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Student Lectureship follows ‘In His Steps’

by Tim Stanley

The 1994 Student Lectureships got under way Sunday as senior Keith Kilmer expressed his thoughts on the identity of Christ in his lesson, “Who is this Man?” Introducing the series theme of “In His Steps,” Kilmer’s lesson laid the preliminary groundwork for the lectures to follow.

The series ran from Sunday through Wednesday, with classes each day for men and women, a chapel address, and a keynote lecture concluding the day’s events each night. Each class concentrated on a specific aspect of Christ’s life and character, such as His compassion and forgiving nature.

Although previous lectureships had, in some way, examined particulars of Christ’s life, this year’s series made it a special emphasis. “We’ve had some great lectureships over the last few years. But we thought it was about time we focused a series specifically on Jesus—His characteristics and traits, how He lived and what it means for us,” senior Nick Fouts said.

Fouts and senior Lori Tucker headed a lectureship committee formed earlier in the year. The committee consisted of 30 students who, as Fouts described them, “as diverse and different a group as we could assemble.” Upon its inception, the group met and determined lectureship topics and speakers. The selected speakers were then given the opportunity to choose their topics.

In her class, senior Jessica Pel! discussed Jesus’ humility and how He always redirected people’s attention from Himself to God. “He made sure the focus was on God and God’s will, and in so doing, set a very powerful example,” she said.

In his keynote address on “The Praying Jesus,” Fouts reflected on prayer’s role in Christ’s life and how it is needed to nurture an individual’s relationship with God. “There are several instances in the Bible where Jesus prayed all night or went off to be by Himself and pray,” Fouts said. “He knew the importance of prayer and we can learn from this. Without it, we will become spiritually malnourished.”

Other lessons from this year’s lectureships included Rich Little’s “The Human/Divine Jesus,” Bob Lawrence’s “The Holy Jesus,” and Nathan Mellor’s “The Crucified Jesus.”

In the lectureship finale on Wednesday night, senior Jay Baker spoke on the lordship of Jesus. In his lecture, Baker pointed out how Americans have always stressed freedom and liberty and how this fact may sometimes cause problems for American Christians. “We need to remember that we still have a Lord in our lives,” Baker said. “By becoming Christians we accept, in essence, a life of slavery. We become slaves to righteousness.”

Concerning this year’s series, junior Greg Braumley said, “It was encouraging to see the spirit of God move in such powerful messages. I especially liked the lesson on the praying Jesus. It reminded me how vitally important the relationship with God was for Jesus and how He wants it to be for us.”

Continuing education classes begin on Monday

by Shanshan Jen

“The Fun Continues” – a continuing education program co-sponsored by the Small Business Development Center and the United States Small Business Administration, will start its spring slate of courses January 31.

Thirty-six professional and personal development classes will be available to Harding students and people from the community. Dr. Bob Reely, director of Continuing Education, said this program is offered every semester to serve the Searcy community. As a matter of fact, there are already 35 Harding students and 100 people from the community registered for classes, and the number of total registrants is still increasing.

What kind of advantages do these classes provide? “First, there’s apparently no test, and it’s a lot of fun,” Reely said. “You can take a class you’re interested in, even if it is not required. And they are not very costly. You can just call and pay as you go and it’s a lot of fun.”

Students interested in registering for any class have three convenient options:

1) Pick up one of the registration forms in the lobby of the American Heritage Center. Fill it out and mail it.
2) Call 279-4497 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
3) Stop by the office in the lobby of the American Heritage Center between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Anyone who is willing to learn is qualified to register. Some of the classes have limited enrollment, so early registration will ensure an opening. “If there are young married couples who want to take the marriage courses, but don’t have enough money, come talk to us,” Reely said. “We don’t want to see you giving up classes you really need to take, and maybe we can make some arrangement regarding your situation.”

Reely specifically encouraged that Harding students take advantage of this program. “Take time to pick up a pamphlet and look closely at what kind of benefit you can gain from it and what kind of classes you might enjoy,” he said. “Continuing Education is a school that doesn’t cost you much and it is lots of fun!”

SNOW VOLLEYBALL. Jim Gill and friends take advantage of the snowfall. See story on page 6. (photo by Jason Burt)
I didn't see the president's State of the Union address. I didn't really care too much about what he was saying, to be honest. It was fascinating to sit in my Comparative Law class the next day, and listen to the other people talk about it. I expect not many more than ten percent of the students watched the address. However, it seemed like everyone had some sort of reaction to it. They talked about what he said, and I'm told that Hillary was looking around to see who was sleeping and who wasn't. I think I understand how someone who is not a sports fan feels after the Super Bowl or the World Series.

There have been several interesting developments in the world of litigation.

First, Lorena Bobbitt was acquitted last week of malicious wounding. John Bobbitt was acquitted of sexual assault last year. I don't understand. How can something like that happen and no one be guilty. Just what is "temporary insanity" anyway?

Second, Michael Jackson settled out of court for an estimated $10 million. Why would someone settle for that much if there were not something behind the allegations? Then again, what's $10 million to Michael Jackson?

The 1994 Student Lecture ship was a success. The talks were especially challenging this year, and I listened to the Monday's chapel talk by Steve Valentine. We have a tendency to become complacent and worry more about that, thinking about what we than everyone else's souls. Being genuinely concerned about other people's souls is the key to truly "walking in His steps."

"How bout them Cowboys?" Does anyone really think Buffalo can win? Still, everyone agrees that they deserve some respect for getting to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in a row. They'll get it if they win.

It's amazing how much money on a game. Tickets are being scalped for as much as $5,000. I guess that's why the median income of ticket holders is $57,000.

Officials estimate that $57 million will be bet legally and $2.5 million will be bet illegally on the game.

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Opinions

The Happiest Place on Earth

By Carolyn Holmes

In high school, my choir group took a trip to Disneyland. Although I'd been there once before as a child, I still couldn't stifle my excitement and amazement that such a perfect and magical place existed. The immaculate Main Street rose into the clouds, with old-fashioned cafes, arcades and candy shops on every corner. Each employee wore a costume befitting his duty and seemed to smile at us sincerely, while living cartoons in floppy shoes and brightly colored outfits hugged their wide-eyed fans. The children rang out as a parade proceeded around the square. Brass bands trumpeted through the streets, and elaborate floats twisted and twirled to the music. Prince Charming, from the back of a pumpkin-shaped carriage, waved a gloved hand in my direction, and I was in love.

Each day ended with flaming red, white, gold and blue explosions, cracking, whistling and popping joyfully as they illuminated the darkness. Stupifying our Mickey-shaped ice cream bars, a friend and I lounged on the curb, enjoying the view. It was the close of a perfect summer day, and we couldn't help sighing, "Wouldn't it be great if the whole world was like Disneyland?"

My friend turned to me, a little surprised, and said, "Well, actually, I think the world is a lot like Disneyland."

I looked at her quizzically, and she continued, "Just look at us. All day, just like thousands of others here, we've been rushing from one ride to another, hoping each will be better than the one before. Everybody's crowding and pushing in lines, hoping to get there first and get the best seats and the best view, and then when one thrill is done, they want to be the first ones off so they can beat everyone to the next ride."

"Yeah," I agreed, slightly depressed now. "I guess everyone just wants to see everything and do everything before the park closes."

"But they don't really seem to be having fun while they're doing it," she added. "Kind of a waste, don't you think?"

"Kind of like real life," I admitted.

Neither of us spoke for a moment. We watched the fireworks and wondered how much joy could be clouded over by selfishness and greed. How ironic that, even in the "happiest place on earth," we could not be satisfied.

Suddenly, we were aware of a cluster of children a few feet away, surrounding a mammoth Goofy. They clung to him and hugged him and grinned at him with shy, sparkling eyes. One little girl-fairy watched from a distance. Then, with a bit of coaxing from her mother, she finally approached him. Silently, he held out his arms and she ran into them. "I love you, Goofy," she whispered. "This is such a good day!"

As my friend and I -- two of the world's great crockets -- seemed to swallow, and the fireworks seemed to mingle and dance with the stars.

"Too bad everyone can't see Disneyland with her," my friend said.

"I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children." -- Jesus (Luke 10:21)

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Letter to the Editor

In my chapel talk last November, I said: "Truth is important—think carefully. If someone in your family tells you that you should not get AIDS through casual sex, you should not make a priori beliefs about it, but listen. Overpopulation is important. It's the only way to prevent a global nuclear war, or a global nuclear war. I was quoted in the news as saying that it was important to listen to the experts, and I was quoted as saying that it was important to listen to the experts."

1. I made no assertion that "the world is not yet prepared to deal with a large-scale epidemic," or that "the world is not ready." I was speaking about the epidemic in light of recent developments, particularly the emergence of the SARS virus.

2. I was not speaking about "the AIDS epidemic" in general, but rather the specific issue of the "Silent Planet." I was noting that the "Silent Planet" has been a source of controversy and debate, and that it is important to consider the views of experts on this issue.

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For more information, see the following references:

- "The Silent Planet," by C. S. Lewis
- "Out of the Silent Planet," by C. S. Lewis
- "The Screwtape Letters," by C. S. Lewis
- "Narnia Chronicles," by C. S. Lewis

Student reflects on Dr. Muncy's influence

By Roger Clayton

Precious few individuals are capable of teaching by example so that they deserve the title of mentor. Those noble souls who possess that inward spark which leads others to strive to be like them are certainly rare and blessed. Sadly, Harding is now for one who had a tremendous influence for the kingdom of heaven, while striving to enlighten others about the power of ideas and the nature of truth.

In a letter to the Editor in NATION, Dr. Raymond Muncy, the prospect of describing him in a few lines seems impossibly imposible. When Chancellor Clifton Gurne Jr. decribes Dr. Muncy as being "an amazing human being who most certainly was rare and true," it appears that the task of discussing his life in a meaningful way could do justice to him is rather impossible. However, in a tribute to a mentor, I would like to offer to those who did not know him about the type of a Christian husband, father, scholar, teacher, preacher and well-versed man of God that he was.

In my chapel talk last November, I urged: "We must be like Screwtape, the devilish saint, and do not question the facts which she presented."

The question still remains: why did Dr. Muncy do this? It wasn't merely a Trivial Pursuit curiosity that caused them to do this. I do not get science as a fact, but I do get science as a fact. It wasn't merely a Trivial Pursuit curiosity that caused them to do this. I do not get science as a fact, but I do get science as a fact. It wasn't merely a Trivial Pursuit curiosity that caused them to do this. I do not get science as a fact, but I do get science as a fact. It wasn't merely a Trivial Pursuit curiosity that caused them to do this. I do not get science as a fact, but I do get science as a fact.

His classes, as well as personal discussions, were constantly filled with something new that we wanted to discuss. We would compare notes and share ideas about the topics he discussed. He encouraged his students to think about the topics he discussed and to explore them in new ways. He was a great teacher and we were fortunate to have him as our mentor.

I would also love to inform those who have been to college that Dr. Muncy was always reading and keeping his mind fresh.

Dr. Larry Long, as well as many others who knew him personally, said: "He was a great man of God who will be greatly missed and remembered."

Miss Muncy knew how to get to people, to encourage them to find their "inner spark" that sets them apart in God's creation. He had a kind of gentleness that made those who had every right to shun him feel welcome. His knowledge, and more importantly, his wisdom communicated himself by it. He was able to constantly pursue some form of learning or undertaking some new project that would be of help to someone else.

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Spirited Students. Diadra McGregor and Tquam Moore were recently named the recipients of the 1994 Regina Spirit Award. (photo by Jason Burt)

Moore, McGregor win Spirit Award
by Todd Stewart
Bison staff writer

Diadra McGregor and Tquam Moore were honored last week as recipients of the 1994 Regina Spirit Award. McGregor and Moore were officially recognized with plaques in chapel January 20.

McGregor, a member of Shantih social club and a queen for the Knights social club, has surprised and did not even expect this. "It's a surprise," says McGregor. "I was very surprised and did not even expect this. I am very honored that people would think of me in that light," McGregor said.

Moore, a member of Chi Sigma Alpha social club and a bunny for Shantih social club, has led an organized and participated in many service projects and devotions here at Harding. She also spends much of her spare time volunteering at the Migrant Head Start in Searcy. "I was very surprised and did not even expect this. I am very honored that people would think of me in that light," McGregor said.

Each year the Regina social club nominates seniors who have exemplified the spirit of Christ for the Regina Spirit Award. Members of the senior class vote on the nominees. Christy Coonts, president of Regina said, "Regina wants to honor two seniors who exemplify Christ through their faithfulness to God, their servanthood and their overall Christian attitude." Regina initially created the Spirit Award several years ago when its members realized that other people receive awards for athletics and academics but rarely do people receive an award for their service to God and to their community.

Career Office helps find jobs
by Georgia Choate
Bison staff writer

According to figures released recently by Harding's Career Planning and Placement Office, 87 percent of Harding's 1992 graduates found a job within 90 days of graduation, the highest percentage in years. The Career Planning and Placement Office (formerly called Job Placement Services) plays the role of mediator between college graduates and potential employers. The office researches job openings, networks with other universities to locate open positions and counsels students of all classifications about their careers.

Dr. Ed Higginbotham, director of the office, assists students in a personalized job search. "Last year," Higginbotham said, "we had 114 companies come to our campus during our career day fair, which included the teacher employment fair, business, industry and government day, nursing career day, and the allied health fair." Higginbotham said the fairs are held so students can gather information about certain companies while the corporations look for prospective employees.

When a senior requests help in finding a job, Higginbotham said, the Career Planning and Placement Office puts together a credential packet, which includes a transcript, letters of recommendation, references and a resume. "We keep [credential packets] forever," he said. "We just find a place to store some of the older ones. That way, five or six years from now, if an alumnus or recent exchange, can we send their credential packet and give them a list of job openings."

"Higginbotham said one of his office's major objectives is to help students interested in missions. "Churches from across the United States and around the world send their young people to Harding, Ambrose Christian or David Lipscomb to get a Christian education," he said. "When they come here, many times they may not settle in this area and worship with a church of 600 or 700 where their leadership talents are really never used. There's a need in the places where they come from that we try to get them a job where the church is weak." Some churches, Higginbotham said, ask for seniors' resumes and then offer to find those graduates a job in areas that are in need of evangelists.

Higginbotham said the easiest job markets to find a position in are nursing, health-related fields, social work, computer science, accounting, special education and advanced math and science-related fields. Some of the more difficult fields to find a job in, Higginbotham said, are elementary education, English, history, and radio television. "I would not discourage students from following their dreams," Higginbotham said, "but they need to know that these jobs are harder to find." Higginbotham said the placement office's goal this year is to help 97 percent of Harding's graduates find a position within 90 days of their graduation.

The placement office doesn't just cater to seniors, however. Higginbotham said underclassmen seeking an internship or a summer job can take advantage of the Cooperative Education Office, headed by Denise Miller. Students who are still confused about a major can also take an interest test to see what field is best suited to them.

Another facet of the Career Planning and Placement Office, located in the American Heritage building, is a current library of information about careers. Students interested in a certain career field can learn more about it in the placement office's dictionaries. These books specify a job's history, stability and educational requirements, as well as certain job responsibilities. Other books describe the job market in a specific area such as Tennessee, New York or Boston. The office also receives bi-weekly bulletins, published by universities nationwide, which contain the names of companies which are hiring in each university's area. Information is also available about some major companies, such as Wal-Mart and Toys "R" Us.

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Student Impact is a big part of Harding's mission. These events may include dinners and special speakers, to help orient the parents of new students to university life.

The Registration/Sign-in committee is involved with the Summer Experience program held during June and July. During this time, students have an opportunity to get their classes, meet instructors and become oriented to the Harding campus.

Both Baine and Denise Pierce said they see Student Impact, and the Energy groups in particular, as playing an important part in helping the new students adjust to life at Harding. "This is their way to establish an identity," Pierce said. Baine said the Energy groups also provide an opportunity for the students to begin new friendships.

"We provide the new students with an orientation to life on campus from a spiritual perspective, an academic perspective and a social perspective," Pierce said. "Pierce said that Student Impact continues to get better every year. "It gets people more involved," she said, "and I think that's what Harding is all about - serving others.

Due to the enormous amount of work involved in Student Impact, a Steering Committee, along with several smaller committees, help the co-directors in planning and organizing activities. "The steering committee is the committee directly below the co-directors," Pierce said. "Together with the co-directors, they have the task of deciding what the theme and the colors for Student Impact week will be."

A smaller committee - called the Freshman Start Leaders - is in charge of the games which are played during the week. It is also their job to take the initiative in meeting all of the freshmen and transfer students. During Student Impact, they are responsible for calling the people in their Energy groups to make sure that the new students are adjusting well to their new environment.

"The Energy groups," Baine explained, "are comprised of a small circle of students who try to provide each new student with a more personal, one-on-one orientation experience, while staying within the framework of the larger process. The big thrust of Impact," Baine said, "is really centered around the Energy groups and what they do.

Seven other committees play a vital part in Student Impact, Pierce said. They are Campus Leaders, the Sourcebook and Publicity committee, the Spiritual Life committee, the Student Life committee, the Parents' Program committee, the Registration/Sign-in committee and the Summer Experience committee.

Pierce said Campus Leaders are essential to the success of Student Impact. "Campus Leaders serve as the hospitality crew. They help the new students move into their dorms and make sure they know that Harding is glad to have them here," she said.

The Sourcebook and Publicity Committee is involved in producing an informational guide for freshmen and transfers. The sourcebook serves as a daily guide, a diary of happenings and a resource for Energy group leaders. The publicity arm of the committee is in charge of publicizing each of the numerous events which are planned for the student as well as encouraging attendance and participation at the events. The Spiritual Life committee is involved in planning events to support and reinforce Harding's mission. These events may include outside or local speakers and singing groups.

When it comes to organizing mixers, games, movies and concerts, the committee in charge is the Student Life committee. They also are involved in unloading cars, clean-up and anything else that needs to be done.

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Baine said the Energy groups also provide an opportunity for the students to begin new friendships. A workers' meeting, for anyone interested in helping with Student Impact, will be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 12 in the Hammon room of the Student Center.

SA seeks input on public prayers

by Jennifer Mills
Bison staff writer

The Student Association voted Tuesday to solicit student input on continuing public prayer in the cafeteria. A two-week trial period for public prayer every 45 minutes began at the start of the spring semester. Feedback, concerning the prayer has been both positive and negative.

S.A. members believe that no harm can come from praying publicly at meal times. Matthew Quigley, S.A. executive vice president, said that he realizes that it will take time for some to adjust to the change.

Public prayer in the cafeteria was once a long-standing tradition. Nick Fouts, spiritual life director, said he was not sure where the tradition was lost, but he feels it is a good way for the students to thank God for the food in a unified body. Fouts said the S.A. also thought the student body would appreciate the opportunity to pray openly in a public setting.

Senior representative Terry Davis said he feels that Christians have difficulty thanking God at meals because the world finds it unacceptable. However, students here "are not setting the necessary for them to pray without difficulty, and some still feel uncomfortable," he said.

The examples of Jesus praying publicly are usually at meal times. Davis said he believes that students should follow His example.

Senior Todd Denoyer said that, initially, he did not look favorably at the proposal for public prayer because he used that as a personal time for praying to God. Although he was uncomfortable with the change at the beginning, he now feels that it is good for the students. He can pray silently and with fellow students.
Cold weather catches students off guard

by Christie Jandecka
Bison staff writer

This spring, for the first time ever, Harding University went to a one-day registration process, replacing the old system in which students were registered over a two-day period.

Butch Gardner, dean of students, said things ran very smoothly. "In fact," he said, "the one-day registration went without a hitch." Gardner said he heard no complaints about the new system and hopes to continue the process each semester.

"Pre-registration was the key to everything running as smoothly as it did," Gardner said. "The more steps that can be eliminated, the less complicated the process becomes."

Leslie Miller, a junior from Little Rock, said she was in favor of the one-day registration. "I liked the fact that I didn't have to come back to school a day early," Miller said. Many students complained about how strictly they were required to follow their time cards, but as it turned out, that was what appeared to keep the whole process moving.

A great deal of preparation went into getting the one-day registration started, according to Pat Young, assistant to the vice president for finance. Young said 110 people were recruited and trained to help out with the registration. Three thousand eight hundred students were registered that Monday. Young said, and she pointed to the student body's cooperation as the reason for the success of the effort. "The students turning in their time cards at the appropriate time was the most important part of the process," Young said. "We were extremely pleased, with the way everyone cooperated."

Final registration figures released Monday showed that 3,374 students had registered for the spring semester. That's a 5.7 percent increase over the 3,181 who enrolled at Harding for the spring '93 semester.

Students fast and pray for lectureship

by Laura McFarland
Bison staff writer

(Editors' Note: Due to the nature of fasting, portions of this article have been declined to be identified.)

The Student Lectureship Committee opted for something new this year. Students had the chance to fast and pray all day Thursday, and then fast again together in celebration the day after the lectures ended.

The fast was held to help students focus their studies. Approximately 55 students publicly participated in the event. Shores Chapel was open all day Thursday as a place where participants could go for peace and quiet to focus on their purpose of their fast. A senior from Portland, Ore., said, "The fast has helped me focus on Jesus... everybody who does this - it will really help them immensely." Another student, who is a senior majoring in the leadership program, said, "It is good for us to have as many opportunities as we can take to take our minds off ourselves and focus on the lectureship."

In the past, the lectureship committee had suggested fasting to the student body, but had gotten minimal support. Many who participated in this year's fast felt that they would have had a much more difficult time fulfilling their commitment had they not had others around to support them and to pray with. A junior from Mobile, Ala., was motivated by the fast to challenge others. "I would challenge my roommates to fast together secretly throughout the year."

Fasters feasted together last night on a buffet of "salads, entrees, vegetables and desserts," catered by ARA. A senior from Searcy said, "The student lectureship committee decided to add the feast to the program this year as a time of both fellowship and celebration for what God has done for us."

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Lady Bisons beat John Brown, 99-59

By Kenny Hightower
Bison Sports Editor

Coming off of two consecutive losses to Arkansas Tech and University of the Ozarks, the Lady Bisons responded well by defeating the John Brown University Lady Eagles 99-59 in an Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference match Saturday.

Senior Kynn Alexander led all scorers with 29, while grabbing 16 rebounds. Freshman Bridget Benson, who has been averaging in double figures in the last four games, dropped in 21 points and snatched 17 rebounds. The Lady Bisons led in team rebounding 61-29.

Coach Greg Harnden seemed to be pleased with the effort, "We helped our mental outlook by getting a victory. We needed to play at home after the two tough road games. We also got the ball in to our scorers," Harnden said.

With 17:56 left in the first half, the Lady Bisons took the lead on a Cindy Campbell jumper. From that point on, they never looked back. The score at halftime was 51-24 and the rout was on.

All was going well in the first half until the Lady Eagles came back and claimed the lead 19-18. The rest of the night was one of inconsistencies and missed opportunities, as the Bisons shot only 33.8 percent from the floor, 23.8 percent from three-point range and 64 percent from the charity stripe.

Evidence of the Bisons’ inconsistent shooting became apparent early in the second half when they managed to score only five points in the first 10 minutes of play, and then went on a scoring spree, putting 31 points on the board in the final 10 minutes of the game.

"We were playing like individuals the first 39 minutes of the game and only started playing like a team the last 10, to make the score respectable," Coach Jeff Morgan said.

After being down by 20 mid-way through the second half, the Bisons mounted their scoring run to narrow the Golden Eagles’ margin of victory to 11. The Bisons were led in scoring by sophomore Jason Cooper, who had 16 points to lead all scorers, and senior co-captain Tony Marion, who grabbed eight rebounds.

The team studied the game tape on Sunday, and immediately began to prepare for Monday night’s game against UCA. The Bears, who left the NIAA last year to play at the NCAA Division II level, brought a 12-2 record into the game, with all of their victories coming against other Division II schools. The Bisons responded to the step-up in competition, displaying a great deal of enthusiasm and intensity before finally failing to the Bears by four.

TAKING IT TO THE HOLE. The Lady Bisons’ Kynn Alexander drives past two defenders to score during Saturday’s 99-59 demolition of John Brown University. (Photo by Jason Burt)

MEET THE BISONS

Darren Gowen
#15 Forward

Hometown - Searcy, Arkansas
Most Admired - Person - Jim Gowen (Father), Jamey Gowen (Brother)
Favorite Athlete - Michael Jordan
Favorite Team - Arkansas Razorbacks

Most Memorable Moment - In high school, Darren was somewhat of a standout in basketball. The Christmas tournament in Jacks­onville his junior year proved to be one of his finer moments. Darren scored 34 points against Sylvan Hills, including the game­winning basket with only five seconds left on the clock. He was named to the All-tournament team for his performance.

"We played like a totally different team Monday night," Morgan said. "We gave a much better effort and executed our game plan well. We played like we cared for one another out there."

And care for one another they did by sacrificing themselves and taking seven charges from UCA. The Bisons’ all-out effort sparked the crowd to get into the game, but the real story of the second half was not the Bisons’ sizzling 54-percent shooting from the floor or the number of times players gave up their bodies to take the charge. The real story was the fact that UCA had 26 attempts from the free throw line compared with only 10 for the Bisons. This led to 15 more points for the Bears and helped them in the end, to slip by the Bisons 69-65.

With 11 games left in the regular season, the Bisons’ record now stands at 7-11. The current six-game losing streak is the longest of Morgan’s career. Morgan, however, is optimistic about the future of Harding basketball.

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Bison extend losing streak to six but remain optimistic

By Matthew Morningstar
Bison staff writer

With 2:11 left in the game Saturday night, John Brown University hit two free throws to nail down a 74-63 victory over the Bisons.

The Bisons had jumped out to a 14-6 lead early in the contest, only to watch the Golden Eagles come back and reclaim the lead 19-18. All was going well in the first half until the Lady Bisons got a scare. Campbell went down with what appeared to be a serious knee injury.

Examinations revealed it was either strained or twisted, so Camp is expected to be ready for the next game.

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