Petit Jean editors meet final yearbook deadline by Karin Springer
Bison staff writer

Tense concentration dominated the atmosphere in the student publications office last week as the yearbook staff struggled to meet their final deadline. After an array of previous deadlines throughout the school year, yearbook editor Heather Allison, six section editors and faculty advisor Kay Gowen pushed the deadline. After an array of office revealed the staff staring Monday, Feb. 17.

the school year, yearbook silence only with occasional clicking. Compellingly at their computer monitors, interrupting the stress only with occasional mutters and sporadic mouse-clicking.

Trying to maintain their sense of humor despite the stress, some were asking themselves why they ever took on such a big responsibility in the first place.

"I had no idea, when I applied, how much time and effort would go into it," organizational coordinator for the show, Kaye Lowe said. "The scholarship was an incentive, and I thought it would be fun after working so hard. I had acquired good time-management skills and a better idea of their career goals.

At first, this huge responsibility scared me. I think my leadership skills have increased in the course of the year," Lowe said. "I've learned how to think more critically. And, it has definitely been a lesson in patience." Allison said the experience was so positive that she would like to stay and work for Harding.

McMackin agreed.

Allison said the experience was "something a little different. It's been an opportunity for them to get a little job experience, and it's thought they would get there.

Social club editor Emily McMackin agreed. "Mrs. Gowen warned us ahead of time," she said. But we never wanted to know the first deadline until after our meeting Monday, Feb. 17.

The work with assigning stories, deciding on page layout and completing the finished pages, classes and schoolwork were usually the first to suffer. Allison and her four graduate classes in addition to her job as editor-in-chief, her job ranked higher in her priorities than her classes this year.

"With the deadline coming up, I'm spending about 60 hours in the office," she said. "It's no big surprise that my grades are not as good as they could be. Sometimes I feel likei'm living a life outside the office."

All staff members experienced a great deal of pressure. The person who bore the brunt of the work, however, was not a student.

As yearbook adviser, Gowen worked closely with the editor-in-chief and supervised the whole process of writing, editing and layout. "My biggest struggle is keeping my priorities straight," she said.

"And every time it is with my family and on my class and Home Bible study preparations, but the yearbook just occupies a lot of my attention."

Gowen said she was thankful for her husband's tremendous support.

"I'd like to spend more time with my family on a day," she said. "I've learned how much about working with other people in a job setting."

The close relationship between Gowen and the staff members was also as a reward. "Mrs. G did a great job of making the distinction between the personal and the professional aspect of her relationship with us," Lowe said. "If we messed up, we know we wouldn't be in the red with her for the rest of our lives."

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Rebekah Love, organizations editor, looks over the shoulder of editor-in-chief Heather Allison. The Petit Jean staff spent long hours working on layouts, selecting photographs and writing stories. "It's been a little heavy, I don't regret accepting the job," she said. "I've learned how much about working with other people in a job setting."

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Spring Sing show progressing on schedule by Scott Loftis
Bison staff writer

Plans are well under way and the key to the successful Spring Sing show will be the best. Both directors and students are busy making sure the show is full of variety and energy.

This year's theme is "Seize the Day" and, according to Dr. Steve Frye, director, will be "something a little different."

Compared to last year, Frye said he feels that the music in this year's show has more variety and strength.

"Things are going great. Things are very much on track," Frye said. Frye is in charge of what he describes as "the creative aspects of what you see on stage."

This includes coordinating the theme, choosing music, working with the clubs, and light and set design.

The club acts will provide plenty of variety, with themes ranging from school kids and tourists to doctors, nurses and lumberjacks. Jennifer Clinton, a senior member of the Delta Chi Delta (whose theme is "Construction Workers") said that their act is going, great, positive, and said that their act is "cute as a button."

Some students find Spring Sing more time-consuming and stressful than they can handle, but Frye said, "This is the case with senior Heather Carrier.

"It's not as much time as I expected, but I'm not sure what things will be like when March gets here," Carrier said.

Freshman Shawn Breeden said that, even though Spring Sing does take up a lot of his time, he enjoys meeting all of the people.

Carrier agreed, saying that her favorite part so far has been meeting new people. Carrier and Breeden are both part of Spring Sing for the first time. Breeden is a member of Delta Chi Delta, and Carrier is participating as a friend in their act, which has the theme, "Electricity."

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Faced with the task of defending my thoughts, I could not help but feel a sense of frustration. The very nature of my argument seemed to set me at odds with the prevailing opinions of the time. It was clear that my ideas were not widely accepted, and I found myself struggling to convey the depth of my convictions.

But even as I fought against the prevailing winds, I remained steadfast in my belief. I knew that the truth was on my side, and I was determined to see it prevail. I continued to engage in discussions and debates, determined to make my voice heard. And though the road ahead was long and difficult, I knew that I would not give up until I had achieved my goal.
**Student Surveys**

We asked 100 students how they felt about the televisions being added to the Student Center. And the survey says:

- Hate them: 15%
- Love them: 31%
- No opinion: 17%

They’re okay: 37%

**Daily Reflections**

Inconveniences of the vertically endowed

by Matti Nowak

I was thinking the other day — as I often do — about what it would be like to be "vertically challenged." I'm certain we all have our own definitions of short, but from where I stand (approx. 6 feet 1 1/2 inches), short is anything under 5 feet 8 inches. Forgive me if my standard seems a little high, but trust me when I say that I don't know any better.

Females over 6 feet tall are few and far between, so it behooves us to stick together. It's not so much a feeling of security, but a sense that we all understand and relate to one another, no matter how incredibly different our personalities may be. The number of women who express to me their desire to be taller never ceases to amaze me. The comment I most frequently hear is, "Oh, it must be wonderful to be so tall!" Well, actually, it is. I look at it as a blessing. But as I mentioned before, my tall friends (guys included) and I understand and relate to one another when we are faced with the dark side of this blessing.

I don't know if many of you have ever considered the inconveniences we, the vertically endowed, must face on a daily basis in a world designed to accommodate the standard majority. To satisfy any curiosities you may have had, I will share a few of these experiences with you that may be eye openers for many who have never had to think twice about the common daily occurrences of which I will now speak.

One that comes to mind every morning around 9 is the leg room (or lack thereof) that the tightly packed rows of chapel seats offer. Have you ever wondered why the knees of tall people's jeans are always worn out? It's because our poor knees are forever rubbing, bumping and smashing into the seats in front of us. Just crossing our legs between two short people. It just so happens that, many times in the past, I have had the experience of sitting beside several of my 6 footer-plus friends, and we had to learn how to simultaneously cross our legs in the same direction or were otherwise reduced to playing Chapel Twister until everyone was settled. Just for kicks, factor in, if you will, the strategically placed songbook holders which, upon convergence, leave one with the hot water pour out onto you face? This I will never know. I am condemned to a lifetime of back-bend showers that, I'm certain, will lead to severe spinal problems in my old age. While we're on the subject of head clearance — why am I constantly forced to duck beneath hanging signs in the Student Center? As if it weren't difficult enough to navigate through the crowded sea of students floating between classes, I must also execute a number of successful ducks and sidesteps to avoid cranial collision with posters hung at discriminating heights.

I'm not bitter about these inconveniences. In fact, I find them quite amusing. I could produce columns of additional examples, purely for entertainment purposes. (How could I forget about the knee-level drinking fountains or the bathroom mirrors that cut off a large majority of my head?) Despite its disadvantages, I'd say that being tall is definitely a good thing. Sure, it's a heart-wrenching experience to discover, upon standing up, that the guy of my dreams is a foot shorter than me. But these inconveniences build character, and character fosters creativity, and creativity promotes happiness — all of which contribute to a cleverly constructed guide to dealing with life's little (or big) idiosyncrasies.

**Historical Happenings**

Feb. 21, 1965, marks the day on which Malcom X, a black leader who renounced the Black Muslim sect to form the Organization of Afro-American Unity, was shot and killed as he spoke to a rally at the Audubon Ballroom in New York, N.Y. Three men were convicted of the murder in 1966 and sentenced to life in prison.

Feb. 21, 1972, was the date that Richard Nixon became the first U.S. president to visit any country not diplomatically recognized by the U.S. when he traveled to the People's Republic of China for meetings with Chairman Mao Tsetung and Premier Chou En-lai. The results of those meetings, the "Shanghai Communique," was issued Feb. 27, 1972.

This weekend, Feb. 21-23, has been deemed "Second Honeymoon Weekend" and is set aside for all couples to spend some quality time together away from their everyday routines. Annually, "Second Honeymoon Weekend" falls on the weekend following Valentine's weekend.

**Creative Corner**

God's Child

by Lisa McCalip

Holding me up,
But I slip and fall.
Picking me up,
Because I'm small.

Walking on tip toes,
And trying to see.
Swinging in the park,
You're with me.

Editor's Note:
This space is being reserved for student submissions to the Bison each week. To be considered for publication, send your letter, poem or pencil drawing to Box 1192 two weeks before publication date. All submissions must include the signature and phone number of the creator.
Courts neighborhood in North Little Rock by Janna Shero
Bison staff writer

"Inner city carnival" will take place April 13 at the Silver City Courts neighborhood in North Little Rock. With 25 booths planned and about 300 children expected, directors are petitioning students, faculty and the community for donations of time and possessions.

Rachel Wilson, sophomore nursing and vocational ministry major and carnival director, said, "We need donations of clothing and toiletries. It's such a big deal because it takes so long to organize the things we have to do."

Children and parents will come to the carnival for entertainment, but Wilson hopes they will leave with a lasting impression that their love and care for others is needed just to come hold the children's hands during the carnival. "Those kids won't forget what's been done for them," Wilson said. "If we allow ourselves to be instruments for God, He can use us to touch these children in ways that we may never be fully aware of. We have to keep praying."

The carnival will target many age groups with a variety of booths and entertainment. "We want to make sure the kids are well fed," Wilson said. "We don't know what their situations are at home. This may be a rare opportunity for them to eat well."

Funding for the carnival has been appropriated by a two-year government grant worth approximately $4,000, initiated in the 1995-96 school year. About $2,000 remains to be distributed for supplies this year.

Bobbie Cox, senior accounting major and carnival financial director, said, "It's a learning experience for me. I actually get to use the knowledge I've gained in studying accounting."

The Inner City Carnival was originally an effort of Harding University students to create a greater awareness of the River City Church of Christ. "The carnival has been very effective for the River City church," Rector said. "It's supposed to be a very personal thing." Rector said the games are a way to facilitate the interaction between students and the children. "The carnival isn't complex, but it's fun for the kids."

Other carnival small group directors are also anticipating the event.

For the third consecutive year, students have committed to ministering in a deprived North Little Rock community.

The student-directed Inner City Carnival will take place April 13 at the Silver City Courts neighborhood in North Little Rock. Its purposes are to minister to the surrounding neighborhood with free medical care, spiritual counsel and meals throughout the week.

Last year's carnival director and senior public relations major, Allison Rector, said, "The carnival has been very effective for the River City church."

Rector said she hopes that carnival workers will hold to the ideals with which it originated. "It's supposed to be a very personal thing," Rector said. "The games are a way to facilitate the interaction between students and the children. [The carnival] isn't complex, but it's fun for the kids."

The student center has always been the place to relax between classes and talk with friends. With the recent addition of television sets, it is now a place to catch the latest sports scores.

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AWH raises money to fund scholarships

by Jacob Gump
Bison staff writer

The Associated Women for Harding (AWH), a non-profit organization, works strictly for the benefit of Harding students. The women who are members of the club work hard all through the year to plan and hold fund-raisers to make scholarship money available for people who cannot pay for their school.

The women of AWH meet once a month in different members' homes. The current president is Shirley Robinson, who will be serving as president for the year. "AWH gets so many people involved with Harding," Robinson said.

Items such as the holiday "cheer boxes" are designed and put together by AWH. The club also has a yearly "lunch with Santa." A sign familiar to all students is the one outside of the Associated Women for Harding building. The AWH House is one of the oldest buildings on campus. Photo by Kami Wentz.

Money for the scholarships is completely raised by projects and fund-raisers. A committee of members meets and decides who should be eligible for the scholarships, all of which are awarded to incoming freshmen. Applications are available to students through the business office.

In April, all chapters of the club will meet together on campus to present the money they have raised to President David Burks for the scholarship fund.

That crazy Arkansas weather

Andrew Pace, a junior from Elyria, Ohio, creates his version of a snowman. Many students played in the snow last week. Photo by Kami Wentz.

Andrew Cooper and Romer Rodriguez spar in a game of volleyball. The sunshine was a drastic change from last week's snow. Photo by K. Wentz.

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Jan Fortner chosen to speak for honor society induction
by Lori Boduch

Jan Fortner teaches Bible and history, but is also the English department that asked her to speak Feb. 27 at the induction ceremony for its honor society Sigma Tau Delta.

Every semester, the honor society selects a faculty member to address the students on a variety of subjects that relate to literature in some way. “We try to choose teachers from different departments every semester,” said Kim Little, who is president of Sigma Tau Delta.

Little played an important role in getting Fortner to be the speaker at this year’s induction. “She’s brilliant and knowledgeable in such a wide range of subject areas,” she said. “She is also a very dynamic speaker.”

The extent of excellence is evident in her academic accomplishments, but Watson and his family also know to their reveals that it extends far beyond just that area. “I am married to her husband, Dr. John Fortner, who teaches in the College of Bible and Religion,” she is also “a terrific mother, wonderful wife and great homemaker,” she said.

Fortner grew up in Mobile, Ala., where her mother began teaching at the College of Bible and Religion. “My family attends College Church of Christ,” Dr. Fortner said. “It’s been leading; it just wasn’t as planned didn’t work out. But when I look again, I see it as a leading. I think that God has been leading; it just wasn’t as I planned. God has His ways of preparing you to do things.”

In 1971, as a student at Harding University, Fortner met her husband when he was leading singing at a lecture she attended with friends. Of that first meeting, Dr. Fortner said “[Jan] was the prettiest, most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen in my whole life, and she was married.”

Their first date was to the Monday night meeting on campus. Their relationship quickly progressed, and in December of that year, they were married.

In 1987, the Fortners were blessed by the arrival of their son, Joshua, an only child. “We know live a world known without a child, but we just can’t remember it,” Dr. Fortner said. “She is also an avid reader, being literate in Hebrew, Greek, Latin, French and Italian. She is also an avid crocheter, knitting and crochetting. She is also an avid reader, being literate in Hebrew, Greek, Latin, French and Italian.

Fortner teaches a women’s ministry class and several history classes. She said she doesn’t have a favorite class to teach because they’re all special in different ways. In women’s ministry she ‘gets to see the students awakening to the Bible.’ In history, she enjoys teaching the things that have happened in the past but knows that you “must see it from God’s perspective and His plan.” She said she believes that “when you teach and something clicks with a student, it’s worth getting up the next morning and trying it all over again.”

Along with her many career and family responsibilities, Fortner still has several speaking engagements a year. She usually speaks at women’s retreats or ladies days.

Fortner said if she could give the students of Harding University one piece of advice it would be “there is joy in knowing God. Therefore, a life should be spent getting to know Him. You do this through His word as well as through the people He gave you in your life.”

Meet a Harding staff member who helps students find money
by Lance Lemmonds

Staff member: ZEARL WATSON
Work Location: Financial Services

Helping students understand financial aid paperwork and finding ways for financing students’ education is Zearl Watson’s most cherished duty as director of Student Financial Services.

“Sears help students find the proper resources to pay for college,” Watson said. “My main job is overseeing the overall operation of the financial aid office.”

Waston came to Harding as a student shortly after fulfilling his duty in the United States Army. He was a helicopter pilot, serving one year in Vietnam and his remaining years of service during peacetime.

While attending Harding, Watson was a member of the bowling team that won a national championship. He graduated from Harding in 1971 and was immediately hired in the university’s accounting office. He came to Harding’s financial services shortly thereafter and became director in 1982.

In addition to his duties at Harding, Watson also ran a flying service and a flight school at the Searcy Municipal Airport.

For two years, he was responsible for flying the late President George S. Benson’s plane. “During that time, flying Dr. Benson around took top priority in my work; I always enjoyed listening to his speeches,” he said.

Watson’s personal and professional qualities are well known. Those who know him best rave about his devotion to family, friends, colleagues and students.

“My husband is a solid gold person who is loyal to Dr. Burks, loyal to me and to our children, and the whole Harding family,” Mrs. Watson said.

Zearl Watson

Sherry Dillard, director of Student Financial Services, agreed. “Mr. Watson is a very hard worker who puts in long hours. He is dedicated to this work; he is a professional in dealing with students’ questions,” she said.

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Sports

Lady Bisons defeat NSU in a physical game by Robin Henson
Bison staff writer

The Lady Bisons defeated Northeastern State University (NSU) in Tahlequah, Okla., on Thursday, Feb. 13. With the final score of 78-68, the Bison win upped their record to 24-1 (NSU) in a close match, but the Lady Bisons dominated the scoring in both halves of the game. Senior Bridget Benson of Imboden, Ark., was the top scorer for the Lady Bisons with 19 points. "They play a very physical style of basketball," Benson said.

Searcy's own Angie Dugger got into some foul trouble against NSU but was able to contribute 17 points. "It was a tough place to play," Dugger said, noting that she was impressed by the team's game intensity. "We seemed to play a lot better in the second half. Our defense stepped up, and a strong defense leads to a good offense."

Junior guard Rachael Raglin of Pocahontas, added double-digit points. Sophomore guard Whitney Hinkle of Greenland, Ark., Emily Prysock from Mountain Home, Mandy Cox from Paragould, and Karie Fouts from Searcy also scored for the Lady Bisons. Assistant Coach Brad Francis said, "It was a good win on the road, and Benson and Raglin did a good job helping with the scoring load when Dugger was in foul trouble. With only two regular season games left, it looks as if a seat in the national tournament is secure."

The coaches expect to end the regular season by continuing to win in the regional tournament. Coach Greg Harrendon said the Lady Bisons should be seeded No. 1 in the regional tournament in Ft. Worth. The official seedings for the tournament will be released Monday morning.

The regular season will wrap up this week with a home game on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. against Cameron University and a final match at Lyon College in Batesville on Monday, Feb. 24, at 5:45 p.m.

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The Lady Bisons catch up on conditioning and fundamentals as they practice in the Ganas Athletic Center for a key game. Harding needed the workout in preparation for their win over NSU. Photo by Kami Wentz.

Bisons lose close road game to Drury by Ashley Miller
Bison staff writer

Although it was a fight to the finish, the Harding Bisons just could not pull off a victory in an away game against the Drury Panthers on Monday night. The Bisons were defeated 78-73.

From previous games, Coach Jeff Morgan had some pre-game impressions about the Panthers and their strategies. "Going into the game, I knew they were a very hard-nosed team, much like our own," Morgan said. "We needed to play very hard and physical, doing a good job on the boards and limiting them to one shot."

However, according to junior forward J.R. Duke, the Bisons were unable to fulfill these goals. "The main problem for us is that we got off to a slow start and that really hurt," Duke said. "Our turnovers killed us."

With a total of 25 turnovers for the Bisons, Morgan agreed with Duke. "You can't have that many turnovers in a game, but especially not in a game on the road," he said.

Although trailing by 10 points most of the second half, the Bisons surged the last three minutes, getting within five points of the Panthers. "The last few minutes we seemed like a different team," freshman guard Levem Floyd said. "We were fired up and picked the game up to another level."

Other players saw some changes in the playing level as well. "We were down, but we thought that we still had a chance to get it," junior forward Louis Bonner said. "That is when we turned the intensity up a notch."

Duke felt that the Bisons made some positive changes toward the end. "We got them to do some things that they didn't want to do, and we got some of the shots we needed," he said.

Again, Morgan agreed with Duke. "We did a good job fighting back and executing toward the end."

Junior guard Carlton Bryant led all scorers with 26 points, including 5 of 8 from the free-throw line. He also pulled down 5 rebounds and blocked two shots.

Point guard Matt Daniel, a junior from Jonesboro, Ark., delivered seven of the team's 12 assists. Daniel played 32 minutes and finished with two steals and 14 points.

Sports Notes

Tennis sweeps HSU

The men's and women's teams defeated Henderson State Tuesday in an away match. The Lady Bisons went 9 and 0 in their pre-season while the Bisons lost only one point to HSU, a 9-7 double set, to evening it. The win wasn't what Coach David Elliott was looking for, though. "We won easily, but we weren't as focused as I want us to be," Elliott said.

Harding golf wins

The Bison golf team finished with a 319 last Tuesday and edged out Arkansas Tech, at 320, and Henderson State, who ended with a 322.

Gordan takes Dayton

Leading 40 of the 200 laps at this year's Daytona 500, 25-year-old Jeff Gordan became the youngest driver to win the race. Richard Petty won the event in 1964 at the age of 26.

Minnesota at #2

Can it be that the Minnesota Golden Gophers are the No. 2 team in the land? The new AP poll says they are. The NCAA uses the RPI (rated index) system. Here is the difference:

AEPoll vs. RPI

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4. Wake Forest 4. Wake Forest
5. Utah 5. Utah
7. Iowa State 7. Iowa State
8. Clemson 8. Clemson
10. N. Mexico 10. N. Mexico

NHL leaders (2-18-97)

Eastern conference

Atlantic-Philadelphia
Northeast-Buffalo

Western conference

Central-Dallas
Pacific-Colorado

Biathletes in action

A joint team of Russian and Belarusian biathletes (skiing and rifle shooting) came to the rescue of their coaches while they were being robbed. After the attackers noticed the biathletes loading their rifles, they "were seen running away for all they were worth," reports said.

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Maryland at Virginia
Michigan at Illinois
Stanford vs. California
UCLA vs. Oregon
Utah vs. New Mexico
Wake Forest at Florida St.
(March 2)
Duke vs. North Carolina
Kansas vs. Nebraska
Kentucky vs. S. Carolina

Pro Basketball
(March 1)
Washington vs. Golden St.
Cleveland vs. Boston
Houston vs. Dallas
Milwaukee vs. Sacramento

(March 2)
New York vs. Cleveland
Miami vs. San Antonio
Detroit vs. Atlanta
L. A. Lakers vs. Indiana
Charlotte vs. Minnesota
Dallas vs. Phoenix
Denver at L. A. Clippers
Utah at Vancouver
Philadelphia vs. Portland

(March 3)
Toronto vs. Boston
Chicago vs. Milwaukee
Utah at Golden St.
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Home baseball season starts today
by Emily Scheuerman
Bison Staff Writer

The baseball Bisons begin their home schedule for this season against Central Missouri State University. With six returning starters, Coach Shane Fullerton will field an experienced pitching staff and a solid group of newcomers.

Last year, the team lost pitchers Mike Anders and Michael Taylor, catcher Brett Miller, and centerfielder Daryl Johnson. Fuller- ton said all of these played a key role in last year’s success.

The outlook for this season is one of optimism for Fullerton and the players. Catcher Chris Shelby from Houston, Texas, said, “I’m really looking forward to this season because we have a really good group of guys with a lot of talent.”

The pitching staff is the main strength of the Bison team, according to Fullerton. The team has four pitchers who are juniors this year and who are led by the only senior on the team, Tim Lacefield. “Tim is a talented and experienced pitcher who has raised the eyebrows of several professional scouts, including the Atlanta Braves,” Fuller- ton said.

Other strengths of the team include consistent hitting and experience in the infield. The Bisons also have several weaknesses, however. Fullerton said power is the team’s No. 1 drawback and the team’s speed is “decent, but definitely not a strength.”

Another concern is that the team has only had the opportunity to practice outside once. “There is a lot of optimism,” Shelby said, “but there’s still a little bit of apprehension because we haven’t gotten as much work in on the field as we wanted to.” Nevertheless, Fullerton said, the team has gotten a lot of work done.

The 1997 season will also be the Bisons’ first to play against NCAA II teams, including such powerhouses as University of Wisconsin/Oshkosh and Central Missouri State. Next year will begin the first official play in the Lone Star Division.

Aaron Brister, a junior pitcher and transfer from Crowley’s Ridge College, said, “I’m excited about the new division. It’s going to be a lot more competitive and challenging, but it will help us in the long run.”

Shelby added, “Playing in the new division is really going to be a boost for our program, and you get better by playing better people.”

This season’s competition will definitely be tougher for the team, but sophomore catcher Gary Bull said, “We have a strong defense, an excellent pitching staff and, above all, a bunch of hard-working guys.”

Fullerton is also optimistic about the season. “We have the ability to compete with everybody on our schedule and the potential to beat a lot of people,” he said.

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