University to receive $6 million from Moore estate

by Tim Stanley
Staff writer

Harding’s long tradition of prospering through the generosity of loyal Christian supporters continued last week. The school will soon be the recipient of a $6 million grant donated by the estate of the late Carl T. Moore of Harrison. The grant will be presented within soon be the recipient of a $6 million grant special one.

The situation surrounding the gift was the first to learn of the forthcoming trust was administered by Carl Moore actually died 15 years ago and, in order to provide and care for his handicapped daughter, Carlene, the money from the estate was placed into a trust. The trust was administered by Charles A. Hinkle of Little Rock, whose family also took responsibility for Moore’s daughter. When Carlene Moore died last summer, the remaining money in the trust was tapped for distribution among several beneficiaries, according to the directions of her late father. Harding was one of those beneficiaries. The other recipients have not yet been disclosed, however, as the estate is still in the process of being liquidated.

Prior to his death in 1979, Carl Moore had been very active in his support of Harding. A member of the President’s Development Council, Moore and his wife took every opportunity to visit the campus. He also set up a scholarship fund at Northside Church of Christ in Harrison, enabling deserving young Christians to further their education at Harding. Moore is still remembered by many for his generosity and altruistic spirit. Rob Kernodle, 23, a senior from Harrison, knew the Moores and recalled visiting them as a child. “I was young when Mr. Moore died; but what I remember most about him was his generous and caring nature,” Kernodle said. “You could see it plainly through his devotion to his daughter and his dealings with people.”

As he expressed his deep gratitude for the gift, Burks also offered reflections on the Moore family. He said he helped the entire Harding family would appreciate the benevolence of Carl Moore and others like him. “We should do everything we can to take advantage of good Christian people who loved the Lord, the church and Harding,” he said. “Harding could not operate without such gifts. And without the generosity of people like the Moores, we simply could not continue to offer the services that we offer. This particular gift will affect the lives of thousands of students at Harding for years to come.”

Burks said it is uncertain at present for what purposes and undertakings the grant will be used. After it is received, the Board of Trustees will make a decision toward that end. Burks suggested that some of the money might possibly go into the University’s Endowment Fund, the interest from which is applied to the general operation of the college, including equipment costs and faculty salaries.

Business department initiates international business major

by Amy Pruett
Staff writer

Harding University is now offering international business as a major or minor. Dr. Budd Hebert, associate professor of business, is in charge of the program. Hebert began designing the curriculum for the program last August.

Dr. David Tucker, dean of the School of Business, noted that Harding has always had an international focus with its various programs abroad. “Now,” he said, “it is necessary for students to be prepared for international business.”

The program is being operated under the auspices of the Center for International Business and is located administratively within Harding’s School of Business. Potential candidates for the program must have a strong liberal arts background and are also expected to acquire fluency in a foreign language. Hebert said one of the goals of the program is to give the students a global perspective. “The students need to have an understanding of other cultures and they also need to have a language and practical experience,” he said.

Students taking part in one of the programs abroad will be able to complete their practicum during their stay. The practicum will involve meeting with the managers of foreign companies to get a feel for their businesses. Exchange students who are involved in the program will travel to various cities, such as Paris, to see how an American business is run. “The practicum is designed to get the students integrated into the business environment,” Hebert said.

The practicum is just one of four required courses which comprise the core of the program. Other classes which must be taken include international business, international marketing and comparative economic systems. Students who choose international business as a major are also required to take 18 hours of a foreign language in addition to 12 hours of course work in business. International business is also being offered as an 18-hour minor. Eight of those hours must be taken in a foreign language, in addition to 10 hours which must be taken in the School of Business. There is no practicum requirement for the minor.

Since the new degree program was announced, 30 students have notified Hebert of their interest in declaring international business as their major. Jennifer Barnes, a junior from Searcy, is one of those students. Barnes has traveled abroad and will have taken both Italian and French by graduation. She plans to attend a language school in Italy this summer to bolster her fluency in Italian. “I picked international business as my major because it will give me more opportunities to travel,” Barnes said.

When a company hires an international business student, Hebert said, they feel they are getting someone who enjoys other cultures, knows other languages, is willing to take risks, is flexible and who likes to travel. “That’s what Corporate America is looking for,” he said. Hebert pointed out that being an international business graduate will not automatically guarantee a job or a large salary. That, he said, will depend on what the student can contribute to the company.

One big focus of the Center for International Business will be the upcoming Business Mission Seminar. Scheduled to take place during Spring Break, the five-day seminar will be hosted by Hebert and missionaries from Romania. Adrian Hickmon, assistant professor of marriage and family therapy, and many other teachers will be involved in the seminar. “The seminar will be used as a vehicle to study the Bible with the Romanian people,” Hebert said. Hebert said he envisions a whole series of
Opinions

Possessing the secret of Joy

In 1980, a young girl was killed by a drunk driver, leaving a single mother feeling as though she had lost everything. Over a decade later, a well-loved comedian died of cancer. Many tears were shed for the vibrant woman who had brought laughter to so many lives. These two women never met, yet a common thread lies with those they left behind. The mother of the drunk driving victim decided that simply grieving over the loss of her child was not enough. She founded Congress until finally, they began to give funding to her newly-created organization, Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The comedienne's family wanted to leave a tribute as well, something that would serve not only as a memorial, but also help cancer victims in the future. So Gilda Wilder and many of his friends and family set out to create a relaxing environment for cancer victims and their families. They called it "Gilda's House."

With each effort to improve life for another person, these survivors came a step closer to possessing joy again. They didn't stop at grieving. They didn't just ask, "Why did this happen to me?" Instead, in the midst of their storms, they threw life preservers. What if the whole world had the mind set of these survivors? What if everyone who felt alone in the world decided to put aside his own loneliness and be there for someone else? What if every person who was insecure decided daily to make five people feel better about themselves? What if everyone being eaten away by anger concentrated on showing Jesus to the source of his frustration, rather than on getting revenge? Lonely people would become extinct. Self-esteem would rise. Blood pressure would fall. Wars would end. Love would abound.

I don't expect this earth to ever reach that point. But God has promised us joy; it isn't unattainable. Maybe we're just looking for it in the wrong places. Like most Christians, I learned the secret of lifelong joy in Vacation Bible School without ever realizing it. Over and over they told us JOY stood for Jesus, Others and lastly, Yourself. But old age haswarped me. These days, I find myself trying to spell joy with the "Y" at the beginning, or just leaving out the other two letters altogether. And it doesn't work. Despite our love for abbreviations and shortcuts, joy can only be a three-letter word, and it can only begin with Jesus.

Many of us are hoping to find fulfillment at the top of corporate ladders. We're wrestling with ourselves, charting our personal progress, ultra-conscious of the way others view us. The world's myth is that true joy comes from "finding yourself." But according to Jesus, joy is looking in the right place. We're looking in the right place. Jesus is weeping, as with the survivors mentioned above and Jesus on the cross, to put your own feelings aside to save someone else from pain. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine," Jesus said, "you did for me." (Matt. 26:40). Jesus + Others + Yourself = JOY. No big secret really - a process simple enough for a child to understand, yet complex enough to break through the deepest heartaches. As with any formula, though, the only way to get the right answer is to work from the beginning.

Bison Policy

The Bison is a campus newspaper written, edited, and largely financed by students, seeking to meet the needs of the campus. The Bison seeks to provide students, faculty, university administration and alumni with a subjective, well-rounded coverage of campus events and local, state and national affairs of importance to the student body.

The Bison is an educational tool for journalism and communication students, providing them with an opportunity to implement and practice the skills and the acquisition of hands-on skills that cannot be learned in the classroom.

The Bison subscribes to no particular political or social bias and recognizes the responsibility of accuracy, fairness and objectivity. Being an organ of a Christian University, the Bison accedes to the goal of upholding Christian ideals and standards while retaining the freedom of non-discriminatory objectivity which characterizes journalistic excellence.

Existing primarily for the student populace, the Bison acts as a forum for student perspectives. It welcomes letters to the editor and guest columns which adhere to professional standards of ethics. Letters intended for publication should be signed and should not exceed 300 words. The editor reserves the right to edit contributions for space requirements. Unsolicited manuscripts will not be returned.
The Student Association has initiated two new service projects this semester. One will focus on distributing food and clothing to area senior citizens who are in need, while the second will center around raising educational funds for the orphans of Uganda, Africa.

Before the Harding/ Ouachita Baptist football game last fall, the administrations of both schools initiated a wager called the "Arkansas Service Challenge." The two schools agreed to form a pool of 100 students for the purpose of performing community service, with the stipulation that the loser of the football game would send $50 of its students to the winner's campus to help serve the community for a day. Harding won the game 24-9. So, on April 9, OBU will send in 50 students as promised. Student Association President Rich Little said he hopes Harding will be able to exceed its promised 50.

Little said Scarry-area stores will be asked to donate food and clothing for the relief drive, and these donations will be distributed to needy senior citizens on the morning of the 9th.

Next, the volunteers plan to visit area nursing homes, where they will cook breakfast for some of the elderly residents. During lunch, Harding and OBU students will meet at Alumni Field for a time of food and fellowship. That afternoon, Little said, "we'll bring some of the (underprivileged) kids from the community projects over to Alumni Field and play some games, put on some skits and spend some time singing together." During dinner, Harding and Ouachita students will spend time getting to know each other.

Little said the SA will begin recruiting students for the project immediately following spring break. "Right now," he said, "our plans are still a little sketchy." On a more global note, the SA has initiated a campaign to help the uneducated orphans of Uganda, Africa. Candice Fenske, a junior from Sunol, Nebraska, campaigned in Africa in 1990 and 1991. "Talked to God about the orphan problem," Fenske said, "and they told me the orphan problem is really bad because of AIDS."

According to Fenske, these orphans live with their extended families, but most orphans have children of their own who must be sent to school. Fenske said that area of Uganda is very rural, with no electricity or telephones, and schooling is not free. The initial cost for a child to attend school for one year is $15. Another $15 is then needed to purchase a uniform and book bag.

Fenske said that more than one goal is being accomplished with this campaign. "When we first started talking about this project, I just wanted to spread throughout the entire valley, "People were saying things like, "They must be true Christians to do things like this." It goes beyond just getting kids an education because it's so Church focused, and it's going to help them with their souls." "There are three different churches in this area," Fenske continued. "They're aware of all the different kids (about 250) who are in need." Fenske said that an account at Harding has been established for the Ugandas' children's fund and upon her arrival in Uganda on May 15, she will deposit the travelers' checks into a bank account there. The churches in Uganda will then send the money directly to the school.

**Business major approved (continued from page 1)**

seminars taking place during the year, and would eventually like to conduct the seminars in foreign countries, such as China.

Hebert said there has been a strong response to the seminars, but he would like to see more multiple businesses involved in them. The seminar is open to all Romansians, with the requirement that they be able to speak English. Hebert said he hopes the seminar will help the Romansians think more creatively and encourage them to build trust in one another. The theme of the seminar will be, "Seeing the Opportunity," and it will focus on giving the Romansians a better understanding of how to recognize business opportunity. In the past, Hebert said he hoped those who attend the seminar will also come away with a desire to know more about Christianity.

Hebert continues to aim at encouraging scholarly students and teachers. The students would receive the scholarships for travel and for their participation in selected activities. The faculty would be provided with funds for attending seminars and symposia, for taking course work or for obtaining special training, Hebert said. "The Center will also be able to establish a fellowship program whereby qualified faculty would be offered the chance to undertake research."

Hebert, who grew up in Alaska, is a graduate of Arizona State University and holds a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. He began his teaching career at Ohio State in 1964, later serving as an assistant professor at both the University of Cincinnati and Virginia Commonwealth University. In 1980, Hebert was elected to the state senate from New Mexico's 33rd District, a position he held for eight years. In 1981, he became vice president of Sunwest Bank's Oil and Gas Division, headquartered in Roswell, N.M. And in 1982, he was named president of Challenger Energy, Inc., a firm headquartered in Artesia, N.M. Hebert also served as Executive Director of Rio Grande Development of Albuquerque, N.M., and was a faculty member at the University of Phoenix in Albuquerque.

Hebert has had extensive experience in international business. He formerly directed an international partnership, with Bering exerts of $16 million, in which he was responsible for locating, evaluating and nurturing emerging high technologies into major businesses for entry into U.S. and global markets. In 1989, he was appointed economic base analyst and project forecasting on numerous utility and government agencies in the United States and Nigeria.

With America's primary competition coming from various foreign countries in Asia and South America, Hebert said that focusing internationally is extremely important. "We are a global economy," he said. "We must think globally."

The Center is also hoping to award scholarship funds to students and teachers. The students would receive the scholarships for travel and for their participation in selected activities. The faculty would be provided with funds for attending seminars and symposia, for taking course work or for obtaining special training.

Hebert also mentioned that the administration has approved a request to have a "Friendly Week." The week is to be held in February and the purpose is to bring students together to work with one another. Activities will include attending the Bison game on Monday and the usual Peak of the Week on Wednesday. Little announced that the administration has approved "Friendly House" times during the course of the semester, with the first time scheduled during "Friendly Week." The women's dorms will be open to the men on Tuesday and then the men's dorms will be open to the women Thursday. "Friendly Week" will end at Friday night with a student talent show.

Also addressed at the meeting was the S.A.'s Open Forum. Little said a study committee has been appointed to consider 25 suggestions that were brought before the S.A. at the forum. Five committee members will evaluate the suggestions and then present a revised list to the entire Student Association.

Seven or eight suggestions have been presented, the Student Association will discuss the possible advantages and disadvantages of each proposal. If a suggestion appears to be viable at that time, the SA will then present a formal proposal to the administration.
Steering committee begins planning for 1994 Student Impact

by Alia Casey
Bison staff writer

Plans for the 1994 Student Impact Week are already underway. According to Scott Baine, one of the co-directors of this year's event, the steering committee has been busy outlining goals for this fall's program.

Baine said the steering committee has the task of overseeing and preparing the student workers who have volunteered to help with the week's activities. "The quality of the workers greatly affects the quality of Impact," Baine said.

The first few days after new students arrive on campus are the most important ones in determining what their reaction to new environment will be, Baine added. "Therefore, one of Student Impact's primary objectives is to make new students feel as comfortable as possible by starting off with a bang and setting the focus for the entire year," Brian Watts, a member of the steering committee, said. "It is important that Impact go well the first few days. I hope the leaders can set expectations and raise the students' perception of the school."

Another goal of Student Impact is to build unity within the freshman class. Committee member Pam Shaeffer said, "Impact made a big difference in my level of confidence at Harding. I developed a network of close friends, people I can count on."

Students not only develop friends among their own classmates; they also build-on-one relationships with upperclassmen. Erin Chandler said she wanted to be a part of Impact because, "I know how scared I felt coming in as a freshman. I want to help the new freshmen adjust to being away from home."

Helping new students grow physically, socially, mentally and spiritually is another of the steering committee's objectives. Their goal is to help new students develop a closer, more personal relationship with God.

Freshmen, however, are not the steering committee's only concern. Transfer students will also be helped in adjusting to their new learning environment. Some of the committee members who will be helping them were transferred students themselves. Brandon Procell, a former transfer, noted the importance of helping ease the adjustment of the transfers to their new school. "I hope to make their transition from their old school to Harding as smooth as possible," he said.

'Gospel Explosion' goes off despite cold, icy weather

by Christie Jandecke
Bison staff writer

"Gospel Explosion '94," a program designed to honor Black History Month and showcase what Harding has to offer African-American students, was held as scheduled last weekend, despite icy road conditions which produced a significantly lower than expected turnout and caused some activities to be delayed or postponed altogether.

"Gospel Explosion" is an annual event sponsored by Ujima, a campus service club interested in promoting multicultural awareness.

This year's celebration began Friday night at 10 p.m., with a concert in the Benson by "Straight Company." The contemporary Christian group had originally been slated to perform at 8 p.m., but were delayed when a Bison basketball game, cancelled the night before due to the weather, had to be made-up Friday evening. During the concert, "Straight Company," told the audience that they almost didn't make it to Harding because of an accident in which their van was rear-ended by a semi-truck.

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Petit Jean staff completes work on 1994 yearbook

by Mavenee Mays
Bison staff writer

While students have been eating, talking, wrestling, checking their mail and losing their I.D.'s this year, something wonderful has been happening upstairs in the Student Center. At any given time, you could have opened the door to the Petit Jean office and seen typing on the keyboards.

Petit Jean editor Scott Baine said that the year went rather well. "It was a good experience overall," Baine said. "For a big task like this, you have to make sure everyone is getting their work done, while you get yours done as well. You know, I thought I was prepared, but I really wasn't."

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TV-19 spring programming begins

by Todd Stewart
Bison staff writer

TV-19 kicked off its spring programming Monday, beginning with a live news cast which will air each week night at 6:35. News anchors this semester are Stacy Helley and Laurie Simmons. Jonathan Fly is forecasting the weather and Julie Wright is anchoring the sports desk.

Since she was chosen as a news anchor two weeks ago, Simmons said the hardest thing she has had to work on has been trying not to laugh. “Stacy and I have such good friends that, when we have to look at one another during our tease, I just want to laugh; it’s really hard to act professional and have fun at the same time,” she said. Simmons also said that students should not be so critical of them because “we are learning as we go along.”

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Fly, who is an oral communication major, said getting up in front of people is natural for him, so doing the weather is not that difficult. Fly said he prepares each day by reading the news cast and a professional news paper, watching the Weather Channel, and recording the special Harding license plate program that will air each week night at 6:35. News anchors for the spring are (tor): Julie Wright, sports; Stacy Helley and Laurie Simmons, news; and Jonathan Fly, weather. (Photo by Jason Burt)

Simmons and Ashby have also taken on the task of producing the news. They spend about four hours each day writing and editing stories, determining which ones they will use, and then determining the order in which the stories will be read. The news staff will continue its focus on campus activities and material that affects the students at Harding. This approach was begun last semester by Kyle Reeves, the operations manager.

Auditions for anchors are held each semester and are open to all Harding students. The positions, which involve scholarship compensation, are determined by performance, voice and appearance on camera.

Humes portrays Churchill

by Candace Dyer
Bison staff writer

James C. Humes, a Pulitzer prize-winning author and former speech writer for five presidents, portrayed Winston Churchill on the Benton stage Feb. 11.

Humes explained his emphasis on Churchill in communication seminars by sharing the background of the famous leader’s life and experiences. “Churchill was a passionate man who wasn’t afraid to take risks,” Humes said. “He was concerned with data and more with intensity. Churchill studied many speakers, took notes about them, and stayed up late planning his strategies.”

In addressing Churchill’s communication skills, Humes noted that Churchill had many difficulties to overcome: He had a lisp, he stuttered and he never earned a college degree.

He told how uncomfortable Churchill was when he first began speaking in public. In fact, Humes said, during his very first speech he fainted. Churchill overcame his difficulties, however, and is now remembered as one of the greatest leaders of the 20th century.

Humes’ studies of Churchill and other great speakers led to the development of his seminar entitled. “The Sir Winston Method: Five Principles for Speaking the Language of Leadership,” he described the five points this way: Begin Strongly. Start with a story or a quotation. Capture your audience with an opening zinger.

Focus On One Theme. “A speech is like a symphony,” Humes said. “It can have three movements, but it must have one dominant melody. Concentrate on one thing and stick to it.”

Use Simple Language. Speeches are poetic and meaningless. Use simple and colorful language. Throw out the belligerent jargon.

Draw A Picture In The Listener’s Mind. Churchill was very good at this, Humes said. One example is how he transformed a dry concept like “private enterprise” into a powerful picture by likening it to “a sturdy horse pulling along the cart of democracy.”

End With Emotion. When concluding your speech, express feelings from your heart. Really let the emotions flow.

Humes said this method is offered to help leaders improve the tools for inspiring listeners and to help them communicate more effectively with others.

Mike Fry, a senior at Harding, said, “I liked the way he acted out his presentation. It was humorous, and it kept my attention.” Brent Heinselman, another student who attended the presentation, also came away with a positive reaction. “All of his impressions were really good. I really enjoyed hearing about Churchill and what an inspiration he was,” Heinselman said.

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Kim Ashby, a former news director and weather forecaster, is news director this semester. “Directing can be very challenging - to have to think about so many different things at once, like focusing cameras and which shot to take next - but it’s also very rewarding when it all comes together,” she said.

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Have you ever thought about tagging your car with a license plate from Harding Bison, a Harding bell tower or some other Harding logo on it? Recently, the State of Arkansas has made that possible by approving a plan called the “Special College License Plate Program,” which has just been picked up by Harding University.

“This license plate program has already been around for a while,” Dr. Jim Carr, the assistant to the president, said. “Several other colleges in the United States participate in this program right now.” Florida State University, for example, has a design of an ‘Indian head’ called the “Seminoles,” on its college license plate.”

“What’s the Harding license plate gonna look like?” you might ask. According to the Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Finance and Administration of the State of Arkansas, the plate will be a standard plate with “Arkansas” printed in white on a red bar across the top. A combination of letters and number will be to the right in blue. Immediately to the left of the license number will be a space for the decal bearing the college’s emblem or logo.

How does this license plan work? “We are asking Harding students to come up with suggestions for a design that will be unique to Harding,” Carr said. “Once a design is approved by the campus committee, it’s to be submitted to the department in Little Rock for approval. When they notify us of the design, we have to have at least 300 applicants make the required $25.00 contribution, one in each of the five districts before we can file written notification to the department and request production of the special Harding license plates.”

When asked his opinion of the Harding license plate plan, Kevin Jensen, an English and religious education major from Bakersfield, Calif., said, “I think it’s illegal if I put an Arkansas plate on my car because I’m from California. I already have a California license plate. If this can be worked out, though, I’ll put it on the window. I think that would be cool!”

“An Arkansas license plate?” Heather Martin, a junior from Wichita Falls, Texas, said with a grin. “I’ll sell my car before I get any kind of Arkansas plate!”

Davidson, an art major suggested that “a Harding Bison or a swinging might be a good idea for the design.” He added, “This plan sounds like a good idea. If I find the money at the time, I might buy one.”

Scott emphasized his request that students help with the design of the license plate. “We need them to submit the design before March 1.” Following a brief pause, he added, “By the way, we also need somebody to design a new Harding flag. The Harding flag we have now was made about 40 years ago, and I don’t think the design is appropriate any more,” he said.

Students interested in the design of the license or the flag should contact Carr at the Alumni office or box 1224.
Bison baseball gets off to good start

by Kenny Highower
Bison Sports Editor

As the Bison baseball team takes the field this spring, excitement will boom in the air. After coming off of a not-so-great campaign last season, first year head coach Less Bucy believes his team will be a force to be reckoned with this year. Off to a 2-1 start, the Bisons should have a successful year.

One of the team’s strengths this season will be a strong and experienced pitching staff. When you mention pitching, the first name that comes to mind is Nick Fouts. After coming off a good season last year, Fouts hopes to help the Bisons to a conference championship.

Helping Fouts on the mound this spring will be senior Eric Dodson. Dodson started in last season, but he also adds another dimension to the staff as a long reliever. Other probable starters are Kevin Barton and Chip Busbee. As for relief pitchers, Bucy hopes to get some good numbers out of Wes McElroy this season.

"I think our pitching staff is a good one, but we are still a young team and anything can happen this year," Bucy said. "If we can get some consistency out of our starters and continue to hit the ball well, then some good things should happen for us."

Another bright spot for the Bisons this spring will be a tough infield. At first base, the Bisons couldn’t do much better than their senior sensation, Jerry Laird. Laird, who started every game for the Bisons last season, not only wears a "gold glove" at first; he also carries a "big stick" to the plate. Laird led the Bisons last season in almost all offensive categories.

At second this year will be a newcomer, Jason French. French is a big guy, but has good range to either side. Bucy hopes to get a lot out of him when conference time rolls around.

The Bisons have the left side of the infield pretty much sewn up. At shortstop this spring, Todd Miller will get the call. Miller has proven to be a tough infielder with a cannon for an arm. When he’s not pitching, Busbee gets the nod at third base. Bucy thinks his infield is good enough to win more than their fair share of games for him this season.

The Bison outfield is a young one, but one that can become good in time. Daryl Johnson is the choice for center field, but after that, it seems to be a toss up. "Our outfield is young, but they have made great strides so far," Bucy said. "We are working hard every day to improve our defense. Hopefully, we will not beat ourselves with errors this spring," Bucy said.

The Bisons are expected to finish some where near the top in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference this spring. "We are a good team and if we get it together, we could possibly finish in the top three," pitcher Eric Dodson said.

The Bisons play Christian Brothers in Memphis tomorrow.
Bisons upset No. 2 Ozarks, lose close one to No. 1 Tech

by Matthew Morningstar

Bisons upset No. 2 Ozarks Monday night by a score of 93-86.

"I told the team that we have to control the boards and make the Eagles play defense," Coach Jeff Morgan said. The Bisons did control the boards by a 37-35 advantage, but they also shot a blistering 62.5 percent from the floor.

"It felt like the tempo was ours the entire game. We played hard, got the lead and rode the momentum for the win," captain Tony Marion said.

A good first half of play left the Bisons up 47-45 with 20 minutes of tough basketball ahead. In the first 10 minutes of the second half, the Bisons saw the Eagles build an eight-point lead and called a time out.

The time out changed the tempo of the game as the Bisons picked up intensity on defense, leading to several Eagles turnovers and easy Bison baskets. The team effort led to a damaging 18-2 run against the Eagles.

Marion led the Bisons with 31 points, shooting 14-15 from the floor and 3-5 from the line. Sophomore Jason Cooper pulled down 10 rebounds, and Thomas Norphlet contributed six assists.

Momentum for Monday's victory came from a near upset of the AIC's first-place team in the previous game on Thursday night, in which the Bisons finally seemed torenovate as a team.

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In the second half, the Wonder Boys came out and built some double-digit leads, but the Bisons kept hanging around and flirting with mini-runs to close on the lead several times.

As alley-oop by Darren Gowen cut the lead to four points late in the second half, Tech called a crucial time out to try and break the Bisons' rhythm and the momentum swung back into Tech's hands. They went on a 7-0 run to take a commanding lead, 77-66. When the final buzzer sounded, Tech had managed an 89-80 victory over the hometown team.

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Lady Bisons lose 73-72 to University of the Ozarks

by Kenny Hightower

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With 17 seconds left on the clock and the Bisons trailing by a point, Alexander took a pass in the paint, only to be surrounded by three defenders. Her turnaround jumper rolled around the cylinder twice before spinning out and falling hopelessly away.

With 6:56 to go in the game, the Lady Eagles were safely ahead by 12 points. Jamie Fullerston got a hot hand for the Bisons and drained three threes, cutting the Ozarks lead to five with only two minutes left on the clock.

The teams traded baskets, then Alexander scored three points by driving into the paint and then sinking a free throw after she was fouled. Following a stiff defensive stand by the Bisons, Alexander came through again, knocking down a short jumper with 59 seconds left to tie the game at 70-all.

On the following possession, the Lady Eagles drew a foul and Robbi Jo Edwards sank one of two free throws to put Ozarks up by a point. After a timeout by the Lady Bisons, Mindy Murphy drained a long shot from just inside the three-point line to put Harding up 72-71 with only 36 ticks left on the clock.

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