Students use talents in nearby congregations

by Jill Shirley

Harding is a mission-minded institution. There is even a week set aside for college students to learn more about serving their fellow man in other states and counties. Obviously, this type of mission work is not suitable for everyone because it is expensive and travel can be extensive.

Many college students who wish to serve have found another way to use their talents for the Lord at less expense and just down the road. These students travel to nearby congregations and help with worship services. Some of these students work through Student Worship Away (S.W.A) and Operation Youth. These programs inform congregations that capable students are available to share their time and talents. The congregations who respond benefit from a group of students who attend and contribute leadership in their assemblies on a regular basis.

Dwight and Barby Sells, campus ministers sponsored by the College Church of Christ, organize the S.W.A. program. Dan Stookell, assistant professor of Bible, works with Operation Youth, an outreach of Youth Corp which was initiated in 1991 to benefit both the youth and the congregations who participate.

To give a sense of what these students do, a number of participants offered first-hand accounts about their experiences at the congregations where they serve.

Griffithsville Church of Christ, located 20 minutes on the other side of Keeney, has 75 members, 2 of which are Harding students. The congregation employs Harding senior Nathan Randolph as their preacher. Along with participating in their services, Randolph and other members from Harding work in the community, visit, knock on doors and help elderly members with house work and yard work.

Randolph, a member at Griffithsville for two years, says it is easy to get lost at a big congregation but, at a church like Griffithsville, there is more opportunity to participate. It's much more than helping with the actual service, though, he said. "There is an ability to be active in people's lives."

Another student member, Todd Matheny said that, not only do they have the added opportunity to engage in worship services, but students enjoy it themselves. "That's our little congregation, he said."

Senior Brian Rankin gets a chance to help the church at Des Arc, a congregation of 40 members about 40 miles away. Rankin and other students teach classes and are in charge of the youth program there. The church benefits from the students since their youth get an opportunity to learn from young men and women who can relate well to them, Rankin said. "For me, it's a good opportunity because we get to know new people who aren't associated with the school (Harding)."

Some college students are involved with the larger congregations like the one at Newk, located about an hour away. Newark Church of Christ boasts a membership of 175. Senior Brian Baker teaches Sunday morning Bible class there. He said the students who attend there stay all day and, after service, take the youth to visit shut-ins and other younger people to share their faith.

A few congregations rely solely on the help of college students for their sustenance. Spring Valley, a congregation made up of 10 Christians, is one example. Approximately 10 miles out of town, Spring Valley Church of Christ was established in 1935. Along with not having a full-time preacher, the church has an old building which has no running water. This fast doesn't hinder sophomore Kent Jobe, one of the two young men who preaches for the church at the present. Jobe, along with Kendall Done, alternately teach class and preach the sermon on Sunday morning.

Jobe said that Spring Valley is very supportive of Harding students and gives them invaluable experience by allowing them to take leadership positions in the service. In fact, Jobe said, "If you come, you will get used to it!"

Other churches involved in S.W.A. and Operation Youth include Friendship, Boise, Rosedale, Gilbo, College, Downtown, Highway, Bradford and Lepanto.

Gospel Explosion bits this weekend

by Heather Allison

"That They May All Be One" will serve as the theme of the 5th annual Gospel Explosion, which begins tonight. Ujima is the sponsor of the event. According to Ujima president, Kenny Collins, youth groups from Texas, Kentucky, Louisiana and Central Arkansas are among those coming for the weekend's activities.

Straight Company will initiate Gospel Explosion with a presentation of contemporary a cappella gospel music tonight at 7:00. The group is the sponsor of the event. "If they may all be one," will be the theme.

On Saturday, Ujima will host a picnic for the guests. Beginning at 7 p.m., students and guests are invited to participate in a devotional, a theme lecture by Monte Cox, assistant professor of Bible and faculty sponsor of Ujima, and musical presentations by four groups. "Higher Degree," a group comprised of Ujima members, "Firemen," another student group, and the Harding Chorus and University Singers. Congregational singing is scheduled as well. Ujima has asked that participants bring canned goods to contribute to River City Ministries in lieu of admission charges.

As part of the Gospel Explosion, a special worship assembly will be conducted in the Administration Auditorium Sunday morning at 10:00. Collins, organizer of Gospel Explosion, said Ujima's goals were to continue the group's celebration of Black History Month as they have been in the past, and to bring together black students from the Stephens Scholarship Program, the athletic teams, and the student body in general for a special open forum on the event is over. "I am pretty excited about this year's Gospel Explosion, I hope it will make an impact on someone's life," Collins said.
**Taking a Closer Look**

**Good judgment, not party loyalty, leads to good decisions**

Ever since the Republicans swept into Washington in January, their Contract with America in hand, the G.O.P. has been doing its best to turn American government upside down. Welfare reform, the balanced budget amendment and attacks on government-funded arts programs have swept through the media in waves, never giving the public a chance to forget that Newt and company are in control.

The big question everyone seems to be asking is, "Will the Republicans really be able to accomplish everything they promised in the Contract?" Now that we have a scorecard by which to judge our politicians, we voters seem to feel as though we are once again calling the shots in Washington.

If politics were that simple. It would be nice to think that reforming the unwieldy throng that runs our country is as effortless as drawing up a list of "things to do." Politicians, who may or may not be in touch with the real needs of Americans, can hardly be expected to pare down for our country's social and political ills.

However, the Contract with America is being perceived as just such a "wonder drug." It has been set up as the measuring stick by which the new Republican Congress will be judged either effective or flopping. If the G.O.P. manages to pass all of the Contract's proposals into law, it will be hailed as the political solution to all that ails America. If Republicans do not keep their part of the Contract, their political prowess will be questioned. This view of the Contract as the standard by which to judge the competence of the legislative branch of our government is simplistic, short-sighted and dangerous.

Assuming that every social problem that must be faced is defined within the boundaries of one particular set of proposals is to create a situation in which our representatives can become blind to the actual merits or deficiencies of a particular bill and vote blindly along party lines. Party-line voting and group think have always been barriers to a cogent government, but the potential for delegates casting ignorant votes is extremely high in today's political environment.

The Democrats in the House of Representatives proved this point a couple of weeks ago as they proposed an amendment to the Crime Bill which was the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution, word for word. This amendment protects Americans from unreasonable search and seizure, which should appeal to everyone's desire for privacy and security within the walls of their homes. Republicans in the House of Representatives must like the idea of the government being able to knock down their doors at any time, though, since they voted overwhelmingly to defeat the amendment.

As responsible critics, when it is time to examine the pros and cons of new legislation or to make a decision about whether a candidate is worthy of your vote, don't swallow the easy answers without question by our leaders. Instead, put your education and judgment to work so that something besides party divisions can motivate your decisions.

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**FACING the Issues**

**Practice patience; Mr. Right will come along**

by Cheryl McNamus

Bison staff writer

I couldn't do it. I just couldn't. For the first time in my life, I had to ask a guy out for a date.

I had to ask a guy to a club function, a task that almost sent me running to the nearest convent. All of the lectures my Southern mother had given me about the evils of girls asking guys out swirled through my head. I agreed with 'dear of mom.' It is the man's place to ask a woman for a date. Perhaps this sounds hopelessly old-fashioned, but perhaps my reasoning will make sense, even in these modern times.

First, I have asked women why they ask guys out. The number one reason was impatience — we're in an era of short-maturing guys. Harder for women often complain about Harding men. Women think they know what they want, and they want it now. Sometimes the gushing sands of time send women into panic attacks.

Many women believe their chances of happiness are over if they don't graduate with the famed MRS degree. For some, the shame of leaving a man without a wife is tremendous. Perhaps the blame can be put on well-meaning, but pushy parents and faculty members, or possibly societal standards. Pressure can cause women to call guys and ask them out for dates.

Hurt relationships rarely lead to happiness. High divorce rates prove it. Instead of rushing relationships, allow things to happen naturally. If a guy really likes you, he will ask you out. It may take him a while, but use your time wisely. Get to know him as a friend.

This time allows both of you to decide if dating each other would be wise. For instance, you may discover he is a raging liberaL, whereas you are a diehard conservative. If you cannot be around each other for more than 10 seconds without an argument, you know this would not be a healthy relationship.

Plus, pure friendship forces people to get to know each other on a deep level. Many couples spend the majority of their time in movie theaters, concert arenas, friends, however, talk a lot. They constantly find out new things about each other.

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**Should women do the asking out?**

by Judie O'Farrell

Bison staff writer

"We cannot fight for love, as men may do; we should be wooed, and not made to woo."

William Shakespeare

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Should women do the asking out?

Allow guys to take their time to ask you for a date. Although it is a relatively small step for a guy to ask a woman out (from a woman's point of view), it is a step in the right direction. It sets a pattern. Even though God never said it was a sin for women to be the initiators, he does encourage the guys to be the leaders.

Sometimes, impatience is a sign of a lack of faith. Our minds become frantic with the search for Mr. Right. We can only take a certain number of dark night Friday nights before we begin to doubt God.

Instead of dwelling on dating relationships, try concentrating on your relationship with God. Our preoccupations with sex and social roles may be a signal that our spiritual ones are hurting. We need to trust God and know that we will need everything that will be fine.

Look at the story of Abraham. He wanted a child more than anything else in the world. God promised Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. When he tried to rush God, things become messy. God did not need Abraham's help; all he needed was Abraham's faith.

Similarly, we rush God when we try to take things into our own hands. If we are foolish enough to do so, we may find ourselves stuck in a miserable relationship.

When Abraham believed in God, life improved for him. God gave Isaac to Abraham. God knows what each one of us needs, and he takes care of his children.

I do not believe women are wrong to ask. To some extent, it is their right. Sometimes, it is their responsibility. Maybe certain situations call for women to be initiators. I just believe women can make wiser decisions.

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**Forget "Girls' Night Out" and ask him out**

by Judy O'Farrell

Bison staff writer

*Nintendo is our scourge, girls.*

I first encountered this enemy one Friday afternoon as I sat in class baring holes in the back of his blonde head. To my delight, the head made a rare turn in the direction, and the big brown eyes looked my way.

Now was his chance. I gazed encouragingly at him, passing on my most accepting smile. But something was wrong. The eyes were not going back. The mouth opened, but not to speak those words I longed to hear.

"Hey, Jim! Bring Super Mario Bros. over tonight. I'll order pizza!"

Jim, the guy behind me, nodded. "Cool," he said.

No, Jim, it's not "cool." But, it is a truth that we Harding girls must accept: many Harding guys do not ask girls out.

Girls have one of three reactions to this truth, and this is the root of the controversy — should girls ask guys out?

The more conservative girls refrain from even initiating a conversation with a man. Let alone asking him to a movie. Other girls, the independent type, convince themselves that they are quite content making every weekend a "girls' night" and that they don't need those pesky men anyway. Thank you. And others, the guys out, take the asking-out matter into their own hands.

And why not? What's the big deal about inviting an interesting man to dinner? The conservative thinkers have a simple answer to this question—it's not natural. In their thinking, nature calls on men to lead every gender-related interaction, for a woman to do so would be shaming her duty to "ladyhood." I see their point, but I urge them to lighten up.

I, too, believe it is natural for women to propose marriage and to head the household. But I do not believe that nature established protocol for who should ask whom to the Student Center for hot cocoa. Many girls worry that by expressing affections to a man, they have stepped into the gray zone that borders the dark realms of "unmanliness." But, since when does a "lady" avoid honesty and courage?

Honestly and courage in dating are almost strangers to the largest following I have seen at Harding - the "independent women" type. I know, because I have at times captained this crew. We are the male-manthers, the girls who somehow don't believe that "said men" on one side and "I love my attitude problem" on the other.

It's all a lie. We are not thrilled at the thought of lying around the dorm room with 10 other girls, stuffing down pizzas and watching reruns of Laverne and Shirley. In fact, after the first few episodes, someone mentions in passing that Linnie is pretty cute, and the discussion turns (always) to the male of the species.

Our wisps of blandish singleness shatter into a thousand pieces which I call cowardice. We are afraid. We are afraid to make ourselves vulnerable to the rejection I felt that Friday in class. We are afraid to admit that we need the companionship of a person whose idea of a good time is getting Mario to the 8th World.

But most of all, we are afraid of the act—the thought of walking up to a guy and saying the words, "Would you like to go...?" invites terror. So, how does one overcome the terror that obstructs the path between Spaggy and Mr. Right? How does a girl work up the nerve to ask a guy out?

The few brave souls I have known have one common philosophy—swallow it all. Swallow the lady-like act, swallow the "I'm every woman's pride, walk straight up to him—and just ask. If the says yes,' have a great time. And if he says no, life goes on.

In fact, partly at my room Saturday night. I'll even voting for pizza.
Additional quotes regarding the question of “Who should ask whom?”

“Shall a woman take the lead in romance? Will a man value a woman who throws herself at his head, who takes the lead, as it were, in courtship? The answer is ‘No,’ in almost every case. (There are occasional exceptions.)” – from Margery Wilson’s ‘The Woman You Want to Be: A complete book of charm,’ 1942

“Men who do not make advances to women are apt to become victims to women who make advances to them.”

– Walter Bagehot

“May a girl run after a man? Catlike, she may do a little stalking! But run? Not a step. The freedom of today allows her to go meet him halfway, but the girl who runs, runs after a man who runs faster.”

– from Emily Post’s ‘Etiquette’
Hang on... Spring break is on the way

by Emily McMaclnn
Black staff writer

Brrring... that irritating sound on your alarm breaks into your dreams as you scramble to get up from your nice warm bed and get ready in 10 minutes for your 8:00 class. Sound like a typical weekday? Fortunately, there is that week in March, called Spring Break, when college students can forget the everyday pressures of school and enjoy several carefree days filled with sunshine, sleep and no schoolwork.

I think that Spring Break is necessary because it allows us to have time to relax and everyone comes back to school refreshed and able to perform better in their classes," Mamie Shuttlesworth, a freshman from Jack sonville, Texas, said.

Students choose to spend their week off from school in a number of ways. Many look forward to traveling home for the week, some taking their college friends with them. "I believe that the idea of travel is what makes Spring Break such a memorable experience." Rob Bell, a junior from Little Rock, said.

While some use the week for rest and relaxation, others use the extra time to begin their search for the perfect summer job. Despite the diversities in the plans of most students, there was one factor that everyone had in common — a chance to catch up on sleep.

Still others are going on various campaigns overseas and in the States during Spring Break. "I plan to go on a campaign to Little Rock because I want to use whatever free time I have available to try to reach people for God," Anna Jones, a freshman from Tuscaloosa, Ala., said.

Whether Spring Break is spent with families or on campaigns, it comes at the perfect time, giving students a break from their studies and the opportunity to take time out for themselves.

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ASI students take three-day tour of Texas

by Maria Elena Arvizu
Bison staff writer

The American Studies Institute (ASI) sponsored a trip for 40 student members to Dallas Feb. 22-24. The program included visits to businesses, museums, sports arenas and the JFK Memorial, as well as attendance at lectures.

The group left Searcy at noon on Wed., Feb. 22. Upon arrival at Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas, students were assigned host families who provided them housing facilities. Dr. Billy Ray Cox, the congregation host, took charge of making contacts with representatives of the places to be visited.

Three speakers, chosen for their spiritual and professional leadership, addressed the students at a seminar Thursday. Art Hobbs, director of Human Resources for IT Systems and elder at the Highland Oaks congregation, spoke about change in the "actual world," especially in the business environment, and how to deal with that change. Deanna Beauchamp, president of LifeLine Inc., one of the largest health providers in Dallas, described the role of women in business and gave some tips on appropriate feminine behavior in the workplace. Former president of the University of Oklahoma and Pepperdine University, Dr. William S. Banowzky finished the seminar by suggesting to students some basic principles for success in life.

After the seminar, students visited the John F. Kennedy Memorial and the sports field and how he applies the students about his experiences in the future. B. Ray, teacher of Business, and elder Russia said that the trip was well-organized and that the speakers were appropriate for the audience. He said that the trip allowed him "to see in practice the area outside the classroom and to develop a mindset for the future." He said that the students were interested in the real world but on what is necessary in life and in the business community.

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Getting ready for graduation. Senior Jenny Tyree speaks to the Herff Jones representative about graduation supplies. Ordering announcements is one of many tasks to be finished by Mary. Photo by Nathan Irwin.

Jeff Lawton qualified the trip as a very informative one. "It was interesting to see what it is like in the real world and in the business community," he said. Lawton found it encouraging to see Christians continue their faith in the workplace.

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Fanny Cheng said that she liked seeing the processes that take place inside a company. She also said that the speakers were very effective. The lectures also impressed Antica Dalovic because "they not only focused on Christian life but on what is necessary in today's world," she said. Dalovic said she especially enjoyed the visits to the baseball and basketball stadiums because she did not know much about these sports before.

ASI trips keep a balance in sports, arts, business and recreation. "My notion is that there is much more to study in America than just business and economics," Reely said. He said that these trips help students to connect the real world and gain a sense of perspective. "Students need to establish a sense of net-working and to know what it is like to be a Christian in the business world," Reely said.

McLeod said he enjoys ASI trips because these educational tours allow students to see first-hand the theory taught in the classroom. "Besides, they are able to see the market place and have a clear focus of what they want to do after graduation," he said.

Students expressed a favorable opinion of the tour and were able to learn from the experience. Pam Steele said that she liked meeting people who keep a balance between Christian faith and professional success. She said she could also benefit from seeing in action what is learned in school.

Events

at a Glance

On Campus

• The Film Studies Club will be showing "A Passage to India," a Merchant-Ivory production based on the E.M. Forster novel, tonight at 7:00 in Mabee 218.

• As part of the Gospel Explosion, "Story of Company," a contemporary cappella gospel group, will perform in the Benson Auditorium tonight after the women's basketball game. Admission is $3.

• Gospel Explosion continues on Saturday night with a devotional at 7:00, followed by performances by several Harding singing groups, including "Higher Degree" and "Firemen." Admission is a can of food, which will be donated to River City Ministries in Little Rock.

Off Campus

• Les Miserables will be performed at the Orpheum in Memphis March 6 through 12. Call the Orpheum Box Office (901) 325-3000 for ticket information.

• The Will Rogers Follies will be performing in Little Rock March 10, 11 and 12. Call (501) 661-1500 for ticket information.

• The Memphis Brooks Museum of Art continues its showing of the John James Audubon collection through April 9. The exhibit features 90 large-scale original watercolors by the well-known naturalist and artist.
Baseball team searches for experience

by Allison VandeGevel
Bison staff writer

"Treading into new water" is a somewhat descriptive term for what Coach Jess Bucy's 1995 baseball squad has been doing. With 12 freshmen on the team, lack of experience and inexperience about positions characterize the game plan.

"We have a very good schedule this year," Bucy said. "It's going to help us out. We're able to play a lot of people right now so we can get a good look at them. In our first game, we played 19 of our 26 players."

The Bisons opened the season at University of Arkansas/Little Rock Feb. 11. Conference play was supposed to start Feb. 28 at Southern Arkansas University, but the game was rained out and moved to March 1. Although SAU was unanimously picked to win the conference by the Sports Information Directors' poll, Bucy feels his squad is capable of going to the top.

"We have a strong hitting team. Our five returning position players are all strong hitters. We hit well last season and should do so again," Bucy said.

Pitching was a big concern for this season. The Bisons lost the majority of their pitching staff, but senior Kevin Burton and sophomore Tim Lucierfeld are expected to lead the hurlers. Most of the pitching, however, will be left on freshmen shoulders. "If we're going to be as successful as we want to be, freshmen will be a major key. I feel they'll do all right," Bucy said. Bucy says this is the best freshman class he's seen in quite some time, but like every other class, they're inexperienced. He feels the group of freshmen (classified by eligibility, not necessarily by class) will be the key to a good season "after they get a notch or two of experience under their belts."

Ryan Rana has been starting at first base. Rana had been hurt all spring but is playing and hitting well, according to Bucy. Jeremy Pharr has been starting in right field. The Lightfoot twins, Ronnie and Pat, have each started a game. But, starting positions are still up for grabs, Bucy said.

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Take your base. Junior Todd Miller offers stability and leadership to a young Bison team this year. File photo by Jason Bart.

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The Bisons play on the road at College of the Ozarks today. Their first home AIC game is scheduled for Wed., March 8, against Arkansas Tech.
Bisons win 20th game; Lady Bisons fall to UAM

by Tamara Phillips and Matthew Morningstar

The Bisons exterminated the Bollweevils Monday night at Monticello, 113-83, and completed their first-ever 20-win season. The Lady Bisons didn't fare as well, as they suffered their second one-point loss of the season to the Cotton Blossoms, this time by a score of 65-64.

The Bisons came out of the locker room very determined to win their last regular season game in the AIC, and they took control from the start. Up by nine, 15-2, early in the game, they increased the lead to double digits before the Bollweevils decided to start playing. The Bisons shot well and got to the free throw line 19 times, hitting 14 of them, and took a 51-53 lead at halftime.

The second half was simply more Bison basketball. Everyone was brought off the bench and they showcased their talent for the crowd to see. The Bisons ended up with the punishing 30-point victory, shooting 57 percent from the floor and making it to the charity stripe 18 more times than the Bollweevils. Senior Sigmund Donelson led the Bisons with 22 points and 15 rebounds. Junior Jason Cooper was second in scoring with 21, while five Bisons were in double digits. This ended the Bisons' season at 20-9 overall and 10-6 in conference play.

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We're really excited about winning our 20th game, of course, and I feel that it sets us up for excellent post-season play," Coach Jeff Morgan said. The 20th win not only ensured the team the highest winning percentage in school history, but answered a challenge made by President David Burke as well. "I'm thrilled about the team winning last night," Burke said in chapel Tuesday. "Coach Morgan has done a wonderful job for us this year. I'm excited about the team's potential, not only this year but in the future as well." The Lady Bisons came focused and determined to win their last regular season game in the AIC.

The Bisons play last night in the first round of the AIC tournament and the Lady Bisons play their opening round game tonight in Rhodes Memorial Field House at 7:00. Tickets are $2 for students with identification and $5 for general admission.

All-Conference Selections
Sigmund Donelson, senior Jason Cooper, junior Angie Fouts, sophomore

Honorable Mention Selections
Brad Daughtry, junior Kenneth Polidor, junior Jana Fullerton, senior Cindy Camp, senior

Above the rim. Junior Jason Cooper slamms the ball through the hoop in the Bisons' home game against University of Arkansas/Monticello. Cooper was selected to the All-Conference team for 1994-95.
Bison Sports Challenge

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- Purdue at Illinois
- Indiana at Michigan St.
- Michigan at Iowa
- Nebraska at Iowa St.
- Oklahoma St. at Kansas
- ISU at Kentucky
- Maryland at Virginia
- Memphis at Marquette
- Oklahoma at Missouri
- Villanova at Providence
- UCLA at Louisville
- NIL Games

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CMON... GIVE IT A SHOT!

Tennis teams look to dominate with depth

by Blane Covert
Bison staff writer

The Bison men's and women's tennis teams have made a habit of stunning opponents so far this spring, and shenanigans over Grand Valley State University and Lyon College during the last week have stretched their winning streaks.

David Elliott, in his 21st year as head tennis coach, has high hopes for both squads. "Both teams are as good as they've ever been. The men's team may not be as experienced as they were last year, but with our depth down the line and strength at the top, I anticipate another good season and another good showing at Nationals in May," he said. "The women have a very realistic chance of a top 10 finish at Nationals."

The men's squad, led by freshman Arturo Rodriguez and senior Ruben Gonzalez, are 10-1 this spring. "Ouachita Baptist University is our biggest rival in both the conference and the district," Gonzalez said. "Whoever wins the district automatically qualifies for Nationals. Last year, OBU beat us both times, 5-4, so we're really looking forward to the re-match. On any given day we can beat them or they can beat us. They have a really tough team."

Gonzalez also said his personal goals this season are to play his best tennis ever and make All-American in both singles and doubles play.

The Lady Bisons, 5-0 on the season, have two returning All-Americans, Alicia Rojas and Jessica Ruiz. Ruiz is "playing better than last year," she said. "I've been working on my consistency and serve." Ruiz said the team "is looking forward to Nationals and a top 10 finish." Ruiz also encouraged that "everyone come out to the matches and get involved."

Harding's men's tennis complex, with its 12 outdoor courts, is arguably the best tennis facility in the state. Elliott explained that the eight courts formerly behind Rhodes Memorial Field House no longer met the needs of the university tennis teams, Harding Academy and the student body. "We hope the new complex will be completed in the next few months," Elliott said. "Right now they're working on a building, the restrooms and the bleachers."

The Bison's next home match is Monday, March 6, at 2:00 against the University of the Ozarks.