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This year, the newly re­named top award went to Zeta Rho, TNT, Chi Omega Pi and friends for "Is It Still in the Night?" The show on a museum statues who surprised burglars by coming to life and foiling the robbery. Susanne Cude, a director for the show, said, "We were so happy and excited. We based our show on fun, not winning. All the other shows were so wonderful, we just didn't know what to think." Olivia Eddins, also a director for the show, said, "Lots of people thought they would win. We were a little intimidated. We were very surprised to win." Director Heidi Neuen­schwander said, "You could see the excitement when we won. Those of us standing on the stage for the Mega Mix could see the performers standing in the aisles. When they announced that we won, they all just exploded. They went crazy."

Candace Goff, also a di­rector, said, "We were so excited that we weren't even thinking about the sweepstakes. I thought we were going to kill poor Dr. Ryan. We nearly ran him over when we rushed the stage." Brian Bush, a director from TNT, said, "It was everything we ever hoped for. It was fun and exciting and it looked good. We were happy with our performance. Winning was a bonus." Zeta Rho, TNT, Chi Omega Pi and friends also won in two other categories – music and originality. Bush said, "Candace Goff's brother, Brandon, did the music for us. He put it on a CD, so we had great music to work with the whole time. He did a really great job on it." Goff said, "Everyone did such a marvelous job when we recorded the vocals. We really worked hard on pronunciation and clarity so people could hear the words, and I think it really worked out well." Neuen­schwander said, "We surely didn't expect the music award. It was just icing on the cake." Regarding the originality award, Tara Williams, a director for the show, said, "We knew that a statues theme hadn't been done before, but we really didn't know what to expect. 'Anybody Want To Play?' was a very original show, too." Chi Sigma Alpha, Regina and friends won the participation and choreography awards for "Ain't Nothing But A Groove, Daddy." Barry Watts, a show director, said, "We had more than 90 percent of our clubs participating, so we almost expected that one. We didn't, however, expect to win for choreography, so we were excited and surprised." Andrea Reed, a member of Regina who participated in the show, said, "Our choreography was really very hard. We spent a lot of time learning all of those moves. The fun and excitement made it worth it."

The final award, for costumes, went to Sub T-16, Shanti, Theta Beta Kappa, Tri-Kappa, Knights and friends for "Sports Center." Cory Edwards, a member of the show, said, "We were proud. Since our costumes weren't flashy like some of the other shows, we really didn't expect to win that award. It came as a complete surprise." Perhaps the best thing about this year's Spring Sing was that it took place off stage. Bush said, "I think this year showed more of a Christian spirit. Before we went on stage, the members of 'Stick to the Facts, Morale' came out onto Grad field and formed an alley for us to run through." Inter-club support was noticeable, too. Goff said, "There was no animosity at all between any of the shows. There was nothing said about competition until Saturday night. It was wonderful how everyone got along."

Watts said, "I've been in Spring Sing for four years, and I've never seen anything like the cooperation and total lack of bad attitudes this year."
Children who commit crimes should pay the consequences

Diane Gribbs
Bison staff writer

They are loving, adaptable, young and energetic, and they have a certain charm. However, the young heart that is so captivating can be almost overpowering.

What is the solution? The first step is to realize that children are not adults.

However, in today's world, hearts break, mouths drop and stomachs turn as we realize that children are not adults.

Most children who are in school are between the ages of 4 and 13, and they need to be treated as such. When children are treated like adults, they are encouraged to act like adults.

Children are required to be tried as adults if they commit violent "adult" crimes. Children are held responsible for their actions, and society is in a frantic search for answers.

These children are our future, our greatest resource, and our hope for a better tomorrow.
Spring is a season that I especially like because of all the new things that appear - like those wonderful yellow flowers that were blooming a few weeks ago - daffodils, I believe they are called. Who would have thought that a God as big as ours would have taken the time to create such a seemingly insignificant flower for me to enjoy every spring? He carved the Grand Canyon, He sculpted the Alps, and even the pyramids in Egypt, which I learned on the Discovery Channel. And after all of that, He took the time to paint the sunrises and sunsets for every day of the year, design each little leaf and flower in every forest and field in the world, fill the ocean with 14,000 different species of fish and create every single human being to be totally unique from all the rest. If that isn’t amazing, I don’t know what is.

Think on these things
Laura McNutt
Bison columnist

Isn’t God amazing? Sometimes I just look around and think about everything that He has created and is continuing to create every day. It humbles me. He even knows exactly how many hairs are on my head. He knows how many times I have brushed and flossed my teeth, how many times I have eaten Cap’n Crunch for breakfast, and He even knows that, when I go to McDonalds, I always order the number two combo with ketchup only! I like knowing that my God knows me so well.

How much it hurts him when I think about things that are unholy. In Philippians 4:8, Paul wrote, "Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, noble, right, pure and lovely. Don’t ever stop thinking about pure, godly things. For example, when I watch too much television, I notice that I develop a more pessimistic attitude, focus more on impure worldly things, then you will become pure and godly. On the other hand, if you think about impure worldly things, then you will become impure and godly." That is a cop-out. If someone really wants to keep his thoughts pure, he can choose to spend his time with people and things that are holy, pure and true. Is that really too much for God to ask of us? I don’t think so.

Conversation starters...

• April 10 is National Arbor Day, founded by J. Sterling Morton in 1872.
• April 15 is the birthday of Leonardo da Vinci. He was born in Florence, Italy, in 1452, and went on to paint the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper, as well as to design the first parachute.
• April 16 is the birthday of the Ford Mustang. It was unveiled in 1964.
• April 22 is Earth Day.
• April 23 is the birthday of William Shakespeare. He was born in 1564 and died on April 23, 1616.

To predict the future, create it.

Part of being an expert is knowing when to call another one.

ATTITUDE
"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day. We cannot change the past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitude."~ Charles Swindoll
Lamar Alexander to be presented as keynote American Studies speaker

Yavonda Fletcher

Lamar Alexander, the final presenter in the American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series, will speak in the Benson Auditorium on Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. Alexander, the U.S. Secretary of Education during the Bush administration, plans to challenge listeners to "Find the Good and Praise it."

"I don't know exactly what Mr. Alexander plans to say, but I do know that he intends his speech to be a very positive presentation," Dr. Rob Reely, director of the American Studies Institute, said.

Dr. David Burks actually requested that the American Studies Institute invite Alexander to speak because of his stand on improving the country's educational system. Before he was selected as a member of Bush's cabinet, he also served as the governor of Tennessee and then as president of the University of Tennessee.

In fact, Alexander is known for what a legend in Tennessee because he walked across the state during his gubernatorial campaign. During the "1000 mile walk," as it was called, he would randomly stop at houses along the way, eat lunch with the constituents, and talk with them about where they saw their state heading.

While he was governor, he introduced legislation that drastically changed the Tennessee school system. The "Better Schools" bill, which failed the first time it was presented to the legislature, passed on the second try, gave merit-based bonuses to hard-working teachers, increased the number of computers in junior high and middle schools, and increased the number of math and science teachers in the school systems. Many points from his state reform were used in President Bush's education reform packet.

Alexander isn't an elected official any longer, but he is still serving the American people through legislation. Not only does he serve as vice president of Corporate Family Solutions, a group that manages on-the-job child care facilities for workers in 26 states, but he is also the co-director of Empower America, an advocacy group that embraces conservative philosophies, and the chairman of the National Commission of Philanthropy and Civil Renewal.

Alexander was also a front runner for the Republican nomination in the '96 presidential elections. His name, along with Dan Quayle, Pat Buchanan and George Bush Jr., is already being tossed about by political insiders as a viable candidate in 2000. Alexander represents the presidential caliber of speakers that we try to bring to Harding. In terms of character and leadership abilities, he is in the same class as President George Bush, Margaret Thatcher, Governor Mike Huckabee and John Major," Reely said.

Despite all of his impressive positions, Alexander is known for being an incredibly down-to-earth individual. During his famous gubernatorial race, he was easily identified by his red and black plaid shirt. Now, he is equally known for his patented bow tie. Besides being an effective public speaker, he is also known for his piano playing ability. However, he isn't expected to play any concerts during his lecture on Thursday night.

Alexander will also meet with the members of the American Studies Board, eat dinner with the ASI students and faculty, and attend a private reception at the home of Dr. David Burks.

Psi Chi inducts new members into Harding chapter of honor society

The Harding chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology, has inducted 20 new members. The induction ceremony was held April 7, 1998.

Psi Chi was founded in 1920 to encourage, stimulate and maintain excellence in scholarship and advance the science of psychology. Graduate and undergraduate students who are majoring in psychology and who meet the honor society qualifications are eligible for membership.

Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of many additional organizations, including the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Society (APS). Psi Chi has grown during the last 65 years into one of the largest and most successful honor societies in the world. It has more than 200 chapters located on numerous colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Harding students inducted into the honor society are as follows:

Anh X. Aldaz
Rebecca Bell
Kenneth J. Coble
Rachel Conners
Jessica Dizer
Jennifer D. Evans
Marc Fager
Michelle Ford
Tracy D. Hall
Tara Heny
Alison Hatt
Jason Hinze
Jennifer Hutchinson
Ruthie E. Nelson
Christine Plesko
Leah Beth Romine
Phyllis Seaton
Cheri Scharf
Geoffrey Vickers
Clair Wietecha

Two student-directed performances to be presented in Little Theater

"The Angels With Closed Eyes," written by Shoji Kokami, deals with the possibility of an angel becoming human.

Gabrielle, an angel played by sophomore Devan Kron, is tired of being an angel because there are no humans in her district. After discovering a small town full of war survivors, Gabrielle decides to become human.

Other cast members include sophomore Paul Vilela, Angel 672; sophomore Tim Anderson, John; Holden Kim, senior Kim Parrish, Maria; Federico Porras, Paul, and Jones, Jimmy.

Crew members include Miller, director; Ellis, technical advisor; Hofheinz, light design; Allen and Terada, set design.

Admission for the combined program is $2.00. Audience members are encouraged to arrive at least 20 minutes before performances to reserve seats.

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Janalyn Williams

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Community events and announcements air on a regular basis.

One of the disc jockeys for KHCA, Jaren Page, a freshman public relations major from Springfield, Mo., said she really enjoys her time in the station. "It's really enjoyable going on the air; right before I have to say something I get kind of nervous, but it is fun," she said. Page has the Monday night shift from 10 to midnight. She said the experience is as she imagined it would be. "Everything is regulated, but the format doesn't bother me. If were wanting to do this as a job, I think I would want to be more spontaneous and creative, but this is not my major, so I like the way it is set up," Page said.

Brad Irwin, a senior marketing major from Ashland, Ohio, also has a show on KHCA. His show airs on Thursday nights from 8 to 10. "The only bad pan about this is that people are watching 'Seinfeld' and 'ER,'" Irwin said.

He voiced his concern that many students do not even know that Harding has an active radio station. "There is not much promotion for KHCA on campus. It is up to us to publicize it ourselves," he said.

Since the format change, no talk-radio shows are on the air. "You are going to get more classic rock from my show than you will get from anywhere else on a Thursday night," Irwin said. "No commercials, only music from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s." Many people are confused about the method of broadcasting. KHCA airs over Channel 16, the Harding Communication Network (HCN). When disc jockeys are on the air, the audio comes through on HCN. Irwin said he is trying to target channel surfers and those students who may tune in while they are studying. "It's a little strange because we go across the T.V., so maybe someone will stop and listen to my show while they are flipping through the channels," he said.

Hoggatt has applied for an FM frequency with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). "This is an expensive and lengthy process, but right now we are only in the beginning stages," Hoggatt said. The station is now waiting for the FCC to approve their application.

To finance an FM station requires a minimum price of $300,000 to build a tower and prepare the station for broadcasting. Each year the station is in operation, it would incur expenses of $200,000. "We hope to eventually operate KHCA like a conventional station over the air waves, but for the time being, we will continue like we are," he said.

Next year will bring drastic changes for KHCA radio. When the station is relocated in the new Reynolds Center for Music and Communication, it will become totally digital. Everything will be on computer. The push of a button will control all PSAs, liners and music: that airs. "This will eliminate having to switch out C.D.s and tracts," Hoggatt said. With this new equipment, KHCA will be better equipped than any local station and many of the Little Rock stations.
Sponsoring a four-day BJ Marshall Pepperdine University lectureship April 19-22, Smith will deliver his presentations in the Benson Auditorium, and his latest book, Who is My Brother, will provide much of the material to be covered in his evening lectureship sessions.

Smith teaches at Pepperdine for six months during the fall semester. His classes include criminal law and morality. For the remaining six months, he retreats to the English countryside to write books.

According to Smith, Who is My Brother was written in response to recent discussions through our churches of Christ concerning a more universal and unified fellowship. A specific topic addressed in the book is the relatively new belief that one can become a Christian without first being baptized. Smith gives advice on how we should deal with other Christians who have different doctrinal beliefs. He has also developed a five-fold fellowship model that deals with how we as Christians should treat others, no matter what they may or may not be Christians.

Requests for Smith to speak have risen considerably since the publication of his newest book. According to Smith, Who is My Brother, Smith wrote, "My discussion is scratching where a lot of people have already scratched, but I suppose it is the timeliness and the issues that have drawn interest in my helping people to understand the book, and in particular the topic of Christian fellowship."

Smith is an accomplished author whose books are widely used as educational and instructional tools. He is well respected within his field and is noted as a knowledgeable and respected speaker concerning religious matters. He consistently addresses current issues under concern churches of Christ around the nation.

Smith has written 20 books. Some of the more popular titles include The Narrated Bible, Baptism Ceremony, When Spiritual Leadership Fails, and Jehovah's Second Coming. He has also written Meeting God in Quiet Places, Inspired by his time spent in the English countryside, and Meeting God in Holy Places, which is about Israel.

Smith encourages open minds and tough questions. He enjoys helping others work through their difficulties and develop solutions.

Smith's first session will follow the Men of God conference and is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, at 6 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium. He will speak in English, and the following Monday through Wednesday and will give lessons on those days at 6 p.m.

The theme of Smith's chapel presentations will be "Thinking Christianly in a Secular World." He will challenge students to avoid developing unhealthy, worldly mindsets.

Smith has expressed his eagerness to visit the Harding campus again and share with the students the material for his lessons. Though most of the material for his lessons will be drawn from the topics of his latest book, he said he hopes to present some fresh approaches and insights he has developed since its completion.

Junior Calister Ubah was warmed up by doing some stretching exercises before track practice. An accomplished runner, Ubah has participated in many national competitions, and also in the 1996 summer Olympics. Photo by Tonia Davenport.

Ubah sets indoor track record

Diane Grubbs
Bison staff writer

Math student Ubah is a name that is well known in the sphere of Harding athletics, a name that appears in chapel announcements with unusual frequency, and a name that instills great fear in her competitors.

On campus, she is known by many as the mysterious Harding track runner who ran in the 1996 Olympic trials in Atlanta. There, she proudly represented her home country of Nigeria as she competed in the 200-meter dash.

Once again Ubah is turning heads filled with amazement. With a time of 26.80 seconds, Ubah captured the title for first place in the NCAA Division II National Indoor Track Meet. "It felt very good to win," Ubah said.

"She competed extremely well at the Nationals," Coach Bryan Phillips said. "She was the third fastest qualifier going into the finals," and in the finals, she "won pretty handily," Phillips said.

There is more to running than gutting it out in the hot sun or petting rain and pounding every last ounce of energy out on the track. "When you run, you meet a lot of people: you get to travel and see so many countries and so many states," Ubah said. Most of all, you gain friendships that will last a lifetime. "You have a lot of friends around the world, and that is something to treasure," she said.

Ubah does have friends all around the world, and she has certainly made an impact on her teammates at Harding. "Calister is not only a talented runner, but she is also a very hard worker," teammate Ericka Harris said. "She is very much into the team; she is always cheering us on and helping us," Harris said.

"Calister is very encouraging; when you are tired, she tells you not to give up because if you give up, you cannot make it in track," teammate Bumiegha Tombini said. "She is a very good Christian, and she never gives up, no matter what." Ubah came to Harding immediately following the 1996 Olympics after encouragement from her best friend Tombini who transferred from Abilene Christian University to run for Harding. Ever since that time, Ubah has been setting high goals and accomplishing them by leaps and bounds.

"She would like to be the 100- and 200-meter champion in outdoor track and she would like to take the 4 x 100-meter relay to the World Olympic trials," Phillips said. "Her formula for success is a simple one – always strive for improvement. I am hoping to run better than last season," Ubah said, and she will. "She is a strong competitor and this is well within her ability," Phillips said.

A junior kinesiology major, Ubah plans to continue her running career and become a professional athlete after graduation. She is already training for the next Olympics, and she has the strength, the will, and the desire that will take her there.

MADD DASH

Harding students have run with the bulls at Pamplona! For some real excitement, come run in the 14th annual MADD DASH – 5K, 10K and 1/2 mile fun run – Saturday, April 25, 1998

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Overall male and female winners in the 5K and 10K get a free 3-month membership at Healthcorp All sponsored runners raising $25 run free and get a shirt.

The person raising the most gets one night at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock – Second place gets one night at the Hampton Inn – Third place gets a sports bag and two free dinners.

Lots of faculty members run – Come watch ‘em sweat! Many prizes at the race! Forms available in the Bible Office.
SPORTS

Tennis teams prevail at HU invitational

Philip Murphy
Bison Sports Editor

The Harding men’s tennis team won all three matches in the Harding University Invitational and the women’s team won one match and lost two on Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4.

The men beat Midwestern State University 9-3, and Henderson State University 9-0 on Friday afternoon. On Saturday, they beat Northeastern State University 8-1.

The women got off to a good start on Friday beating Henderson 7-2. They barely lost to Midwestern 5-4 later in the day and on Saturday lost to Northeastern 9-0.

“We really needed to prove to ourselves that we could beat quality teams,” freshman Igor Tamindzija said. “We had beaten some teams that weren’t that great, and we had gotten beat by teams that we should have beaten. We haven’t been very consistent. Somedays we play great, other days we shouldn’t even be playing.”

After producing three solid wins in the Harding tournament, they lost to Southwest Baptist University 6-3, Wednesday, April 8.

“We just didn’t carry the momentum that we had gained from the last game into this one,” Tamindzija said. “After the doubles matches we thought we could easily win, but Darren Wade was the only one who could win his match for us.

Juan Carlos Hernandez jumps to tap a backhand over the net in a game against Northeastern State University. The men’s tennis team recently lost a match 6-5 to Southwest Baptist University. Photo by Kristi Burns.

Are professional athletes overpaid?

Bryan Burleson
Bison Staff Writer

While most people sit and watch an episode of “Friends,” Michael Jordan makes $3,710. Sergei Fedorov sat out half of the NHL hockey season for money he can’t spend in one lifetime. Baseball players are holding out for more money every year.

What price is too high? It seems in today’s society no price is good enough. Someone wants $1 million, he thinks he’s better and wants $2 million and so on. Is it an endless chain of greed or a good paying job that only a select few with athletic ability have?

Put yourself in the position of the athlete. Are you going to waive off the offers or take the money and run? Take Mike Piazza of the Los Angeles Dodgers for example – a key player for the club who right now is in contract negotiations, and his play is hurting the team. Pudge Rodriguez of the Texas Rangers last year went through the same thing and it cost his team focus, unity and eventually a championship.

Athletes are paid for their talent and their ability to entertain us. But while Greg Maddux is throwing another strike, in the streets adjacent to the ballpark a man is going another night without food or shelter.

No one buys a ticket to watch a plumber clean a drain. That’s not entertainment. Sports are an entertainment-based activity.

The majority of athletes contribute to charities and actually give a portion of their salaries to help others; then again, some athletes are crying for more and more money.

So, are athletes getting paid too much or are we trying to put a price on entertainment? I wouldn’t mind getting a cool $20 million for hitting a baseball, scoring a goal or making a basket during a basketball game.

I’ll pay $25 to see Michael Jordan play, so maybe I’m guilty of contributing to the greediness.

I’ll pay $100 to wear the endorsed shoes. Maybe it is actually up to us whether the athlete gets a portion of the ticket price for their advertisements.

Many criticize the player’s attitude and how they react to their salaries. Many fans believe that the enormous salaries may be taking money away from the sports so that it is no longer a team sport. Would any of us want to see a team that is more concerned with the dollar sign than a championship, I can only dream of what my children will make.

Chicago Bulls player Dennis Rodman put it best, "I don’t care how much Kevin Garnett makes, he doesn’t have a championship and he never will... and this ring is priceless.

PHOTO RESEARCH

Tampa Mix

Tampa Bay Devil Rays pitcher Terry Saunders likes the chemistry of his expansion team.

"We’ve got a great mix here," he said. "We’ve got guys going to the Hall of Fame, we’ve got guys who could go to the Hall of Fame, and we’ve got guys who don’t even know what the Hall of Fame is.

Holding his own

NBA referee Jack Nis looked all in stitches after Charles Barkley called him a “quahog official who holds grudges.”

"People who live in glass houses shouldn’t throw people through them,” Nis said.

Majerus in the Lone Star State

Chuck Majerus, believed to be a leading candidate to replace Tom Pedersen as the Texas Tech basketball coach with university officials, according to a report in the Austin American-Statesman.

The newspaper cited an unnamed person close to the Texas selection committee.

Majerus, 50, led the Utes to the championship of this year’s NCAA tournament before losing to Kentucky.

Tapping in

A bin in one of the club suites at Phoenix’s Bank One Ballpark, somehow wound up with the wrong number to the Diamondbacks’ dugout. Opening Night, it was "4:40 to 8:10 am."

Manager Buck Showalter said, "One was a fast to tell the other one.

In-line skating

Philadelphia Eagles Coach Ray Rhodes offered this advice to 14-year-old Kevin Kawai who took less money to play center for the New York Rangers. "I don’t think he played much, in fact he didn’t play at all."

The coach then offered him to play guard.

"If you play guard and line up and have one of those tackles whip you with a dog, you get yourself to play center, what am I going to do?" Rhodes asked. "I’m going to come and play guard for the Eagles and get whipped by Leoon Lett? I’ll think I’ll take less money to play center.

Hardship cases

New Jersey Nets center Rony Seikaly on whether the players’ union would consider a hardship case of nearly $3 million a year could wear a potential NBA lockout this summer.

"You’d be surprised. Nobody cares any more. Along with higher salaries, the more expensive the toys. The house, the car, the business trips and the endorsements have gotten golden ages."

Brother Blues

A.J. Poynter, son of Larry and Amy, once Formula 200, so, how did Larry feel when he gave his son a car? When getting hurt in a recent crash?

"Tracking your brother get in your car is a lot like watching him kiss your girlfriend," Larry said.
Bison baseball drops home game to UCA

Philip Murphy
Bison Sports Editor

The Harding Bisons baseball team lost to the University of Central Arkansas Bears Tuesday, 13-1, at Jerry Moore Field. The Bears hit 18 for 41 and had four different players with three hits.

The Bisons' only run came in the bottom of the eighth inning when senior David Rampey singled in Johnnie Ross from second. The Bisons managed just three hits in 29 appearances at the plate.

Bison starter Bentley Harrell pitched four innings and gave up 11 hits while walking three and managing no strike outs. Reliever Aaron Brister pitched three innings, allowing only three hits while walking one. Joe Yale pitched for one inning, allowing three hits while walking one and striking out two. Troy Wolfe also pitched one inning and allowed two hits while walking one and striking out one.

In addition to Rampey's single, catcher Derek Reaves and left fielder Shane Flair had hits. Strong winds seemed to play a key role in the game. "When the wind blows straight in like it does here, we know anything that goes to left field is not going to go anywhere," Bison Coach Shane Fullerton said. "We need to hit it to right field a bunch, and were not doing that. We have worked on it all year, it's not because we don't have the ability but because we aren't getting the job done."

The Bisons will face a strong East Central University team this Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11, at Jerry Moore Field. Both Friday and Saturday will have double headers. Friday's game will take place at 4 p.m. and Saturday's game will take place at noon.

The Bisons will also play Christian Brothers University on Tuesday, April 14, at Jerry Moore Field.

Bison golf team prepares for home course advantage

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Five top members of the Bison golf team managed to swing into eighth place in the Arkansas Tech Intercollegiate Golf Classic, a regional qualifying tournament, last week.

The tournament consisted of 14 Division II teams and was held on Monday, March 30, and Tuesday, March 31.

The Bisons completed the two rounds with a team combined score of 620, only 12 strokes from the lead team, the University of Central Oklahoma (608). The top five teams advance to the regional tournament.

Bison Coach Nicky Boyd said, "We felt really good about it, but each day we had at least one high score that kept us down."

The Bisons had one player in the top ten. Paul Sabottka, a freshman from Toronto, Canada, was seventh with a combined score of 149, five over par. Sabottka thought his tournament play was "decent," but he said he did not do as well as he thought he would either day.

He said that it was windy and wet both days. "The greens were really tough, too," he said.

The tournament was held at Chamberlyne Club, which is a 7,047 yard course.

Sabottka was one of three freshmen who participated in the tournament. Jeff Powell, a freshman from New Braunfels, Texas, scored 154 and tied for seventeenth.

The only junior on the team, Brett Powell, was the third best scorer for the Bisons with a score of 150. Brian Layton, a senator, and Greg Ramer, a freshman, also played.

Although the team is young this year, Boyd said he is optimistic about the seasons to come. "It will be exciting to have all the main players back for next year," he said. He also said he is enthusiastic about new players who will be joining the team in the fall.

The Bisons began the fall season playing in the NCAA Division II for the first time.

The spring season's matches began early in the semester, and Boyd said the team has been "in the middle of the pack" since the spring season started in mid-February. "We've just been a bad score here and there from being up in the top half," he said.

The team visited another regional qualifying tournament in Oklahoma City on Monday and Tuesday (April 6 and 7).

The team tied for 15th place out of 19 teams in the Central Oklahoma tournament. Powell tied for 16th place in the individual standings. The Bisons will host a tournament on April 13 at Greystone Golf Course. The Lone Star Tournament will take place the following week.

Firstbaseman Ryan Thorp tries to dodge a UCA baserunner. The Bisons committed five errors in the UCA game. Photo by Tonia Davenport.

A Bison batter takes a homerun cut at a fastball from UCA's Chris Whitford. Whitford threw for five innings giving up only two hits, striking out two and walking two. Photo by Tonia Davenport.

Firstbaseman Ryan Thorp stoops to catch a ball thrown from secondbaseman Johnnie Ross. Photo by Tonia Davenport.

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