

# 79 PETT JEAN

insights & afterthoughts



**MAJESTICALLY**, the sun rises as Petit Jean photographer Russ Summers waits to shoot the dawn from Bee Rock.

**BOOSTING** Bison spirits, Ronda Street and other members of the marching band add excitement to a front lawn pep rally, held in September for Harding's first home game against Southwest Missouri State.



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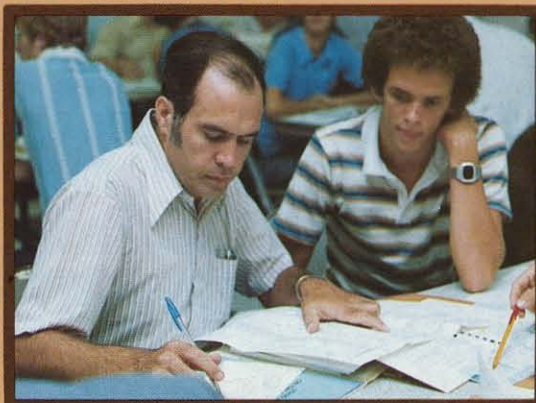
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**SNOWY** days in February bring unusually blue skies, against which the Harding arch is silhouetted.

**IGNITING** the use of the 1979 spirit theme, "Bison Fever: Catch It," Bison Boosters sold the gold and black hand towels in the fall.



**REGISTRATION** pains for Freshman Wayne Colson are relieved some by the friendly counseling of Assistant Professor of English, Eugene Underwood. The lobby of American Heritage, which has been filled with tables for the occasion, is usually busy with such consultations during the full three days of registration.



**insight:** 1. the power or act of seeing into a situation or into oneself: **DISCERNMENT, PENETRATION, UNDERSTANDING** 2. The act or fact of apprehending the inner nature of things or of seeing intuitively: clear and immediate understanding 3: immediate and clear learning that takes place without recourse to overt to trail-and-error behavior.

**afterthought:** an idea or notion occurring later: a part, feature, or device not present in a whole as first planned or made.







## 12 LIFE

Wondering how you possibly could have spent a whole year? Can't seem to remember what you did with all that time? Maybe this student life section will bring into focus some nostalgic moments of 1979. There's also a Spring Sing special this year! Don't miss it!

## 44 GROUPS

Really stepping out this year are the social clubs. Orienting freshmen and keeping the upperclassmen busy, the club spirit opened up a world of new friendships (and insights) and provided lots of good times. Look into the organizations section (page 92) for groups of special interest.

## 128 ATHLETES

There was an epidemic on campus this year as we all caught the Bison Fever. From the eighth consecutive AIC championship of the cross country team to the football season in which we were contending for number one in the conference but lost out on the next-to-last game, we were winners at heart in every sport.

## 168 SCHOLARS

Before you fall asleep, give our new academics section a chance. We've covered the traumas, laughs and learning experiences of students who in 1979 made the pre-graduation transitions from college to work life. Check it out!

## 208 FACES

See Who is Who and view at vantage point the girls you elected to represent you as queens. Find your face in the classes section, beginning on page 232. (You'll be ordered by last names, not your social security number.)

## 304 WILDCATS

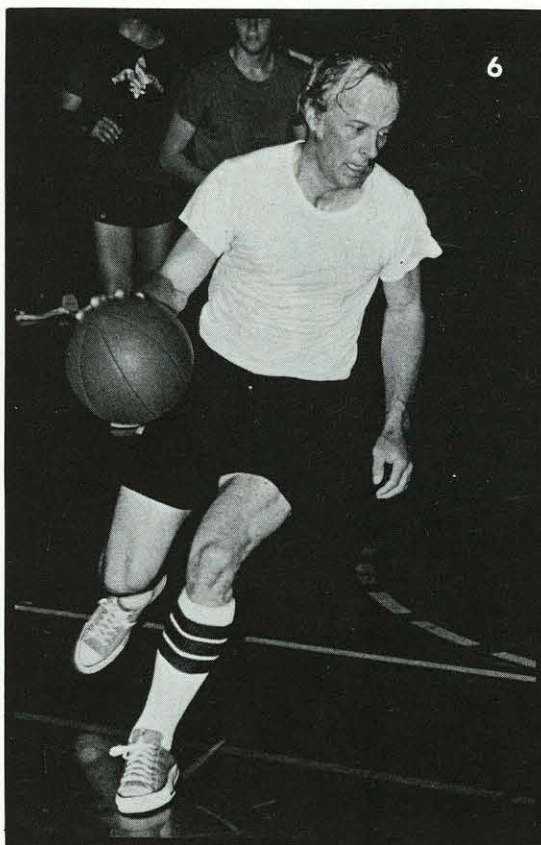
The pre-college days were pretty exciting for the Academy crew as well. This section focuses on the changes that made 1979 unique for them.

## 368 SPONSORS-INDEX

Be sure to look through this section for the Harding supporters in Searcy and other cities. You might even find the face of someone you know there. What's faster than letting your fingers do the walking in the Yellow Pages? . . . Letting them tread through our index — rearranged in thinner columns for easier reading.



# A man of insights: Jimmy Allen



One of the most difficult courses offered by the Bible department is *Romans* with Jimmy Allen, yet the class continues to be filled each semester with approximately 100 students whose desire to study under Jimmy Allen is greater than their fear of the heavy memorization and reading that this course requires.

Dr. Jerry Jones, a former student of his, says of him, "He does an outstanding job teaching the textual areas . . . he continues to grow and study in every course that he teaches . . . he has been a tremendous inspiration to young men who are planning to preach."

Having received the Distinguished Teacher Award in 1968, this year he completes 20 years of effective teaching at Harding College. However, his influence is felt weekly beyond the campus through his preaching in cities across the country. His influence is now being enhanced through the six books he has written in recent years.

Born and reared in central Arkansas, he enrolled as a freshman in the winter of 1948 at Harding College after a tour of duty in the Army. Coming under the influence of teachers dedicated to the Lord and of students who lived faithful Christian lives, he became a Christian in the spring of 1949 and began preaching the following fall.

Approximately 2½ million people have heard the stirring messages of Jimmy Allen and over 26,000 people have

responded to the invitation with approximately 7,000 for baptism. He has preached in rural areas, in 50 area-wide campaigns in major cities of the U.S. and in several foreign countries. He has spoken on lectureships at most of our Christian colleges and at religious emphasis convocations on a number of state college campuses.

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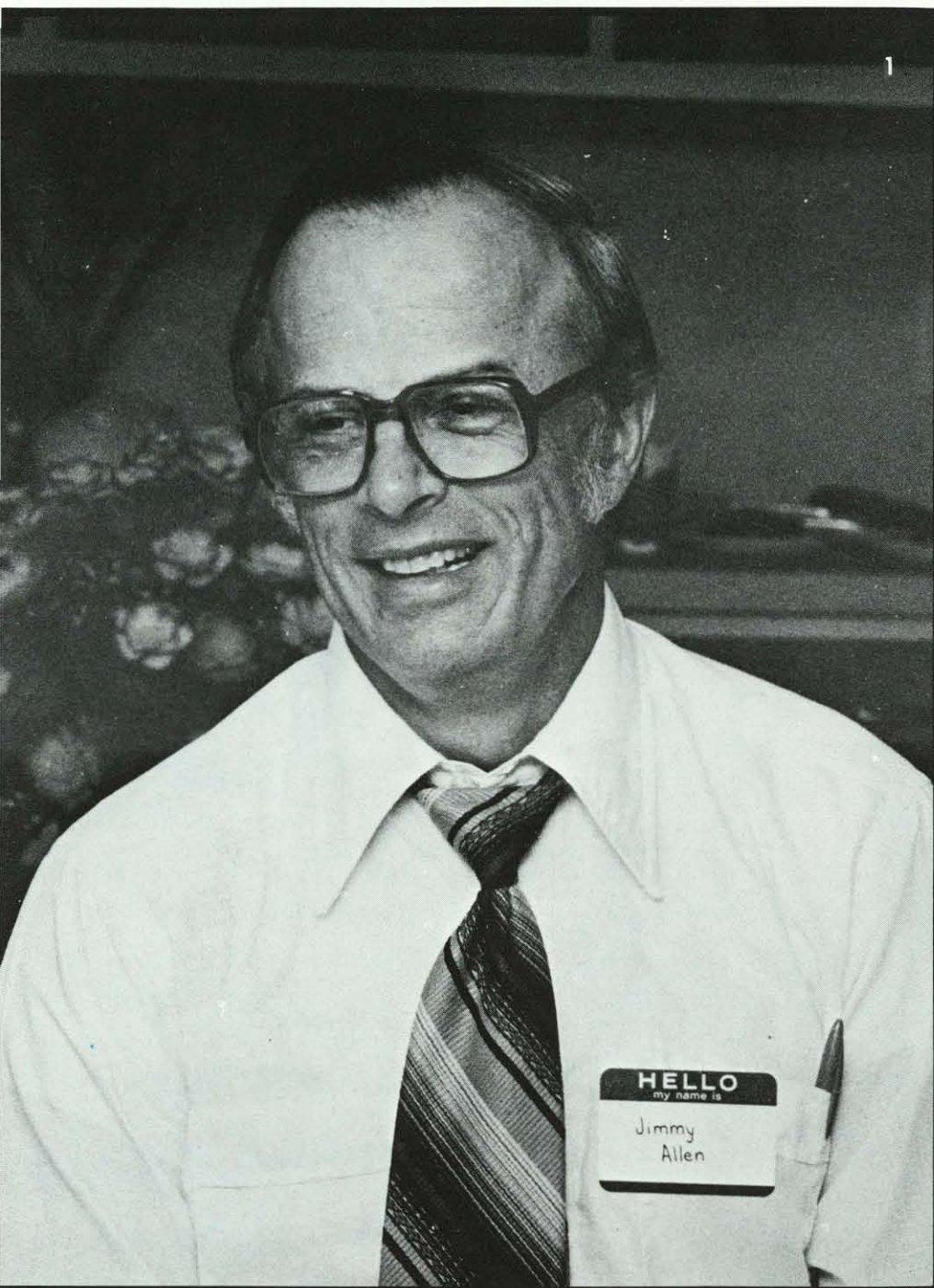
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He was the second student body president at Harding and he continues to have a keen interest in student and student affairs. An outstanding athlete, he still participates in intramural rag-tag football, basketball and softball.

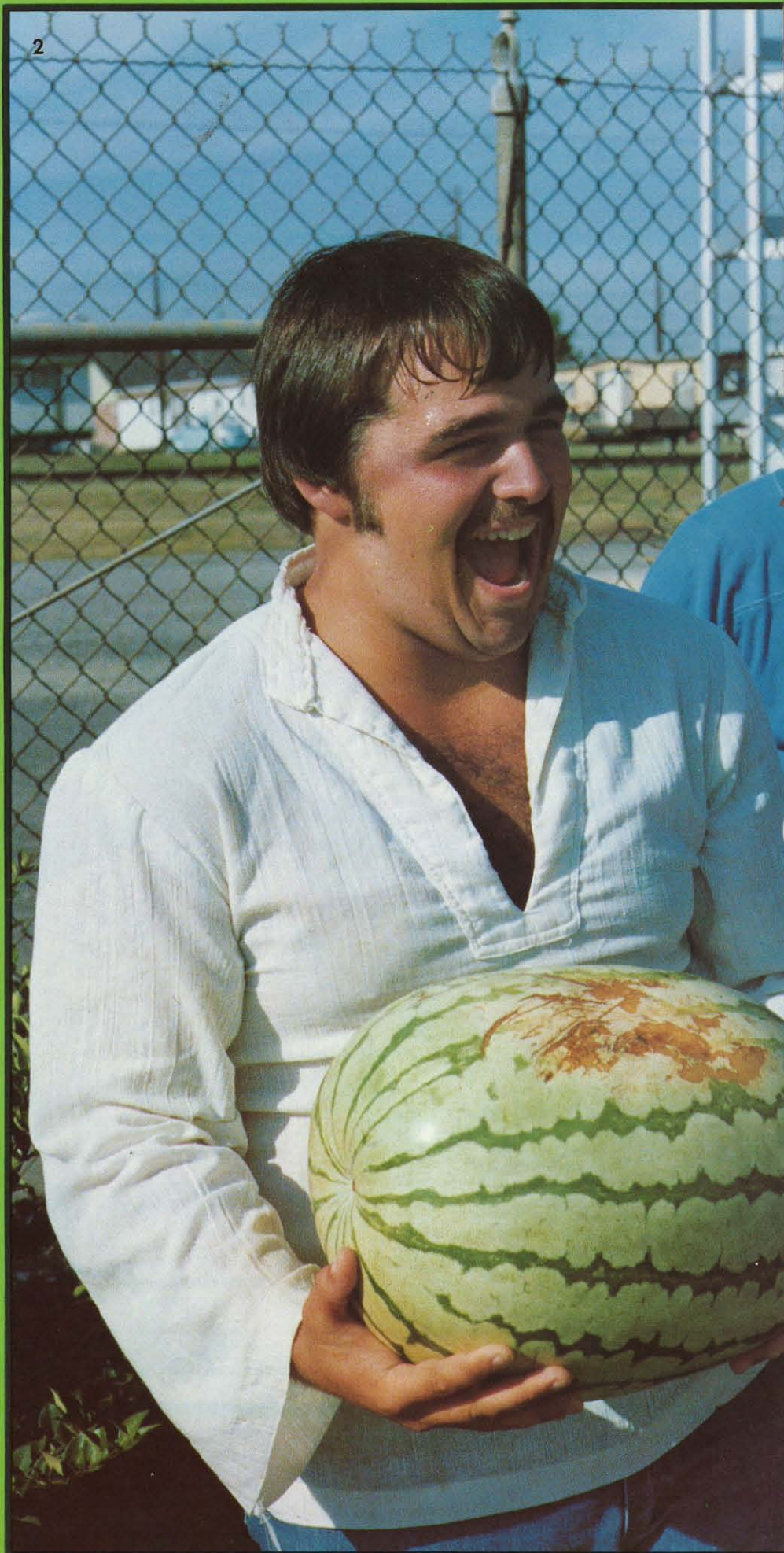
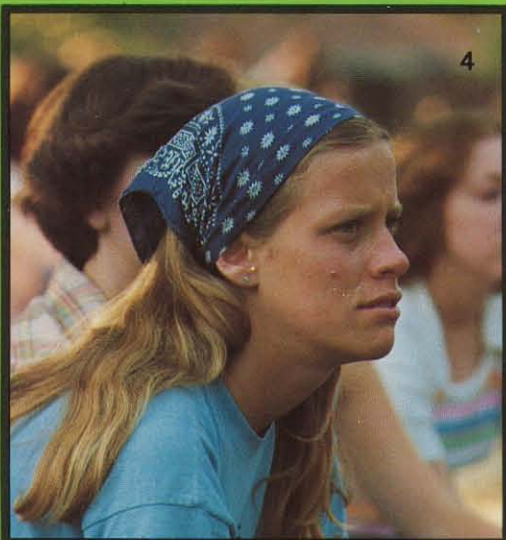
Because of the outstanding influence he has had on our lives by precept and example, we, the senior class, dedicate this 1979 *Petit Jean* to Jimmy Allen.

1. *RELAXING* with friends, Jimmy Allen gets to know some of the Bible majors at a Wednesday night fellowship at Joe Jones' house. 2-5. *DYNAMICALLY*, Jimmy Allen expounds on a scripture from the Bible in his lecture, "Preach the Word," given Friday afternoon during the 1978 Lectureship in October. 6. *PLAYING* his favorite sport, Jimmy Allen dribbles the basketball in a game with some of the CCP students.











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e were 2,879 individuals with a broad spectrum of needs. Personalities, backgrounds, accents and even senses of humor were diverse since we represented 47 states, the District of Columbia and 26 foreign countries. What we did have in common was the fact that we had chosen Harding to be the place where we made some of the most important decisions of our lives.

We had grown up in a pressurized age. This was evidenced by the fact that suicide was the number one cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 21, with the highest incidence among college students. Although the statistics would be significantly lower, almost nonexistent, on the Harding College campus, we were nonetheless affected by the pressures of being young adults.

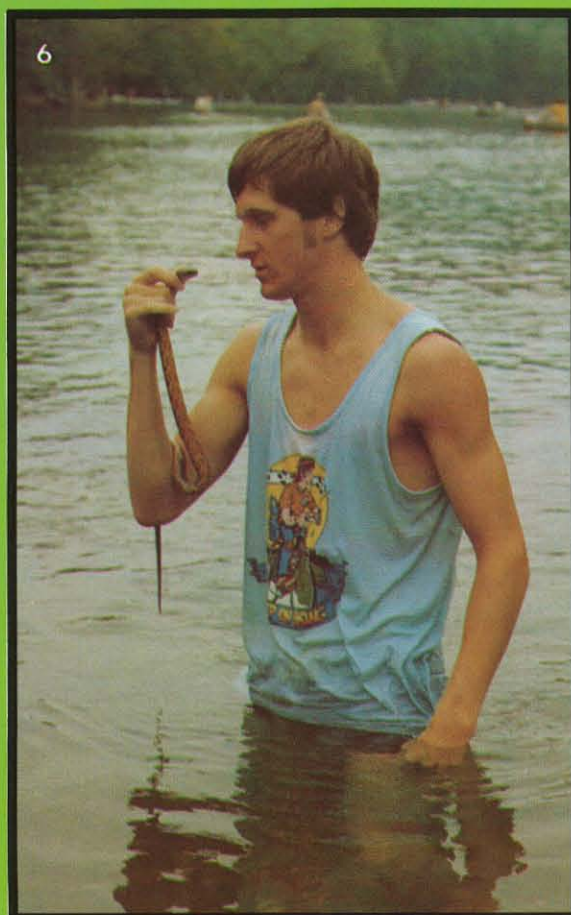
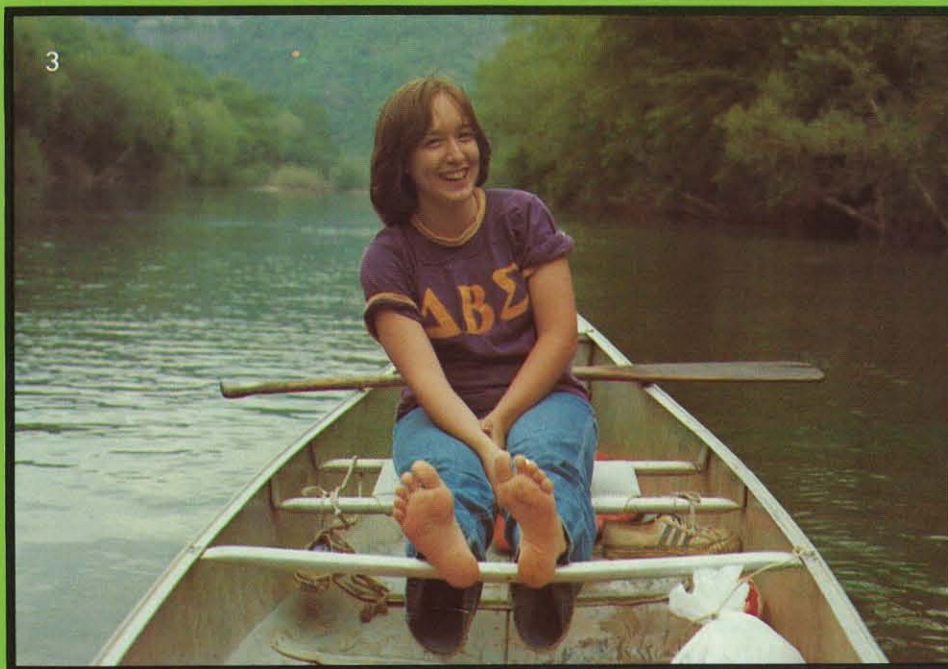
An 18-year-old was allowed to vote, and in most states, to marry, buy alcohol and borrow money. He was, according to the expectations of society, to be able to discuss intelligently and wisely form personal opinions on issues such as pornography, legalization of marijuana, abortion, homosexuality and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Most of us who came to Harding this year had contacted and dealt with some or all of the "big issues." However, the insights of Harding students were different from those of the "typical" student at most colleges and universities. The suggested solution to our problems was not synthesized from a humanistic rationale but, rather, was deduced from the life and teachings of Christ.

With 10:30 weeknight curfews for women, a modest dress code and rather strict rules on our social behavior, we were accused by some of being sheltered. Perhaps we were. But we were at that impossible "Who am I?" stage and for many of us, Harding was a necessary quietitude for the sorting of our thoughts.

*Insights: as individuals, we each had our own set of them.*

*Distorted by the pressures of our age, few of our decisions were clear-cut. However, we approached our problems from a different point of view and in the process, gained insights into ourselves.*



1. HOT and weary, Sally Florence cools off with a popsicle at the Women's Open House. 2. READY to tackle a big one, Matt Johnson clowns for the camera at another first week activity, the S.A. watermelon cutting. 3. REFRESHED by a day in the great outdoors, Cassandra Mahaffy shows off her rowing technique. Club float trips provide opportunities for the members to grow closer and to have a break from the day to day routine. 4. ATTENTIVELY, DeeAnn Clark listens to College minister Jim Woodroof at church on the front lawn. 5. HECTIC days of registration call for good humor and bright smiles, such as Jeannie East's. 6. BRAVELY facing the danger, Randy Albers meets the eyes of the water snake he has caught from the Buffalo River. 7. BISON football gets underway with an afternoon pep rally as Brenda Hounsel leads a cheer. Brenda was also elected as Harding's 1978-79 Homecoming queen.



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hile we all could not experience the thrill of

Brenda Hounsel when she was crowned Homecoming Queen, the excitement of being a member of the brother-sister club combination who won the third consecutive Spring Sing Sweepstakes, or the sense of reward felt by Robert Goldstein, who saved the life of a drowning boy during the summer, there were many experiences with which most of us could relate.

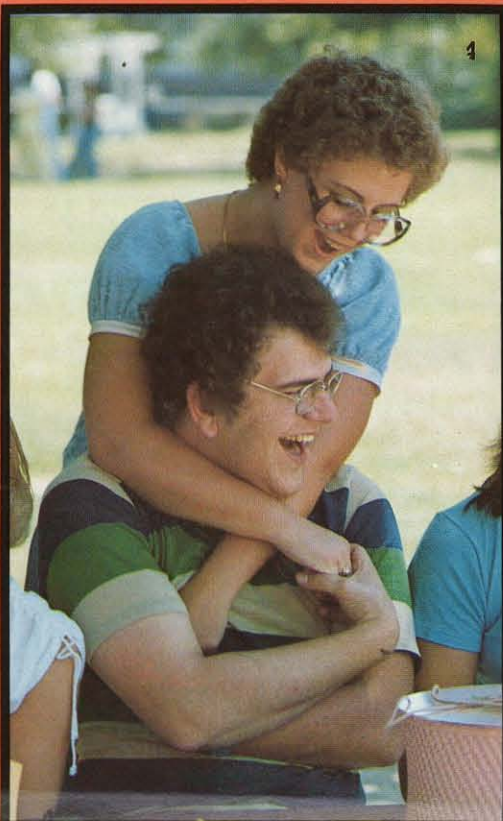
We all knew the feeling of waiting in line for a telephone, cafeteria food or to register for classes. Wearing Levis, T-shirts and Adidas tennis shoes was the preferred attire. Weekend fun for a lot of us was a trip to Little Rock — stuffing ourselves with the Deluxe at Casa Bonita, hitting a movie and rounding the night off with a banana split at Farrell's.

On campus there were some significant changes. There was a sense of questioning and then anticipation when it was announced that Harding was to become a university within a year. Excitement rose with the systematic erection of the new George S. Benson Auditorium, due to be opened in September, 1979.

Students of common interests worked well together. Combining talents on a spread for the *Bison*, difficult cheerleading stunts or even the assembly of the World's Largest Pizza, developed among us the appreciation for the skills of those with whom we worked.

Of course, it would be unrealistic to insinuate that Harding was a social utopia. It was easy to label an individual according to the reputation with which his social club was tagged, or even to judge someone's friendliness by the cafeteria in which he ate. Sometimes working or living together was strenuous on the best of friendships. However, the relative smallness of the campus gave the "big family" atmosphere and this was an encouragement to break through the stigmas or to forgive "seventy times seven."

*Insights: it was a matter of relating.*



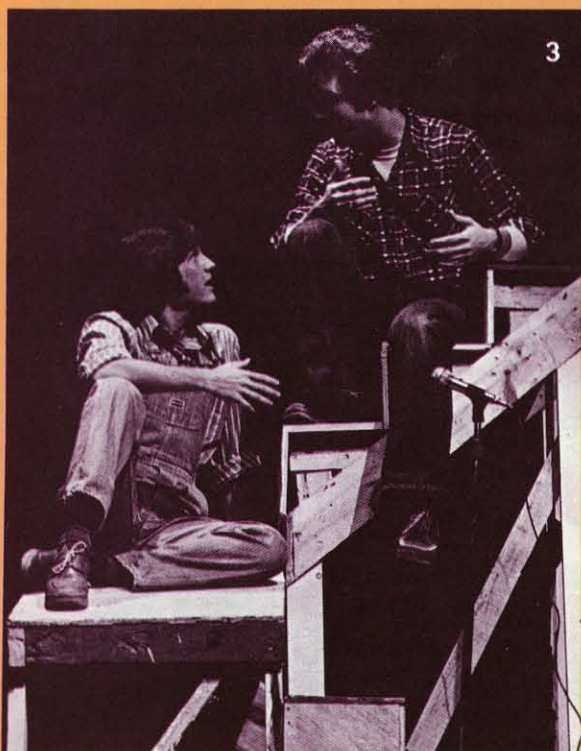
1. RELAXING in their first class of the afternoon, A Cappella rehearses in the Recording Studio under the direction of Uncle Bud for the Benson Dinner. 2. COOPERATING to put out the pizza for hungry Harding students, President Clifton Ganus, Associate Professor Allan Isom, and student Gary Powers work side by side. Harding Day at Pizza Hut, an event at which the administration and faculty cook for the students, contributed \$2,500 to the college this year. 3. NEVER too busy for a friend, Susan Pryor and Kevin Sartin stop to chat between classes. 4. FIRST WEEK activities bring together friends who have been separated for the summer. Here, Cheri Taylor surprises Boyd Jones as he helps new students at the Knights' Information Booth. 5. STRANGERS became friends when Lifesavers were passed on toothpicks from male to female pledges for club competition during "Anything Goes."





*Our interrelationships revealed new insights. Our decisions were shaped by them, our friends were chosen to suit them, and often, our understandings were limited by them.*





*"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."*

— Matthew 7:7-8



**W**hen one begins to enumerate the spiritual advantages of being at Harding, it is a temptation to start naming off the spiritual "events" of the year: the Wyldewood Retreat, club devotionals, the Lectureship, JOY devotionals for women, the Prayer Seminar, the trip to the Tulsa Workshop and so on. These were, of course, opportunities; but we're apt to miss the point.

A religious gathering was not automatically spiritual, just as a social affair was not always fun. Of necessity, there had to be a response within the individual, based on the desire to grow spiritually.

Senior Becky Mitchell said she gained spiritual insights from the people she talked to "in the cafeteria or just around campus." When it seemed that people let her down, Sophomore Nancy Lowry found understanding in "the Word."

Of course, this was not the desire of all the students who were at Harding this year. But for those of us who did seek it, this hope provided a common bond with many other students. And as a result of it, we found something greater than ourselves.

*Insights: our most important ones were spiritual.*

1. **SUNRISE** at Wyldewood, seen from Bee Rock, shows the beauty of God's nature and provides a peaceful setting for club devotionals. 2. **SILENTLY** meditating, Charline Willis, a black girl at Harding, shows a tranquil face to the world. 3. **TROUBADOR** members Karl Wendt and Scott Cody act out a scene in a skit for the chapel audience. A new religious dramatics group, the Troubadors present some stirring thoughts for everyday living for students. 4. **CASUALLY** dressed students gather on the front lawn for Wednesday night services during the first week of school as Harding's chief goal, a richer life with God, is furthered.



