Students walk for lives of unborn children

by Janna Shero
Bison staff writer

More than 130 sign-bearing students and faculty members demonstrated pro-life support to the Searcy community Saturday morning in “Walk for Life,” a fund raiser organized by the campus Students for Life (SFL) organization.

SFL president and Harding sophomore Austin Nesbitt said he wanted students and the community to actively support their pro-life position. “I don’t look at how much money we raise. I want people to get involved. I want a positive statement made to the community,” Nesbitt said.

Students paid $5 each to participate in “Walk for Life.” All proceeds benefited the Jacksonvile/Crisis Pregnancy Center.

“If there are 10 people great. If there are 100 people great. If there are more than 100 people – I’ll cry,” Nesbitt said before the walk.

Many weeks of preparation caused an energy and emotion overflow in SFL members throughout the registration period.

Miriah Schmidt, SFL vice president and sophomore nursing major, said a tearful thanks to God and all those who participated in the walk. “This is awesome!” Schmidt said to the quiet crowd from the Jim Bill McInerst rotunda landing.

“We want to approach [pro-life] in a positive way, going by the Bible,” Schmidt said.

SFL’s positive outreach has been aided by Families for Life, an organization in Cape Girardeau, Mo., whose members have donated bumper stickers, signs and other “positive message” material.

Nesbitt was eager to give credit to God for their success. “Everything, everything, the Lord has fulfilled everything,” he said, pounding the table for emphasis. “How could we get it all done? We don’t even know what we’re doing. The Lord has been so good,” he said.

Every year, on the weekend closest to the Roe vs. Wade decision made on Jan. 22, 1973, similar “Walk for Life” activities are scheduled nationwide.

SFL sponsor and American Studies Institute director Dr. Bob Reely participates in the walk regularly. He and his wife took students with them to the walk two years ago in 14 inches of snow.

One of those students was alumna Elizabeth Cathey, who instituted the Harding chapter of SFL just after graduating in 1995.

Reely said he remembers talking to students from Hendrix College and Henderson State University who already had SFL chapters installed on their campuses.

Reely said that Cathey’s experience was, “If those students can have a chapter, we can, too.”

Other SFL sponsors for the campus chapter are Downtown Church of Christ minister Mark Pugh and local physician Jim Citty.

Pugh became associated with SFL in the fall of 1995. “It’s a good effort. It gives students with interest a way to do something on campus,” Pugh said. “It’s needed. I’ve dealt with several girls who were pregnant and several who would have considered abortion.”

“This is our first major fund raiser,” Reely said. “Our chapter is imperative to have a presence that will encourage.”

Schmidt said, “The more we educate ourselves, the more we can do to volunteer and help [expectant mothers].”

White County has the third highest abortion rate in the state, with nearly 200 abortions each year. It’s Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) like the one in Jacksonville are life organization’s whose volunteers provide counseling, formula and clothing for babies, and support to expectant women.

No grants are provided by the state to CPCs; they are entirely dependent on voluntary donations. Many students were moved to participate by freshman Jessica Poirtier’s story in chapel. Poirtier’s father had encouraged her then 16-year-old mother not to abort Poirtier as she had considered doing. Poirtier’s parents were married soon after she was born, and both have become Christians.

“Jessica is a beautiful girl,” Schmidt said. “Everybody has a right to a life. No matter the condition of the mother and father in drugs, that child has a right to a life.”

Harding freshman and “Walk for Life” participant Janna Schriner said, “[pro-life] in a positive way...and there is even more give to get up, since I’m making a difference. I think it’s a good chance to be with other people who are fighting pro-life.”

Business Office robbed during final exam week

by Christy Pittman
Bison staff writer

The business office was robbed shortly before Christmas break, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, marking the first robbery in Harding’s history, according to David Citty, director of public relations.

At about 12:30 p.m., a tall man wearing a black ski mask, gray sweatshirt with red lettering and blue plaid pants entered the office with a small revolver and ordered everyone on the floor, according to Lott Tucker, security to help prevent another incident of this sort.

Tucker was not at liberty to comment on the amount of money stolen and whether the police arrived within four minutes, only five office employees on the floor, according to Lott Tucker, senior vice president and chief financial officer.

During the robbery, which lasted approximately two minutes, only five office workers and a couple of customers were present, Tucker said. “It was very scary,” said Freda Martin, an employee at the office. “He came in the back door wearing a mask, and he had a gun. He told us to get on the floor, help himself to some money and left.”

Fortunately, the frightening incident left no one injured. “I am, of course, very sorry that it happened. I am tremendously thankful that no one was hurt,” Tucker said.

According to Tim Webb of the Searcy Police Department, the robbery left the scene on foot.

The police department was contacted immediately, said Dan Campbell, chief of Harding security. Security was on the scene within one minute of the robbery, and the police arrived within four minutes. Security to help prevent another incident of this sort.

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Insights

Maybe it's because I'm a senior and sentimentality is wagging its weepy little head, or maybe I've been riding an emotional roller coaster lately, but for whatever reason, my sense of pride for Harding University expired last week like I have never experienced before. Last Monday in chapel, as I stood singing with the rest of you while so many of our number stood forward, I was struck with an amazing sense of deja vu. I've experienced the same scene before. I've watched skits, given someone a hug in that "Give a hug next to ya" song, and felt the flame of Jimmy Allen's sermons.

I've enjoyed four years of Christmas chapel, complete with songbook slamming and key jingling. I've watched slide show upon slide show, sung "The Road to Christmas" a million and one times and admit it, I've slept through my share of monotonous speakers. And, in every semester, I've carefully executed the taking of each and every one of my 10 precious chapel skips.

But throughout all of that singing, praying, giggleing, yawning, whispering and key jingling I've never felt so utterly amazed with how blessed I am to be a student at Harding University as I did last Monday.

I've done my share of complaining about Harding's rules and regulations over the years. I've grumbled and groaned while traipsing to chapel day after day. I've rolled my eyes about the 11:50 c.m. curfew and mocked the bleeped-out words at campus movies. I've growled in 90-degree weather about wearing no shorts before 4 p.m., and I've signed in, signed out, been fed up, and sometimes I've felt chagrined. But when I measure the good with the bad... when I think about the wonderful experiences like Neale Pryor's lectureship, I'm thankful for Harding.

I'm thankful for the late nights talking with roommates about sweet dreams, dorm rooms, praying with friends and talking one-on-one with outstanding teachers. I'm thankful for 10:50 p.m. dashes for Sonic blasts and Saturday nights devoted to watching reruns of "Moonlighting" and "Crown." I've watched my grandmother's life and seen that I've been blessed with at Harding make up for any and all undesirable rules - the good just outweighs the bad. I'm proud of my school.

No, I don't walk around with "It's great to be at Harding" buttons decorating my backpack, but nevertheless, I'm glad I'm here. Of course, someone may have to remind me of all this next semester when I'm hitting my snooze for the third time, grumbling about going to chapel.

Facing Issues

by Karin Springer
Bison staff writer

Apart from his political function as the leader of this country, the president of the United States is a citizen, entitled to the same rights as his peers and expected to fulfill the same responsibilities. This is the essence of democratic government.

Furthermore, when U.S. citizens are accused of sexually harassing another person who then takes the matter to court, they will be subject to standing trial. In the Pauls Jones case, the U.S. "citizen" happens to be the president. State employee Paula Jones accused him, then governor of Arkansas, of propositioning her in a Little Rock hotel room. The Supreme Court is currently considering whether Clinton will be able to delay the trial until he is out of office.

Any other individual sued in a civil court would have no way of avoiding or postponing a trial to a more convenient occasion. Why, then, should the president? Law is law, and I remember justice being done without a blot.

Although Clinton asserts that the Constitution protects him, as the president, from having to testify as a private citizen, no such statute exists. "Immunity" does not apply in cases involving crimes that occurred before the president took office.

It makes sense that Clinton should be exempt from going to trial for issues that concern his political performance as the president because this protects his right to make appropriate decisions in times of war or emergency. But, however, applies to the leader of the country, not just the president. Or do we want the president to be just as fearful of sexually harassing women as the rest of us?

Has our government become a monarchy, in which the ruler's private life is temporarily beyond jurisdiction and he can treat his fellow citizens as subjects without facing the consequences? Paula Jones is not a "subject," although some evidence exists that the president treated her as one. Whether these allegations are true is not the issue. What is important: Jones has every right to sue, if she believes by sheer willpower she could squeeze the president's name out of the case and expect to fulfill the same rights as his peers.

"The [Supreme] Court has previously recognized the principle of immunity for official presidential capacity, and has never extended the doctrine to acts occurred before a president took office."

Jan. 20, 1997

In the case of Clinton v. Jones...

by Scott Lofts
Bison staff writer

When a new president takes office, the following oath is recited: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." This statement accurately reflects the awesome level of responsibility that the office of president has. We would strongly wish that Clinton could see this office and do everything we can to add to the greatness of it.

That is why the president of the United States should be forced to stand trial during his/her term in office.

The president has the most important job in this country, and arguably the entire world. The duties expressed in the Constitution are a tremendous responsibility for one individual to hold. The president is both the head of the executive branch and commander in chief of all the armed forces. If our nation goes to war or makes any other far-reaching decision, he is the one who makes the final call. The last worry a sitting president needs is a lengthy and time-consuming trial.

The president's ultimate responsibility is to act with the best interests of the nation. If a president has been sued for damages that would not be paid if the president has immune status, the president would be required to spend taxpayer dollars on a court case.

The Constitution also issues the president the duty of receiving ambassadors and public ministers from other countries. He also serves as an ambassador to other countries on behalf of us, the American people. It is essentially our nation's number one representative to the rest of the world.

Just imagine what other countries would be saying about our president if he were taken to court abroad because of a court date. While that is the extreme, consider what importance will be placed on this man's image and power with other world leaders.

The message that we want to send to the world is that our president is effectively communicated through a man who is not distracted by a frivolous or purely attention-seeking court case.

It is my hope that our president is a man of good character and integrity. I hope that we, the people who elected our president, are not the type who would take actions that might land him in court. I must, however, question if every American who choose to promote a trial against their nation's sitting leader is truly serving the country as he should be.

The question of seeking a trial purely for media exposure does arise. I am hopeful that we, the people who elected the president as our leader, will also be consistent in protecting our leader from frivolous or purely attention-seeking court cases. Allowing a case to go through would be a precedent that would only encourage others to find something to go to trial for in order to share in the spotlight.

It is my firm belief that the president should eventually be made to stand trial. The president, just like any other citizen, should be held accountable for his actions and properly punished if he found guilty. The position of the president does not hold an individual above the law. However, the immense importance and relevance of a president's duties to our country far outweigh our role in the judicial system.

The Constitution allows for the president to be charged with either aiding and abetting ambassadors or public ministers from other countries. The president's right to make unpopular decisions in times of war or emergency can be cut back and may be distracted.

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### Historical Happenings

Jan. 31, 1919, was the birthdate for Jackie Robinson, the first African American to enter professional major league baseball. Jack Roosevelt Robinson played with the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1947 - 1956. He was voted the National League’s Most Valuable Player in 1949 and elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962.

### Creative Talents

**Remembering HUF**

by Carol Birth

The sun was making its slow descent as I strolled the cobbled streets of Florence. The familiar images of Brunelleschi’s Dome and Giotto’s Bell Tower greeted me as they had countless times during the previous three months. For days, as everyone left the villa to head home, I had cried the tears of a soul snatched from its home and thrust into a cold limbo. My HUF experience was over. What I had looked forward to with anxious anticipation was simply a part of my past.

A barrage of memories assaulted my senses: prank wars with underwear and shaving cream; sitting around the fireplace, choking on the thick smoke and drinking hot chocolate; getting lost and almost arrested in Rome; sitting in the swing in the yard, lazing the day away; writing notes and giggling at the back of class; speaking a garbled mixture of Italian, French and English; and holding hands during singing and prayer. I took one final look at Florence and turned away.

It seems like an eternity ago that I felt the numbng sadness of leaving the place I’d considered home for almost 13 weeks. It was the place I longed for when a thief decided to deprive me of both my money and all forms of identification.

It was where I wished myself when I was almost washed out to sea by the temperamental Mediterranean. It was where I laughed and cried, yelled and prayed, and made friends and promises.

It meant so much to me to be able to share the experience with such wonderful people. I laughed with Delisa, Kellie, Carla, Laura and Deanna; I discussed religions with Erin; I played pranks with Holly and Rhonda; I lardened literature with Brandon; I almost became a permanent resident of France with Beth; I revelled in the friendships of Kate, Stacy, Ashley, Melissa, Sonu, Randi, Julie, Elizabeth, Becky, Joe, Kari, Wendy, Andrea, Kathryn, Tom, Joel, Ryan, Russell L., Jeff, Andrew, Adam, Mogeay and Kim; I rapped with Russell B.; and I teased and admired Tia.

I suppose the relationships I shared with the Shackelfords, the Mitchells and other students would probably be my most memorable experience of HUF. They all wrapped me in a cloak of love and encouragement that I had never imagined possible. By no far stretch of the imagination were any of us perfect.

However, we did share one bond that left no room for petty and insignificant squabbles: an awe and respect for the creations of God.

Left by the tireless Dr. Carl Mitchell and his wife, Frankie, and Robbie and Mona Shackelford, we went, we saw and we conquered. What more is there to life than making the most of every situation, taking advantage of every opportunity, and, trusting in the Lord, embracing the promise of friendship without reservation?

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Meet the Harding staff

by Robin Henson
Bison staff writer

Harding University Bookstore employees have the great task of helping clueless students find all of the books and supplies they need for classes. Shannon Schultheisz is one of the 14 bookstore employees on campus.

Schultheisz has been working in the bookstore since September. Her duties include working as a floor cashier, restocking supplies and answering any questions that students or faculty might have.

Schultheisz is a graduate of Harding with a degree in vocational home economics. She now lives in Clay, a 15-minute drive from Searcy, with her husband, Charles, whom she met while attending school there. Charles has a degree in English and is a minister at a church near their home.

After being out of school for five years, Shannon's husband decided to go back to pursue a degree in education. Shannon also wanted to be associated with the Harding family again as well as to be close to her husband, so she found a job in the bookstore to aid in tuition costs.

Having been raised in Washington, Schultheisz said she was attracted to the bus service on a college campus as the opportunities it offers;

"People who are retired and looking for a tour group can visit every day with people of all ages," she said. "I was so shocked my freshman year, when I was sitting in a math class with Coach [Scott] Ragsdale, and in the middle of class, we said a prayer," Shannon recalled.

Other fond memories for Schultheisz were winning the intramural softball championship and eating in the Pattie Cobb cafeteria.

As a freshman, Schultheisz was one of three girls living in a Cathcart room. They were very overcrowded until she became one of the "lucky ones" to be able to move to Pattie Cobb and into a room with a girl from Africa.

The lily pool devotions were also touching experiences that Shannon will never forget. Schultheisz's favorite part of her job and being back at Harding is working with Christian people all the time. "It is like a family here, and everyone is so nice and friendly," she said. "She said that there is a variety to her job and never gets bored of lending a helping hand.

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Clinic serves campus and community

by Alyse Hoover
Bison staff writer

On Friday, Jan. 24, as the first full week of classes came to a close, student workers in Harding’s Speech and Hearing Clinic were busy screening prospective teachers from the School of Education. “I think it’s very important, if you’re going to teach, that you communicate well so students understand you,” said Carrie Suttles, a junior from Franklin, Tenn.

Prospective teachers must go through a three-stage process before they can be certified to teach. The clinic does these screenings so students can target any problems they may have in passing the evaluation for their certification.

The first stage in the screening process is speech. In this stage, an evaluator listens as the prospective teacher reads a page that contains all the sounds in the English language. The evaluator makes sure the student is pronouncing and articulating the words correctly.

The second stage involves an evaluation of the student’s voice to make sure that it sounds clean and healthy. The third stage is a hearing screening, which involves a test of a series of three pitches at 20 decibels in each ear. If a student fails any area of the screening, he or she undergoes a second screening and, if necessary, begins a therapy program. Suttles noted, “I really enjoyed doing the screenings.”

Harding’s Speech and Hearing Clinic, founded in 1951 by Dr. Richard Walker, was one of the first university clinics in Arkansas, according to Dr. Dan Tullos, program director. The clinic is staffed by students who are enrolled in communication disorders.

They spend at least two semesters working under a speech and language pathologist in order to complete their major. The students normally work between two and four hours a week in the clinic.

Jennifer Flieg, a speech pathology major from Cabot, Ark., said, “By working in the clinic, we get hands-on experience that is useful when we go to graduate school. Instead of studying about speech and language impediments in a book, we get to work with a client one-on-one.” Suttles agreed, “We get a lot of experience doing things such as the screenings and therapy hours that prepare us for graduate school. A lot of schools’ students don’t start [this training] till their senior year, and they don’t have to do as many clinical hours.”

The clinic serves Harding and the Searcy community through the Teacher Education screenings, HIPPY, as well as through screenings for Harding Academy and Thursday School. An early intervention program for preschool-aged children, HIPPY helps families target problems children may have before they begin school.

In these screening programs, motor development, hearing, vision and language are evaluated to spot problems that could hamper a child’s ability to perform well in school.

Harding’s Speech and Hearing Clinic also offers therapy to Harding students and the community. The clinic is “open for educational observation” and student workers are monitored, but patient confidentiality is stressed by the directors, according to Karen Crab, the clinic’s director.

Therapy at the clinic is provided for people who lose their voice or other language can receive assistance. These students may have trouble with idioms. Adult stroke patients whose communication systems may have been hampered are also patients. Patients are charged based on an ability-to-pay basis, but they pay about a fourth of the cost hospital clinics charge.

Speech pathology students must spend a minimum of 40 hours at the clinic to complete the requirements for their major. Speech and hearing clinic the second semester of their junior year and first semester of their senior year. The last semester of their senior year is spent working a minimum of 60 hours in an off-campus clinic. These students “get [to graduate school] with a lot of confidence and experience,” Crab said.

A student also said these students are allowed to carry a maximum of 100 hours of clinic work to graduate school, which Harding graduates have as a required part of their undergraduate work. The Speech and Hearing Clinic is located on the first floor of the Campus Building to the left of the radio station.

Camps

Events

The 21st annual Jo Cleveland Creative Writing Contest is in the works. Any Harding student may submit poems, stories or essays to compete for cash prizes. Rules and other details can be obtained from American Studies 300. Deadline is Feb. 2.

The Frances Mayo Smith Memorial Scholarship, a $500 award, will be presented to students who have been hampered are also patients. Patients are charged based on an ability-to-pay basis, but they pay about a fourth of the cost hospital clinics charge. Applications are available through the financial aid office. Deadline is March 1.

The annual engaged and newlywed shepherd will be Feb. 14-15 at the College Church. There will be a $5 registration fee which can be paid at the Campus Ministry house. Early registration is encouraged.

On Valentine’s Day, the cafeteria will serve a four-course meal in Student Center 236. You may make reservations by calling Ext. 4231. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and 8 p.m. RSVP by Mon., Feb. 10th, and the cost will be $10 per person. After Feb. 10th, the cost will be $12 per person.

The pizza war sponsored by Sigma Epilon will take place Feb. 6 during the Harding basketball games in the New Gym. Tickets are $4 and proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Campus Services

Congratulations to the recipients of the Donald W. Reynolds International Studies Travel Scholarships for the 1997-98 school year. The recipients are:

Ann Anthony – HUG
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Pryor encouraged by response to his sermons

by Emily Scheuserman

Bison staff writer

A wave of spiritual revival swept across the campus as Dr. Neale Pryor spoke to thousands about total commitment during the 1997 College Church Gospel meeting Jan. 19-22.

The overwhelming response of the Benson Auditorium crowd surprised even Pryor himself, who had had several concerns before the meeting. "I wasn't sure how successful the meeting would be or if the students would respond in a meaningful way," he said.

Pryor's worries were unnecessary, however. Touching the hearts of his listeners, his words resulted in 325 coming forward and 15 asking to be baptized.

Pryor's goals for the meeting were to preach the Gospel and to have a spiritual revival, he said. After talking about marriage and the importance of marrying a Christian, he spent Monday addressing conversion by telling the story of the eunuch. The third night, Pryor focused on the crucifixion, and, on the last night of the meeting, his message was "Prepare to meet thy God."

Sophomore Bible major Ryan Sullenberger, from Dixon, Texas, was one of the many who responded to Pryor's message. Sullenberger said that he went to the meeting because of the deep interest he had for what Pryor was teaching.

"I just knew I needed to be there," Sullenberger said. He said he responded to the invitation for several reasons. "I was ashamed of my pride and that I had let my devotion to God become superficial," he said. "I was very impressed by the magnitude of the response to the meeting, I was amazed by the power I saw, which changed the lives of the people around me, as well as my friends."

Junior education major Betty Davis from Worthington, Ind., said she went to the meetings because she "loves to hear Neale Pryor speak." She responded because "I had been really down lately, and Pryor said that the response to the meeting greatly exceeded his expectations. "I was very much encouraged by the outcome of the meeting," he said.

Pryor added, "However, the success was due to the students' involvement, their prayers and all the work they did. The students took it as their meeting."

Russia campaigns leaders seek workers for summer efforts

by Ashley Miller

Bison staff writer

Each year, Harding students are provided with opportunities to campaign in various areas of the world, and each campaign provides a different experience. However, each campaign has the same central focus—preaching the Gospel.

A demand exists for more student campaigners, according to senior Shawn Spradley, who will lead the Russia campaign along with wife Alina. 'There's a great need for role models and teachers in Russia,' Spradley said.

The campaign, which will leave mid-May for Pyatigorisk, Russia, and return in August, still has many openings.

"A couple of years ago, there were two or three Russia trips, but now, this is the only group going to Russia," Spradley said. "It seems that now, with all the other campaigns, which are great, Russia is falling through the cracks."

According to Anita Hamilton, who began campaigning in the early 1980s with her husband, Ice, a lot has changed since the fall of communism.

"It wasn't against the law for us to teach them, but it was against the law for them to learn," to campaign to Russia, according to Hamilton. "You had to be careful what you said because you didn't want to get your contacts in trouble. They would usually begin a Bible study by throwing a frisbee around, and then they would gradually inch in by singing and so on."

"In years past, the only way foreigners were allowed to travel to Russia was with a tourist visa, which allowed them to stay for approximately three months in each city; now, students can stay for a longer period of time preaching God's Word freely."

"We begin by making contact with people and tell them we're coming," Spradley said. "Once we arrive, the church helps us with our housing, and we begin a lot of advertising. We conduct personal Bible studies during the day and group studies at night, like a Gospel meeting."

After Shawn and Alina graduate in December, they plan to return to Russia in the spring of 1998 and stay for 10 years. This will be a homecoming for Alina, who is originally from Russia. "I met Alina in the summer of 1994," Spradley said. "She was a student at the university where we were teaching the Bible in English. I was her teacher."

"At first, she was interested in just English, but then she became interested in the Bible. Alina was baptized July 4, 1994. After that, we got to know one another better and began dating in 1995, and in 1996 we were married." According to Spradley, they would like for the students who go on the campaign to be able to stay at least six weeks. However, Shawn and Alina will be there for the full three months. He encouraged others to consider going.

"Once you go, you will wish that you could stay there longer than six weeks," Spradley said. "I have had so many say that they wish they could stay longer. Russia is a ripe field, if you know the language and culture."
CU transfer comes home to play in Arkansas

by Lance Lemonds
Bison staff writer

Matt Daniel has found a home in the classroom as well as on the basketball hardwood at Harding. A native of Jonesboro, Ark., basketball standout, Daniel originally attended the University of Colorado on basketball scholarship, but after two seasons of Division I basketball, Daniel decided it was time to come back closer to home.

He decided to continue his education and basketball careers here at Harding.

"Basically, Harding was it for me. I knew that I wanted to go close to home," Daniel said. "When you decide to stay close to home, that narrows the field down pretty much. Harding offered me a scholarship. I took it.

"I'm very happy with the decision I made," Daniel said. "It answered all the questions - it's close to home, where my family and friends can watch me play. I love the community; I love the coaches; I'm close to my little brother, which is huge. Harding is the place that allowed all that to happen."

Daniel is not the only one who is happy about his decision to play basketball and attend school at Harding; so are his coaches and teammates.

"We are very pleased to have him in our program and excited about the future of Bison basketball," Coach Jeff Morgan declared.

"Matt has a great knowledge of the game, a love of the game, and a lot of big game experience from his high school and early college days," teammate J.R. Duke said.

"Matt is a true team leader, a very tough competitor who loves the thrill of winning," teammate and friend Sam Ussery said.

Daniel's journey to Harding has come full circle. As an outstanding student-athlete at Jonesboro High School, he led his alma mater to the 1994 AAAA State Championship and was named Mr. Basketball of the state of Arkansas.

He was a hot prospect for many colleges and coaches, including Harding University and Coach Morgan. "We recruited him really hard during his senior year, but instead of coming here, he decided to attend Division I Colorado," Morgan said.

Daniel spent his first two years of college eligibility playing as a backup at Colorado. During his freshman season he averaged 12.7 minutes, 2 points, and 1.3 rebounds per game.

During his sophomore season, Daniel averaged 13.4 minutes, 3.4 points, and 1.3 rebounds per game. Those numbers would have undoubtedly been higher if he had not been competing for playing time with Colorado superstar Chauncey Billups.

When Daniel decided to transfer, Arkansas State University/Jonesboro and Harding immediately jumped into consideration. He had talked to ASU coach Dickey Nutt about transferring to ASU, but Nutt was not in a position to offer him a scholarship.

Harding's Coach Morgan had recruited Daniel during his senior year at Jonesboro High and knew his family well.

"The relationship that we had with Matt and his family during the recruiting process in 1994 helped us to sign Matt to an athletic scholarship to play basketball at Harding," Morgan said.

Daniel has found a home here. "It's close to home - on the basketball court, in the classroom and in the community," he said. "I now know that Harding is the place for me," he said.

Harding's men's basketball team takes record to 10-7 after Saturday's loss

by Jacob Gump
Bison staff writer

The Bisons took on battles with two teams last week to bring their record to 10-7. Thursday night, the Bisons brought down Arkansas Baptist College in a 96-64 game. Carlton Bryant, Matt Daniel and Brent Adams each scored 14 points for the Bisons, and Cliff Miller scored 11. Lavern Johnson said that Harding would have improved the game by working on their "hurry back defense," which would have prevented turnovers. He said the Bisons made several mental mistakes during the game that could have been prevented.

Miller summed up his feelings for the game saying, "The ball game was really a learning experience for the future. We will have to learn from what we made mistakes on." Bryant was the main scorer with 22 points.

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Sports Notes

Packers win

After 29 years, the Green Bay Packers returned to the Super Bowl for their third world championship. Former Heisman Award winner Desmond Howard was named the M.V.P. Marcus Allen was the last Heisman winner to play both in a Super Bowl in 1984 and on the last AFC Super Bowl winning team, the Oakland Raiders.

Jordan tops all-star balloting

Michael Jordan topped an all-star cast of players Sunday when the two teams were announced for the NBA all-star game. Jordan received 2,451,136 votes, the most ever.

The other starters for the East are Patrick Ewing, Grant Hill, Penny Hardaway and Scottie Pippen.

The Western Conference starters will be Shawn Kemp, Charles Barkley, Hakeem Olajuwon, Gary Payton and John Stockton.

Track legend retires

American track star Carl Lewis is calling it quits in track. At age 35, Lewis has won nine Olympic gold medals and one silver. He has been a part of 10 world records and won 65 straight races. He competed at the Olympics between 1984 and 1991.

Lewis plans to end his career in his hometown of Houston in June of this year.

Kansas still no.1

The Kansas Jayhawks remain the team to beat in college hoops at 20-0 - the only unbeaten team in the top 25. Here are the top 10 teams:

1. Kansas
2. Wake Forest
3. Kentucky
4. Utah
5. Maryland
6. Minnesota
7. Clemson
8. Cincinnati
9. Louisville
10. Arizona

Sampras and Hingis win the Open

Pete Sampras and 16-year-old Martina Hingis won this year's Australian Open.
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Last year’s winner: Derek Myers

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College Hoops (Feb. 1 - 3)
Arizona at Washington St.
Arkansas vs. Memphis
Cincinnati vs. DePaul
Clemson at N.C. State
Connecticut at Seton Hall
Duke vs. Georgia Tech
Indiana vs. Illinois
Iowa St. at Northwestern
Kansas vs. Nebraska
Kentucky vs. Georgia
Louisville at Temple
Michigan vs. Michigan St.
Minnesota at Northwestern
Texas at Oklahoma
Texas Tech at Texas
Utah at New Mexico
Wake Forest at Maryland

Pro Hoops
(February 1)
Utah at Dallas
Detroit at New Jersey
Toronto vs. Phoenix
Golden St. at L.A. Clippers
Cleveland vs. Miami
Philadelphia at Milwaukee
Denver vs. Sacramento

(February 2)
Boston vs. Vancouver
New York vs. Charlotte
Houston at Orlando
Cleveland at Miami
Denver vs. Phoenix
Indiana vs. New Jersey
Portland at Minnesota
Denver vs. Atlanta
L.A. Lakers vs. Washington

Game of the week
Chicago at Seattle

Welcome, arm-chair quarterbacks!
This is a chance for you, the Harding student, to battle wits with The Bison Sports Editor and be eligible for a free medium pizza and four drinks at the same time. Cut out the entire entry sheet and drop it in the Bison Sports Challenge box at the Campus Mail window before Friday at 10 p.m. HAVE FUN!

Lady Bisons continue hot streak
Fourth-ranked women’s basketball team, at 20-1, sets its sights for NAIA national tournament play

by Adam Lougee
Bison staff writer

The Lady Bisons dominated the University of Arkansas/Monicoello last Saturday, winning 72-53 on the Boyle Weevil’s home court. Harding’s lady hoopers went into the game ranked fourth in the nation among N.A.I.A. Division 1 teams.

Forward Angie Dugger acquired three quick fouls in the first half, providing UAM an opportunity to capitalize. With strong defensive play and a high-powered offense, however, the Lady Bisons shot to a 35-27 half-time lead.

The story was different in the second half. The black and gold surged to a devastating lead. In the first 10 minutes, the Lady Bisons outscored Monticello 17-0, taking a 25-point lead.

“This was what broke Monticello’s backs,” Coach Greg Harnden said.

All five Lady Bison starters scored double figures. Dugger finished with 16 points, sophomore center Molly McPherson added a strong 15 points, and senior forward Bridget Benson had 12 points.

The starting guards, sophomore Emily Prysock and freshman Rachel Raglin, ended the game with 11 points each.

The Lady Bisons shot a blistering 12 of 14 from the free-throw line and 4 of 12 from the three-point range. The win came out red hot. Benson stood out in the first half, where she scored 11 points in the first 4 minutes. She had two steals, two jump shots, a couple of 3-pointers, and finished with a layup. She finished the game with 18 points. "The other team was playing a zone defense, so my outside shots were on,” Benson said.

Senior forward Bridget Benson drives the lane for the Lady Bisons against Ambassador University. Benson finished the game with 12 points. Harding won the game 100-42. Photo by Aaron Gillihan.

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