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CELEBRATE 75 YEARS

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The Bison

by Misty Mathews
Staff writer

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"I'm glad to see all these clubs out here represented," Jason Roper of King's Men said. "I'm glad we can just come out here and have a good time."

"I haven't bowedled in three years," Delta Gamma Rho's Danna Johnson said. "I decided to go out and have fun, and I did -- I broke 100.""

If this program is successful, much more could happen next year. Howell is hoping to do intramural and club bowling for points toward the All-Sports championship next year. He is also researching having an all-star team from these competitions that could compete regionally with other college bowling teams.

Howell, a 1977 Harding graduate, was a leading member of Harding's intercollegiate bowling team during his time as a student.

In another new program at Bison Lanes this semester, Howell will be hosting parties for different wings of the dorms from 10 p.m. to midnight each Wednesday.

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For each of the four nights of competition, the top club for both men and women will each get a two-hour party at Bison Lanes for their entire club. Because bowling is being done on a trial basis this year, no points will be awarded toward the All-Sports championship.

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Make rejection work in your favor

Rejection is hard to handle, whether it comes from would-be employers whose faces you have never even seen, or from a significant other whose face you cannot get out of your mind. In my experience, it’s not something that becomes easier with practice either. Being picked last for the elementary school kickball competition hurt just as bad 15 years ago as receiving the news that I do not meet the qualifications that my former favorite newspaper was looking for does today.

The advice “don’t take it personally” is also of little value at times like these. My writing is a personal matter to me and an extension/expression of who I am as a person. In my mind these people did not reject my writing samples and respond, they rejected me. My parents’ and friends’ reassurances that there will be other boys, kickball games and internship opportunities—“He just didn’t appreciate you.”—“we can practice kickball and you’ll be the star player in no time” and “this isn’t a reflection of your writing skills” are temporarily comforting until I remember that they are my parents and friends and are somewhat obligated to say such things.

I have not discovered how to avoid the hurt that comes with flat-out rejection, but I am learning that such occasional reality checks are necessary to keep me humble and grounded.

There will always be someone who can play kickball a little more aggressively than I can and spin a little more merrily than I. If I can watch and learn some of that kid’s fancy foot-work and I can graciously accept critiques on my writing from professors and peers, then I can improve. If I can turn the self-pity into self-evaluation and introspection, then I have won something.

To reach an agreement on semantics—raise the right flags

A disagreement over semantics almost took my bumper off the other day. I’m referring to the new three-way stop signs on Park Street between Keller and the Reynolds Center. Some people have revolutionary ideas about how best to interpret the terms “three-way” and “stop.” Until everyone can be convinced to apply the definition found in United States traffic laws, it will not be true that everyone stops, waits for the two signals that were there ahead of them and, then proceeds.

Even the simple sequence 2 + 2 = 4 cannot be true until we agree on what the symbols 2, +, = and 4 represent. Absolute truth lies outside of language, and a dispute over language or terminology should not be taken as a dispute over the concept itself.

A basic tenet of communication theory states that knowledge/meaning cannot be shared until both parties agree on the concept a symbol (written or oral) represents. You cannot effectively express a complex idea to someone until you both agree on the meaning of the symbol. Until consensus is reached, the receiver may be hearing something very different from what the sender is saying.

So let’s calmly discuss the Confederate flag.

In the South, the flag is commonly reproduced on bumper stickers, window decals, license plates and T-shirts. Size flags occasionally pop up in home windows and in the back windows of rusted out pickup trucks. Even in Searcy, it is as omnipresent as the Ducks Unlimited logo. I assume that the majority of those who display the Confederate flag, when asked, will do so as a symbol of regional pride, not racial prejudice—“Heritage not Hate”—to quote the bumper sticker.

Many Americans view it very differently. At the very least, the flag is a symbol of intense regional pride. At the worst, it’s warmed by the flames of a cross at a Klan meeting. The latter image is why I would question the proud display of this flag symbol of war.

Whether we approve or not, the Confederate flag has been adopted by a few racists, particularly white separatists and anti-semites. These outspoken extremists have pointed to the Confederate flag as a rallying point for racists in a similar manner with which the rainbow, symbol of God’s covenant with Noah, is currently being claimed by gay rights activists. The difference is that racists have claimed the Confederate flag so loudly and for so long that, in the minds of many, it has become inextricably linked with racism.

Symbols have no intrinsic interpretation, only that which we agree they have, and we cannot agree on the meaning of the Confederate flag's display. While many Southerners would vociferously deny that the Confederate flag is a racist symbol, it is an easily interpreted image. Remembrance of what being adopted by the German Nazi party in 1935, the swastika was an ancient symbol of good luck or success. Definitions are not permanent.

The Confederate flag is not an effective symbol of regional pride because it is so easy to interpret as a racistcalling card. The term “Heritage not Hate” is not sufficient to correct this interpretation. Some separatist groups claim not to hate minorities while denying them a place in America, the “heritage” of the white man.

Letters to the Editor

Harding has stated as one of its goals, “the promotion of wellness.” Presumably, this means, in part, a desire to encourage spiritual, mental and physical wellness in the student body. I believe that the University has done an excellent job in the first two categories but is sadly lacking in the last category, physical wellness.

The workout and exercise facilities at Harding are far below the standard for large high schools, much less universities. Many of the students are suffering as a result of this inadequacy, whether it be physically or financially.

The facilities open to the entire campus fill a role. The size of our area classrooms and our average classrooms on campus, yet are supposedly suitable for serving the needs of almost 4,000 students. The weight-lifting machines are of high quality, but there is only one of this machine. This makes it extremely difficult to have any structure in a person’s workout when there would be a line waiting on every machine.

I understand that we all need to have a degree of flexibility, but come on, there’s barely room to breathe if there are more than 10 people in this workout facility that is supposed to serve 15,000 students.

If you are proud of the South, I suggest finding another way to express it. You are the South, seek out the happenings, try to express pride in your community, but the history of the symbol often results in misunderstanding. Don’t attempt to identify the flag with racism—it’s an honest interpretation.

We often say what we do not mean because we have not evaluated the language, tone or connotation of the words we use to express ourselves. Pay attention to what you’re saying—it takes effort to ensure that the words and thoughts are interpreted correctly.

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Traffic surveillance devices save lives

Everyone has done it—the traffic light switches to red, but the speedometer and gas pedal remain steady. After running a red light, most drivers—without the least bit of guilt—continue driving with relief. They may always be lurking over an unexpected driver’s shoulder, the priorities on America’s streets and highways must be clear. The possibility and proven success of saving lives outweighs the fear that one’s picture may be seen in the police department.

According to the “Traffic Comparison Analysis” done in Bowling Green, Ky., the city experienced an average of 8.8 accidents per day in 1998, with an average of 1.7 injuries. Such statistics represent only one city in America, and if multiplied for every city in the nation, the numbers would prove staggering. Yet Nikkel reported that such devices would implement an average of 100 cameras in California, Arizona, Maryland and New York, red light crashes have been reduced by as much as 43 percent.

It is not the intention of those implementing the automated traffic surveillance devices to charge those who inadvertently run red lights or drift over the speed limit as criminals. According to Nikkel, such devices allow police officers the time to “go after the real criminals.”

While it may keep drivers on the paranoid side, it is important to remember that these devices are not bounty hunters and beyond the law that we all subscribe to when we smile for that very first driver’s license picture.

Unmanned traffic surveillance systems waste money

Many large cities are implementing a new technology on their highways. Video surveillance systems attached to radar detection devices take snapshots of vehicles that are exceeding the speed limit. The snapshots as well as a traffic violation ticket are then sent to the owner registered to the license plate on the vehicle. This system is designed to improve highway safety and lower costs by reducing the number of manned patrol vehicles, while improving accuracy in prosecuting traffic violations.

However, prosecuting these violations may be more difficult for state and local courts than it seems. In our justice system, all defendants are innocent until proven guilty. The burden of proof always rests upon the state. If there is any reasonable doubt of the defendant’s guilt, then the defendant must be found not guilty. A snapshot of a vehicle does not prove that the owner was actually driving.

There is no law that says one cannot let another borrow one’s vehicle. It is then reasonable to argue, “But I wasn’t the one driving.” How then does the prosecution argue its case? It can’t, unless it proves beyond any reasonable doubt that the defendant was indeed the one driving the vehicle.

To combat this problem, some states, like California, require motorists to place license tags on both the front and the rear of their vehicles. The video snapshot can then show a front view of the vehicle with the driver’s face and the tag number.

Yet, even with the fear that a ticket may always be lurking over an unexpected driver’s shoulder, the priorities on America’s streets and highways must be clear. The possibility and proven success of saving lives outweighs the fear that one’s picture may be seen in the police department.

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Facing the Issues

More and more U.S. cities are installing automated traffic surveillance systems to catch traffic law violators. Is this an effective way to save money and lives or an infringement on privacy?

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worse situation, one where it is extremely impractical to pay for an entire semester at a health club, but there is no place to go for a workout. It makes it rather difficult to maintain a body’s condition, much less improve it.

Harding puts aside money every year in order to expand and provide new facilities for the University. Some of this money desperately needs to be put into providing sufficient new workout facilities for a student body that will have a hard time achieving the school’s goal of wellness for its students if it has no place to go for a workout.

Scott Penick

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PHOTO OPINIONS

What is your most memorable Valentine’s Day?

Rachel Mitchellson, junior

"Last year I was at HUF. We had just gotten back from a ski trip and we went to a James Taylor concert. At dinner all the guys in the villa came in singing and gave each of the girls a rose."
Focus on platonic love to make Valentine's Day more bearable
by Lindsey Fielder
Staff writer

One day of the year is set aside to show that special someone how much you really care. Although there’s nothing wrong with hearts, candy and flowers, Valentine’s Day can bring new anxiety to students who are deeply committed, sort of dating or completely single. The holiday can bring happiness to some while leaving others feeling empty and alone. A holiday set aside to give joy can end up overlooking something.

For students who do not have a significant person in their life, “it reminds them of what they don’t have,” junior Amber Wilson said. With all the attention being focused on love, students who are not in a relationship feel that they are being overlooked.

It all started in ancient Rome. February 14 was a holiday to honor Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. The next day began the Feast of Lupercalia, a time to honor other gods and goddesses. During this festival, young men would pick a slip of paper with a girl’s name on it. The two young people were paired together for the duration of the festival. Sometimes the pairing lasted the entire year. The couple often fell in love and married.

The emperor at that time, Claudius II, freed Roman soldiers not to marry. Legend has it that the holiday is named after Saint Valentine, a priest who defied the emperor’s decree. Valentine secretly married a young couple. Valentine was beheaded on Feb. 14 and now the holiday honors him.

There are many things a single person can do on Valentine’s Day to make it more bearable – focus on love as a broader term; divert the attention from love as in “the big L.” “If I don’t have anybody, I can give my friends presents and feel good about it,” freshman Laura Atkinson said.

Many people believe that giving money to a charity instead of giving flowers is a thoughtful gift. “My friends and I used to draw numbers and send each other gifts, and we’d all get something for Valentine’s Day,” sophomore Missy Taylor said.

Unfortunately the presence of the opposite sex is a must, try going to Little Rock with a bunch of single people. Make it a big event to look forward to.

See page 6 for more ideas on what to do on Valentine’s Day if you are single.

Dr. John Keller to replace Don Robinson
as head of art department in the fall
by Angie Green
Staff writer

This coming fall, Dr. John Keller will replace Don Robinson as the head of Harding’s art department. This is Keller’s 21st year at Harding, with each year full of memories and anticipation.

Keller was graduated from Harding in 1971 and began teaching high school and elementary art. Six years later, he was asked to come back to Harding to teach in the Art Department. It was a challenge he could not pass up.

“Mr. Robinson is really the reason I came to Harding. When I came here for an interview, the entire Art Department had gone to New Orleans to see a King Tut exhibit. He was the one who stayed behind to talk to me. I didn’t know that until much later. He’s been my mentor over the years,” Keller said.

Keller said his main priority in his new job will be getting the word out to more of the young people in the churches across the nation about what Harding’s Art Department has to offer. He said he would like to brag on the University’s religious base, which allows the Art Department to produce such high quality students.

“When our programs turn out graduates like that, it makes us look really good when, in fact, we are just working with good material. When you attract people like that, you are beginning with someone who has more to offer an employer down the road,” Keller said.
Choruses to perform with Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

By Ryan Cook
Staff writer

Harding University will welcome the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra to the Benson Auditorium Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m., the concert, which is part of the Classical Lyrecum Series and Harding’s 75th anniversary celebration, is free.

“For a number of years, the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra has done a spring concert that involves university choruses throughout the state. We wanted to be involved with that and have done a number of big works with them,” Professor of Music, Jan Ganus said.

“This year, because of the 75th Anniversary, we wanted to do something specialy significant, so we arranged to bring them to campus, and we are going to perform with the choir for Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony,” Ganus said.

The symphony, under the direction of Maestro David Itkin, consists of 65 of the state’s most sought-after professional musicians. The group plays before more than 200,000 Arkansans annually, and is now in its 33rd season.

The chorus will comprise all three Harding choruses (the University Singers, the University Chorus and the Symphony Chorale), several singers from Harding Academy, the Arkansas Symphony Chorale and several others. These groups total about 300 singers. Harding’s participants have been rehearsing at least an hour each day since the start of the semester.

The program will consist of two pieces: The “Academic Festival Overture” by Brahms as an opener, followed by Beethoven’s “Ninth Symphony.” The Brahms selection should be less than 15 minutes, while the Symphony will run about an hour.

“The Ninth Symphony is a late classic work,” Ganus said. “It was the first symphony to require the contrabassoon and the piccolo. It was a very fine work.”

Since its first performance in 1802, Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony has been very well received.

“When it was first performed, people didn’t quite know what to make of it,” Ganus said. “The second movement was applauded so much that they repeated the entire second movement in the first performance.”

“I’m really excited because I think it’s going to be a wonderful experience for the whole choir,” junior Danna Johnson said.

Choir members, past and present, have special memories of the choir’s performance of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony on April 17, 1974.

“Some Harding singers also will be performing with the symphony in late February in a concert involving universities from all over the state.”

Students join state-wide march to protest peacefully against abortion

By Alva Liimatta
Staff writer

On January 24, more than 3,500 people turned out to walk under sunny skies through a cool wind to participate in the 21st annual March for Life in downtown Little Rock. The participants traveled a mile down Capitol and gathered on the steps of the building.

The marchers were led by the Knights of Columbus, a men’s organization in the Catholic church, and were red, octagon-shaped signs, reading “STOP ABORTION NOW!”

The main speaker was Dr. Jean Garton, a noted leader of the pro-life cause.

The marchers participated to peacefully protest the Jan. 22, 1973, Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade. The speeches at the rally were not only directed toward unborn babies but also toward those who will directly harm the little children holding signs. It was like they were the symbol of life. There were also handicapped children there who showed that even though they weren’t perfect, they were still happy to be alive,” Mitchen said.

“I think Christians need to establish their beliefs. We need to know why we believe what we believe, and we should be able to defend it. All Christians don’t believe exactly one way, but whatever we decide we believe in, we need to support it, support it well,” Mitchen said.

Garton, the keynote speaker for the march, is the author of Who Broke the Baby? and a world-renowned speaker against abortion.

“We’ve got to stop meeting like this,” Garton began. “This may be an anniversary, but it is not a celebration, it is a pilgrimage, a journey. This is the 21st year of a journey. She went on to demonstrate how people see the same things, but have a different interpretation.

“We are God’s people, and God that America could put forth the same energy to recognize the gift of human life that has happened in this country since Roe v. Wade has taken away the birthright of millions of unborn children across America,” he said.

Rebekah Mitchen, a Harding sophomore, attended the march for the first time.

“My roommate is heavily involved with the issue, so I decided I would go. I wanted to experience it. I never did anything like this before. It was that unsettling experience with so many people being so cool to participate in the march,” Garton said.

“Many of them were hand-waved signs, reading ‘in support of life, in support of the right to life’,” Mitchen said.

“I think Christ wants us to have a responsibility; they see a choice, we see a chance; they see a problem, we see a present, a gift from God. Thirty-seven million have lost their lives to legal abortion; it stagers the mind, but it’s not a blip on the radar screen,” Garton said.

Jack McKinney, a former missionary to Germany and Harding teacher, started participating in the march with his wife about 10 years ago. “I remember nearly freezing not too long ago, about six years ago,” he said.

“I think it’s just a public voicing of the protest against the tragic death of 37 million people by abortion,” McKinney said.

“I feel Christians have only one view,” McKinney declared.

“I was impressed by the fact that the number of abortions has gone down, and young people especially are turning away. It is good to hear those numbers. I was very impressed by Garton’s figures. She came down with very hard facts,” he said.

“We have to reject violence as the key. Bombing clinics is not the way to go. It hurts the cause and is counter-productive,” he said. “I came to walk because I want to be a part – keep this up. We are gaining.”

Dr. Bob Reely is the associate executive director of the American Studies Institute and a sponsor of the Students for Life – a pro-life service organization on campus. Reely has been doing the walk for 19 years, since he moved to Arkansas.

“About four years ago we had a foot of snow, a time so cold you asked yourself, ‘Why am I doing this?’ More than 400 people walked that year,” he said.

“A lot of social change came in the 60’s. I recall Montgomery and Martin Luther King Jr.’s speech at the Lincoln memorial. A march is a non-violent way to protest social injustice,” Reely said.

Senior Cathy Businella said she was excited to march for what she believed in. “It is a good cause – I think your rights end when you hurt someone else. If you believe that it’s a baby, not just extra tissue, you want to protect it. The walk showed that there are a lot of people who believe in it. It’s really good to see our representatives realize that we’re here and we believe in this,” she said.

Students interested in being a part of Students for Life should call Miriah Schmidt at 286-2903 or Dr. Reely at extension 4497. For more information on Arkansas Right to Life – PO. Box 1697, Little Rock, AR 72203 or phone/fax 501-663-4327.
Jason’s Deli offers fresh ingredients, free ice cream

by Sara Hardesty

Review

by Cathy Businelle

Higher Learning

What’s Goin’ On

Tonight

**“Simon Burch.” 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Benson.
**Sun-Filled Soul benefit concert to aid tornado victims. 5 p.m. to midnight. Town and Country Plaza, in front of Books-A-Million.
**“Schoolhouse Rock Live!” (through Feb. 21). 7:30 p.m. Arkansas Arts Center, MacArthur Park, L.R. $7.

Sat., Feb. 6

* SAC Talent Show. 8 p.m. Heritage Auditorium.
* “The Ugly Duckling” and “The Bear,” one-act romantic comedies. Little Theatre. $3.

Thurs., Feb. 11

* SA Open House.
* “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” (through Feb. 13, 18-20). 7:30 p.m. Centre Stage, Studio Theatre, UCA. $6.

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by Cathy Businelle

Located in West Chase Plaza on North Shackleford Road, Jason’s offers choices for every appetite. Its list of soups includes vegetable, French onion and broccoli cheese, as well as beef and chicken chili, seafood gumbo and red beans and rice. But those are just the starters — make sure you save plenty of room for the rest of the menu.

We ordered sandwiches from the “Healthy Heart” section of the menu. Each of these sandwiches is considered low in fat and calories (nutritional information is provided on the menu) and comes with your choice of pretzels, baked chips, fresh fruit, German potato salad or steamed vegetables.

My date chose the King Ranch Lite sandwich, described as a “marinated chicken breast on a toasted French wheat roll, mushrooms, fat-free ranch dressing, Pico de gallo, chives, fat free cheddar cheese and spice.” He opted for the side of fruit, which turned out to be cubes of cantaloupe and honeydew melon. “It was great. It didn’t taste like a ‘light’ sandwich at all. It tasted like the real thing,” he said.

I ordered a Heart-Healthy Turkey Reuben, one of the daily specials. Made on toasted rye bread, the sandwich was stuffed with freshly-sliced turkey, sauerkraut and fat-free mozzarella cheese and topped with a spicy mustard dressing. While I would have preferred it with less sauerkraut, all the other flavors complemented each other nicely, and it had a pleasant bite to it.

All of the sandwiches are made fresh to order in full view — no pre-made assembly-line sandwiches here. Yet the service was amazingly fast. We had our food faster than we would have at any mass-produced burger franchise, and the sandwiches were attractively presented rather than sloppily thrown together for the sake of speed.

After we had finished our sandwiches, we headed to the all-you-can-eat salad bar, which had by far the best selection of any I have ever seen. In addition to the usual array of fresh — and I mean fresh — vegetables, it contained pasta and potato salads, cole slaw and regular and fat-free shredded cheeses.

To top things off, the bar stocked nuts, sunflower seeds, croutons, real bacon bits and approximately eight different kinds of crackers (including graham, a nice surprise). It had both regular and fat-free varieties of dressings and a few unusual alternatives to the standard ranch and Italian. I tried a cranberry vinaigrette that was absolutely delicious.

In addition to the salad bar and heart-healthy sandwiches, the menu lists dozens of wraps, pitas, poboy subs, muffaletta sandwiches and entre salads. They also have a section dedicated entirely to stuffed baked potatoes, like the “Pod’nah,” a potato topped with sliced BBQ beef brisket, cheddar cheese, purple onions and margarine. A potato may not seem like a substantial meal, but a customer at a nearby table ordered one, and I was shocked at how large it was. It was practically the size of a football, definitely an ample meal portion.

With all of the delicious main choices, it’s easy to fill up fast, but plan on saving room for dessert because Jason’s gives you all the soft-serve ice cream you like free with your order. You can get it in a cup or a cone, and while the toppings are limited (chocolate syrup and the nuts at the salad bar), who can argue with free ice cream?

Jason’s also bakes its own cookies, brownies, cakes and pies, and they also have several varieties of regular and nonfat cheesecake.

We thoroughly enjoyed our experience at Jason’s. We appreciated the quick, friendly counter service and self-serve drink refills since we didn’t have to worry about negligible or overzealous servers (or tips). The prices are reasonable — most of the sandwiches, salads and spuds cost around $5 — and the portions are tasty and satisfying. The busboys constantly stock the salad bar, so everything was extremely fresh.

For a hearty, healthy, affordable meal, Jason’s Deli is the place to go.
Lady Bisons' basketball looking for two more wins

by Robert Henson
Staff writer

The Lady Bisons improved their record last week to 15-4 and moved into position for a second half run at the Lone Star Conferences North Division title. Harding beat the Lady Buccaneers of Christian Brothers University 75-68 Thursday and the Lady Tigers of Ouachita Baptist University 64-48 Saturday. That improved their conference record to 5-2.

Coach Brad Francis attributed the poor second half showing to a lack of focus. Rachel Raglin, one of the starters, agreed, saying, "It's hard to get the intensity up for a game like that in the middle of our conference schedule."

Molly McPherson led the Lady Bisons with 29 points and nine rebounds in the game. "Molly pretty much had her way with the ball inside," Senior Jeremy Wallace, a fan who attended the game, said. The stats proved the accuracy of Wallace's comment. McPherson made 50 percent of her shots from the field and 11 of 13 from the foul line.

Saturday, the Lady Bisons welcomed arch-rival Ouachita Baptist into the Rhodes Field House. Once again, a strong run in the first half gave the Lady Bisons a lead they would not relinquish. The Lady Tigers could get no closer than five points during the game, and eventually lost by 16.

McPherson again led the team in scoring with 17. Karie Fouts-Fager led the team in rebounding with 11, and Rachel Raglin made a strong contribution with 12 points and 10 assists.

"I knew someone had to step up. My outside shot wasn't falling, so I tried to take the ball to the net and score from the line," Raglin said.

Coach Francis also noted that the guards played excellent defense on the perimeter, cutting off the strength of the Lady Tigers.

In true coach's fashion, Francis said that the team would "enjoy it until Monday," and then return their focus to the upcoming opponents. Last night, the Lady Bisons played Southeast Oklahoma, and tomorrow afternoon they will play East Central Oklahoma, the team currently in first place in the North Division.

As the season goes on, the remaining home games will take on more importance. Reiss urged the crowds to attend both games. "Don't show up at halftime and wait for the guys' game," she said.

Raglin said that the support of the crowd gives the team is critical to putting them over the top in the games to come as the team seeks to win all the remaining home games in their quest for the division title.

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Harding tennis teams prepare for upcoming season with hopeful expectations

by Julieta Gil
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The Bisons' and Lady Bisons' tennis teams are gearing for the start of their season. They have been practicing two hours each day, Monday through Friday, since the semester started.

Coach David Elliott is in charge of the men's and women's tennis teams, assisted by Raymond Kelly. "The girls are strong; we have young people and a lot of experience," Elliott said.

Elliott said he is sure that both teams have a lot to give on tournaments the last week of April when conference comes along," Elliott said.

Sophomore Klaus Schmidt said he is not nervous about the beginning of the season and that he believes in himself and in the team. "I expect us to qualify for Nationals and to have a good ranking.

Schmidt said he'd like more support from the Harding fans. "I know if we do well, people will support us more. I would like for them to be at the tennis courts when we play," he said.

Schmidt said that the Bisons can give even more of themselves when they have spent countless hours on the tennis courts. "We need more dedication in practice; even though we are working hard, I know we can put out more effort," he said.

"We also need to change our attitude, which sometimes is not so good." Schmidt said that dedication always makes the difference. "We need to support each other more and have more quality while we practice. Coach Elliott helps us work on that," he said. "We get along very well off the courts, but we need support from each other on the tennis courts.

One of Schmidt's goals is to be a better player and to do the best he can during the next season. "I want to improve my ranking by putting all my effort," he said.

Sophomore Karla Mueller, a transfer from Germany, is the number one seed for the Lady Bisons. "The girls' team is nice and young; I like it," Mueller said. "We all get along. The girls are sweet and there is unity on the team."

Mueller said that she doesn't know what to expect from the other teams. "Since I'm a transfer, this is my first time playing for Harding, so I have no idea how good the other teams are," she said.

"I guess, when we start the season, we'll know what to expect," Mueller said.

Mueller said that she is not in her best shape at the moment, but not for long. "I know I can play better, I'm not 100 percent, but that will be over soon," she said.

The Lady Bison team includes seven freshmen and one sophomore.

"We all have a good attitude. We have fun together, and we still will, even if we lose," Mueller said. "We just need to support each other as much as possible.

"We are doing good in practice so far, but we can do a lot better. We need to keep up the hard work," Mueller said.

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