Demand for Thatcher tickets exhausts supply

In an effort to ensure a more representative pool of prospective jurors, officials in Erie County, New York, will soon begin choosing potential jurors from welfare roles, in addition to those names already taken from tax forms, driver license files and voter registrations.

A man in Kenz, Wash., recently requested a $1.99 refund from the makers of Ex-Lax, claiming that the product did not work. The refund check was mistakenly written for an amount equal to the man’s zip code, 98002. Eight days after depositing the $98,000 check, the man withdrew the money, closed his account and left the area.

"Forest Gump" earned six Academy Awards Monday night, including Oscars for Best Picture and a second consecutive Best Actor award for Tom Hanks.

The Japanese religious sect linked to the March 20 subway nerve gas attack in Tokyo is now suspected of having buried an undetermined number of bodies at its village outside the city. Officials are accusing the sect of conducting bizarre medical experiments on its members.

According to documents found in Manila, the man accused of orchestrating the World Trade Center bombing in 1993 was days away from attempting to blow up two American jets near Hong Kong.

Tickets for Lady Margaret Thatcher’s lecture on April 27 are no longer available.

According to Scott Morris, assistant director of public relations, the demand for the free tickets was extremely high. Distribution began on March 27, and by March 29, the American Studies Institute had run out.

Bob Reely, associate executive director of the ASI, said that 90 percent of the tickets went to students and staff, and that most of the rest were for friends of Harding, the Board of Trustees and ASI sponsors. A very small percentage went to the public, Reely said.

Lady Thatcher will arrive in Searcy at 1 p.m. April 27, and will spend the afternoon privately in her room in the Heritage. A dinner will be offered in her honor at Heritage banquet rooms A, B and C at 6 p.m. Reely said that approximately 600 people among students, faculty, board members and the press will attend the dinner.

After the dinner, Lady Thatcher will speak in the Benson Auditorium about the future of the 21st century. The lecture will last 30-45 minutes, followed by a question and answer session. Lady Thatcher will leave immediately after the event. Between 3,600 and 3,500 people are expected to attend the lecture, according to Morris. He said that folding chairs will probably be set up on both sides of the auditorium in order to accommodate more people.

The event will receive limited media coverage as prescribed by Lady Thatcher. Morris said that several radio stations and TV channels have requested coverage, among them CNN, a channel that features government-related speakers. Morris also said that Lady Thatcher will only allow newspaper reporters and photo opportunities. She will not hold press conferences nor allow TV cameras. "We only have room for 35 media people. We had to turn the others away," Morris said.

Regarding publicity, Reely said that Lady Thatcher’s speech will be treated as a private event. "If we publicize it too much, we will have lots of people coming, and there will not be enough room," he said.

Reely said that the ASI was able to contact Lady Thatcher through the Washington Speakers Bureau, which exclusively represents her. She has been in the United States for several weeks, speaking in different locations. Lady Thatcher is traveling with her husband, Sir Denis Thatcher, and two Scotland Yard guards.

Lady Thatcher has served as British prime minister, first lord of the treasury and minister for the civil service. She resigned as prime minister in 1990 after holding the office for 11 years. She continued to serve as a member of Parliament for Ranet, Finchley, until 1992, the year in which she became Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven.

Lady Thatcher is chancellor of Buckingham University in England and William and Mary College in Virginia. She has received many awards and honorary degrees. She was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1983 and was awarded the Order of Merit by Queen Elizabeth II in 1990. Lady Thatcher is a patron of various charities and has established her own foundation.


Jenny Tyrree’s composition, “On the Farm,” earned the first-place award in the essay category. Tyrree’s theme, based on memories of her grandparents’ farm, thanked them for their lifestyle and example which have helped develop her spiritual life and her identity.

Other students placing in the contest were Cathlyn Tsirgiotis and Carrie Brown in poetry, Georgia Choute and Chris Kelley in fiction, James Clark and Shannon Smith in children’s literature and Jenny Brooks in essay.

The contest was named after Dr. Jo Cleveland, a professor of English and member of the Harding faculty from 1966 to 1982.
TAKING a Closer Look

Pop Christianity is a cheap imitation of true discipleship

Christians and Christian ideals are popping up everywhere — in the political arena, in businesses and even on the cover of major news magazines. Time and U.S. News & World Report have dealt with questions about Jesus’ identity, the origin of the universe, faith, prayer and other religious topics so many times in the past six months that I’ve lost track of them all. If Christianity is getting such favorable coverage in the mainstream press, we must be doing something right — or are we?

Just because Christianity is becoming more popular doesn’t necessarily mean that we are doing a better job of spreading God’s word now than we were five years ago. Public acclaim definitely doesn’t mean that people are beginning to lead more godly lives. One glance at CNN will dispel any false notions about a mass conversion taking place in our current political climate.

In fact, if the recent acknowledgment of Christians’ contribution to American society elicits any response from us, it should be one of alarm. After all, James 4:4 says, “You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.” But what about when the world chooses to be a friend of ours?

This new-found “friendship” could be very dangerous to Christians in several ways. The first is by simply numbing our minds to the true state of the world around us. We’re probably not in any danger of completely losing our culture through rose-colored glasses, but the passive way that we get from a supportive press could be just enough to make us comfortable with the way things are. Complacency isn’t a talent any of us needs help developing.

Another, and potentially greater, threat to our efforts to spreading the good news is the watering-down effect that popularization has on God’s message. In an interview with World Report, Tony Campolo said many of the currently popular books on Christianity present our faith “as a form of personal therapy rather than a call to radical discipleship.” The titles on the shelf in a Christian bookstore often sound frighteningly similar to titles one would find in the self-help section of any bookstore in any mall in the country. Don’t we believe in a God that is larger than our problems and our management problems and our lack of ability to follow a personal budget?

Permitting our culture to absorb our beliefs means allowing our beliefs to be changed. Any nation that treasures freedom and rights as much as America does will be unable to accept a selfless, service-oriented faith without modifying it, at least to some degree. If we allow Christianity to be swept along in the tide of pop culture, we run the risk of getting swept along with it. And where will the wave leave us? Most likely we will find ourselves dumped on the sand, along with the other discarded fads and fashions of the past three decades. And if we believe Christianity means adapting between God’s truth and the streamlined reports in popular literature, our faith may be gone with the tide.

Are states able to run social programs?

States could choose to kill welfare programs

by Heather Allison

Does giving the state government control over social programs, Medicaid in particular, help or hurt those in poverty?

It hurts these people, because the money is still being provided by Washington. Also, having the states take over these programs has been tried before and didn’t work. If the states do take over these programs, they do not have to keep them in existence. Another reason it hurts the poor is that nobody but the states mandates the money.

Some think that if the states take over the welfare programs, Medicaid and nutrition programs, the federal government will save money. This is not true. If the states take over these programs, the federal government still pays the bills. Washington would continue to provide the money. No savings there. The states would have control of the money and could put it anywhere they wanted.

Last year, the Clinton administration gave Tennessee permission to experiment with Medicaid. They put all Medicaid patients into health-maintenance organizations (HMOs). They were receiving health care through hospital emergency rooms, and it was much more expensive. The doctors do not like the TennCare because they do not get the money for their services.

If the states take over the welfare program, they are not regulated on how much money will be given to the recipients. There is a vast difference, from $253 in Alaska to $42 in Mississippi, in how much money people get on welfare each month. These numbers would change and would show an even greater difference if the states were in charge.

If this program is taken from the federal government, a voucher system would be implemented. With food stamps, people can only buy food, but vouchers can be used anywhere, near the mailbox or in the drugstore. If the states were in control of food stamps, they would have no obligation to offer them.

If the states take over the school lunches and school breakfasts, they would not have to keep them. Every year, $15 billion is spent for school lunches and food stamps. If the states take over this program, 14.6 million children, or one in every five kids that live in poverty, could go hungry. For kids of children, the meals they receive at school are the only meals they get all day. If the lunches and breakfasts are taken away, it will hurt a part of the population that cannot even say anything about it. Taking these programs out of federal control is like taking food out of a 5-year-old’s mouth.

The welfare programs, Medicaid and nutrition programs, are given to the states, a lot more people could be hurting. Many have a theory that the states are smaller and closer to the people and can fix the problems and can fix them more efficiently. But that’s history.

Some states are not as willing to put that many resources into helping people out of poverty. Tennessee is one of these states. In a recent call to voters, Governor Don Sundquist said that the people should be one step from poverty because of disability after an accident or a change in financial status following divorce. For the first time, decreases in poverty no longer accompany economic growth. This is because the median family income, which registered almost no growth in the 1970s and 1980s, is now actually declining. "Rebecca Blank of Northwestern University and one of the nation’s leading poverty economists said. According to Blank, the welfare rolls are increasing, but not because single mothers are working less, they’re working more. This shows that most people in poverty are trying to get out. No one wants to be poor. If the states take over these programs more people will be in poverty.

State liability improves chance of success

by Judie O’Farrell

It’s a simple human principle. You probably heard the story your parents shared before the summer before you came to Harding. This story is about a boy who made failing grades throughout high school but returned after his first semester in college with a 4.0. "Why?" you did not ask, but they told you anyway. He accepted responsibility for his own success.

In the same way, when states are forced to be responsible for their own success, they may surprise us all.

Those who do not trust small governments with the responsibility of managing their own social programs are painting some frightening pictures: a picture of a hungry boy who turned away at the door of the school cafeteria; a picture of a family in crisis as a nurse sends them away for lack of insurance. We can see potential for concern. We cannot allow budget cuts to harm the health and welfare of the nation’s poor. However, I also see potential for dramatic improvements. I do not believe that programs like school lunch and health care will fail if the federal government gives states the control.

The proposed school lunch reform will not snatch food from the mouths of school children; rather, it will give states a chance to be innovative. States will receive a block grant, and they will be asked to “develop the best, most cost-effective nutrition programs for their kids.” According to Representative Randy Cunningham, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families.

Cunningham is proud of Tennessee’s ability to care for its own health-care needs. I believe other states would appreciate the same opportunity to test their wings.

I do not condone carelessness. The federal government should not risk children’s health by dumming full responsibility for school lunches on state legislatures. The reforms should be monitored carefully for signs of weakness, and any major cuts in school lunch budgets should receive immediate federal attention.

But, I believe that a government more closely affected by the outcome will better handle the responsibility. And, I believe that many states, like Tennessee, will proudly report straight A’s.
Carson McCullers she had a great one
You don’t have to dazzle
really living.

(Editor’s Note: The following poem by Georiga Choate won first place in the poetry category of the Jo Cleveland Creative Writing contest, whose winners were honored at a banquet last week. As fellow writers, the Biso staff can identify with Choate’s late-night word wranglings.

To Another Writer

Georgia Choate

I smell the words and they’re like a
vanilla bean
that lives up my sugar bowl.
2:15 a.m. and I’m praying
this sweet granulated flow
is no false hope.
Anyway, morning will whisper in my
waking ear
that it’s all trash.
2:35 a.m.
wondering if I could
maybe wait tables
or get a job at some Daily Citizen.
Maybe
I could jump off a cliff.
But Arkansas doesn’t have
any really good mountains
And the common denominator
for this jack-of-all-trades life
is to pour words into a butter churn
and work until my arm is sore
Floating the best cream to the top.
- Georgia Choate

When I learned how to drive, I had no idea what I was getting into. Naively, I thought that driving was simply carting oneself from one place to another. Boy, was I wrong.

Just think for a moment about all the facets of driving. Of course, there’s the transportation aspect, but that’s minimal compared to everything else happening in the various vehicles on the road.

First, you have the “You can’t pass me” battles. It has been a bit alarming to me to recognize the definite sense of pleasure I find in confidently coasting past the spinning wheels of the car in front of me. Sometimes it is all I can do not to wave, or at least glance at the driver with a look of indulgent pity. Often, these motor challenges last for miles and miles. My “opponent!” and I trade places again and again, and just when I think I’ve made the strategic, winning pass, he pulls off the exit, like a loser walking out of the ring before the final bell, leaving me with a sick feeling of unfulfillment.

Fierce competition is not the only type of interaction taking place on the highway, however. Every now and then, one will pass a would-be adversary to find that he is somewhat attractive. Then, an entirely new “relationship” begins. The passing continues, but in a slower, more deliberate fashion. Now the challenge is to sneak quick, coy glances at the other driver, all the while maintaining an air of nonchalance. This practice of Highway Flirtation, though rarely profitable, does make long road trips a bit more entertaining.

Along with fierce aggression and romantic pursuits, other more noble experiences occur on the road. For example, often we have splendid encounters with self and nature while driving in the wee hours of the morning or cruising beneath copper-lavender skies at dusk. On other nights, the highway seems to exude a magic air of intimacy, along with its tar, skunks and occasional chicken houses. Friendships reach another level—words flow easier, laughs come quicker, awareness seems stronger.

In addition to the great moments of repose which the automobile offers, driving also provides a great escape from some of the routine of living. The “open road.” If you will, does bring with it a sense of adventurous expectation; perhaps because we’ve traveled it so many times on “the way” to somewhere. Truck-driving songs and motorcycle gangs that we’ve previously mocked seem to make a bit more sense. For a while, at least, we’re a modern explorer, traveling down the road, munching on corn nuts and singing loudly in a self-contained concert, and it just feels good.

And that reminds me. Why does food always taste better on a trip? After driving a few hours, 7-11 signs glow like welcoming halos in the sky, and I find myself bursting with excitement to run in and grab over the assortment of Moon Pies, Laffy Taffy and Super Shuffles.

One final wonderful thing about driving is the camaraderie it promotes. After awhile, the passing skirmishes fade, and suddenly, you’re on a road with hundreds of other life-travelers, each one with a story as different as his or her destination. Sometimes on trips, I have “adopted” some friendly family in a mini-van, or sweet older couple in a blue Buick from Arizona, only to feel a sense of loss when they pull off the interstate – after sharing so many miles, it’s almost like losing a neighbor.

Yes, throughout the pages of time, men have ventured out on the haunches of horses, the carriages of queens and the wheels of progress. Yet, throughout all these changing modes of transportation, one simple truth endures: Although arriving at one’s final destination is a joy indeed, often getting there is half the fun.)
Spring Break campaigns overcome problems to reach goals

by Allison VandeGevel
Bison staff writer

Although spring break campaigns varied in location, number of participants and in cost, all had one common goal: service.

"We showed Jesus to those people through our work," Marshall Brown, leader of the Duluth, Minn., campaign, said. "The church [First Duluth Church of Christ] has only about 100 members, so when we worked (by painting, cleaning apartments, roofing, etc.), it put a huge foot in the door for the church to the public."

All of the campaigns had some special aspect to them. The people in the visited areas were all different, and campaigns had different ways of approaching them. For instance, in leader Brian Watts said in chapel last Friday, the people in Utica, N.Y., were not needy in the way most people think. They were not poverty-stricken and wondering why God had left them in that position. They had material possessions and didn't think they needed anything else. In reality, they were unaware of just how needy they are - spiritually needy.

At the opposite end of the spectrum were their neighbors in New York City (NYC). According to Cecely Savage, a NYC campaigner, there were many homeless people there. Her group worked in the Bowery Mission (a home for alcoholic men) for four days and experienced the plight of the homeless firsthand. Leader David Rubio gave the 36-member group a personal mission during one day of the campaign- to help a homeless person by maybe buying them some food or just by talking to them. Savage and two others in her group met an elderly man named Andrew, who had lost his entire family. They bought him some aspirin, a hair and cheese sandwich and some apple juice, talked with him and told him about the Bowery.

In addition to these efforts, the NYC group led some worship services and a youth rally in Patchogue, Long Island. Other campaigns also led worship services and Bible classes, such as Vacation Bible School which was held for the Jamaican children. "When we first arrived, the children began singing songs that last year's campaign had taught them," Rich Little said during Friday's chapel.

Little Rock was the newest addition to the traditional list of Spring Break campaigns. It stood out from the rest in terms of cost (being the least expensive) and in hitting close to home for Harding students. The group of 35 worked with River City Ministries, an inner-city mission team. According to leader Chris Phillips, "Our goal is to make River City Ministries a part of the people's lives here."

Phillips said campaigners also had the chance to attend a campus-wide devotional featuring skits by the Conquerors. Although there are many activities during Spring Sing weekend, Phillips believes it is a good time for prospective students to visit Harding. "No other weekend allows them to see more of the Harding experience than Spring Sing weekend does," Williams said.

"We will have the opportu‌nity to meet with faculty members and visit classes of their choice," Williams said. "In addition, there will be campus tours every half hour and financial counselors will be available to talk with the students."

Spring Sing weekend also brings Youth Forum

by Emily MacKinnon
Bison staff writer

Spring Sing weekend is not only an important time for social clubs, but it provides a chance for prospective students to gather for the annual Youth Forum, which is sponsored by the admission department.

According to Mike Williams, director of admissions, the Youth Forum is the biggest visitation time for prospective students that Harding has. "We usually register over 3,000 students during this weekend," Williams said.

On April 14, Youth Forum opens with an academic fair for prospective students. They will have the opportunity to meet with faculty members and visit classes of their choice. In addition, there will be campus tours every half hour and financial counselors will be available to talk with the students.

This year's Youth Forum is scheduled to deliver four messages to the young people. Throughout the weekend, students will be able to see a showcase of many campus organizations. Several musical groups will present a program on the front lawn, entitled Celebration. Visiting students will also have the chance to attend a campus-wide devotional featuring skits by the Conquerors.

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Choral groups to perform Verdi piece with orchestra

by Kathryn George

Bison staff writer

University Chorus and Concert Choir, in conjunction with four other Arkansas choral organizations, will perform Verdi’s “Requiem” April 8-9 at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock. Accompanying the group will be the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. David Itkin, music director and conductor of the orchestra, will also direct the singers.

According to Dr. Arthur Shearin, the two groups learned and practiced the music here and will begin putting the production together with the other groups in a series of four rehearsals beginning Saturday, April 1. Dr. Itkin has visited the campus to rehearse with the groups. Harding has 160 musicians participating in the 375-member group.

Dr. Shearin said that Harding has maintained a close relationship with the Orchestra and that the university has an outstanding reputation in music. Faculty member Gerry Gibson is principal oboist for the Arkansas Symphony.

Tickets for the event will be $5 and may be purchased at the door.

Runners ready to make a MADD Dash

by Cheryl Hisong

Bison copy editor

The 11th annual MADD Dash will offer area runners an opportunity to stretch their legs tomorrow while raising money to help keep drunk drivers off the road. Sponsored by the White County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the MADD Dash will consist of three races, all taking place simultaneously.

A 10-K, named in honor of former White County resident and Harding graduate Harry Miller, provides a demanding course incorporating some tough hills for the most seasoned runners. The course for the “Harry Miller 10,000” was laid out by Miller himself just five months before he was killed by a drunk driver in 1980.

Those less conditioned participants may choose between the 5-K or a half-mile Fun Run. The 5-K will start out through flat farm country and make a small rise at the end of the second mile, ending in a third-mile downhill coast to the finish. The Fun Run is designed primarily for those who want to run slowly or even walk the course.

According to the race director, Dr. Paul Pollard, all of the money raised will go to help fight drunk driving. MADD is involved in project Red Ribbon, contests for school children, project Graduation and other activities to help change attitudes about drinking and driving.

Events

at a Glance

- Free Indeed will perform tomorrow night in the Benson Auditorium as a benefit for Charlie Hester, former youth minister at the Downtown Church of Christ. Tickets are $7 for students and $10 for the general public.

- Christine Tucker will perform her senior voice recital on Thursday, April 6, at 5 p.m. in the Recording Studio of the Music Building.

- Mr. John Fortune, associate professor of Bible, will speak Monday night on “Literary Aspects of the Bible.” The program, sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, will begin at 7:00 in McIntyre 235.

- David Hook’s senior art exhibit will be on display in the Stevens Art Gallery next week, April 2-7.

- “Little Women” will show tonight in the Benson Auditorium at 7 and 9:30. The movie also shows again tomorrow night at 9:30. Admission is $8.

- The MADD Dash, a benefit run for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, begins tomorrow at 8 a.m. at the Carmichael Community Center. Anyone interested in running in the half-mile, 5-K or 10-K races should talk to Dr. Paul Pollard.

- Spring Sing tickets will be on sale Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 4:00 in the morning at the Benson ticket window.
Debaters get valuable experience in research, critical thinking skills

by Maria Elena Arvizu
Bison staff writer

A challenging semester awaited the debate team when they returned from Christmas break to prepare for a series of tournaments in Louisiana, Georgia and California. Armed with this year's topic, "Resolved: that the United States should significantly increase the development of the earth's ocean resources," team members finished their research and began competition.

Dr. Patrick Garner, professor of communication and director of the team, had scheduled the team for a regional tournament in Atlanta, a national Pi Kappa Delta tournament in Shreveport, and a national CEDA tournament in San Diego. Garner said the members prepare for competitions by developing skills such as critical thinking and impromptu speaking. In addition, he said, debaters have to put much time and effort into library research. "There is no other activity you can engage in during college that can do all these things," Garner said.

The tournament format matches one team, which supports the given proposition, against another team which opposes the proposition. To open the debate, each participant gives a 6- to 8-minute speech, supported by his or her thorough research on the subject. Each member of the first team gives his or her individual speech, followed by individual speeches by members of the second team. Between speeches, each member is cross-examined by the opposite team for a period of three minutes.

Afterward, a new round of speeches takes place, where each member defends his or her position for five minutes. After members of the first team prove their points, members of the opposite side refute those arguments on an individual basis. From then on, speeches alternate between the two sides. A judge is present during the entire debate to evaluate the teams and determine the winner.

According to Garner, there are no levels of competition in debate. Different schools from the United States attend the tournaments, so the Harding team may compete against any other school in the country. "This is a true intercollegiate competition because hundreds of schools participate in it," Garner said.

Garner said he welcomes debaters to the team each year based on personal interviews with him. Students who participate may be majoring in any subject area, but he said the activity usually appeals to those who are interested in law.

Garner said he believes that debate will help him in his future career as a teacher. "It sharpens your thinking skills and you get to travel," he explained. "I think that they will be able to understand better."

"It is a true interpersonal competition because hundreds of schools participate in it," Garner said.

Harding's team consists of six members who are divided into three teams of two each. The pairs are Jeff Hammond and Joe Boyle, Matt McDaniel and Axel Limatta, and Scott Slough and Laura Cory.

Hammond said that debate is "an activity where you bring together the best inquiring minds in college." He added that being on the team has helped him to think critically, to use thoughts in a timely manner and "to win and lose gracefully."

Limatta was motivated to join the debate team because "it sharpens your thinking skills and you get to travel." Limatta also believes that debate will help him in his future career as a teacher. "If you want to be a teacher, you should debate," she said. "It helps you to explore the subject and to write."

Hammond said the team "has done very well, and we hope to do well in subsequent tournaments. We are looking forward to them," Garner said.

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Bison bats blast Williams Baptist

by Jill Shirley/Staff Writer

Plagued by a recent hitting slump, the Harding Bisons found exactly what they needed Tuesday afternoon in Williams Baptist— a breakout. The Bisons hammered Williams Baptist 9-1 and 12-3 in a doubleheader that saw Harding pound out a combined 25 hits and successfully shake the rust from their bats.

The series sweep bumps the Bisons over 500 for the season at 16-14 and improves their AIC mark to 9-5. Williams Baptist continues their slide at 9-27 and 0-14.

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The split leaves the Bisons with a 15-14 record for the year and 7-5 in the conference. Harding travels to Russellville tomorrow for an important AIC battle with Arkansas Tech. The Bisons are 0-2 in previous meetings with the Wonderboys so far this season.

Giving it all you've got. Brett Neely beats the tag as he slides into third base in the game against Williams Baptist.

The Bisons swept a double-header against Williams on Tuesday. Photo by Jason Burt.

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Tennis, Men & Women
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Harding University Golf Invitational Results
Team UCA
Harding (black) 504
Harding (gold) 515
U A M 539
Medalist: James Clark 74
Harding Bruce Johnston 74
Harding The AIC round start April 4.
Best winning percentage among active Division I coaches
Gomez
Roy Williams 776
Kansas, 7 yrs
Dean Smith 779
N. Carolina, 34 yrs
Nolan Richardson 758
Arkansas, 15 yrs
Jim Bocheim 752
Syracuse, 19 yrs
John Chaney 748
Temple, 23 yrs

— Club Scoreboard—
Men's softball teams
left in winners brackets:
Sub-T A & C
TNT A & C
Seminoles A, B, C & D
Kappa Sigma Kappa B
Titans D1 & D2
Chi Sigma Alpha
A, B & C
Knights A
Theta Tau Delta
A, B & C
Phi Kappa Epsilon
A, C18 C2
Delta Chi Delta B
King's Men A2
Sigma Tau Sigma A1
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Bison staff writer

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