

GATA GIRL. Tara Baggett, senior, offers a friendly face to greet curious freshmen at women's Open House. Traditionally held on the front lawn, Open House was in the Ganus Athletic Center because of bad weather. -Photo by Sharon Bowles.

SUPERSTARS. Mary Pat Miller, Chris Gonzales, and Angie Stipp, all juniors, reach for the sky as TNT and Zeta Rho's Spring Sing show, "We'll Light Up Your Life, Cosmos Stars Do!" comes to an excited end. -Photo by Sharon Bowles.



Endless Memories

A memory is a personal thing. It can trigger the past into replay with a face or a photograph, a scent or a song. It is the handle that keeps us holding on to the past.

Harding was a memory in the making. It was a place to work. And to play. It was a shoulder to cry on. It was a family of strangers. It was a home away from home. It was a blessing in the form of a rural Arkansas town that still ran at a comfortable pace despite the frenzied, ulcer-ridden times we lived in.

This year-long memory began by celebrating Student Impact's fourth birthday with one to grow on. Green shirts prevailed among the even greener grass and trees as excitement reached a fevered-high about the year to come. This excitement carried on throughout the year, manifesting itself into club softball, homecoming, pledge week, lily-pool devotionals, and Spring Sing. Excitement was the bright stuff that Endless Memories were made of.

Relationships began and ended. Tears were spilled and dried. Hearts were broken and healed. Memories were made but not forgotten.

-Randy Williams
Student Life Editor

SQUIRT! Cynthia Rackley, freshman, checks her blind side for any potential attackers during the annual Student Impact water fight on the front lawn. Besides providing cooling comfort from the blistering weather, the battle helped the new students to let down their guards and enjoy the moment. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.



A Memorable...

Beginning

*Student Impact
welcomes over 900
new students...*

Student Impact celebrated its fourth birthday this year and still continued to set new records as it has for each of its existing years.

Under the co-leadership of senior David Vaughn and junior Sara Gaston, Impact kicked the year off in an enthusiastic way.

The planning for Student Impact began in the fall of 1988 with the selection of the Impact co-directors and steering committee. The traditional spring retreat helped to train the student workers for the grueling week in August.

A new subdivision of Impact began this year called Summer Experience. The program was led by juniors Lynn Regauld and Pat McGaha and took place during the two summer pre-registrations. It was responsible

for registering the new students for Impact and also provided games and entertainment in the Student Center. Several upperclassmen who were enrolled in summer school lent their time to work the registration tables and assisted with various tasks that arose during the days' activities which included everything from finding extra pens to helping the registering students pick their classes and devise their first Harding schedule.

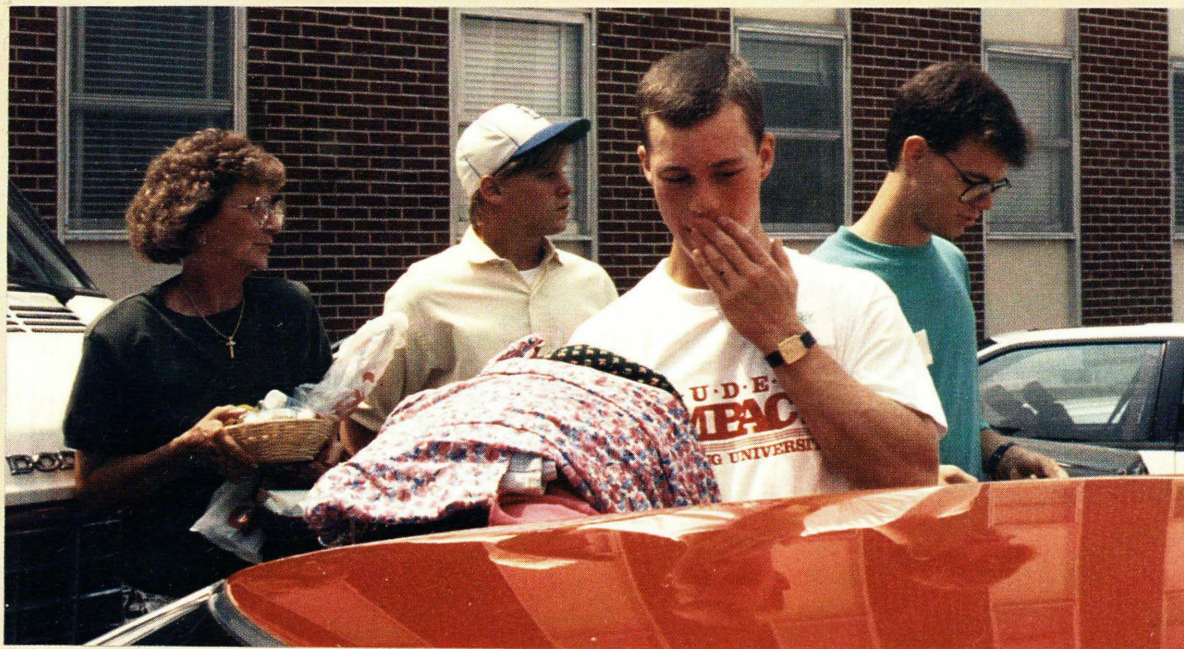
August eventually arrived and so did the new students. Car upon car began pouring into the parking lots of Cathcart and Armstrong dorms. The arriving students were greeted with enthusiasm and help; enthusiasm from the upperclassmen's attitudes and help in unloading their cars.

This set the tone for the underlying theme of the week: service. Serving the incoming student was the whole purpose of Student Impact, whether that meant clearing up misconceptions about club pledging, giving directions to Wal-Mart, or introducing them to Bee Rock!

Another major part of the Impact experience was the pure, uninhibited fun. The students were encouraged to let down their guards and be silly without reservation. There were various games that helped relieve the tensions of beginning and gave a massage to a bruised pride.

Student Impact, by nature, was a success and its results have proved its nature.

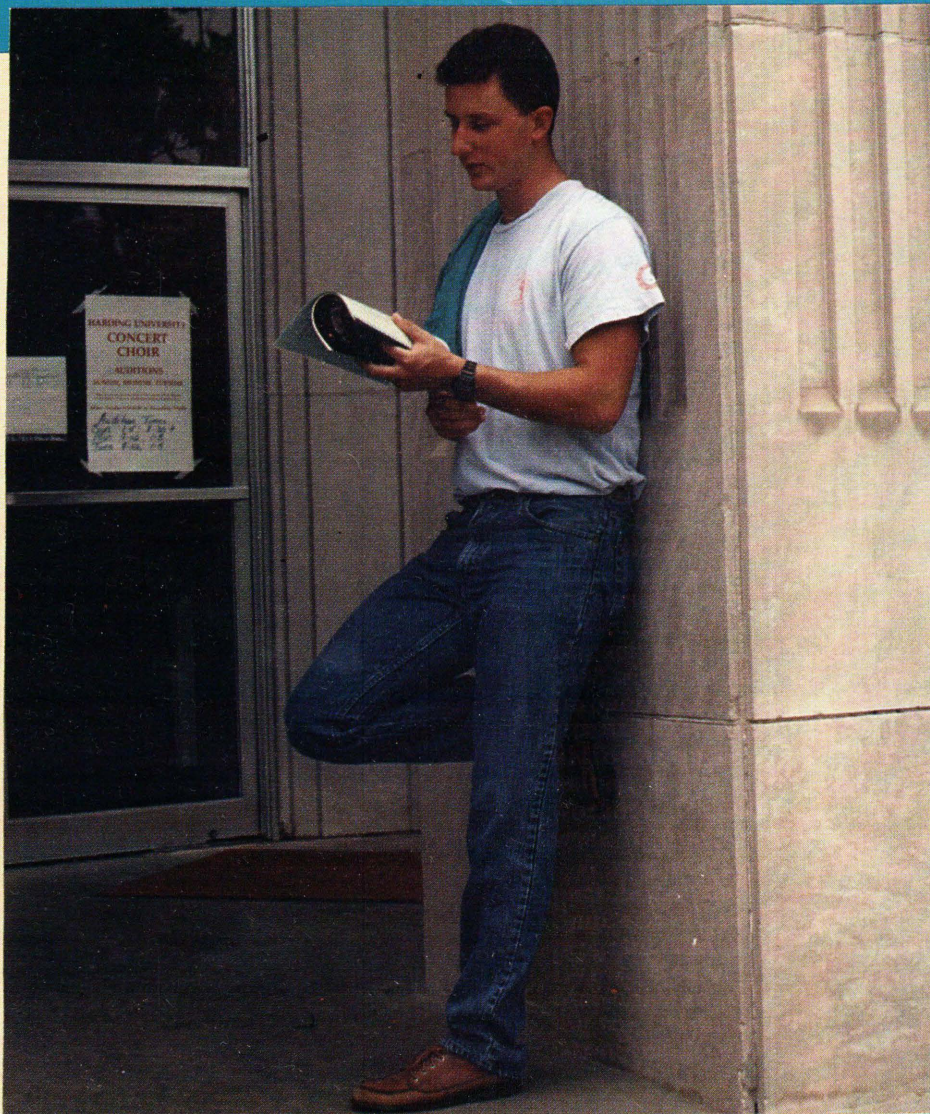
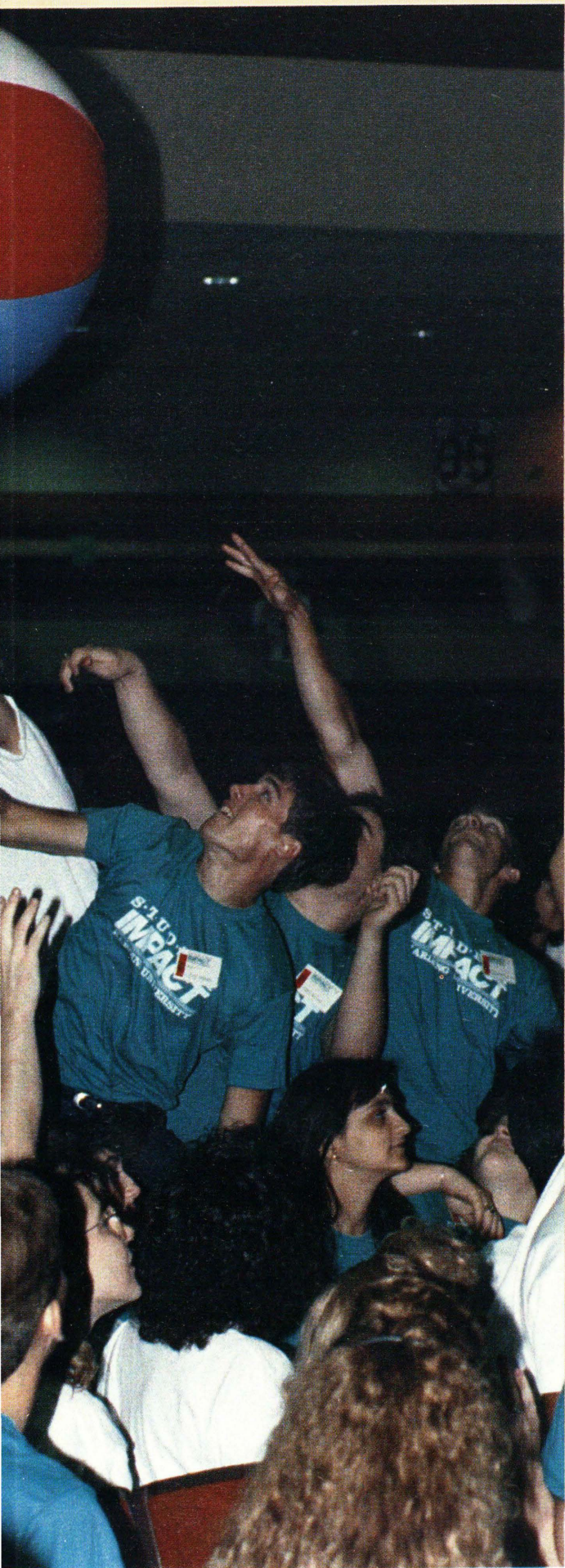
— Randy Williams



OOPS! Senior Brad Altman seems to have stumbled upon a secret while unloading an incoming freshman's car at Cathcart dorm. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.

BENSONBALL. A spontaneous game of keep-away began in the Benson auditorium during one of Student Impact's afternoon assemblies. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.





RELIABLE SOURCE. Freshman Jason Taylor looks over his Impact Sourcebook after registering for the week-long orientation. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.

PURE ENERGY. An energy group meets for the first time on the front lawn to introduce themselves and start "impacting" on one another. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.

Memories of...

Song

Spring Sing. Those two words, when used in that order, might conjure up both love and hate in an individual response. The love grows from the satisfaction of putting together a ten minute mini-musical from the idea stage to the Benson stage. The hate festers around frustration, forgotten homework, and hours of lost sleep.

She was a beast that awoke for four days a year, but her rising was prepared for well in advance and the preparation ate into everyone's schedule.

The 16th annual Spring Sing weekend came and went in its usual fervor and in an almost repeat performance, the multi-club act featuring Shantih, Alpha Gamma Omega, Knights, Kirei Na Ai, Chi Alpha Rho, OEGE, and King's Men were victorious. "An Easter Eggstravaganza" hopped away with the competition by winning four of the seven award categories including the overall Sweepstakes award.

Once again, the winning act was directed and choreographed by senior Robert Patton who led the bunnies to a spirited win while also choreographing the ensemble cast.

Patton kept his ideas of a fast-paced, upbeat, fun show that never bored the audience. This made two years running that his show came out victorious.

This year's Hosts and Hostesses were received in their usual manner by gaining a group of loyal fans who went away raving about their respective favorite of the

group. This year's talent left nothing to be desired as they complimented each other with their different styles and stage personas. They were junior Errica Walker, and seniors Alice Gill, John Griffeth, and Robert Ritter.

Before all the bright light nights, however, were weeks upon weeks of grueling practice, both for the club shows and the Hosts and Hostesses.

The four were chosen from around forty auditions by Steve Holder who directed the Hosts and Hostesses. The group rehearsed for nearly thirty hours a week in preparation for their four nights' performances.

Walker, the youngest of the group was extremely involved in Harding's music scene before getting the opportunity to sing as a hostess. She was involved in Good News, the Celestial Singers, and Concert Choir.

Gill, senior, performed first on the Benson stage as a sophomore with the lead in the Homecoming musical "Annie." She had also performed with Harding's Belles and Beaux.

Griffeth, also a senior, was accustomed to Harding's limelight as well. He had performed with the Belles and Beaux and sang in Good News.

Ritter was no stranger to the stage. He performed as a Spring Sing host in 1988, and had performing leads in the Homecoming musicals "Annie," and "Carousel."

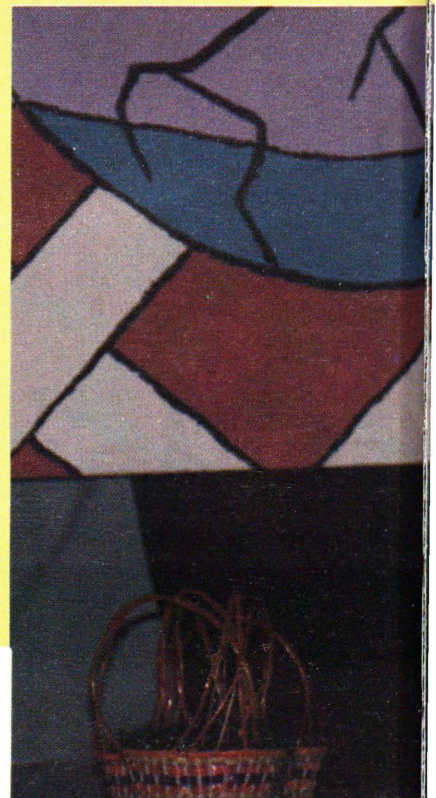
The talent in the club shows were evident both in

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PARTNERS. Melissa Lloyd and Nicole Dawkins, juniors, give each other a helping hand in Sub T-16 and Ko Jo Kai's "Hold Your Horses, the West is Yet to Come!" — Photo by Sharon Bowles

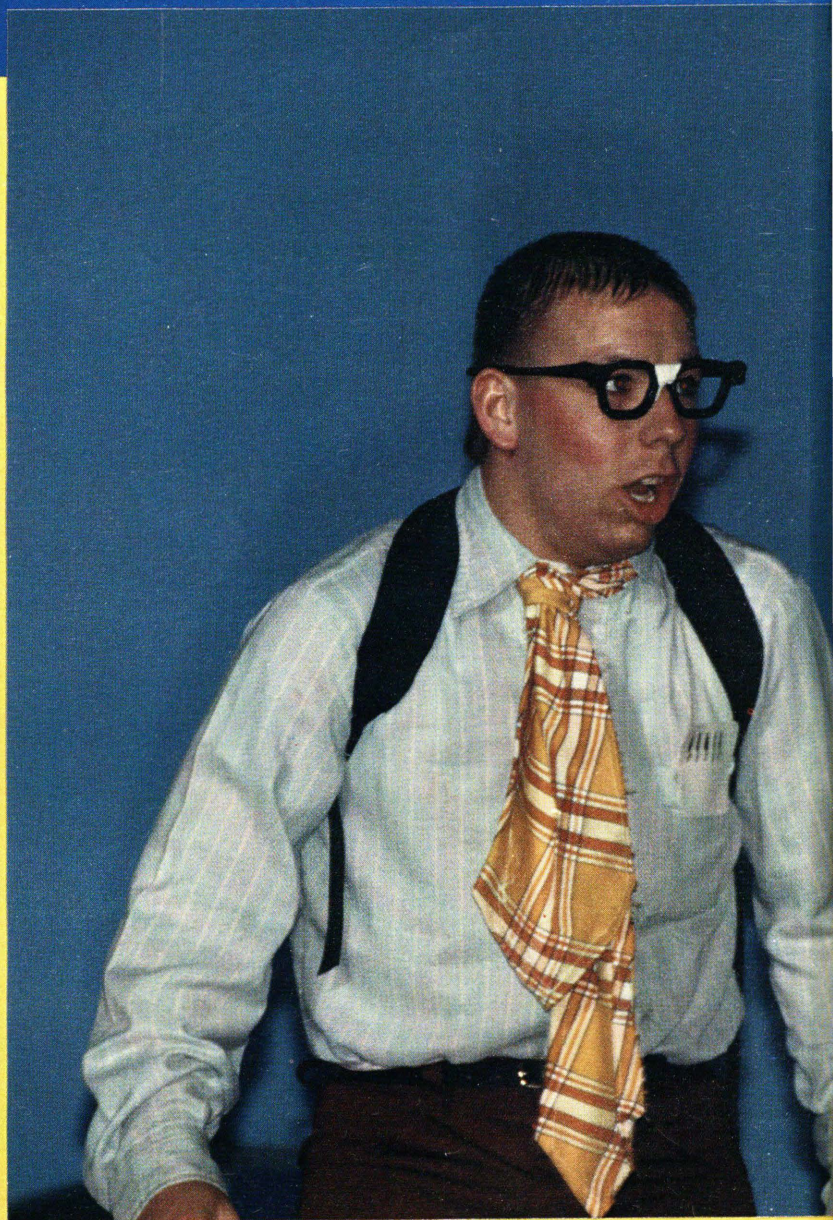
EGG-CITING. Savannah Morley, senior, gets ready to hop during "An Easter Eggstravaganza." The Show included several clubs and eventually won the Sweepstakes award. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.





CHOW CHOW CHOW. Freshman Kelly Scott stands ready to prance during Regina and Chi Sigma Alpha's "Let's Paws For a Moment." — Photo by Sharon Bowles.

YIKES! Lisa Tucker, Julie Svymbersky, Leah Reaves, and Julie Burge screech with fright during Galaxy and Ju Go Ju's "It's a Mad, Mad World!" — Photo by Sharon Bowles.



FINISH. Freshman Cinnamon Wilson and junior Greg Sandlin leave the Benson after Spring Sing. The last show brought a welcome break in activity. — Photo by Jack R. Shock.

FINALE. The Hosts and Hostesses sing the traditional "United We Stand" at the first dress rehearsal. The Finale was always the most spectacular part of the show. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.





DUH! Freshmen Craig Laird and Chuck Baker gawk at a pretty girl in Titans, Delta Gamma Rho, Tri-Sigs, and Kappa Tau Omega's show, "It's all Geek to Me." — Photo by Sharon Bowles.

STARBRITE. Sophomore Mary Pat Miller keeps a happy face during TNT and Zeta Rho's "We'll Light Up Your Life; Cosmos Stars Do!" The show was an audience favorite. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.

Memories of...

Glitter

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the creative elements of the performances as well as the actual performing. The crowds cheered enthusiastically for each of the nine energetic performances, but only one show could be the winner of Spring Sing 1989.

Before the winner was decided, though, each club had their chance (and took it) to perform their hearts out to a receptive audience of parents, teachers, students, visitors, and the judges, of course.

Each show had some surprises to present and the most unexpected was during Ju Go Ju and Galaxy's "It's a Mad, Mad World" in which the mad scientists were creating the "perfect man." The perfect man turned out to be Elvis revived from the dead.

TNT and Zeta Rho, not to be outdone, surprised the crowd with a visit from the "man in the moon" made famous by recent McDonald's commercials.

Beta Phi, Phi Delta, Kappa Delta, Omega Phi, and Sigma Tau had a horrific vampire who sang a lot like Julio Iglesias and Titans, Tri-Sigs, Delta Gamma Rho, and Kappa Tau Omega had a slew of geeks and their own version of Peewee Herman.

But a winner had to be chosen and Robert Patton and his hoppy-go-lucky band of bunnies were eggstra special in the eyes of the judges and they hopped down the bunny trail with their victo-

ry in hand.

Here is a run-down of each category's winner:

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD
"An Easter Eggstravaganza" (Alpha Gamma Omega, Kirei Na Ai, Shantih, Chi Alpha Rho, OEGE, King's Men, and Knights)

PARTICIPATION AWARD
"We'll Light Up Your Life; Cosmos Stars Do!" (TNT and Zeta Rho)

THEME AWARD
"An Easter Eggstravaganza" (Alpha Gamma Omega, Kirei Na Ai, Shantih, Chi Alpha Rho, OEGE, King's Men, and Knights)

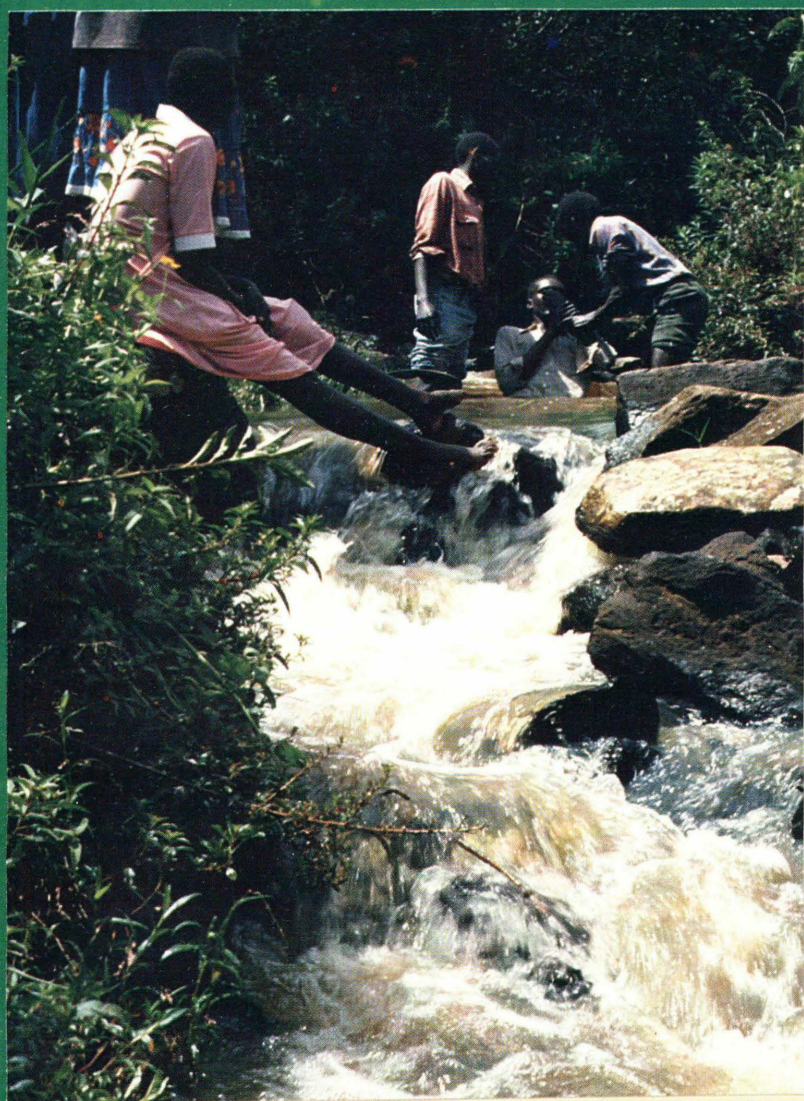
MUSIC AWARD
"Let's Paws For a Moment" (Chi Sigma Alpha and Regina)

COSTUME AWARD
"An Easter Eggstravaganza" (Alpha Gamma Omega, Kirei Na Ai, Shantih, Chi Alpha Rho, OEGE, King's Men, and Knights)

CHOREOGRAPHY AWARD
"An Easter Eggstravaganza" (Alpha Gamma Omega, Kirei Na Ai, Shantih, Chi Alpha Rho, OEGE, King's Men, and Knights)

There will always be a spirit of competition between clubs and Spring Sing has provided an exciting environment to compete in. However competitive it may be, though, our "Show of Shows" still manages to bring people together. When the last curtain call is made we will always stand and sing, "United We Stand."

— Greg Taylor and Randy Williams



SAVING GRACE. A native African is baptized in a nearby river during the campaign to Nairobi, Kenya last summer. — Photo by Greg Taylor.

BIBLE TALK. Senior Greg Taylor listens to a receptive Christian while participating in the campaign to Africa. — Photo by Jill Taylor.



A Memorable...

Summer

Summer Campaigns prove to be life changing for those who went...

For a fleeting moment they felt as if they'd stepped into the first century when their group of 22 Harding students walked down the streets of the villages of Kenya, Africa last summer. "I felt like I was walking into a documentary," Jill Smith said of the primitive houses, the lack of cars, the dirt roads, the barefoot children and the simple lifestyle.

Kenya and other countries like Australia and England differ from the United States in the same proportions as the countries' distances from the U.S.

"It takes more than a body of water and cultural differences to separate the bond we have in Christ," said Louise Tucker, who went with the Harding group of 44 students to Australia.

Harding sends campaign-

ers all over the world: England, Australia, and Africa to name a few. The groups train for the cross-cultural experience during the school year but nothing can prepare them for cornmeal mush and turnip greens, a preacher with an earring, or a Sydney street vendor's saucy accent.

The group which went to England sang and performed in schools and knocked doors in order to set up Bible studies. They stayed with local, English Christians in their homes.

With 44 students going to Australia, the group split into four teams. They sang in public places in cities like Brisbane and Sydney while handing out Christian brochures and studying with those who came to the church meetings.

The group which went to

Kenya spent its time studying the Bible with eager ones in Nairobi, Kenya, observing missionaries, including Monte Cox, and surveying people who might be receptive to the gospel.

Despite the six weeks of work, campaigners in Australia, England and Africa returned with positive responses to the work in those places.

"Mission work is hard and it is not always fun," Craig Mabrey said, "you will make many sacrifices but it will make the trip worthwhile."

Jill Taylor, who went to Africa, sums up the purpose of these campaigns simply: "to share the gospel of Christ with those who haven't heard."

— Greg Taylor



G'DAY. An Australian campaign group poses for a group shot at the Australian High Court on a sight-seeing day during their campaign. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.

SCHOOLGIRL. An English schoolgirl enjoys a skit by the Harding campaign group. The group visited several schools during the trip. — Photo by Ronald A. Turner.



OPEN HOUSE. Junior Kim Garner and Director of Admissions, Jim White, listen to Don Starks, Assistant Director, at the registration table. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.

BURKS' BBQ. A Harding mom and dad enjoy a barbeque dinner on Dr. Burks' lawn. ARA catered the meal at the president's house. — Photo by Ken Bissell.





LIMELIGHT. Harding alumnus David Slater performs Friday night to a packed Benson Auditorium. Slater returned to Searcy for a performance during Open House in the fall. — Photo by Bill Tripp.

ROOMS AT THE INN. Harding parents check in at the renovated and refurnished Heritage Inn. The inn provided on-campus accommodations for Harding visitors. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.



A Memorable . . .

Visit

*Harding Opens
Her Doors to
Mom and Dad*

The third annual Open House weekend took place October 6-8 and proved to be another successful mission for Harding's Admission team.

Approximately 800 people showed up to be a part of the event that combined both High School Days and Parents' Weekend into one jam-packed weekend of entertainment and various informational sessions for both parents and prospective students.

Both the Alumni Office and the Admissions Office joined forces to plan and implement the weekend's activities. Their collaboration paid off with an event that was bent for success from the word go.

Assistant Director of Admissions Don Starks said that the purpose was to "highlight what Harding has to offer in services and opportunities for prospective students and alumni."

Friday offered open classes for all those who wished to attend. That evening high school students and their parents were treated to dinner and a talent show featuring Harding students in the cafeteria banquet rooms. The day was capped off by a concert by Harding alumnus David Slater in the Benson Auditorium. The Time of Day opened up for Slater and put on a near flawless show.

Saturday, as well, was filled with activity, including a continental breakfast for parents and a presentation of Harding's programs. Depart-

ment heads spoke early Saturday morning in the Heritage Auditorium to parents and prospective students, to give them a brief description of various majors available and to increase interest for their respective departments. Campus tours were also available throughout the day led by students for anyone interested.

That evening, the Bisons took on Arkansas Tech at the Alumni Field in which they beat the Wonderboys 17-11. After the game, the Student Association sponsored an all-school party featuring live music by the all-student band Johnny Cat. Over 400 students packed the Student Center to hear the post-modern band and to eat free food provided by the SA and catered by ARA. It was an energetic ending to a weekend that was filled with fun and good public relations for Harding.

The weekend packed in many activities for the visitors to attend or participate in. Harding opened her doors and displayed her best, hoping to leave a desirable impression.

The success of such weekends depends upon planning and implementation, and Harding's Admissions and Alumni offices worked overtime to assure the visitors the most enjoyable stay possible. The weekend past, Harding's growth was helped into the 1990's.

— By Angie Haley and
Randy Williams

Remembering...

Coming Home

*Homecoming '89...
A Celebration of
Harding Alumni*

Reunions were all around this year during the annual Homecoming Weekend October 27-29. Many activities filled the event dedicated to Harding alumni.

The traditional Homecoming Court proved to be the most desirable aspect of the weekend as the beauty grabbed our attention during both Friday's Homecoming chapel and during halftime during Saturday's football game.

Senior Errica Walker was crowned Homecoming Queen by Dr. Burks during Friday's chapel ceremonies. Walker was an elementary education major from Fairmont, W. Va., and was a member of Regina social club. Her court included Stacey Faires, a senior from Chattanooga, Tenn., and

Gina Verkler, also a senior, from Black Rock, Ark.

Several other activities were planned for the weekend including the musical "Brigadoon," club reunions on Saturday morning, the annual 10k Bison Stampede run, alumni breakfasts and banquets, and the dedication of the Joseph E. Pryor Science Center.

The central activity on Saturday was the football game at Alumni Field which ultimately ended in heart-break as the Bisons lost the game. Despite the loss, Bison fans enjoyed the game. The Bison Band put on an rousing halftime show and a group of students who called themselves "The Blundering Herd" debuted with their antics between plays and on Bison kickoffs.

Although Homecoming included many activities, the central focus of the weekend remained on reunions — reunions with friends from years gone by to re-live the late night dorm pranks, come-from-behind club wins, weekend road-trips to Anywhere-but-Searcy, USA, and the all-night study sessions which usually consisted of 25% study and 75% study-break.

This weekend will always remain Harding's most attended weekend because of the special ties Harding keeps with her alumni. Harding has a way of bringing her alumni home that is unlike most any other alma mater. And her arms extend far into life's indecisive roadways.

-By Randy Williams



BLOWN COVER- The tarp covering the new lettering for the Joseph E. Pryor Science Center is pulled off by Dr. Joseph E. Pryor during the dedication Saturday morning. — Photo by Brian Lovegrove.

REUNION- Suzette LaRoche, senior, Tracy Turner, grad student, and Donna Garner, junior, greet each other at the OEGE alumni reunion Saturday morning during Homecoming Weekend. — Photo by Phillip Tucker.



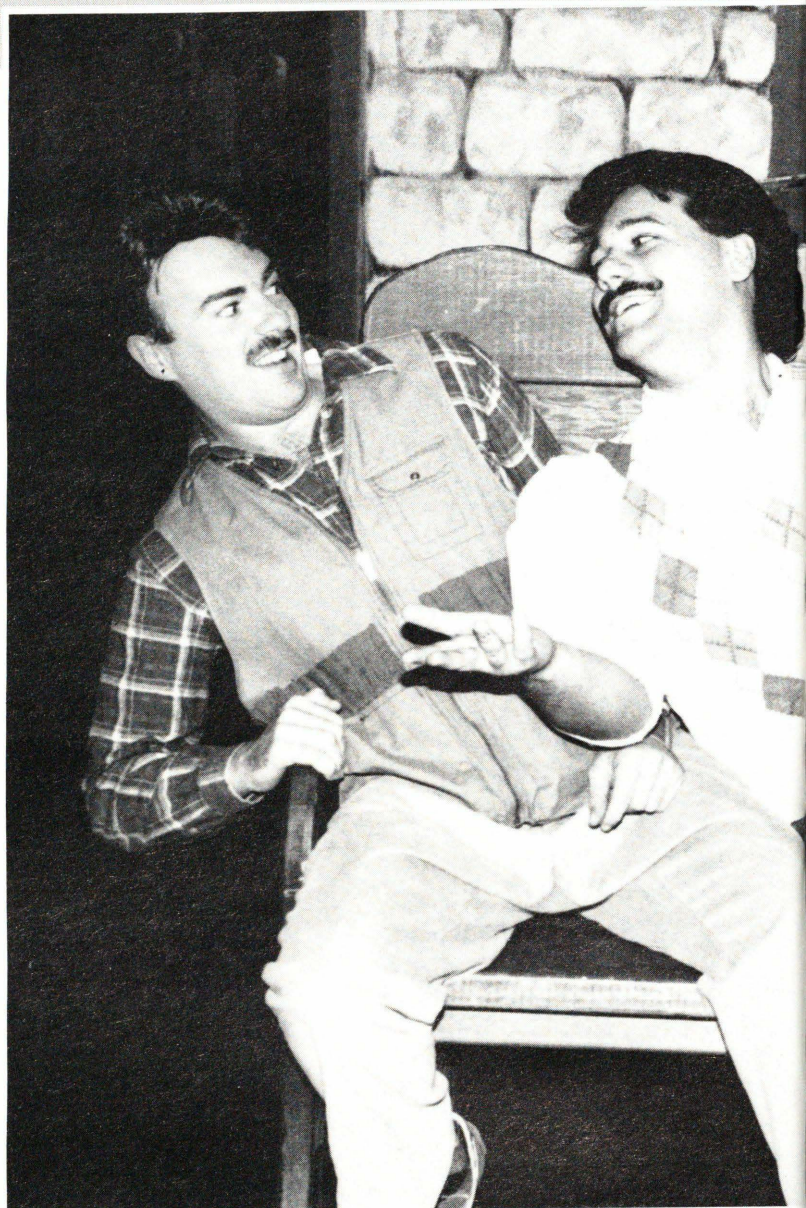


NO GAIN- Harding defenders stop an SAU ball-carrier for a loss during the traditional homecoming game at Alumni Field. The game was a central focus of activity during the weekend. — Photo by Jeff Montgomery.



HOMEcoming ROYALTY- Homecoming queen Errica Walker (center) is joined by her attendants, seniors Stacey Faires and Gina Verkler. — Photo by Ken Bissell.





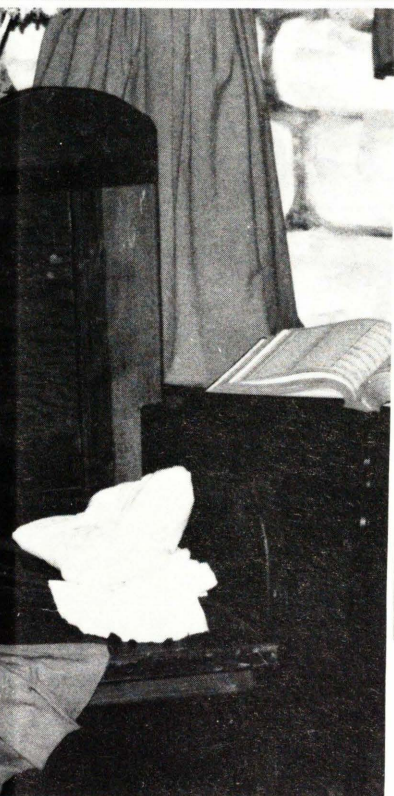
FIONA AND TOMMY- Fiona, played by sophomore Anna Conley, and Tommy, senior Conrad Ekkens, discuss their love in the Homecoming musical. — Photo by Ken Bissell.

WEDDING DAY- The townfolk of Brigadoon gather for the much anticipated wedding. This year's musical was well attended. — Photo by Ken Bissell.





LEAN ON ME- Jeff Douglas, played by senior Jody Wood, and Tommy Albright, senior Conrad Ekkens, talk of the situation they've found themselves in Brigadoon. — Photo by Ken Bissell.



PACKING- Jean MacLaren, played by sophomore Tara Buss, packs for her sister's wedding day. The wedding attracted the entire village in Lerner and Lowe's "Brigadoon." — Photo by Ken Bissell.

A Memorable . . .

Show *The Highlands of Scotland hit Searcy*

The rolling landscapes of Scotland met the foothills of the Ozarks when the students of Harding performed Lerner and Lowe's bonny musical, "Brigadoon" during Homecoming Weekend this year. During that weekend, audiences saw ghosts appear, heard mystifying tales, watched dancers in a wee bit of a frenzy, witnessed a murder, and fell in love. Not a bad way to spend an evening, eh?

The audience joined with the two lost hunters, Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas, as they made their way through the misty woods of Scotland towards the haunting town of Brigadoon. The village, which returns every hundred years, is the home of Fiona MacLaren, the beautiful lass who makes no plans for marriage. This should be no problem for Tommy since he is engaged to a young lady back in the states, but he and Fiona fall in love and Tommy is faced with a grim dilemma: Should he go home and marry a woman he doesn't really love or stay in Brigadoon with Fiona?

The play starred Benson veteran Conrad Ekkens as Tommy Albright alongside Anna Conley as the beautiful Fiona. In both cases their experience was evident and they heartily delivered a satisfying show. Jeff Douglas, the drunken lush played by Jody Wood, profaned the sacred Benson stage uproariously. Jeff, however, was less disconcerted with his

drinking than by the presence of Meg Brookie, played by Susan Leigh Richardson, whose ceaseless attempts at routine seduction were hilarious. A nod must be given to Eric French who played the venerable Mr. Lundie.

Much of the praise, however, should fall on the shoulders of Music Director Arthur Shearin and Staging and Design Director Morris Ellis. But they did not put the show together on their own. Keri and Dan Tullos served as consultants who provided crucial insight to Scottish lore. John Folding, Assistant Director, gave invaluable aid to Dr. Shearin and Dr. Ellis by acting as a "go-between" among the student actors and the directors. The final touch of authenticity came from piper Chris Knife whose playing during the funeral gave the scene a solemn air. His practicing could be heard all across the campus days before the performance.

And so, the Benson stage which, unlike Brigadoon, does not have to wait a hundred years to come to life, has hosted another satisfying musical. There is little doubt that it will continue to do so as long as Harding continues to attract such capable talent.

A traditional and central part of Homecoming Weekend, the musical remains a dear and important part of this special fall weekend.

—Mark Beshirs

M e m o r i e s o f . . .

Pledging

Togas, Cutie Pies, Zugs and Slugs become the alter-egos for many a fearing freshman...

Sunday Oct. 29- I was peacefully watching Bill Dance reel in a lunker bass from Lake Texoma on T.V. when a rapping came at my door. I offered an open invitation with a lazy "Yeah" and found myself licking my dirty, tile floor. I wondered why. Then the tribal chant began — "SKAGGS, SKAGGS, SKAGGS!" For a while I didn't know if the club had accepted or rejected me.

Monday, Oct. 30- Tonight I accepted my bid to join Skaggs Alpha Beta. I never knew how many people could fit into an eight by six foot janitor's closet. I counted 19 before a Skaggs member called me down for opening my eyes. I apologized and

put my head back down on my knees. He didn't know it, but I kept my eyes open the whole time.

Tuesday, Oct. 32- I woke up this morning at 10:47 a.m. feeling refreshed and anew. The birds were chirping on my window sill as they relayed their morning merri-ment. Then I woke up again. This time it was 5:15 and I felt beaten and trod upon. My alarm was screeching for my attention, so I had no other choice than to smash it with a nearby wall.

I had to be in my pledge-master's room at six a.m. in a coat and tie to tell him the morning farm report (which I made up, of course) and to inform him that he had two hours left to sleep. He hand-

ed a pillow to me and invited me to slumber on the newly dirtied floor so that I could wake him up at eight. I accepted.

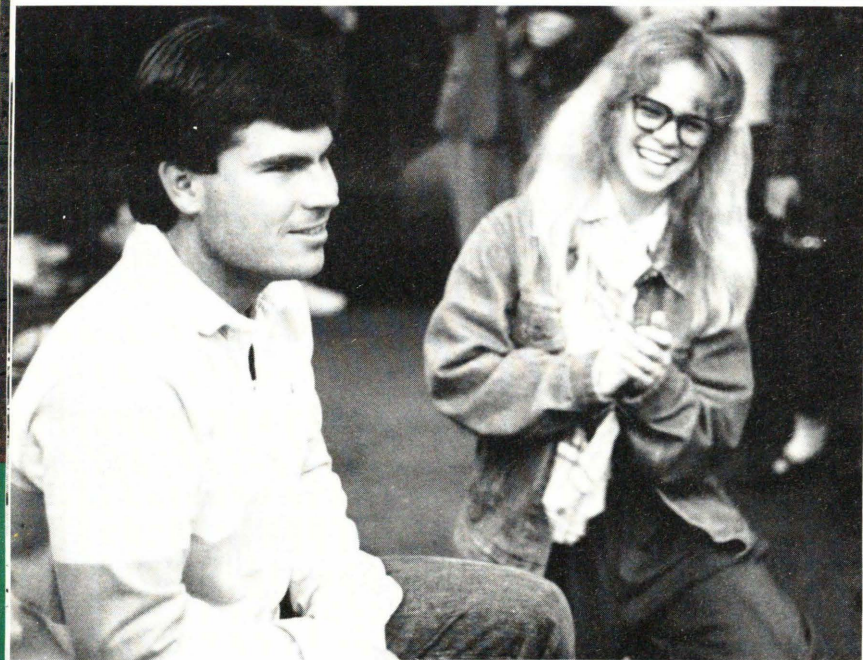
That afternoon he set me up with a major date. It was named Melba Toast. I say "it" only for a lack of a better gender.

Thursday, Nov. 2- I literally got "dressed" up this morning. My skirt and blouse was provided by the big-hearted pledgemaster I had now grown to avoid. I met the rest of my "girly-men" pledge brothers on the front lawn as the cock began to crow. Today I learned that it's okay to act ridiculous if everyone else is.

— Randy Williams

BEAUX AID- Senior Chi Omega Pi beau, Chad Massie entertains freshman pledge Sonya Miller in the Student Center during Silly Day activities. Beaux and queens helped ease pledges worries. — Photo by Jeff Montgomery

GEEKARAMA- Freshman Chi Omega Pi pledge, Heather Powell, falls in line and does the "Pee-Wee" on the front lawn as a crowd of spectators began to form behind the nerdy number. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.





GOPHER GIRLS- Tri-Kappa pledges climb the steps to chapel on Silly Day. By the time 9 a.m. rolled around, most students had been up over three hours preparing for the day. — Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

GO BLUE! Freshman TNT pledge Micheal Latimore, dressed as the dreaded "masked bunny" stands at attention in front of the library. TNT pledges were required to meet early. — Photo by Jeff Montgomery.



Memories of... The S.A.

The Student Association was as active as ever this year with president Craig Cheatham leading the organization and student body through many well-planned and memorable events.

One of the great tasks the SA faced this year was to raise the spirits of the athletic teams and the fans. This was accomplished by sponsoring several events around the games. Besides the regular bar-b-ques before the first home game and the pep talks in chapel, this year the SA took supporting the Bisons seriously with a week-long homecoming celebration. Every day had special events centered around the theme, "A Scottish Fling," incorporating the homecoming musical "Brigadoon."

On the business side, the SA made some much-needed changes that brought benefits to the entire campus. The Student Directories were improved for the first time in many years and revised in the spring semester. The SA Book Exchange (SABEX) was revived and computerized, saving many students a lot of money.

Through all of the other accomplishments, entertainment was not lacking. The year started with the annual New Student talent show and moved on to more known talents such as Michael Martin Murphey, David Slater, Johnny Cat, and comedians Craig Anton and Carl Rosen. Movies included such recent as "Batman," "Dead Poet's Society," and "Ghostbusters II," as well as classics like "Ben Hur," and

"Gone With the Wind."

This Christmas season, the SA once again adorned the campus with thousands of white lights and added a 40 foot Christmas tree in the center of the front lawn.

In addition to these many activities, the SA continued to place its greatest emphasis on the spiritual needs of the campus. The giving spirit exceeded expectations this year when the student body overwhelmingly gave to SA collections for several causes including Mark Berryman, the missionary who suffered a heart attack in Africa, as well as the Wilcox family in Bald Knob who lost their home and three sons to a fire, and a fund for two Searcy children with cancer.

The spiritual goal of the university was also represented well in January with the SA co-sponsored Student Lectureship, "Strong in Grace," featuring lectures and classes led by students.

The SA, under the direction of Cheatham, succeeded greatly in involving the campus in several fun and profitable experiences throughout the year. "This year saw the involvement of more people than ever in more projects than ever," Cheatham proudly claimed.

Though the job demanded a great deal of responsibility and time, Cheatham seemed very pleased with the accomplishments they made. "It's the most fun job you'll never want twice," he sighed through his obvious look of satisfaction on a year well done.

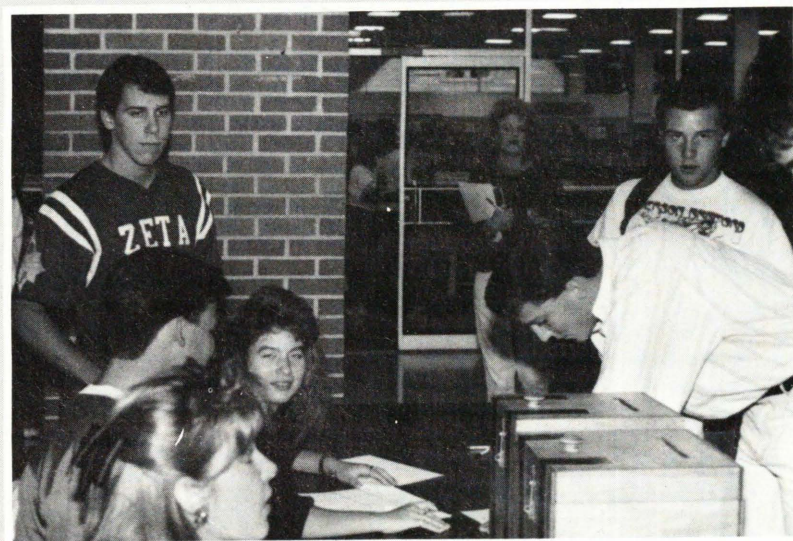
-Anita Chadwell



LOOK AT HIM. Comedian Craig Anton points to a member of the audience during his performance at the SA Welcome Back party in January. Anton was a huge success with the students. — Photo by Wayne Westerholm.

THE CAT'S MEOW. The all-student band, Johnny Cat, performs at the SA party "Saturday Night Alive" during Open House weekend in October. The band was popular with many students. — Photo by Wayne Westerholm.



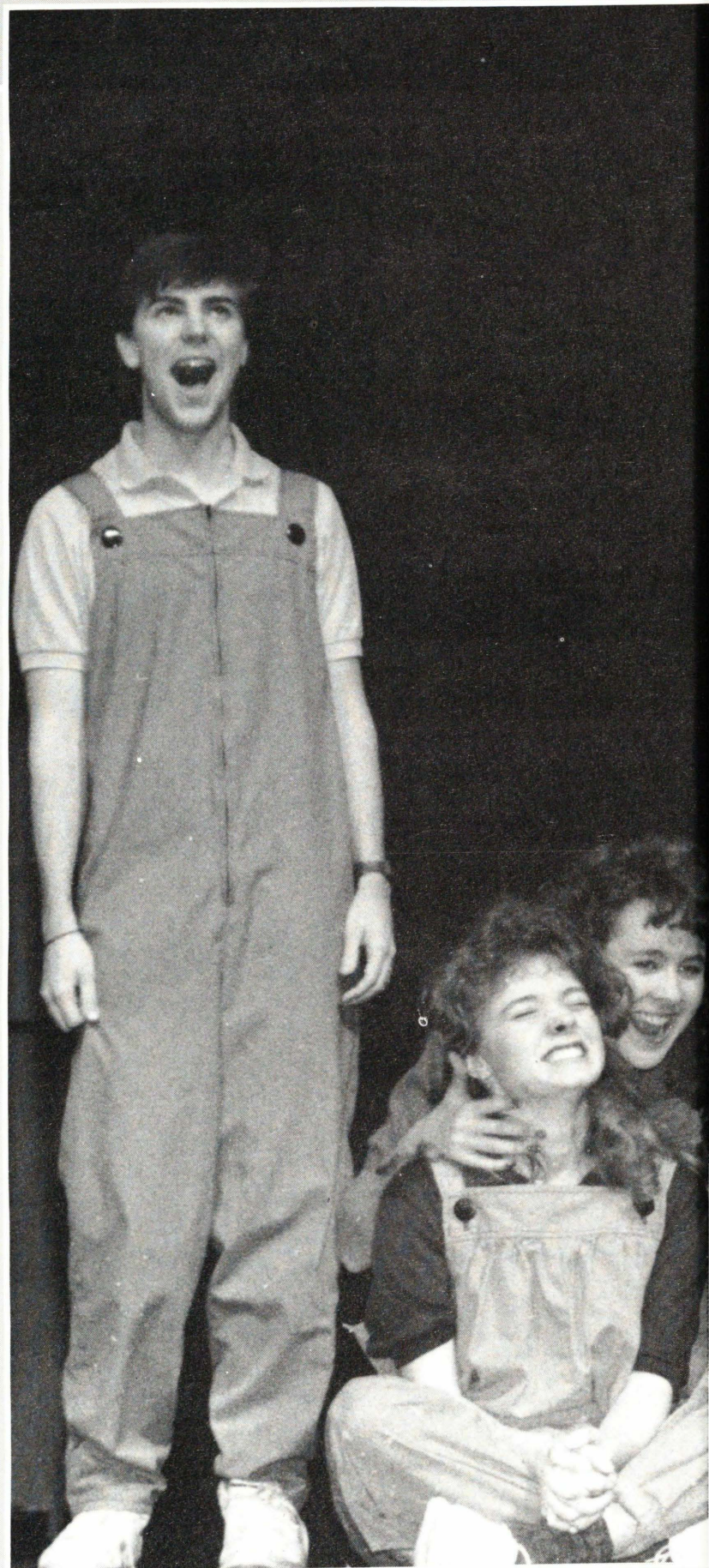


ALL DRESSED UP. Sophomores Tim O'Neal and Tim Gerber ready themselves for the Homecoming game against SAU. Fans adorned the infamous "rallybags" for the event. — Photo by Wayne Westerholm.

WATCHFUL EYE. SA president Craig Cheatham stands near the voting table during the elections for class officers. Cheatham was a popular leader all year. — Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

GREEN GENES. Kermit the Frog makes an unexpected visit during chapel for Wellness Week. Craig Jones provided the voice for his song "It's not Easy Being Green."
— Photo by Wayne Westerholm.

COOKIN'. Sophomore Todd Cook performs with senior Lorin Bristow. Cook was featured in chapel after he competed in a national fiddle contest in which he placed eighth. — Photo by Wayne Westerholm.



Memories of... Nine O'clock

Chapel? Well, Excuse Me!

"My dog ate my car keys."
"Well, the power was out in my room." "I thought it was Saturday." "Don't we get out for Arbor Day?"

There have been hundreds of excuses put forth for missing chapel. But why would anyone want to skip? Chapel was the one time of day when everyone was together.

Where else could students have seen such wide variety of programs? One thing could definitely be said for chapel, it was never predictable.

Chapel services offered a special time for students and faculty to gather together in worship. Daily devotionals, whether brief or not, helped

to instill the fact that God is the most important thing.

Chapel also offered a lot of entertainment throughout the year. Who can forget such distinguished guests as Nerdly Greenback? He had such a talent for shedding darkness on the most complex of topics.

And remember those encouraging words from Hans and Franz? They did their best to pump (clap) us up for Bible classes.

Slide shows were also a big part of chapel. Presentations that encouraged mission trips or a semester of study at HUF certainly offered a taste of what was beyond Searcy.

Probably one of the favor-

ite chapel programs of the year was put on by the Holiday Band. Students couldn't wait to get their keys out and accompany the band in "Jingle Bells."

But what would chapel be without a visit from the Pied Pipers? No where else could 3,200 grown adults have sung silly songs and made buffalo ears?

Yes, chapel was certainly a big part of the Harding experience. One graduating senior said, "It's too bad that in the work world you can't take 35 minutes out of the work day to concentrate on what is really important."

-Aven Humphreys

GREETINGS. David Allen greets Jim Mitchell, Resident-of-the-Month from a Searcy retirement home after he was honored in a chapel program by Dr. Burks and the Social Work Club. — Photo by Jeff Montgomery.

THREE PIPERS PIPING. Duane Jones, sophomore, Kristin Ford, junior, and Angie Treat, sophomore, lighten up chapel as members of the Pied Pipers. — Photo by Jonathan Nail.



Memories of...

Study Abroad

What could make Florence, Italy, birthplace of the Renaissance, center of culture and learning, home of artistic masters and masterpieces, even better than it always has been? Try adding forty Harding students living in a four-century-old villa on the outskirts of town. Let these forty Christians experience the Italian culture, living as the Italians live and eating as the Italians eat. Let them take classes and travel across Europe, seeing for themselves the history once confined to a history book.

HUF was an experience of a lifetime. As I think back to the KLM DC-10 flight into Amsterdam, I remember our cheering as the plane's wheels screeched onto European soil, most of us exper-

encing this for the first time. Dr. Don England and Dr. Harry Olree led our Spring 1989 group in the triumphant trot off the loading ramp onto a new continent. Disoriented and jet-lagged, we, starting with Holland, began our three-month adventure on this glorified continent.

It seemed like we never stopped traveling and experiencing Europe. Using our Eurail train passes, it was possible to be in Vienna one day, Paris the next, and Geneva the next. Traveling on night trains, was economical and adventurous. We fancied wearing the same clothes for days. We savored basic food-stuffs from the markets. We appreciated as many sights as were possible in one day.

We became more than tourists. It was a crusade.

Apart from the adventure of traveling was the sanctitude of the beautiful city that we could call home: Florence. We lived in an Italian villa, "The Olde Palace."

HUF provided appropriate learning enhanced by the surroundings. Humanities, Italian, and Bible were standard offerings.

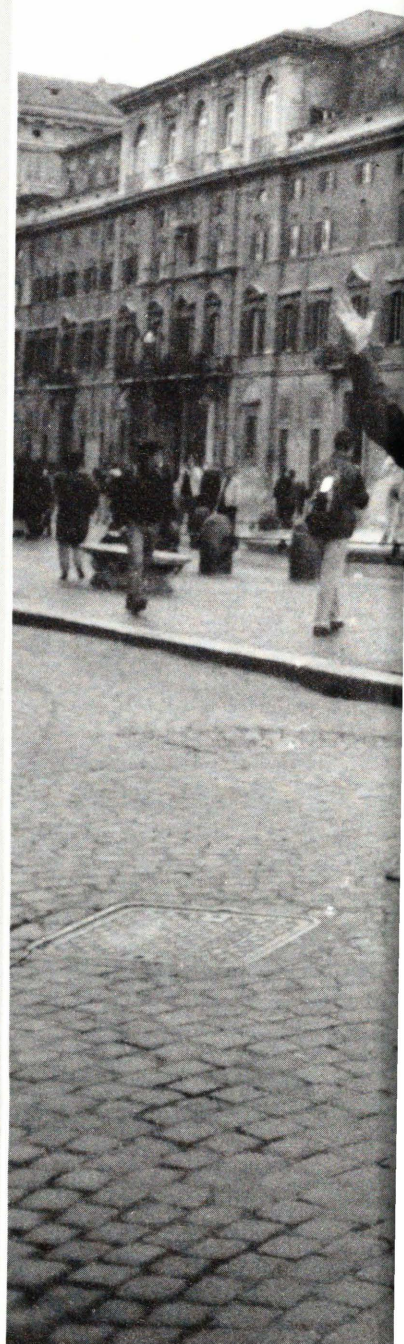
The HUF program was one of the best learning experiences of a lifetime. I know of no one who did not come back with a high opinion of studying abroad. All of us returned to the states praising the program and hoping to return one day.

— Jim Hull



"SNOW" PROBLEM. Sophomore Huffers, Mandy Smith, Kerry Bickford, and Marnie Rozell await their turn on the ski lift while at Klien Sheidigg, Switzerland. — Photo by Lee Bell.

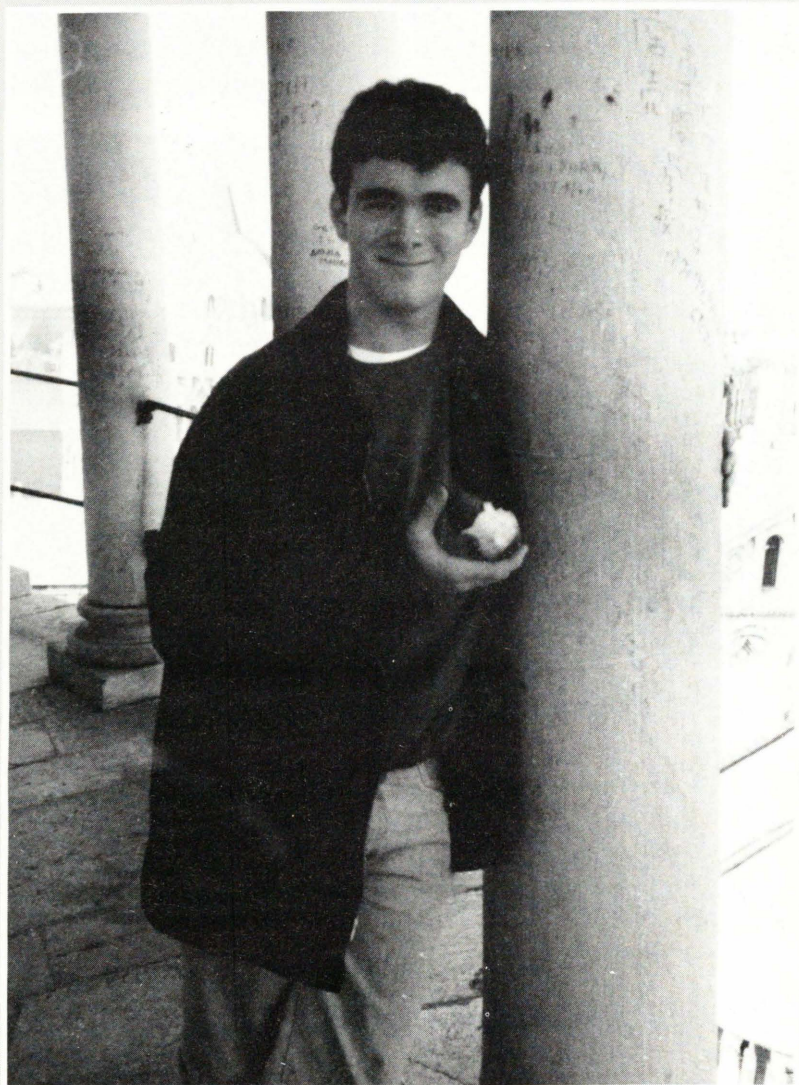
HUFFIN' A GOOD TIME. Sophomores Marc Anderson, Mandy Smith, and Lee Bell frolic in Navona Square during their trip to Rome last spring while at HUF. — Photo by Jim Hull.





COLOSSAL. Terry Edwards, resident director of Harding University in Florence, explains the history of the Roman Colosseum. The group's trip to Rome was a high point in the semester. — Photo by Lee Bell.

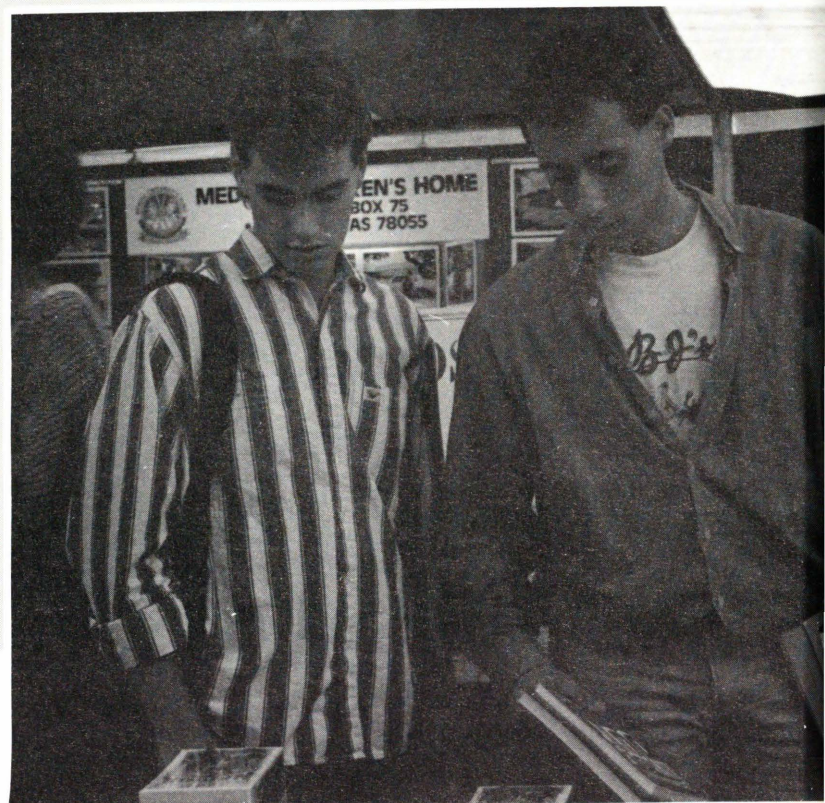
PISA PEAR. Sophomore Lee Bell enjoys a purchase from a nearby market while leaning against the famous tower in Pisa. The street markets provided quick food when cash was low. — Photo by Jim Hull.





SING ON. Dr. Shearin introduces the next selection by the Concert Choir. Each evening, a singing group performed before the keynote address. — Photo by Sharon Bowles

EXHORTATION. Jim McGuiggan from Belfast, Ireland presents his keynote lecture, "Unto the Uttermost Parts of the Earth" Wednesday night. — Photo by Sharon Bowles.





STAND UP. Aurthur Shearin leads a packed Benson Auditorium on the final night of the lectureship. The singing was especially uplifting during the nightly assemblies. — Photo by Sharon Bowles

INDECISION. Juniors Doug Bethel and Drue DeMatteis try to make a final decision on reading material that was sold outside in a huge tent in front of the student center. — Photo by Sharon Bowles

R e m e m b e r i n g . . .

Lectureship

"Acts: The Spreading Flame" was the theme for Harding's annual Bible lectureship held Oct. 1-4. Once again, hundreds of people joined hundreds of others for their yearly pilgrimage from Allover, USA, to the foothills of the Benson to be a part of a 66 year-old tradition in Searcy.

Eddie Cloer of Harding's Bible Department served as the director of the lectureship for the seventh year. With Acts as the central theme and topic of discussion this year, evangelism was stressed in many of the classes and lectures. Those who attended were encouraged to be evangelistic, whether it be in an American suburb or in a foreign country working on a missions team.

More than 45 guest speakers were invited to speak in different capacities, either as one of four keynote speakers each evening, or to teach a series of classes during the mornings and afternoons.

The event officially began Sunday night as Harding's Good News singers performed at 7:00 followed by the first lecture by Jim McGuigan. McGuigan, originally from Belfast, Ireland, presented a moving lesson on the "Spreading Flame". He reported of the evangelistic opportunities in his home country and encouraged personal evangelism through love, example, and communication.

Monday night featured the Harding Academy Chorus

followed by a lecture by Rick Atchley on "The Story of Stephen." The next night featured the Harding University Chorus followed by a keynote address by Ken Durham on "Scenes at Philippi."

Harding's Concert Choir, directed by Arthur Shearin, sang on Wednesday evening, the final night of the lectureship. Once again, the keynote address was given by Jim McGuigan to a packed Benson auditorium. His topic was "Unto the Uttermost Parts of the Earth" which was a call for world evangelism.

Each morning, beginning Monday, Rick Oter held a lecture in the Benson discussing "Walking Through Acts," which was an overview of the book. There were also ten classes offered at each session beginning at 9:45, 1:00 and 3:00.

This year's lectureship was unusually quieter than previous year's because of the absence of pledge week activities. In the past, the two events ran together but because of a student vote last year, pledge week was moved to the end of the month.

The theme "Acts: The Spreading Flame" was an appropriate theme which dealt with evangelism. This ran alongside the holding of the World Missions Workshop on Harding's campus this year, Oct. 19-21.

Every lecture, 127 in all, was recorded in a 702 page book that was available in the huge tent standing in front of the student center.



SPORTS. In fall sport action, Harding athletic teams did well in sweeping the events with championship wins in every sport. — Photo by Wayne Westerholm.

the Bison

65 YEARS AT HARDING UNIVERSITY



MURPHEY'S LAW. Michael Martin Murphy performed to a packed Benson this fall. Murphey's music blended traditionalism with contemporary elements. — Photo by Wayne Westerholm.

PERSPECTIVES

World



East German officials have suggested a remarkable array of reforms: free elections and proposed laws on a free press. Details have not been offered.

Nation



Hurricane Hugo was expected to strike the Eastern seaboard late Thursday night. Hugo has killed at least 25 people.

State



Billy Graham arrived in Little Rock Thursday to begin his weeklong Crusade beginning Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

John Michael Cox was apprehended Tuesday in White County. He is being charged on three counts of capital murder.

Campus



United States representative Tommy Robinson will be speaking in the Benson Auditorium Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

Harding's School of Business has been awarded the state and regional award for the best consulting case study for 1988 by the Small Business Administration.



ON YOUR MARK. Freshman Titan pledge Shannon Howell prepares to do battle in front of the Student Center during the annual Titan vs. Kappa Tau "Red Rover" game on Silly Day between the two pledging groups. — Photo by Wayne Westerholm.

Changes in pledging fare well

A restructured pledge week is coming to a close today after exhausting freshmen and transfers alike with induction activities.

This year's pledging activities have received a lot of attention and some scrutiny concerning the enforcement of state hazing laws.

While many of the induction activities have been changed, most of the reactions of those pledging have been the same. "I don't really enjoy getting up at 5:45 in the morning, but I do like getting to know the members and other pledges better," said Paula Peebles, a Ko Jo Kai pledge.

Many of the activities required pledges to be awake a little earlier than some were accustomed. "The week has been embarrassing at times, but it has really been fun. I'm totally worn out, though," said Kevin Goldman, a TNT pledge.

While many students were a text-

book example of pure exhaustion, some were continually asking for more. "The week really hasn't been that bad," said Donna Chapman, a Zeta Rho pledge. "I think the week is easier than other years, but it has still brought me closer to the girls already in the club."

While there have been mixed physical feelings among those pledging, the overwhelming majority enjoyed the week. When asked about the week, Kelly Jeffrey, a Delta Gamma Rho pledge, said, "I'm tired, but I have loved the week. I really feel closer to the club."

The week also held a lot of surprises and new experiences. "It has been interesting," said Lori Srnka, a Sigma Phi Mu pledge. "I have never asked a guy out before."

While this year's pledges had their first experience with a Harding pledge week, many of those already in clubs were experiencing some-

thing new. There were some complaints of not being able to make pledges experience some of the "induction tradition" that were found to be in violation of state law, but most clubs cooperated with the changes.

While the week exhausted many pledges, some of those that were club members found induction activities just as tiring. "Making people do things to get in the club gets old real quick," said Scott Miller, a member of Titans.

The week does seem to have accomplished its purpose. Most pledges have found stronger friendships, and even the ability to remember a member's name in time of crisis. Mary Beth Christian, a Ju Go Ju pledge, summed the week up by saying, "It has been the single most eventful week of the semester."

Mark Hodges

Missions workshop success in Searcy

A multitude of buses, vans, and cars carrying 600 students from Christian colleges and church groups throughout the United States congregated on the Harding campus last Thursday evening to kick off the 30th annual World Missions Workshop.

Sponsored by the College of Bible and Religion, the theme of this year's program was "Give Me This Mountain," taken from Joshua 14:12. The four-day workshop was coordinated by Dr. Van Tate, Director of the Mission/Prepare Program and Professor of Bible. Several subcommittees directed by students helped with advertising, presentations and housing arrangements.

"I feel that the workshop was very successful," Dr. Carl Mitchell, Dean of the College of Bible and Religion, said. "I received some extremely positive feedback, and we had very good representation from the other Christian colleges."

Keynote speakers Jim Woodroof, Wendell Broom, Joe Cannon, Parker Henderson, and Phil Slate discussed the importance of preparation, opportunities available, special problems, the option of missions as a career and the role of women in missions in classes held Friday and Saturday. The program concluded with a sunrise worship service and

continental breakfast on Sunday. All lectures and discussions of the workshop were recorded, and video and audio tapes are available from the recording studio.

According to Dr. Mitchell, the high quality of the presentations was an important factor contribution to the weekend's success. "One of the guests remarked to me that our workshop was the most inspirational program he'd ever attended," Dr. Mitchell said. "All were very positive about what they'd experienced here."

Between classes, video presentations and meetings were held for those interested in mission work in specific regions of the world.

"These were helpful," said Harding junior Julie Owen, because "They showed the individual problems within each continent. They really made you understand the responsibility of sharing the gospel with other nations and prodded you into action."

Dr. Mitchell expressed his appreciation for all who helped to make the workshop a success, saying that "its strength was due to the mixture of optimism, enthusiasm and hopefulness among our students and those who attended."

— Caryllee Parker



BIG D, THE RESURRECTION. Darren Bonham, host of the infamous "Big D TV", poses for a press photo. Bonham hosted the late night show which upheld traditions set by David Letterman with his quick wit, unorthodox persona, and a boistrous house band. — Photo by Wayne Westerholm.

Last Writes *Excerpts and Anecdotes from the Blunder Years* By Mark Moore

Mary Burbank was the least popular girl at Paro Elementary.

It wasn't a matter of opinion, it was pretty much an accepted fact. A fact we reminded her of as often as possible. Sure it was mean of us. Of course it was heartless, and without a doubt it was totally unnecessary, but we didn't care.

That's what I thought anyway until mid-semester when Mr. Lawson showed up. Mr. Lawson was young and handsome, a trait the girls seemed to like, and he was tall and athletic which got him points with the boys.

I'll never forget our first day of gym class with Mr. Lawson. He walked into the gym that day palming the dodgeballs in such a way that was just inconceivably cool. He blew the whistle and we all began lining up against the wall. Girls swooned and giggled. Guys envied his popularity.

"I'll be one captain," he said bouncing the red pebble-grained balls against the linoleum floor.

Then in a move that surprised no one, he picked Curtie Ballus to be the other captain.

Curtie was the greatest dodgeball player in Paro Elementary history.

He made the term "dodgeball" obsolete because his throws were, for the most part, undodgeable.

Curtis promptly used his first round draft pick to select his best friend, Jeff Fletcher, the second best dodgeball player in the school. Whispers began to ripple through the rest of the class. Everyone knew that Curtie had the makings of a dynasty and the only thing that stood between him and greatness was Mr. Lawson's first round draft pick.

Everything hinged on his first pick. Everyone waited. No one breathed. In our minds we guessed at who it might be.

"I'll take Mary."

Mary had always been the last pick — the one left standing against a lonely wall. She wasn't used to having her name called at all and suddenly all the tables were turned. For the first time in her life, she was first.

The rest of the picks went accordingly and when the dust cleared, Curtie and the dream team stood at one end and Mr. Lawson and his band of misfits stood at the other. I remember because I stood with the dream team. We were an invincible

team of destiny. Amazingly, we had emerged with only two girls, and they were cute enough that they didn't have to be good.

The whistle blew and dodgeballs flew. The first of which nearly embedded itself in Curtie's chest. At the hand of Mr. Lawson our champion fell, and before long each of us found ourselves sitting against the folded cafeteria tables trying to rub dodgeball indentations from our skin.

It was then we realized the obvious. Mr. Lawson didn't need a team, much less a good one. In our pride we scoffed at his choices and doubted his wisdom in picking Mary first, yet all the time he knew he would win. Not by one individual talent or even by teamwork but by the power and only by the power of Mr. Lawson's right arm.

Someday Jesus is coming back to pick his team. Who will he pick? Will it be the "good" ones who think they somehow can help him win? Or will it be the ones who are used to being chosen last?

"And the last shall be first . . ."

Think about it.

— M.M.

Carlucci to speak in Benson for Am. Studies

Former Secretary of Defense, Frank C. Carlucci addressed a near-capacity crowd last night in Benson Auditorium at Harding University as part of the American Studies Institute fall lectureship series.

Speaking on "A View from the Pentagon," Carlucci described some of the trials and tribulations during his term of office as Secretary of Defense under former President Ronald Reagan. Prior to this, Carlucci assisted the President for National Security Affairs. He is now the Vice-Chairman of the International Planning and Analysis Center.

Carlucci has served as Ambassador to Portugal, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, deputy Secretary of Defense, and director of the Office of Management and Budget.

He currently serves on the board of directors of Quaker Oats, Ashland, Westinghouse, Empire State Bank, Sun Resorts, and Rand. Carlucci was also Chairman of Sears World Trade, Inc., and was the company's president and Chief Executive Officer before being appointed Secretary of Defense.

— Carmelita Bandy

SABEX offers new service

by Angela Haley
Bison editor

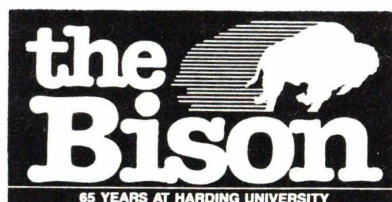
"This year, the bookstore will be surprised," said Jim Hull, chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Student Association, in reference to the new SABEX program. "SABEX" stands for the Student Association Book Exchange, and this year the program is in full swing.

According to the statistics so far, the response has been "incredible," with over 2,200 books to be linked with buyers. The program works by allowing students to turn in statements listing books they want to sell followed by a sheet listing books they want to buy. The buyers and sellers are then entered into the computer and each student is provided with a sheet listing all the books for sale with the student's name and number.

The program was created by Jason Pace, who is also on the committee and a member of the Economics Team.

The SABEX program surprisingly has many advantages over the "buy back day" at the end of each semester. A student can average \$5.00 a book by using the SABEX either buying or selling. Usually, the bookstore will buy back a book for approximately ten dollars less than what was paid for it originally. Through SABEX you can sell a book between the price the bookstore would buy it back for, and the price you originally paid, leaving an average of five dollars. It works vice versa for buying.

Hull says that this year is very experimental for SABEX, but so far they've smelled success.



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WHAT A CATCH. Bison wide receiver Mike Alexander adds one to his total catches statistic. Alexander was one of the Bisons most valuable players during the season that eventually led them to becoming District 17 Co-champions with UCA.

Bisons take District 17 by storm

In fall sports action, Harding teams and Harding coaches are kicking, throwing, running, and spiking a thousand.

The football team, the women's volleyball team, and both the men's and women's cross country teams all won or shared AIC conference championships. These sports are the only ones to wind up season play during the fall semester.

In addition to conference recognition for the teams, three Harding coaches have been named AIC Coach of the Year. Dr. Karyl Bailey, Ted Lloyd and Larry Richmond were honored by their coaching colleagues in the AIC with the Coach of the Year recognition.

Bailey coached the women's volleyball team and has been at Harding since 1967.

Lloyd, who coached both the men's and women's cross country teams, has been associated with Harding since 1964.

Head football coach Richmond has been at Harding since 1988.

Harry Hall, the commissioner of the AIC, made presentations to the teams and coaches in a recent chapel ceremony.

-Bison Staff

Brigadoon pleases packed Benson

The misty mountains of Scotland set the opening scene for this year's Homecoming musical, Brigadoon.

Brigadoon, a small, rustic village only comes to life once every 100 years. The plot centers around two lost hunters from New York who happen upon the magical city on the one day of the century that it wakens. They soon find themselves captured by the mystical place and Tommy, one hunter, falls in love with the most beautiful girl in the village, Fiona.

The climax of the play is when

Tommy must make a decision to stay with Fiona and love, or to return to New York where he was not as happy. The overall theme of the play, "with love, anything is possible," suggests his decision.

This year's director is Dr. Morris Ellis. The lead role of Tommy is played by Conrad Ekkens of Free-land, Mich. Opposite Ekkens is the character of Fiona, who is played by Anna Conley of Searcy.

Other main characters include: Jeff, the other hunter, played by Jody Wood of Gainesville, Mo.; the

narrator, Mr. Lundie, played by Eric French of Ulysses, Kan.; and Meg, the town flirt played by Susan Richardson of Annandale, Va.

The play will be performed three times with the first performance on Thursday at noon. The last two performances will be Friday night at 8:15 and Saturday night at 7:30.

Tickets are \$6.00 and \$4.00 with a student identification. Only one discount is allowed per identification card.

-Anita Chadwell

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RUSTLER'S RHAPSODY. Singer/songwriter Michael Martin Murphey relates one of his many stories about cowboys during his performance in the Benson. One of the highlights of the three hour show came at the end as he told a poem about western life. — Photo by Wayne Westerholm.

Murphey's law: If it ain't broke, don't fix it

As eager audience filled the Benson Auditorium last night to hear the sweet rhythms of country and western music played by Michael Martin Murphey. In Murphey's second performance at Harding in the past year, he captivated his fans with a variety of contemporary country music from his latest album "Land of Enchantment." He finished off his concert with a beautifully harmonized rendition of "Wildfire" and a preview at his upcoming album (due out in March 1990).

Murphey said he has waited many years to do a traditional album such as the one he will release in March. "Western songs appeal to a wider audience," claimed Murphey. "People like the image of a cowboy and don't relate it as much to being a redneck. People feel something about the West inside themselves. I'm excited about the album because I'm close to those songs. I started off singing those songs."

Another high point to yesterday's concert was the appearance of Har-

ding sophomore Todd Cook who played the fiddle along with Murphey and his band. Cook, a music major from Russellville, Ark., said he was thankful for such an opportunity. "I was thinking backstage after it happened and everybody was clapping that I'm thankful that I was able to do that," said Cook.

When asked about how his music reflects his image, Murphey said he felt that "it's unfortunate that country music has a reputation and image associated with alcoholism, divorce, depression, and being down. I think we need more songs that are positive and make people feel good about themselves and their families and the land."

"It's always easier to put out a honky-tonk song that tells everybody to party and get drunk and drown their sorrows. 'It's always easy to sell a record that appeals to the worst in people. They'll rise up to the occasion every time," Murphey said.

—Jill Jordan

AERho to take over KWCK for fund-raiser

Harding's chapter of Alpha Epsilon Rho, a Mass Communications honor society, will have the opportunity to borrow a radio station this spring.

Ryan Gibbons and Scott Fossey are two of the students who will take over "QUICK" (KWCK 99.3 FM) of Searcy for a few days this spring to showcase their airing skills. Not only will the adventure be a good experience but it will also raise money for the society this spring.

The students will have to cut deals with companies to "air their commercials through us for a good price to the audience, of which a large percentage is composed of teens — an excellent market to tap!" says Gibbons. All spots, or aired commercials, will be written and produced by the students themselves, with profits for the days of airtime going to AEP directly.

The money will be utilized in yet another expedition — this time to the National Convention of AEP in Orlando, Fla. There they will compete in a contest of chapters. Especially exciting is the attendance of influential people.

Says Gibbons, "There will be a lot of 'bigwigs' who are not only good to learn from, but are also important to impress. They may be future prospects for jobs, if they like what you have."

Already in their third chartered year, AEP looks to be a very promising well of talents to tap.

—Mark Hodges

The Backwash

by Mark Beshirs

My companions stared at me as I got up to leave. I took three steps from the table, paused, looked out the window, returned to the table and said, "I gotta go now. I gotta leave." Then I rushed out of the student center to pursue the vision of beauty that I had been watching for a couple of weeks or so. "What is her name?" I wondered as I bolted outside into the afternoon warmth.

I followed her for 10 minutes or so. I followed her behind the Olen Hendrix Building, in front of the library (the old, non-functioning one), past the Administration Building, and watched as she vanished into the American Studies Building which brought my predacious surveillance to to a far-too-abrupt conclusion. For anyone watching, it must have been evident what I was doing.

Oh, but I can't help myself. The girl is beauty. She was a beauty determined by a complex equation. A beauty who can boast perfection in each detail is boring. It's like one of those snap-together models we boys used to get when we were six.

Do you remember those? Whether it was a car or a World War II fighter, it always came out perfect. There was no question about it. Perfection. It was pre-colored, pre-fabricated, and all you had to do was snap it together without glue and stick it on its ready-made stand.

But then we graduated, boys. We got our first B-52 bomber. The pic-

ture on the box showed a glorious silver ghost, bristling with gun turrets, "Die Adolf" slogans, and a vicious, exhilarating shark's mouth on the nose. Each tiny rivet was discernible. It even came with little men that fit in the cockpit, ready for conflict.

You laid out your first tube of modeling glue. You stole your mom's toothpicks and spread out the evening news on your desk. With intensity you pulled the paints and paintbrushes from the crisp, brown sack that the man at the hobby shop had carefully placed the commodities.

And when you were finished, you had this thing that looked nothing like the airworthy craft on the box. So what? So what if there were places where the glue oozed pleasantly between the cracks? So what if there were pieces left over? So what if the American flag tilted drastically? You have a constitutional right to tilt your flag. So what if you accidentally turned the shark mouth upside-down and ended up looking more like a Cheshire cat than an instrument of terror and cruel punishment? So what? This was your first model and it was beautiful.

You pulled the fishing line out of your father's tackle box and hung that mean machine from the ceiling. Of course, your mother came in and told you that you had to hang it in your bedroom and not in the living room. But you could live with that. It was truly beautiful. Those snap-together/slap-together pieces of plastic deserved to be earthbound

"Nothing ever tastes the same the second time around"

on their cheesy, plastic stands, but your B-52 was made to be airborne. It was everything it needed to be, and more. It was your personal vision of what a terrifying tool of death should look like.

You probably don't remember when you threw those snap-together models away, but I guarantee you can remember finding it in the attic years later when you were in high school. You looked at it and grinned that same silly smile that is on your first driver's license. You looked at the peeling decals, the flaking paint, and you thought, however fleetingly, about hanging it back up.

In the cockpit sit two men — forever in conflict, and forever your secret pals.

The beauty of that B-52 is eternal because it possesses a spirit of personal beauty and genuine uniqueness that is as human as you or I.

So, this girl that I am hopelessly pining over is a living prodigy of this spirit. She ranks with the most conspicuous beauty, but what's more, her spirit gives her a memorable quality that screeches far past momentary lust and embeds itself in your memory securing for itself a place of tenderness and quiet reminiscence. Oh, I'll probably never meet her, but so what? I'm grinning big and silly when I look at her hanging from my mind's ceiling, and I'll laugh with pure joy when I find her in all her beauty in my attic years from now while casually reviewing these words.

The Year 89-90



A Chronological Look Back at the Events that Shaped OUR Lives.

April 15- Crowd stampede at soccer match in Sheffield, England, kills 95.

April 19- Gun turret explodes on USS Iowa, killing 47 sailors.

April 21- Junior Craig Cheatham becomes the new S.A. president in a close run-off election against Brian Mashburn.

May 3- Yasser Arafat says call for the destruction of Israel in PLO charter "null and void."

May 4- Col. Oliver North convicted of three counts in Iran-Contra affair, acquitted of nine.

May 6- 351 students graduate in spring commencement. Dr. Joseph E. Pryor speaks at the exercises.

May 8- Construction begins on the renovation of the Beaumont Memorial Library.

May 10- Panamanian leader Gen. Manuel Noriega annuls election after opposition wins by 3-1 margin.

May 17- More than 1 million Chinese prodemocracy demonstrators take to Beijing's streets.

May 31- Speaker of the House, Jim Wright resigns in the face of ethics problems. Thomas Foley later succeeds him.

ceeds him.

March 4- Machinists strike Eastern Airlines. Pilots and flight attendants honor picket lines.

March 9- President Bush's nominee for defense secretary, John Tower, loses Senate ratification vote.

March 24- Exxon Tanker Valdez spills more than 10 million gallons of oil in Alaska's Prince William Sound.

March 28- "An Easter Eggstravaganza" by Alpha Gamma Omega, Kirei Na Ai, OEGE, Shantih, Knights, King's Men and Chi Alpha Rho wins the Sweepstakes Award in Spring Sing 1989.

March 26- The Soviet Union holds first multi-candidate elections in 70

years.

April 4- Richard M. Daley, son of former mayor, elected mayor of Chicago.

April 5- Solidarity trade union legalized in Poland

April 7- Soviet nuclear sub sinks in Norwegian Sea, killing 12 sailors.

April 14- Beatlemania sweeps through Searcy when "1964 as the Beatles" performs to a frenzied Harding crowd.

Wright resigns in the face of ethics problems. Thomas Foley later succeeds him.

June 3- Chinese troops firing indiscriminately march on crowds in Beijing, killing hundreds, possibly thousands.

Chinese students revolt; Military opens fire

"I can't believe the news today. Wish I could close my eyes and make it go away ... And today the millions cry. We eat and drink while tomorrow they die."

-U2

Sunday Bloody Sunday

I remember seeing the sea of people on the news. It was summer vacation and I usually managed to be around a television near "news-time," not that I am particularly news hungry during the summer around "news-time." I'm usually more inclined to be food-hungry, but I would usually watch the news while my mom prepared the meal. That's just how it is in our house.

Like I said, though, I re-

member seeing the sea of people in China. I never paid too much attention to it at first.

"It's just another courageous protest that will fail miserably in the hands of a hard-nosed, fascist government," I thought.

While I enjoyed my home-cooked meal, I couldn't help but watch the images that came across our TV. It was all so far away and hard to imagine. Another thing that caught my eye was how the mob looked. They all looked so young and sickly. Eventually, I learned that they were mainly college students my age. Even younger.

It was days later when the massacre occurred. I was stupefied. Stunned. Ashamed. What rational actor could have ordered such reprehensible actions? Hitler, maybe.

The mob was jeopardizing their communist rule and being rational men, the priority became stopping the revolt.

Orders were given. Troops were brought in. AK-47 assault rifles were loaded and lowered. Triggers were pulled. Human targets were hit. Blood was spilled. Innocent lives were ended.

The Chinese fighting the Chinese. Think about it. The men that did the killing were probably no older than those they killed. OUR age.

I remember seeing the sea of people on TV. I ate grilled chicken while they starved for democracy. It was just another courageous protest that failed in the hands of a hard-nosed, fascist government. Or did it?

- Randy Williams

NEWS HUNGRY. People grab for copies of a student newsletter printed in Tiananmen Square. News from any source was welcome because of government censorship of the official Chinese press. The students showed great hope and courage as they fought communism in their country head on. Many died in the revolution that ended tragically, but many still hope for the Chinese students.

— Photo by Jeff Widener (AP)

The Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini dies in Iran.

June 4- Gas explosion in Soviet Union engulfs two passing trains, killing 645.

Solidarity overwhelming defeats Communist party in Polish parliamentary elections.

June 24-25- Oil spills in Texas, Delaware and Rhode Island.

July 3- The Supreme Court grants broad authority to states to restrict women's right to terminate pregnancies, but leaves intact its 1973 decision legalizing abortion.

July 6- Last of Pershing 1A missiles scrapped.

July 17- Maiden flight of B-2 Stealth bomber.

July 19- United DC-10 crashes while attempting emergency landing in Sioux City, Iowa — 112 dead, 184 survivors.

July 31- Lebanese kidnappers say they hanged U.S. hostage William Higgins, Marine lieutenant colonel

August 7- U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland of Texas killed in plane crash in Ethiopia.

August 14- P.W. Botha resigns as president of South Africa. F.W. DeKlerk formally succeeds him a month later.

August 17-21- The 4th annual Student Impact takes place on a hot and humid Harding campus. 1,082 freshmen, transfers and workers participate.

August 23- Fall semester classes

begin. Enrollment at a record high of 3,284.

August 24- Pete Rose banned from baseball for life.

Voyager 2 passes within 3,000 miles of Neptune.

August 30- Hotel "queen" Leona Helmsley convicted of tax evasion charges; later sentenced to four years in prison and fined \$8.8 million.

September 6- South African elections; 25 die in rioting.

September 10- Hungary drops requirements for East Germans to have exit permission from East German Government. Exodus of East Germans that began in summer increases.

September 17-21- Hurricane Hugo sweeps through the Caribbean and in Charleston, S.C., with 135 mile-per-hour winds, killing 62

September 19- A bomb explodes on French UTA DC-10 airliner over Chad, killing all 171 aboard.

September 20- Spring Sing hosts and hostesses are announced.

September 28- Michael Martin Murphey performs in the Benson.

September 29- Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor convicted and later sentenced to three days in jail for slapping a police officer.

October 1- The 66th annual Harding Bible Lectureship begins.

Berlin Wall comes down, thousands taste freedom

"... Before I built a wall, I'd ask to know,
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was like to give offense.
Something there is that doesn't love a wall,
That wants it down..."

— Robert Frost,
Mending Wall

There was such a wall shaped of concrete, protected even more by snarling barbed wire and a human barrier of machine-gun-armed soldiers with orders to shoot to kill, and that wall divided East and West Berlin.

The people inside were not convicts or labeled dangerous to our society; they were just people. They had families, homes, and jobs, but they lacked one thing ... freedom.

On the free West side of the wall was a city resem-

bling any typical, American city with tall buildings, flashing lights, large department stores, and all the dazzle and activity. The gruesome structure of the wall was disguised by colorful murals and spray-painted graffiti displaying messages like "Let My People Go!" and "Jesus died to save us ALL."

On the other side, in the east, the wall was gray and blank to match the buildings, the streets, and the life. The stores offered no varieties beyond necessity. The people knew nothing of the way of life on the other side.

On November 9, 1989 the barrier was finally broken. The people in East Germany were free to go where they pleased. The gates were opened and through them walked the astonished East Germans into the arms of the anxiously awaiting West Germans.

Families separated for

over two decades were reunited. Adults, 28 years old, experienced for the first time, life without confinement.

The next day, the papers were plastered with headlines such as "The Wall is Gone" and "East Germans Open Floodgates." The cameras showed East German side by side with the soldiers, crying and laughing together as they chipped away at the hated wall.

The faces were as memorable as those of family. They had just received what many daily take for granted. Yet they now know just how incredible the liberty is, and that day they felt it for the first time is one no one should forget.

There are few things comparable to freedom. To the East Germans, there may be nothing.

— Anita Chadwell

SWEET FREEDOM. West Berliners applaud as an East Berlin family crosses into their city and into freedom only hours after East Berlin border police opened the gates separating the two countries. A western party ensued outside the gates and lasted several days while those who wished travelled between the two cities. Several people began chipping away at the wall with hammers and chisels while others celebrated on top of the wall. — Photo by the Associated Press.



The history of the world can change in two semesters . . .

October 5- PTL preacher Jim Bakker convicted of fraud charges and later sentenced to 45 years in prison.

Dali Lama wins Nobel Peace Prize.

October 6-8- Harding's third annual Open House weekend attracts over 500 visitors.

October 7- Hungarian Communist Party formally disbands, reconstituting itself as the Hungarian Socialist Party. Parliament later rewrites constitution and adopts laws

allowing several parties to contest free elections next year.

October 13- Stock market plunges 190.58 points, its second biggest drop ever, for days after hitting a record closing high of 2791.4.

October 17- An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale rocks the San Francisco Bay area, killing 67 and causing \$7 billion damage.

Searcy also rocks when Johnny Cat performs at the Rialto Theatre.

October 18- Amid large demonstrations, East German Communist Party chief Erich Honaker is ousted and replaced by Egon Krenz.

October 27- Ericca Walker is crowned the 1989 Homecoming queen in chapel.

October 28- The Oakland A's sweep the San Francisco Giants to win quake-delayed World Series.

November 4- Thailand's worst typhoon in 35 years ravages the Gulf of Thailand and Unocal's oil rig Seacrest capsizes. At least 200 die in storm, 447 missing.

An unusually quiet pledge week ends.

November 9- THE WALL COMES DOWN! East Germany lifts travel restrictions and opens gateways through the Berlin Wall.

November 10- Bulgarian Communist Party chief Todor Zhivkov is ousted and replaced by moderate.

November 14- Czechoslovakia announces it will open borders.

November 16- South African government announces it will repeal law allowing segregated public facilities.

November 29- Czechoslovak Parliament deletes leading role of Communist Party from constitution after massive protests force resignations of Communist hardliners.



90's in Effect

November 30- BISONS BEAT THE BEARS! Harding Bisons defeat the UCA Bears at UCA to take District 17 title.

December 3- East German Communist leader Krenz and ruling party Politburo resign after parliament votes to eliminate party's constitutional guarantee of power.

December 16- 125 Seniors graduate in the fall commencement exercises.

December 20- U.S. Military force attacks Panamanian military bases in bid to oust and capture Gen. Manuel Noriega, who later seeks asylum from the Vatican embassy in Panama.

December 22- After a week of violently suppressed protest, a popular uprising drives Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu from power. Ceausescu and his wife are executed.

January 1- The 90's begin!

January 3- Noriega surrenders to U.S. troops outside the Vatican embassy in Panama.

January 10- Spring semester classes begin. Dr. Burks announces in chapel a 1.6 million donation from Robert and Sandy Brackett of Vero Beach, Florida towards the new library.

January 12- The S.A. hosts the annual "Welcome Back" party. Comedian Craig Anton performs to

the completely packed Heritage banquet rooms.

January 18- Raymond and Peggy McMartin Buckey are found not-guilty of 52 child molestation charges in the nation's lengthiest (33 months) and costliest (\$15 million) trial.

January 19- An Eastman-Kodak jet crashes in Little Rock killing seven.

January 21-24- The second annual Student Lectureship becomes the College Church's Spring Meeting.

January 28- The San Francisco 49ers demolished the Denver Broncos for the NFL championship in the Super Bowl by a score of 55-10.

February 4- 200,000 Soviets march on Moscow demanding the end of the Communist rule.

February 7- The Soviet government votes to end the 70-year Communist Party monopoly on power in the USSR. President Mikhail Gorbachev proposes a plan for an elected president and a multi-party system of government.

February 11- Nelson Mandela is freed in South Africa after nearly 30 years in prison.

February 12- The 1990 Petit Jean goes to press in Visalia, California.