21, died Oct. 12 from a gunshot wound suffered at his apartment the previous day. His 17-year-old roommate, Stanton David "Meatball" Johnson, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

A shooting in Searcy Oct. 12 left the victim hospitalized with gunshot wounds to the leg. Ten minutes later, a drive-by shooting occurred at a second location.

Another shooting occurred near Rose Bud Oct. 10 leaving the victim hospitalized. ■

NATION

New color of money bids greenback farewell

A newly redesigned \$20 bill was released into circulation Oct. 9 complete with high-tech security features and color.

"For the first time in modern history, U.S. currency features background colors other than black and green," Tom Ferguson, director of the U.S. Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing, said.

Subtle green, peach and blue colors are featured in the new \$20 bill as an effort to complicate counterfeiting. According to the BEP, different colors will be used in future redesigns of the \$50 and \$100 notes to help visually impaired people tell denominations apart. ■



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Prayer breakfast on monthly agenda

SA encourages students to bring campus, personal issues before God

JONATHAN MELLISH
Staff Writer

The Student Association and Spiritual Life Committee will hold a prayer breakfast in the Benson Auditorium once a month for students interested in praying for campus and personal issues.

The first meeting was Sept. 24 at 7 a.m., and approximately 15-20 students came out to pray, SA President Michael Campbell said.

The second prayer breakfast is scheduled for Oct. 22 at 7 a.m. The SA encourages anyone who is interested to come and pray, fellowship and eat doughnuts afterwards.

"The [Sept. 24] turnout was an encouragement," Campbell said.

Campbell said he hopes the number of students who participate in the monthly event will continue to grow.

SA Prayer Breakfast

The next SA Prayer Breakfast will be Oct. 22, at 7 a.m. in the Benson lobby.

At the prayer breakfast, slips of paper are distributed with items that students are encouraged to pray for.

Examples included the SA's activities this year and an overall attitude of joy on campus.

Once students arrive, they split off to pray by themselves or pair up with partners.

Campbell said once everyone began praying, the complimentary doughnuts and orange juice remained untouched for a while.

"People stayed in prayer for a long time," Campbell said.

Campbell said prayer has been a positive influence on him, and he has seen that prayer can be a powerful tool.

"I've learned that if I take prayer seriously, I don't want to be the only one praying for it," Campbell said. "I want to be able to ask others to pray about issues."

Senior Spiritual Life Directors Ryan Bond and Katie Bond helped organize the breakfast and believe the event is a blessing to those who participate.

"I like it because it's something out of the ordinary," Ryan Bond said. "It gives kind of a sense of clarity, a sense of purpose and a sense of focus when you get up early for a specific reason."

Katie Bond said the breakfast is a wonderful way to start a morning.

"It sets the tone for the day," Katie Bond said. "[It is] a specific time for prayer out of routine. Prayer breakfast was a fabulous idea, and kind of a muted service." ■

Online courses create off-campus learning

Harding Public Relations

Harding has teamed with "ed2go," an online education network, and now offers online non-credit classes in more than 30 areas of instruction.

To find out more about the new online courses, go to www.ed2go.edu/harding.

The courses, which last six weeks and include two lessons per week, do not require students to purchase textbooks or attend on-campus lectures.

Every "ed2go" course includes tutorials, reference materials, multiple quizzes, exams and assignments to provide students with hands-on, practical experience needed to master the new skills.

Each lesson is accompanied by an interactive discussion area, where a student can post questions that will be answered by an instructor or fellow students.

Cheri Gardner, office manager for the American Studies Institute, said although these classes

are non-credit, people in the community now have a way to gain more knowledge and better themselves at the rate they learn best.

"A lot of the community doesn't have time for on-site classes," Gardner said. "These [online courses] give people a chance to develop new job skills and improve themselves."

The "ed2go" courses cover subjects including the Internet, computers, computer certification, writing, design and new media certification, personal enrichment, test preparation, the legal field, small business start-up, business administration and management and health care.

Although the "ed2go" classes are not offered for credit, some students are excited about the prospect of online classes.

Sophomore Kip Haney thinks online courses are good opportunities for him to add to his résumé.

"I could see myself using one of the classes to maybe help me get a raise after I get out of

college," Haney said. "You can never learn too much."

Some students, however, think online courses would make students become lazy.

"Computers encourage lethargy, both for the student and the teacher," senior Aaron Ingle said.

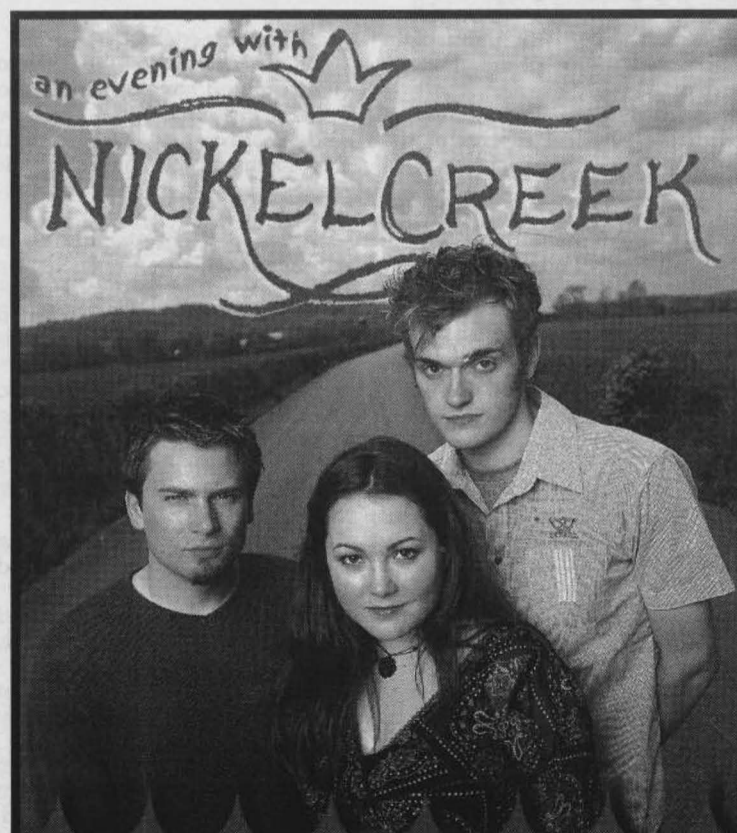
Others do not like the idea of not being in a classroom atmosphere for one-on-one instruction.

"I don't know how I would do in computer classes over the Internet," senior Eric Richardson said. "I can barely understand what my teachers mean when they are standing right in front of me."

The method of teaching computer and Internet courses using the computer and Internet strikes some as challenging.

"Everything is based on computers now — and I can't even turn one on," junior Matt Cherry said. ■

Staff writer **Matt Blansett** contributed to this report



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Social Clubs must vote by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

'Firemen' take stage at Harding for final show

ANDREA MARTIN
Staff writer

The a cappella group The Firemen gave its last performance in the Administration Auditorium Friday, Oct. 10.

According to senior Justin Huston, individual life changes have caused the group to stop performing together.

"There is no David Ruffin in the group," Huston said. "We're not the Temptations. [We're] not breaking up on touchy stuff."

Reasons for the dissemination of the group range from graduating members to those who have growing families.

"Marcus [Thomas] and his wife are having a baby," group member Rick Castleman said.

The changes caused members to re-evaluate the group's future.

"It's difficult to replace a single voice part," Castleman said. "With multiple parts leaving, the difficulty increases exponentially."

Music groups with intricate harmony require a lot of work and practice to perfect.

"Rick and I didn't want to start over again," group member James McDuffie said.

Castleman has been a member since the group began in the fall of 1994.

"A number of us had gotten together to sing in the Benson stairwell," Castleman said. "It whittled down to five or six."

Performers in the group have come and gone since 1994, but the mission of The Firemen has remained the same.

"[We are] men of God going around spreading the fire of Christ," McDuffie said.

The Firemen have used music to spread the fire, but the ministry is not limited to lyrics.

"When we go somewhere we

"It's difficult to replace a single voice part. With multiple parts leaving, the difficulty increases exponentially."

— Rick Castleman, group member

like to spend the entire weekend, to spend time with the kids and get involved in [their] lives," Huston said.

Their approach is different from other vocal groups. The Firemen's shows target all age groups, not just youths, in their efforts to spread God's message throughout the country.

"We do youth rallies and teach classes," senior Jerrad Powell said. "We have flown to many concerts [in places like] New Mexico, Texas and Ohio."

After eight years, the group believes it has accomplished its mission of preaching Christ through music and outreach.

"I think even if we had only performed one concert we would have achieved our purpose," Castleman said.

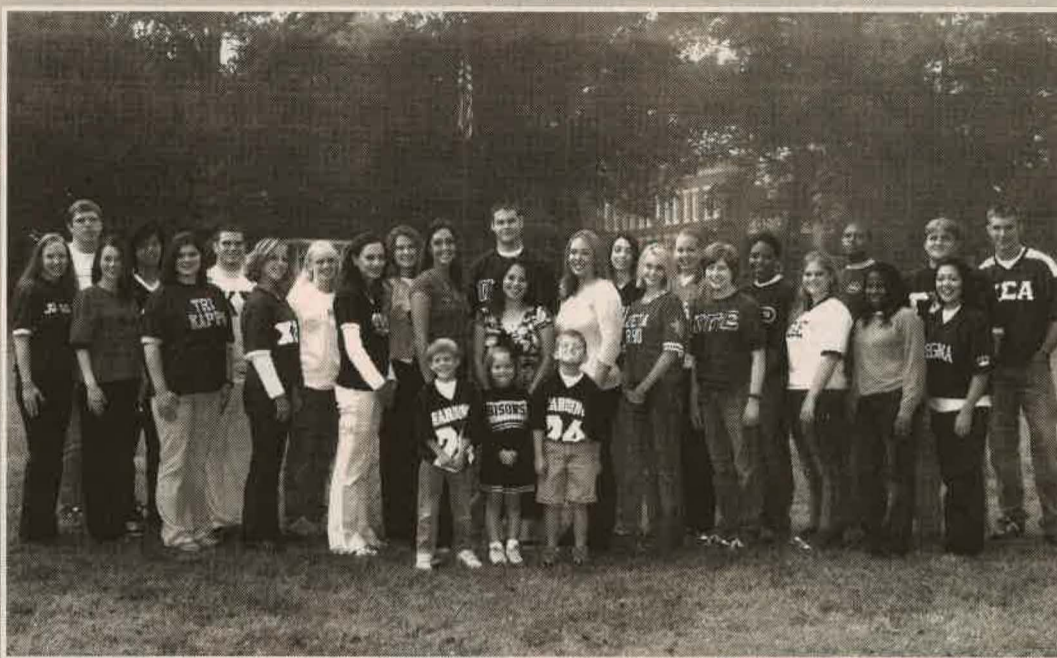
The group has separated, but the members are open to new experiences.

"You can't really have specific plans with singing, [you] just have to be open," Powell said.

Though the group will no longer be performing, The Firemen can still be heard. The group has six CDs available online at www.thefiremen.com and for sale in the Harding University Bookstore.

Despite the end of group performances, members of the group promise their singing will not cease.

"I'm still gonna sing in the shower, cooking, wherever," Huston said. ☺



JEFF MONTGOMERY / Harding Public Relations

Homecoming Royalty

The Homecoming Court, composed of queen candidates and representatives from social and service clubs, include (from left to right) Deidre Hulvey, Ju Go Ju; Rick Love, Circle K; Brittany Jamison, Ko Jo Kai; Jason Balota, International Student Society; Sherri Penny, Tri-Kappa; Clint Langston, Kappa Sigma Kappa; Kristi Ensor, Chi Omega Pi; Karen Love, Circle K; Erina Sinoimeri, International Student Society; Leah Eddy, Omega Lambda Chi; Audra Ennis, queen nominee; Raquel Collins, queen nominee; Gray Yates, Pi Kappa Epsilon; Tressa Tucker, queen nominee; Meredith Jones, GATA; Natalie Nix, Zeta Rho; Melissa Ziegler, Shantih; Melanie Rankin, Kappa Gamma Epsilon; Marlene Watson, Delta Gamma Rho; Katie McCrummen, OECE; Chris Mahone, Multicultural Student Action Committee; Nakeia Monte, Multicultural Student Action Committee; Ty Gentry, Gamma Sigma Phi; Alisha Frazier, Regina; and Tyler Kimmerer, Chi Sigma Alpha.

Homecoming 2003 Events

Friday, October 17

- 8:30 a.m. - Bison Boosters Golf Tournament, River Oaks
- 9 a.m. - Chapel, Golden and Platinum Circle members honored in Benson Auditorium
- 10 a.m. - Golden and Platinum Circle Coffee, Hammon Room, student center second floor
- 4 p.m. - Good News Singer, C.L. Kay Plaza, In front of Benson Auditorium.
- 5:30-7:45 p.m. - Black and Gold Banquet and presentation of alumni awards
- 8 p.m. - Homecoming Musical, "The Music Man," Benson Auditorium
- 10 p.m. - Pep rally with live bison, free hot chocolate and cider, soccer complex

Saturday, October 18

- 8 a.m. - Bison Stampede 5K Run
- 10-11:30 a.m. - Photos in a Harding Swing, front lawn
- 10 a.m. - noon - Social Club Fair, Ganus Athletic Center
- 10 a.m. - noon - Art Gallery open
- 10-10:45 a.m. - Belles and Beaux, Admin. Auditorium
- 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. - Time of Day Concert, Admin. Auditorium
- 11-11:45 a.m. - Pied Pipers Children Theater, Reynolds Center Recital Hall
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Family Picnic, Ganus Athletic Center
- 2 p.m. - Football Game vs. Henderson State University
- 8 p.m. - Homecoming Musical, "The Music Man," Benson Auditorium

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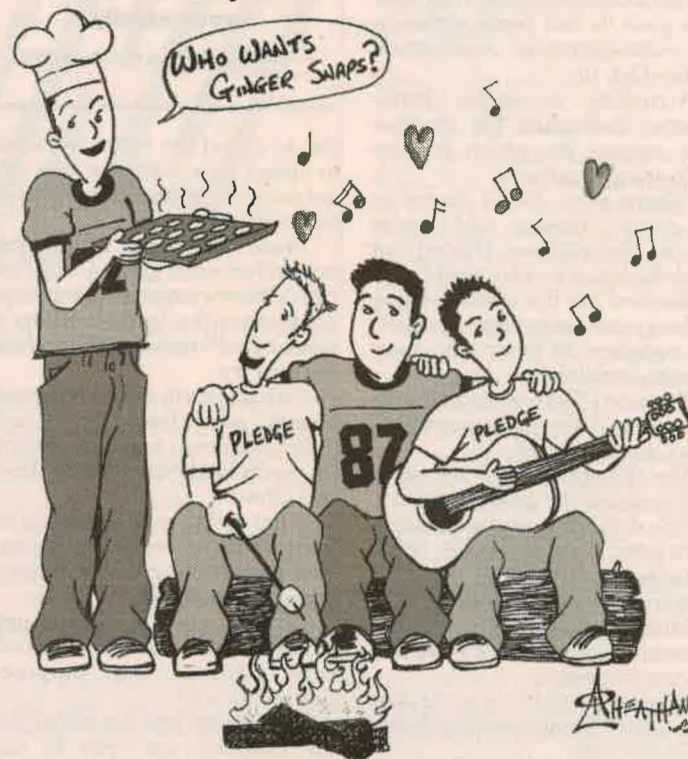
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The one, the only, the original

Columnist warns females against imitations in search for 'perfect guy'

I will be the first to admit that there are certainly times when it is very difficult to be a single guy at Harding.

Not difficult as in "Man, I can't keep the girls off me with a stick," but more in the "Well, once again it's a Friday night of cafeteria food by myself" sense. And that, my dear audience, is a sad Friday night.

So here I am in the awkward position of having a group of friends on campus that are all dating each other. Apparently I'm some weird sort of rabbit's foot when it comes to love. Rabbits feet may be lucky for everybody else, but not for the rabbit.

Now mind you, this doesn't bother me. I'm the permanent odd-numbered wheel, which makes for interesting seating arrangements at restaurants, but other than that it's got a lot of perks.

For starters, whenever I go out in a big group with all my friends, I'm no longer mere Aaron Rushton, single guy — I become "Aaron Rushton: Stand-up Comedian!"

I don't ever have to watch what I say around my female friends because I'm not dating any of them. What's the worst they're going to do, go out with me? I have male friends that live in constant fear that they're going to repeat something I said and then they'd be single, which would just throw off the balance of the whole group.

I'm a pretty hard-headed guy, I'll admit. It takes me a long time to learn a lesson. Ask my parents, they'll attest to this with little to no hesitation. But one thing that I've got going for me in my stubbornness is that if you repeat something enough times, I'll eventually grasp the concept.

So according to, say, every girl I've ever known, I am not only the funniest guy on the planet (this I already knew), I'm also the nicest, sweetest, greatest, cutest (turned out she was myopic), most caring, most gentlemanly, most rugged, most manly, most lovable, most wonderful man to have ever walked the face of God's green earth.

AARON RUSHTON

Big Guy, Big Mouth



I believe I've figured it out, though. Women are intimidated by perfection. It's the only solution I can come up with.

Or so I've been told.

During Christmas break a few years back, I received a phone call from Kelly, a sweet girl from my high school. She sounded pretty rough around the emotional edges. She asked me to come over and cheer her up some.

I was fresh out of clown make-up and my unicycle was in the shop, so I realized I'd have to rely on actual personality. I went over to her house and found out she was absolutely miserable because she had recently gone through a nasty break-up with her jerk of a boyfriend. I never liked the guy in the first place.

So, for the next seven hours I was Kelly's teddy bear. She cried onto my shoulder (it was soaking wet when I left her house), complained to me about how all men are evil and she never wants another boyfriend again and she's going to run off to join a convent even though she's not catholic and she just hates men so much because they're so stupid and all they ever do is cause her pain and it's not fair that her friends can have nice boyfriends and all the guys she knows are jerks and think that just because they're good-looking they can run all over any girl who shows the slightest sign of interest and why can't there be more guys like me?

Being the nice guy I am, I figured I'd try to help Kelly feel better about herself and take her out on a nice date, and so I did.

We ate a nice romantic candlelit dinner at Burger King (I brought a

bathroom candle and lit it in the ashtray) and went to see some mind-numbing chick flick. I figured I'd be nice and take her to something she wanted to see, rather than whatever big-budget holiday explosion festival was going on two screens over.

Now here's where the story gets confusing.

I took Kelly home and said, "Hey, let's do that again sometime. Well, except for the whole thing about you being depressed for seven hours."

As part of my commitment to truth in journalism, I assure you, none of the following is made up: "Aaron, you are the perfect guy. You are going to make some very lucky girl very happy some day. I'd do anything to be able to have a guy like you... But I don't think I can date you."

What? Wait... What? She'd do anything to have a guy like me, but the real deal is no good? Why accept a pale imitation? The one, the only, the original is still up for grabs!

I believe I've figured it out, though. Women are intimidated by perfection. It's the only solution I can come up with.

Every woman I've ever known has told me I'm the best guy around, but they've all got some twisted desire to date someone less worthy.

Oh well, beats me.

Aaron Rushton is a humor columnist for the *Bison*, and everything he says should be taken with a very large and very sarcastic grain of salt. Aaron is funny, sensitive, enjoys long walks in the rain, knows how to cook, is good with children, is an Eagle Scout and has all the free time in the world. He can be reached at (501)305-8453, or by e-mailing AaronRushton@hotmail.com.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 3 issue of the *Bison*, the Multicultural Student Action Committee was incorrectly identified in the story "Social, service clubs to choose court members" on page 1. The *Bison* regrets the error.

Remember those who make Harding home

When alumni miss two days' pay and use a whole weekend to drive 900 miles on Thursday and the same 900 miles back home on Sunday, you know they really want to come back to Harding. This campus was a beautiful, comfortable home for them for a few years. But while they often drop in to thank former teachers and administrators, few hunt up the folks behind the scenes who are most responsible for the beauty and comfort they remember. And we who call this home thank them too infrequently ourselves. So today I'd like to rectify that.

I appreciate the Service Master crews who arrive long before first light to clean bathrooms that they cleaned the day before — and the day before that. I appreciate how they empty our trash (saving us from our left-out-overnight tuna fish and our sticky candy wrappers), mop our stairs, vacuum our floors and straighten our messed-up classrooms, dorm lobbies and auditoriums. I also appreciate how they set up tables and chairs for special events.

I'm grateful, too, for the Physical Resources staff who climbs through our ceilings and repairs our thermostats to keep us from melting in August and wearing mittens inside in January. And of course the grounds keepers make it a pleasure to walk across campus. The pruned azaleas, the trimmed trees and grass and the litter-free brick paths all speak to me of attempts to make our lives beautiful.

Security officers referee our parking disputes and difficulties, jumpstart our low batteries and help us break into our own accidentally locked cars. They watch out for our safety day and night. I'm deeply grateful.



SHERRY ORGAN

Guest Room

Dorm parents offer students shoulders to cry on, guidance about behavior and dress and training in maintaining healthy living quarters. They do lots of listening and more fussing that they'd like, I'm sure — all to make this campus a place where students can thrive and parents and other visitors can trust and admire.

I think the receptionists in all the offices deserve our thanks, too. How many times do they smilingly answer the same questions, I wonder? And how many undeserved or unreasonable complaints do they endure daily? I'm grateful for their grace under fire.

The Aramark planners and servers, too, deserve our thanks. They manage to get decaf coffee and second pieces of pie to hundreds of us at the same time — all the while smiling and saying, "Yes, ma'am," or "No, sir," when their feet and backs and minds must surely be weary.

The nurses listen to more complaints per day than deans do, I suspect. They dispense advice and pills and gentle care day in and day out.

The bookstore cashiers ring up greeting cards, exchange hastily purchased gifts and stand by while we write checks and count out pennies. They answer questions about how to get to the gym and where to find the best catfish in town. I thank them.

The post office personnel sell stamps to sophomores who forgot their moms' birthdays and postcard stamps to the visitor who's trying to remember all her grandkids. I thank them.

I thank the librarians who teach my writing students what a bound periodical is and how to use the online databases.

I thank the business office and payroll folk who sort through all our money problems and remain diplomatic and fair to parents and students and teachers alike. Without the Molly Nobles and Carla Kearbeys, our budgets would suffer and our home here would likely lose its charm and comfort.

I thank the telephone and IT gurus who keep us connected to each other and to our off-campus friends. Without them, neither Homecoming nor daily classes could happen as successfully.

I thank the Purchasing Department friends who rush over at five minutes until 5 p.m. because we've run out of paper for the copy machine.

The Media Center, TV Studio and Copy Center employees bring our microphones when we need them and supply our Power Point charts. We owe them.

And of course, it almost goes without saying that every office on campus owes its well-being to the secretaries who keep bosses and students happy, keep coffee fresh, keep schedules straight, answer phones and faxes, type letters, run errands and deal with the public. Ironically, these servants often thank us for allowing them to serve us. I think it's time we realized how valuable they are to the creation of a Harding home that's wonderful to work in and come back to. I think it's time we thanked them.



JEFFREY C. HUNTER

A Word In Edgewise

What would J. A. Harding think of us?

In 1924, J.N. Armstrong named the university we call home in honor of his teacher, mentor and father-in-law James Alexander Harding who had died two years earlier.

Born in 1848, Harding was a well-renowned preacher who spent much of his life pursuing the idea that education is worthless unless it has Christ at the core.

He, along with David Lipscomb, founded what is now Lipscomb University in 1891.

It seems that naming the small Arkansas college after Harding was more than just a tribute, it was Armstrong's pledge to continue the pursuit of Christian higher education.

What would he think about the institution that bears his name?

That is a question that we cannot quite answer. But one would suspect that he would be quite pleased.

The present generation has done much to build upon the foundations he laid, so perhaps a more relevant question is what would J.A. Harding think of us — this generation of students?



Whether or not the name of J.A. Harding will continue to live on has already been decided, but whether or not his dream of Christian higher education will continue is up to us.

We who are students today will be the board members, presidents, faculty and donors of tomorrow. If this university and Christian higher education are going to continue, we must be prepared to make it happen.

We cannot settle for anything less than to develop into the top educational providers in the nation. Harding himself expected nothing less.

"We aspire to stand in the front ranks of the great educational institutions of the world," Harding wrote of his Nashville Bible College.

We must also be willing to step outside the comforts of our cushy campuses and take Christian higher education to other areas of the country and across the seas.

The fervor with which generations past started colleges and universities has slowly diminished over time, but the need certainly has not.

It should be the goal of this generation to ensure that everyone who desires to obtain a Christian education has the opportunity to do so.

Most importantly, we must pour all of our efforts into the roots of Christian higher education — Christ.

We must not be deluded by the pursuit of academics, the growth of enrollment or the spread of colleges. We must remember just exactly what — and who — it was that James A. Harding and the men of his time were working for.

"I believe the most effective preaching that I do, and that which is most far reaching in its influences, is that done to the students in the college," Harding said. "The influence those Bible schools and colleges are exerting is beyond the power of human computation."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep Homecoming tradition

After reading the article, "At the end of a reign?" in the Oct. 3 issue of the *Bison*, I felt it was necessary to voice my opinion on the issue of Homecoming Queen. As a second-generation Harding student and a firm supporter of HU athletics, Homecoming Queen is one tradition that I feel should continue.

Homecoming is a time for students, faculty and alumni to come together and unite. By carrying on the tradition of crowning a Homecoming Queen and having a court with student representatives and child attendants, we are uniting our past, present and future.

I understand the interests of the student body as a whole are being considered, but I am a member of the student body and no

one has asked for my opinion. Before this, or any other tradition comes to a close, I feel that the student body has a right to vote for the issue at hand.

I think it would be sad to see the tradition of Homecoming Queen come to an end.

Hailee Augsburger, senior

Use of 9/11 footage troubling

Thursday, Sept. 25 in chapel I was horrified. There before me, on two screens, I saw thousands of people being killed. Again and again, explosion after explosion. Different angles, different speeds. After viewing the Sept. 11 footage I was left wondering why.

Why was it necessary to subject anyone to that sobering scene? And why broadcast it as an advertisement?

I have felt constant viewing of this tragic event could cheapen it, deaden our hearts — trivialize the losses we suffered as a nation and as a humanity that day. Because Sept. 11 passed here without much ceremony, I thought that Harding might have realized that in remembering we could still move forward. I was wrong.

Sept. 25 I viewed the largest act of instant carnage to occur in my lifetime, a sobering sight in and of itself. But almost as sobering, and no doubt as worrisome, was the purpose of the footage.

Death and destruction became a ploy, a vehicle to advertise. And for what? It was an angle to grab my attention, to convince me to come listen to the [American Studies Institute] speaker Asa Hutchinson.

How desensitized have we become to reduce this act to an announcement?

What a blow to everything I hold dear. Loss of human life exploited, day of infamy made commonplace — this coming from a respected institution makes the slap in the face even more severe.

I realize every function has a dysfunction and good intentions and messages can become misconstrued in the act. Chapel is no exception.

Chapel, in its way, has power. Power to pick and choose its messages, power to recognize or slight individuals or groups. Chapel is not an open forum, but it still has a voice.

This powerful voice, one that I listen to daily, must guard the messages it broadcasts stricter.

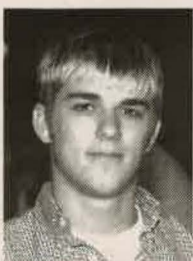
Andrea Martin, junior

Letter Policy

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TALK BACK

Is baseball really America's greatest sport?



"Yes. Soccer is too international, football is too close to rugby and basketball is just not as popular."

— Chad Barron, sophomore



"I think football is. It's more exciting and less predictable. I never knew when the World Series was until I met all these Cubs fans around campus."

— Kaeli Dunlap, freshman



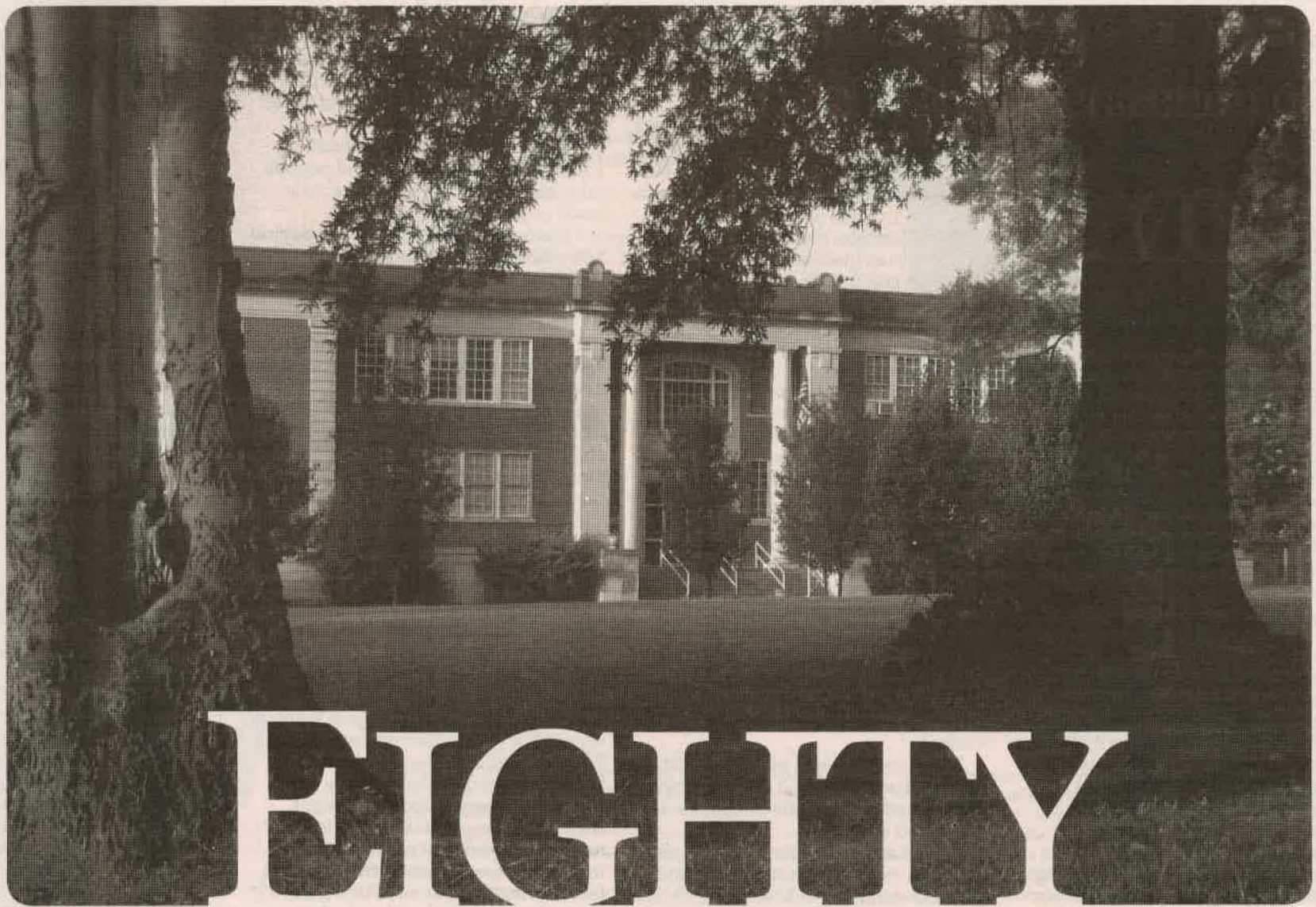
"Yes it is. I can't tell you why, it just is."

— Brad Austin, senior



"Baseball? It's as American as apple pie."

— Danyel Reed, sophomore



The original Harding College administration building still stands on the campus of Southern Christian Home in Morrilton, Ark. Harding abandoned the property when it moved to Searcy in 1936. J.HUNTER/the Bison

EIGHTY and counting

Ask Chancellor Clifton Ganus Jr. what Harding's most significant milestone is in its 80-year history, and you might not get an answer.

It's not that Ganus, who studied at the feet of J.N. Armstrong, can't think of any accomplishments — he just can't narrow them down.

"There are so many things that have happened that were important, for instance the burning of the mortgage in 1939, the accreditation in 1954 and changing over to a university in 1979," Ganus said. "There are a number of things, and I doubt I could ever name them all."

Perhaps one of the university's greatest accomplishments is that it has stayed true to its founding principles.

"When you look at the actual accomplishments through the years and the attitude of people toward Harding and the reputation that it has, it makes you feel good that you are continuing the work of Armstrong and the others who founded the institution," Ganus said.

The work of the university's founders, as Ganus explains it, made it different from the start.

"Their purpose was to not just prepare preachers alone, but to prepare Christian businessmen, Christian teachers and Christian leaders in various fields," Ganus said.

Harding has been forming Christian leaders in various fields since the day it began in 1924. Ganus points to the alumni as evidence the university is staying true to its purpose.

"When I look out at the alumni, and where they are, and what they are doing and what they are accomplishing ... it just makes me feel good to know that we are carrying on the purpose, the goals, the foundations

of Harding," Ganus said. "I think we've laid a good foundation for the next 80 years."

Eighty years is a short time in a world where universities measure their age by centuries and their success by numbers.

"Harding is a young university," President David Burks said. "Think in terms of where we will be in 20, 40 or 80 years."

While the future is unknown, Burks believes that Harding will continue to grow in many ways.

"I am of the feeling that Harding is in a unique position as one of the largest distinctly Christian universities in the nation," Burks said. "We're one of the few that attempt to teach the Christian world view, and it is my dream that we will continue to reach out as a Christian university."

Reaching out to provide education for more people is certainly on the list of university goals, but growth won't be limited to the main campus.

"I doubt that you will see Harding limited to Searcy and the students who live on these hallowed grounds," Burks said.

Burks also believes the university will become more influential in the future.

"If we will hold true to our purpose, then this university will grow in influence," Burks said. "I think the future is exceptionally bright if we stay true to our purpose and not succumb to becoming like everyone else."

Ganus said the path to success in the future is the same path used in the past.

"I hope our goal 80 years from now is the same as it was 80 years ago — to grow as Jesus did in Luke 2:52," Ganus said. "That's all you can ask from anyone."

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52.)

THROUGH THE AGES



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(1924) Harper College in Harper, Kan., merged with Arkansas Christian College in Morrilton, Ark., becoming a senior institution named for J.A. Harding.



HARDING PUBLIC RELATIONS

(1924-1936)

J.N. Armstrong served as the president of Harding College from 1924-1936. Armstrong was educated by David Lipscomb and James A. Harding before serving as the president of Cordell College and Harper College. When he retired in 1936, enrollment was more than 500.



(1934)

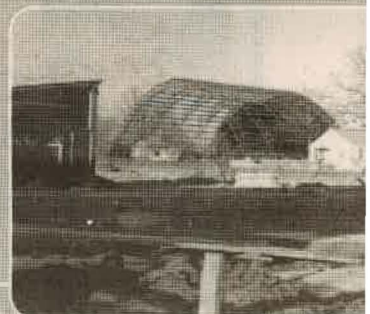
In order to solve financial difficulties, Harding College purchased the vacant campus of the former Galloway Women's college in Searcy. Twenty-nine acres and 11 buildings were sold to Harding for \$75,000.



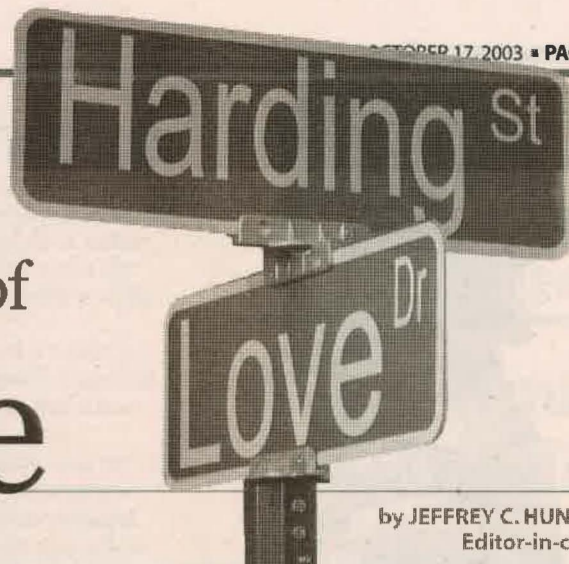
HARDING PUBLIC RELATIONS

(1936-1965)

George S. Benson served as Harding's president from 1936-1965. During his presidency, Benson stabilized Harding's financial situation, oversaw integration, became a well-known national educator on politics and economics, even speaking before congress in 1941. Harding College had 1,234 students and a budget of more than \$3 million when Benson retired in 1969.



HARDING PUBLIC RELATIONS



University's past meets children's future at the intersection of Harding & Love

by JEFFREY C. HUNTER
Editor-in-chief

Harding's original campus still sits at the end of the street that bears its name in tiny Morrilton, Ark. In fact some of the same buildings are still standing.

While much has changed on the 40-acre plot of land since Harding left in 1936, it is still an address for grand beginnings — but beginnings of a different type.

As the campus of Southern Christian Home, it is a place where love replaces neglect, responsibility erodes years of carelessness, and new beginnings are offered to children with a painful and troubled past.

And it's all at the intersection of Harding St. and Love Drive.

Steve Williams had his first encounter with Harding at an early age in the form of a grape popsicle. It was a hot summer day in 1959, his second day as a resident of Southern Christian Home.

"I sat on the steps of the big building with my grape popsicle and read the cornerstone that said Harding College," Williams said. "I guess that was the first time I heard of Harding."

It wouldn't be the last time Williams heard of Harding. He became an assistant professor of business in 1997.

"I guess you could say that I just went from one Harding to another," Williams said.

Williams said his time at the home helped mold him into the person he is today.

"If not for Southern Christian Home I'd probably be dead or in jail," Williams said.

According to Williams, the home provided experiences that helped him and other children succeed in life — most notably hard work.

"We all had chores to do every day," Williams said. "You learn a lot from working hard and having responsibilities."

Chores consisted of tending the gardens, peeling potatoes and mowing the grass for younger boys and farm work for older boys.

Williams, who left the Home in 1967 to attend Freed-Hardeman College and later joined the Air Force, recalls plowing fields behind a mule and waking at 4:15 a.m. on school days to milk the Home's cows.

"I probably learned more about responsibility from waking up at 4:30 than anything else," Williams said. "It was the best learning experience I could have. It helped prepare me for hard times later on."

Although he appreciates the childhood that he had, he said he knows he missed out on the "normal life."

"There is no substitute for having a family and a hometown," Williams said. "Some times were harder than others."

The highlights of life, like buying junk food with his weekly allowance and watching "Star Trek" on Saturday nights helped him through the difficult times. Some of his best memories come from the animals they raised for competition.

"Every year we took either pigs or a heifer to the fair," Williams said. "If we won in the county fair, we got to take it and display it in Little Rock. In those days some of my fondest memories were of the state fair."

Williams also values the spiritual growth he encountered at the Home as a young man with little direction in life.

"They got my attention, it took them a few years, but they did," Williams said. "Jimmy Allen had a meeting there in Morrilton, and I was baptized at his meeting. They turned me around."

Marie Roberts' life was also turned around by Southern Christian Home.

She became a resident in 1960, and she is still there.

Building on the lessons she learned from the years as a student, Roberts now serves as a houseparent for teenage girls.

"This is my home," Roberts said. "I'm just giving back what was given to me."

Roberts and her husband live with six girls in what was the original girls' dormitory for Harding College. The building looks very little like a dorm today, and much more like a home — which is exactly what Roberts wants.

"This is a place for kids to come and regroup and think of where their life needs to be," Roberts said. "Sometimes home isn't the best place for them to be and this has to be a new home."

Southern Christian Home became Roberts' residence when she was in elementary school. She credits the home for helping her find her way in life.

"If it hadn't been for this place, there is no telling where I'd be," Roberts said.

According to Roberts, her experiences as a child at the home have played a vital role in how she helps the girls in her care.

"Girls sometimes tell me 'you know where we've come from, you've been here,'" Roberts

said. "I have been there before, and I know just how they feel."

Roberts said the home tries to instill qualities that the children might not have had earlier.

"We focus on academics and how to be involved in school and church, and how to say no to bad influences," Roberts said.

Roberts' kitchen is decorated in butterflies as a sign of the transformation that she is working towards in the lives of the girls that affectionately call her "ma."

"They come to us in cocoons, they aren't developed," Roberts said. "But when they leave they have grown into beautiful butterflies."

One of Roberts' newest butterflies is 18-year-old Lisa Stoker.

After more than a year living under Roberts' roof and by the Home's rules, she left Oct. 10.

Before she left, she said she would be starting out with a new perspective on life thanks to the Home.

"I'll be taking everything I've learned about God, how to be patient with others, and how do what older people tell me to do," Stoker said.

Besides basic responsibility, Stoker also learned skills such as finances and budgeting.

The Home disciplines children by placing them on a level system. Each level comes with special privileges. In Stoker's case good behavior meant that she could get a job to earn money.

She kept half of her paycheck from McDonald's to spend for herself, and the rest was placed in a savings account so she would have money when she left the Home.

According to Stoker, her most precious memories of her time at the Home will be of the people who helped her.

"I love how everyone is like a family to each other here," Stoker said. "They've done so much for me. I will really miss everyone."

Stoker, who finished high school and cosmetology school while at the Home, sees a difference in herself beyond the responsibility she learned.

"When I first came, I wasn't a Christian," Stoker said. "I definitely know what I'm supposed to do now. I know that I've matured since I've been here, both as a Christian and as a person."

The relationship that develops between a girl and her house parents is usually a strong one.

"It is happy because sometimes you just know we've succeeded," Roberts said.

But after Stoker left, Roberts will welcome a new girl into her home and begin the process all over again.

"Some don't have a chance without help from someone," Roberts said. "In some cases you can reach them, in some you can't. We just try to live an example of Christ, and I suppose that's the best we could ever do."

Stoker left the home like all children eventually do, but Harding's founding isn't the only beginning on the old campus in Morrilton. It's just another on a very long list.

"I am going to go home," Stoker said with a smile. "But everything is going to be different this time." ■



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Houseparent Marie Roberts (left) stands with resident Lisa Stoker in front of the administration building at Southern Christian Home Oct. 7. Stoker left the home Oct. 10, after spending more than a year there.



(1965-1987)

Clifton L. Ganus Jr. served as president from 1965-1987. During this time, enrollment increased, the Walton Scholars program began and Harding College gained university status. Under Ganus, the university grew to 2,998 students and a budget of \$25.6 million.



(1987 - present)

David B. Burks was appointed president in 1987. Burks has overseen extensive renovation and construction and rapid growth in the student body. Today, enrollment is more than 5,300 and the university's budget exceeds \$70 million.



(1980)

Harding began its international studies program in 1980 in Florence, Italy. A 16th-century villa was purchased in 1984. Today, Harding operates programs in Florence, Greece, England, Australia and Chile.



(1994)

The Jim Bill Mcnteer Center for Bible and World Missions was constructed in 1994. Throughout its 80-year history, Harding has remained loyal to its founding principles of Christian education.

(1951)

The Rhodes Memorial Fieldhouse and the Administration Auditorium were constructed to accommodate Harding's growing student body. By 1987, Harding's campus included more than 200 acres and 45 buildings.

Facing the music

SARAH WEST
Copy Editor

The Homecoming musical "The Music Man," starring senior Tony Garcia as Harold Hill and sophomore Jennie Gay as Marian Paroo, opens tonight at 8 with a few unexpected features. Harding's interpretation of the old classic will focus less on romance and more on community.

Written by Meredith Willson and first performed in 1957, "The Music Man" is the tale of con man Hill and his attempt to cheat the town of River City, Iowa into giving him money for instruments and uniforms for a boys' band. Along the way he falls in love with Paroo, the town librarian.

"When people think of this musical, they think sappy love story," Gay said. "We're changing it so everyone is equally included and it's not about two people falling in love. I think the audience will enjoy seeing a different perspective and interpretation of it."

The cast members believe they are prepared to take on the challenge of providing a more extensive look at the community.

"There is not a cast member who is average," Garcia said. "They're all extraordinary, phenomenal. They're all willing to work. The cast members fit their characters because they want to."

According to freshman Joel Cox, who plays the mayor of River City, the townspeople are different in Harding's production of "The Music Man" because of the effort the more than 60 actors have put into their characters.

"There's a whole lot of character actors," Cox said. "We have a lot of people who are doing a good job with that and making it really funny."

A character actor can use a variety of techniques to bring humor to the stage. Some of the actors in "The Music Man" use their singing abilities to parody character traits.

"We have both bad and good singing in this musical," freshman Shawn Frazier said. "We do it on purpose. Everyone is into their character a lot, no matter who they are."

In addition to the focus on the townspeople, the musical is different for a few other reasons.

"There is no way to explain the feeling you get when



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Sophomore Amy Jo Parker puts expression into her role as Zaneeta, the mayor's daughter, in an Oct. 13 dress rehearsal. Cast members rehearsed five hours a night in the final weeks before Homecoming.

you do something from that era," sophomore Jonathan Bragg said.

Senior Rees Jones, barbershop quartet character, believes the ages of the cast members affect the success of the musical.

"We have some really experienced people," Jones said. "But we have an edge because we have a younger cast."

"The Music Man" is Garcia's first opportunity to be on stage for the Homecoming musical.

"I've always been in the [orchestra] pit because I'm a music major," Garcia said. "I've never done anything like this before. The cast makes the job easy. I feel like the role puts me in the position of being a leader, but the cast does exactly what they're supposed to do and they don't need a leader."

The actors value seriousness in their work, but not all of the comedic scenes during rehearsals were scripted.

"I accidentally used a profanity," Cox said. "I wasn't saying something I would usually say. I got tongue-tied."

Familiarity with the stage had to be rushed because of the short amount of time the set crew had for construction, producer Cindee Stockstill said. Misspoken lines are not the only challenge the cast faces.

"Ian [Thomas] was trying to jump and do a little trick and he fell flat on the ground," Frazier said. "He didn't get hurt so it was OK to laugh."

The production team of Stockstill, director Robin Miller and vocal coach Larua Eads cast the parts of Harold Hill and Marian Paroo in the spring. The production team cast the remaining cast members in the first week of school.

Cast members with Homecoming musical experience compared this year's production to those in years past.

"We had a lot more time in 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,'" Jones said. "Most of the parts were cast in the spring. 'Joseph' was all dancing and singing. In ['The Music Man'], there are more spoken parts."

The lack of time puts stress not only on the production, but on academic and social lives of the cast members as well. "Sometimes I'll have the chance to study between scenes," Bragg said. "It does take a toll on your grades."

Despite the pressure, most of the cast members think their sacrifice of time is worth the end product as well as the by-products they will accumulate on the way.

"I don't know what I'm going to do with myself after the musical because I enjoy being busy," Gay said. "I will miss having my day filled with people and friends. It doesn't feel like work when I'm with them. It feels like we're just hanging out." ■



Senior Tony Garcia directs the town of River City as the con-artist Harold Hill. Garcia said Harding's production is "not the traditional approach to the musical."

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Freshman Lindsay Hoggatt and senior Lindsay Harriman spread gossip about a fellow citizen of River City. With the exception of the two leading characters, the more than 60-person cast of "The Music Man" was chosen in the first week of the semester.

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Gov.-elect takes 'eraser' to Golden State respect

JEREMY D. BEAUCHAMP



Volumes

I woke up last Wednesday morning to a stunning realization: Arnold Schwarzenegger is the new governor-elect of my state.

This is worse than having to watch a "Last Action Hero" / "Batman Forever" double feature. An actor, a terrible one at that, will now try to save California from its financial straits. He ran on no platform, yet he killed at the box office... I mean the polls.

The rest of the country already thinks we're loony, then we prove the stereotypes true by electing the Terminator. All this in spite of poor, poor journalism from the state's largest newspaper, the Los Angeles Times, which tried to upset the Arnold cart with a story on his prior misdeeds just before the vote. Even this blatant disregard for objectivity doesn't excuse the fact that the allegations were made. A public official in trouble for sexual misconduct? We haven't had such moral bankruptcy in office for at least a few years. Maybe it's Clinton Reloaded, only Clinton was a better actor.

The media barrage was huge. Every day, for months, "California Recall" was splashed across our eyes so often, it ran across the bottom line of our dreams. All I keep seeing is the geographical shape of California invaded by the silhouettes of the three stars of "Mystery Science Theater 3000" — and they're making fun of my golden state.

Granted, it's all funny. Funny in a ridiculous sense. I'm a good citizen, I filled out my voter registration card at 18 and have voted every time I get the primer ballot, even absentee here in Arkansas. So I got my primer ballot for the recall about a month prior to election day. I was thrilled. Not because I couldn't wait to vote, but because someday that bad boy's going to pay off my student loans. I thumbed through, read each one of the names and shook my head. I saw Conan. I saw the former commissioner of Major League Baseball. I saw little Arnold (Gary Coleman), a smut peddler and a porn star. I saw my state lose credibility with each name I read. There was even a guy on there named Michael Jackson. Jerk.

So I decided not to rock the vote. However, everyone else back home did. It was the highest voter turnout in years, yet I abstained. I'm proud of myself. This may be funny for everybody not from California, but for the natives this is a serious matter. Our problems are real, and we've sent an actor in to clean up the mess. He has face recognition, but most of that recognition is of him with a glowing, glaring red eye thanks to the makeup of Hollywood. How could this prove he has the ability to lift us out of financial purgatory? Political muscle is figurative, at least it used to be. I can picture Arnie looking like Atlas supporting California on his back. Pump us up Arnold? Ridiculous.

I was not completely against the recall. Gray Davis is like an eyelash lodged in the mucous covering an eyeball. Irritatingly smug and egotistical in spite of the fact that he couldn't pass a state budget in time, even with a Democrat-controlled Senate and House. The rolling blackouts were a black eye, too. I loved that my county booted him out with one of the highest percentages in the state. Chalk one up for the Bern.

But we're left with a Predator hunter to hunt down an answer to our troubles. And being twice removed from the Kennedy's just isn't going to solve the problems. The electing of Arnold was not a political matter. It was the same thing as those rubberneckers at car crash sites, only Californians caused the accident (or at least made it worse than it had to be). Just like we love car chases, we love the anticipation of the crash and burn that no doubt awaits us.

To my fellow natives: Have you just given up? This smells of a hands washing. Electing kindergarten cop is like continually picking at a scab, laughing in the face of the healing that is kept at bay. Is the apocalypse coming to California in 2003?

To everyone else, a warning: California is a trendsetter. The largest state in population (by 13 million), highest state gross product and riding the crest of the pop culture wave, California friction can strike the spark that lights and burns the rest of the country. Don't laugh, there's a storm a brewin'.

Another recall seems ominous. Arnie's first big mistake and some Democrat will go Darrell Issa on him. Maybe then the right person can take the evergreen scepter: Governor Barbara Streisand anyone?

The rest of the country already thinks we're loony, then ... we elect the Terminator.

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'Tough, don't-mess-with-me' Bison featured in new Harding logo

MATT PRICE
Sports editor

On Thursday, Harding unveiled its new logo. This is the first change to the school's insignia in 30 years.

"It was time for a new logo," Liz Howell, director of alumni relations said.

The logo that featured a bison hurdling an upper-case gold 'H' is being replaced with a logo that features a white upper-case 'H' with gold trim. It also features a fiercer looking bison in all black resting on his front legs looking prime for an attack.

"We looked at a lot of logos," Howell said. "We were envious, but now we're proud of the new logo. We hope everyone sees it that way."

Howell said a logo was needed that would reflect the power and strength of a bison.

"We looked at every bison and buffalo logo in the country," Howell said. "We wanted a tough, don't-mess-with-me bison."

Dustin Vyers, assistant to the director of student life and Harding graduate created the new logo.

"[The logo] is very 21st century," Vyers said. "It's new and sharp and it's different from anything we've



The new Harding logo, created by Dustin Vyers, assistant to the director of student life and Harding graduate, was unveiled to students in chapel Thursday. The Harding Insignia Committee chose the logo.

had. It definitely gives us a competitive edge with other colleges as far as graphics and logos are concerned."

Vyers said he found the inspiration for the new bison in the bison head that is mounted in the student center.

"I penciled the bison head on a legal pad," Vyers said. "Then I drew it on my computer and took

the designs to the committee, who suggested changes."

In February, the Harding Insignia Committee formed in order to research the creation of a new logo. It consisted of members of the public relations and sports information offices, athletic department and students.

"It was a real team effort," How-

ell said. "We had a committee of 12 people that met and tweaked 57 styles [of logos] until we got what we wanted. Everyone had an opportunity to have input."

Head basketball coach Jeff Morgan was also pleased with the teamwork.

"It's exciting that everyone was able to come together to put together

one logo," Morgan said.

Having Vyers on campus was another asset to the committee.

"When we started this we needed the [work] Dustin could provide," Howell said. "He was able to interact with the group and make the gradual changes. We worked for six weeks to get it perfected."

The new logo is one of many changes that are being made to update the university.

"With the new look of the bookstore, it makes perfect sense to update the style of the merchandise," Vyers said. "I think the administration wanted the students to take pride in the university and creating trendy merchandise is a good way to do that."

Kellee Blickenstaff, sportswear and gift buyer for the campus bookstore, said the store will be carrying merchandise featuring the new logo in the next month.

"We will have sweatshirts and t-shirts as well as golf club covers, golf towels and bags," Blickenstaff said. "[The logo] has been a big committee project with a good response."

Morgan said that having a new logo should also help with recruiting athletes to Harding.

Cross country teams look ahead to GSC Lady Bisons' final meet of regular season Saturday

JESSIE THOMPSON
Staff Writer

For the first time in two years, Harding hosted its own cross country meet Oct. 11.

The Bison and Lady Bison cross country teams met with the cross country team from Lyon College in the Ted Lloyd Invitational.

In addition to the Bisons, a team of four Harding students accepted coach Steve Guymon's invitation and also participated in the 5K race.

Senior Jacob Rotich was the winner of the men's race with a time of 15:39.26.

Finishing second, just under four tenths of a second behind Rotich was freshman Peter Kosgi, who is ineligible to run competitively for the Bisons this season.

In the women's race, freshman Kalina Szteyn was the winner with a time of 18:27.41.

Szteyn would have been the ninth place finisher in the men's race.

She is also ineligible to run competitively for Harding this season, because she spent one year running for a club team in Poland.

Junior Helen Singoei was the top finisher for the Lady Bisons with a time of 19:47.65, in second place.

Despite the small number of

participants, the Bisons appreciated the competition.

"We enjoy friendly competition," senior Sarah Reardon said. "It's more fun when you're with your teammates."

This was the last race of the season for the men's cross country team before the Gulf South Conference championships.

The championships, hosted by Christian Brothers University, will take place on Oct. 25 in Memphis.

The Lady Bisons still have one more meet before the championships. They will participate in the Chile Pepper Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. Oct. 18.

"We're gearing up for the Chile Pepper this weekend," Reardon said. "It's the biggest meet so far [this season]. We'll be competing against D-I schools."

Currently, both of the Harding teams are ranked in the top ten in the nation. The men are ranked fifth and the women are ninth.

In the past, Harding's best national championship rankings were fifth for the men and twelfth for the women.

Harding has been a member of the GSC for three years and each of those years the Bison and Lady Bison have won the championships.

"Our goal is to try and repeat and make it four for both sides," Guymon said.

Guymon and the Bison and Lady Bison runners are confident in their ability to win the conference championship again this year.

Every race up to this point has been preparation and training for next weekend, Guymon said.

"Training will start getting a little quicker," Guymon said. "We're trying to get them physically and mentally prepared for the championships."

With the possibility of facing Alabama-Huntsville at the GSC championships, the Lady Bisons know the competition could be stronger than ever.

The Lady Chargers are ranked in the top 15 in the nation. The Lady Bisons have yet to race against them this season.

"This year will be the toughest for the girls teams," Reardon said. "It'll be our most competitive year. We're capable of winning, no doubt, but it'll be tough."

In 2002, after winning the GSC, the men went on to win the NCAA South Regional championships and took 14th place in the NCAA Division-II championships.

Last season, the Lady Bisons placed third in the NCAA South Regional championships.

They missed a trip to the NCAA Division-II National championships by one place because only two women's teams from the region were able to go.

Buff selected to be new mascot name

Students voted Monday and Wednesday to name the new Bison mascot Buff.

Buff will make his first appearance at Saturday's football game against Henderson St. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Sophomore Jonathan Freese will be the man behind the bison mask.

"The mascot program has many talented people working with it this year," Freese said. "We believe that it will be a success."

Past traditions of the bison ringing the bell at football games following a touchdown and leading the crowd in cheers will be resurrected this season. Freese said Buff will also form new traditions as the season progresses.

Plans are also being made for Buff to be involved in community events.


"We hope to have the bison appearing in parades, as well as traveling to group activities like reading projects at local schools," Freese said.



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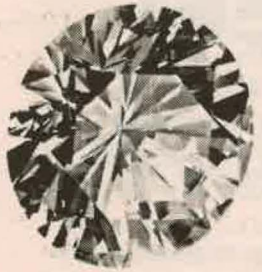
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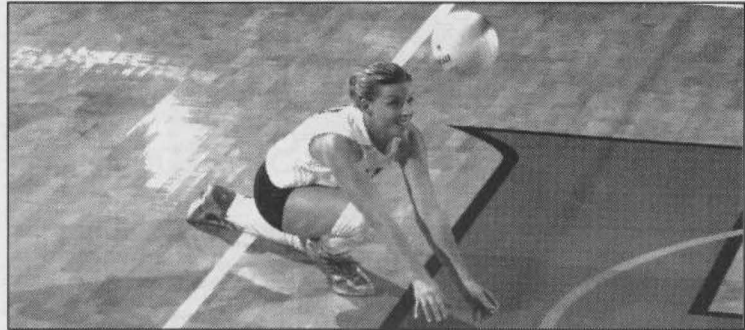
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Senior outside hitter Veronica Piech scores a dig against Christian Brothers Sept. 23.

Lady Bisons volley OBU, prepare for UNA rematch

MATT PRICE
Sports editor

After starting the season 7-0, the Lady Bison volleyball team now sits on a 19-7 record overall and are tied with Southern Arkansas University in the Gulf South Conference West with a 6-1 conference record.

On Wednesday, junior middle blocker Kate Kennedy was named the GSC Offensive Player of the Week for the second time this season and senior outside hitter Veronica Piech was named the GSC Defensive Player of the Week.

Lady Bison head coach Keith Giboney is pleased with the team's winning streak.

"We started out strong and then kind of went through a lull," Giboney said. "But we are playing well. The one conference loss at Southern Arkansas was a bad loss, but ever since we've won seven straight games."

The Lady Bisons began a three-game road trip against Ouachita Baptist with a 3-1 win Oct. 14. The victory extends Harding's win streak to eight games. Piech and

senior outside hitter Shaila Farley both had double-doubles to lead the team. Piech had 14 kills and 15 digs, while Farley scored 13 kills and dug 15. Freshman defensive specialist Lynn Patten led the defense with 21 digs.

The team traveled to Memphis Oct. 16 to take on Christian Brothers University, but results for the match were not available at press time.

Tonight the Lady Bisons play in Florence, Ala. in a non-conference match with the University of North Alabama, a team that handed the Lady Bisons one of their seven losses Sept. 22 in Searcy.

The Lady Bisons have found respect for UNA, but junior defensive specialist Amie Morrison believes the Lady Bisons can compete with the Lady Lions.

"We want to beat UNA," Morrison said. "They are a big rival. They've won the conference tournament for several years in a row, but we're capable of beating them."

Morrison continues to lead the GSC in digs. She has 467 on the season. *

Soccer 'American style' comes easy for Honduran Bisons, Hernandez, Caceres

SARAH CRIST
Staff writer

In 1999, Daniela Correles came to Harding from her native Honduras on a tennis scholarship. Following her first semester, Correles returned home to Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Correles had some good news to bring home to her friends. [Then Harding] coach Franco Zengaro was planning to start a soccer program.

Correles' friend from high school, junior defender Mario Caceres, was one of the first to find out about the program. Caceres declared his interest in attending Harding. Zengaro showed interest in Caceres and sent him videotapes of the team in action.

The following fall, Zengaro visited Honduras and Caceres decided to attend Harding. Caceres then contacted senior midfielder Jacobo Hernandez about joining him in Searcy. Hernandez expressed interest, so Harding recruited him as well. Hernandez was in a Bison soccer uniform by the spring semester of 2001.

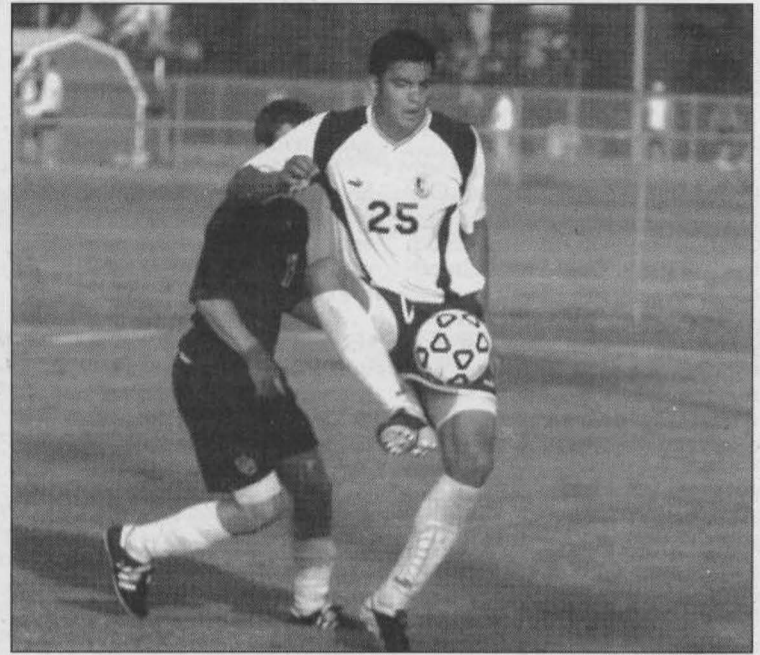
Hernandez has played goalkeeper, defender, midfielder and forward during his career at Harding and Caceres is a defender.

"My favorite is goalkeeper because you get more action in the net," Hernandez said. Hernandez saw his first action as goalkeeper on Oct. 12 in a 3-0 loss to Lincoln Memorial.

Hernandez and Caceres have been playing soccer for 19 and 16 years respectively. Although the basic aspects of the game remain the same through the two different cultures they have played in, Hernandez and Caceres have found several differences involving the players and other concepts of the game.

"People in Central America take soccer way too seriously because it's basically the only sport there and everyone gets into it," Hernandez said. "I'd love to see Harding fans become more passionate about the game because it really helps the team when the crowd gets into it."

Besides the level of interest in the game, Hernandez and Caceres have noticed differences in the players.



Senior Jacobo Hernandez receives a pass against Ouachita Baptist Oct. 7. Hernandez, along with junior defender Mario Caceres, left his native Honduras to play soccer for the Bisons. The players have found the adjustment to American soccer to be an easy one.

"American soccer players are taller and bigger and are more fit physically. They are also more honest in playing the game," Caceres said. The players pointed out that Central Americans made up for any lack of size or fitness in speed and aggressiveness.

"I like playing in America better because you play as a team," Hernandez said. "In Central America each person tries to use their skills individually instead of trying to pull it all together."

Hernandez and Caceres said one other difference in the sport between Central America and North America is the fields.

"The fields we play on in America are much nicer than what we play on at home," Hernandez said. "It's too expensive to have grass fields in Honduras so most of our fields are just dirt."

According to head coach Greg Harris, no major adjustments had to be made in order to fit the styles

of the different cultures.

"We enjoy having them on the team as players and as people," Harris said. "They get along well with everyone and we have a great time together. [Their] being from another country hasn't been an issue at all."

The only thing that Hernandez had to adjust to was the different language.

"I'll start speaking Spanish on the field because I'm so into the game and don't really think about it," Hernandez said.

"American soccer players are taller and bigger and are more fit physically. They are also more honest in playing the game."

— junior defender Mario Caceres

Hernandez and Caceres have both invited Harris and the Bisons to visit Honduras so that they can see the differences between the two cultures.

"I know a few members of the team have already visited Honduras with the guys and I hope I get a chance to go and see what they've grown up with," Harris said.

Hernandez wants the Harding team to come to Honduras and play pick-up games against some of the university teams there so that they can see what the experience is like.

"Maybe Coach Harris could recruit a few players to come to Harding and play for the team," Hernandez said. *



SPORTS CHALLENGE

After a much needed off-week, it's time again to go out on a limb. Last week, Jonathan Edwards repeated as winner. At least this is a new week with all new picks. Maybe you can take me this week. The best pigskin prognosticator will win two free buffets with drinks from Pizza Pro in Searcy. Playing is simple. Just predict the winners of each game and the exact results of the tie-breaker. Then tear out this form and drop it in the Sports Challenge box on the ledge next to the U.S. Post Office window by 10 p.m. Friday. Good Luck to you, and good luck Bisons looking for a Homecoming victory.

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Bisons 'Reddie' to continue Homecoming dominance

Football team looks to extend two-game win streak, avenge 2002 HSU upset

EMILY SANE
Staff writer

The Bison football team entered First Security Stadium Oct. 11 knowing a win against the West Georgia Braves in Harding's 500th football game would result in celebration.

The Bisons also knew, however, that increasing their season winning streak to two games and moving toward a winning season would provide a greater cause to celebrate.

"We really needed the win against West Georgia," head coach Randy Tribble said. "Losing two straight games early in the season put a damper on the team. Now, with two straight wins, we hope to keep extending our winning record."

Although the Bisons trailed the Braves into the second half of the game, the Bison stampeded the Braves in the fourth quarter, winning 25-21.

The win marked the team's first home victory of the 2003 season.

The Bisons look to win their second home game as they kick-off against Henderson State on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Harding has won 13 straight Homecoming games but has never faced the Reddies on Homecoming.

"We should play well this weekend as long as we continue to eliminate our mistakes," Tribble

said. "We are continuing to progress, and we are entering each game with more confidence."

The Henderson State Reddies hold a 4-2 record overall and 3-1 record in the Gulf South Conference, and the Bisons sport a 3-2 record overall and 2-2 record in the GSC.

Harding's defense, which ranks third in the GSC in rush defense, will have to prepare for HSU's running game, which ranks first in Division-II. The Reddies have totaled more than 3,000 rushing yards this season.

In last year's match-up, the Reddies upset the Bisons 29-8.

"We enter the field with every opportunity to beat Henderson," senior defensive back Rae Holden said. "If we keep a good scheme, we will have a victory."

The team entered the 2003 season picked fourth in the GSC pre-season poll.

Coming off a successful 2002 run, the team felt pressure to produce another winning season and advance to the playoffs.

Adding another win in its column this weekend would enhance the team's chances for a playoff birth.

"We still need to improve in each game to have an opportunity at post-season action," sophomore running back Defuan Patton said. "We are only halfway through the season, but we are excited to finally have a winning streak and we want to keep it going."

The Bisons faced the Braves without receiving calls for Freddie Langston, the team's three-year starting quarterback. Langston, plagued with a knee injury, missed his second consecutive game.

In Langston's place, sophomore quarterback Adam Lybrand made his second career start for Harding.

Lybrand advanced to second place in the school's record for most passing yards in a game with 367.

Lybrand also threw for three touchdowns, including a 76-yard strike to junior wide receiver Reid Smith in the fourth quarter that pushed the Bisons ahead of the Braves.

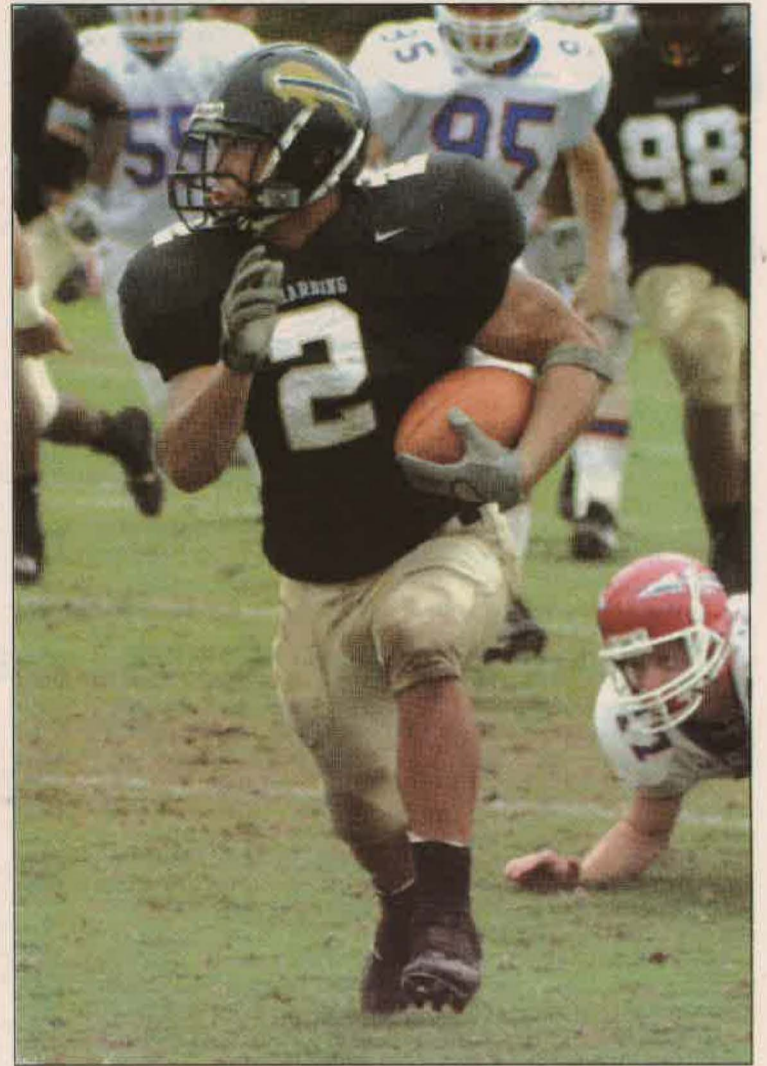
In addition to Langston, two of the Bisons' top receivers, seniors Demarcus Calhoun and Santiago Collins, did not play against West Georgia. Calhoun missed the game to serve a one-game suspension and Collins suffered from an injured ankle.

Although the Bisons trailed the Braves 21-10 as they entered halftime, the Bisons turned their game around in the second half, producing a victory.

Harding played its first 400-yard game of the season, 456 yards overall.

The victory showed the Bisons' determination and depth as a team as it battles for a winning season.

"Each game the team plays more together," Holden said. "On both sides of the ball, we are experiencing steady growth. Hopefully, this growth will lead to more victories."



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Senior linebacker Tim Polk races downfield after recovering a blocked field goal against West Georgia Oct. 11. Polk was tackled just short of the end zone as time ran out in the first half. However, the blocked field goal set the momentum for the Bisons in the second half as they came from behind to win 25-21.

The Kobe Bryant case: Just another superstar to fall from grace

I've never met Kobe Bryant. Earlier this year, however, I had the opportunity to see him play in Memphis. Bryant's ability to perform on the court is much more impressive in person than on television.

The speed and finesse in which he handles the ball can be compared to the efficiency of Mrs. Shirley, the student center cashier, on a short-chapel morning when everyone wants a chicken biscuit and she somehow rapidly checks out every customer.

The Los Angeles Lakers depend on Bryant's performance so much that they let him take the winning shot against the Grizzlies.

On the court the man seemed destined to be a legend. However, it may be Bryant's performance off the court that will be best remembered. Everyone from Searcy to Shanghai now knows the story of how this NBA superstar tarnished his image this summer. Bryant is now a superstar who has been charged with rape.

This season, Bryant may find



MATT PRICE

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himself trying to dribble around prosecutors instead of seven-foot forwards. On Oct. 8, Bryant had his preliminary hearing in Colorado, but the bulk of the trial still lies ahead. The evidence against Bryant is strong and the media hasn't run this wild over a court case since the O.J. Simpson trial.

Bryant has since returned to training camp with the Lakers. He claims that the case will not interfere with his basketball career. But

I'm not buying it. I believe that with each shot Bryant takes he has to realize that it could very well be his last. His career will be affected.

Is Kobe guilty? I don't know. It's not for me to decide. But that's not what I'm worried about. Each time I hear something new about this case I think about all the 8-year-old kids who are wearing a no. 8 Lakers jersey. I feel for the parents who are now faced with taking a little bit of their child's innocence too early in order to explain the actions of their hero. A \$4 million ring may have worked for Bryant's wife, but I think it will take much more for children to once again trust this superstar.

Just as Bryant made a mistake, we as sports fans have also made a mistake. Once again we have

placed an ordinary man with extraordinary athletic skills on a pedestal. When these men take leaping dunks from the free throw line, we quickly forget that these men are not invincible. We are disappointed when they fail. If Kobe Bryant were a milkman instead of a basketball superstar, would we really care? As Christians, we are taught to forgive and forget, even when the rest of the world can't.

I hope Bryant has realized the gravity of this mistake. Bryant is still a young man. He now has a daughter for which he must provide. He must turn his life around. If he is guilty, justice should be served. In the game of life, Bryant still has a chance. Eventually, he will get the ball again.

For his sake, I hope he hits another winning shot.

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