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Leaders set plans for Impact 2000

By Rachel Wilson

Excitement is building as plans are made for Student Impact 2000. The driving forces behind the preparation are this year's co-directors, Kendra Parker and Khris Downey, juniors.

In addition, the two leaders have selected 28 voting commit­tee members who will assist in the organization of Student Impact 2000. According to Downey, anyone interested in serving as an energy group leader may pick up an application in the Student Services office. Applications are due today before 5 p.m.

"We have an incredible group of students on the steering committee," Parker said. "They are totally God-led and I'm really excited about it."

Every fall, hundreds of freshmen and transfer students come to campus to begin their Harding career. Impact provides a unique and fun time of transition and orien­tation to the school, according to Jim Miller, director of student activities.

The theme for Student Impact 2000 is "The Road Less Traveled" and is based on Matthew 7:13-14. "We wanted something with a scriptural focus," Downey said. "By coming to Harding, you're on the road that leads to God."

"We want the students to realize that we are going down the narrow road," Parker said. "It's not the easiest, but it's the best way." The co-directors are already working hard to implement a more spiritual emphasis in all of the Impact activities this year.

Plans include prayer partners among the students in the energy groups, as well as using one of the nights of entertainment for drama, a cappella groups and a Christian comedian, Downey said.

Little Rock, here they come

Government class explores state Capitol

By Yavonda Fletcher

Going to the state Capitol. That phrase conjures up images of wide-eyed fourth and fifth graders who can barely contain their enthusiasm, much to the dismay of their frazzled teachers.

It's unfortunate, some might say, that university students do not go on field trips. But after all, college students are too old for field trips. Right?

Not necessarily. Students in Lori Klein's Arkansas State and Local Government class experienced firsthand a taste of politics at the Arkansas State Capitol in Little Rock, Thursday, Feb. 10.

"I wanted the students to have a face-to-face meeting, with elected officials and to actually see the arena where political decisions are made," Klein said. "I also thought that as college students they would know and understand the government they are seeing, whereas fourth and fifth graders might not."

Klein's class, which included 27 students, met with State Representative Russ Hunt and the Searcy Leadership 2000 Council, made up of members from the Searcy Chamber of Commerce.

The two groups met with Secretary of State Sharon Priest, Lt. Gov. Win Rockefeller, Gov. Mike Huckabee, as well as Mike Beebe, state senators Milum, Copley, Creekmor and Shaye Broadway, state representatives. The group also spoke with high-ranking officials in several agencies.

The groups met with each speaker for 30 minutes to an hour. During that time, the speakers shared different aspects of their jobs, answered questions and even took time for pictures.

"I think that the students enjoyed the governor's presentation the most," Klein said. "Some came up to me and said I shook the governor's hand. For many of them, it may be the only time that they get to meet their governor."

"I really liked the governor's presentation," Mandy Killian, sophomore, said. "I just admire him so much because he is such a good role model. It is great to see a Christian in a position of power."

This trip to the Capitol is not a new occurrence for Klein's class. She has been taking a group every spring for the past four years.

"I think that anytime you can see an actual elected official, that can be an enriching experience, you learn more," Klein said.

This trip differed from last year's in several ways. First of all, the legislature was not in session, which meant the students could go down and sit in the senate chamber, but that they did not get to see that chamber buzzing with activity.

The other notable difference was the Capitol is currently being renovated. The Governor's Conference Room is currently closed. Klein said she thought the tour went really well and that it will continue.

"I want my students to realize that elected officials are real people too and that politics could possibly be an opportunity for them one day," Klein said.

Photo by Yavonda Fletcher

Tayna Smith, senior, takes a moment to study the stained glass ceiling in the senate chambers. Smith was one of 27 students in Lori Klein's Arkansas State and Local Government class to visit the state Capitol in Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 10. Students spent most of the day talking with various elected officials, although they did take a brief tour of the Capitol.

What is going on...

Jaqueline Sondovil, 75, who started his doctoral thesis in chemistry 48 years ago, will have seven grandchildren and nine grandchildren on hand when he goes before a doctoral panel at the University of Minus in southeast Spain and finally defends his dissertation.

Jerry Lewis, 73, stunned an audience yesterday to honey his work at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, Colo., earlier this week by saying he doesn't "like any female comedians" and views a woman comic as "a producing machine that brings babies into the world."

Lewis is the spokesperson for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Clara Reno, a factory manager in Harvey, Mass., who won $1 million in the state lottery in 1997, won the $1 mil­lion prize again last Monday. Reno said that she will probably put some of the money into financial investments and take a vacation, or vacations, sometime later this year. Reno did not mention how she spent her previous winnings.

Psychotherapist Franziska Weber, of Munich, Germany, told reporters in December that her supercold (minus 230 degrees Fahrenheit) walk-in freezer therapy is used more frequently by clients who want to relieve stress. He reports that it is especially popular among business executives to condi­tion themselves for meetings.
The weekend is finally here again. No one could possibly be more thankful than I am each Friday afternoon when the reality finally sinks in that for two days I am free to devote myself to my tedious Monday through Friday schedule and relax, at least a little bit.

I, like most students, usually spend the weekend studying, sleeping and riding for several hours in a car making the habitual trip from Searcy to Little Rock or Memphis and then back again. These trips are not in vain, and they are always in the pursuit of “something to do,” which usually means dinner and cheap movies.

However, last weekend, my two best friends and I ditched the typical Saturday night drive to Little Rock to enjoy a night of great entertainment right here on campus.

The evening began with dinner at Jade Garden, one of the local Chinese restaurants. After filling ourselves with Lo Mein, rice and fortune cookies, the three of us headed to Harding’s Little Theater.

In its final night of performance, the student-produced play Hamlet lived up to the high expectations that had been established during its week-long performance schedule. Marcus Neely, who played Hamlet, particularly stood out as the tormented young prince who hopes to rectify his father’s murder. In fact, his outbursts of anger and sadness scared me a little bit, even while sitting in the back row.

Although I enjoyed Hamlet a great deal, we were forced to leave the theater at intermission and run across campus to the Benson Auditorium to catch the start of the Blessed Union of Souls concert at 8:15 p.m.

I admit that my friends and I are not huge fans of the band, but sitting in the very last row, we thoroughly enjoyed each song, especially the fourth track we were familiar with. The concert lasted about an hour and included an encore performance, which the audience was told rarely happens — right.

After the concert, the band generously waited in the Benson lobby, talking and shaking hands with their fans while signing autographs. In fact, they even allowed some students with a camera take group pictures with them. Okay, I confess that was me.

Yet, the highlight of the concert was when I turned around about fifteen minutes after the show started and saw our very own Dr. David Burks enjoying the concert in the back of the auditorium. Yes, my friends and I wanted to mark the occasion with a group picture with Dr. Burks, and he graciously accepted.

The night ended after the concert, but not before we stopped at Sonic to commemorate our great evening with our favorite “local” shushes and shakes.

We have come to think of this particular night worth reproducing in the pages of the paper? It is a simple lesson: sometimes the best times cannot be found in Little Rock or Memphis, but right here in our own backyard.

### Europe comes alive: living and learning in Florence

It is 10:02 p.m. and e-mail for the third and final time has reached the estate of 57 Via Triozzi. A line begins to form in the loft, and the four e-mail access computers are incessantly being pounded by those who wish to contact a world that exists thousands of miles away.

About the size of Florida or California, the boot-shaped country of Italy holds one-halfof the world's art treasures. One-half of those frozen time vaults have made Florence their resting place.

However, art isn’t the only priceless treasure this historically blessed country holds. Twenty minutes by bus out of the heart of the hustle and bustle of Florence will lead you to the peaceful side of a large rolling hill where a villa lies, which houses 37 students from Searcy, Ark. Begun in the mid-1980s, HUF has been an overseas program that has reached a fortunate students the brief chance to live in a dream.

In the past two weeks, we have seen enough art to last a lifetime and be-
Opinions

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Full sentences insure less crime

For years, there has been much public debate over criminals and the penal system. Is society too easy on convicted criminals? Does sentencing accurately reflect the crimes? Should there be a parole system, and if so, how long should a criminal serve before he or she can be released back into society?

Often times, the public’s consensus seems to be that our penal system is too lenient. However, some states, Arkansas included, have strict parole eligibility regulations. These regulations mandate the amount of time an inmate must serve before being considered for parole. These regulations help our penal system keep criminals in line by requiring them to serve a mandatory percentage of their sentences.

This regulation states that first-time offenders must serve 33 percent before being considered for parole, second-time offenders must serve at least 50 percent, while third-time offenders must serve at least 75 percent. After the third offense, the offender is not eligible for parole, according to state law.

Parole is a conditioned release from prison. Although each state has their own guidelines regarding parole, it is generally granted to prisoners based on good behavior in prison, recommendations from authorities, and admissions of guilt. The conditions for parole are usually getting a secure job, being free from addictions and refraining from any criminal activity once back in society.

I think the current system, which was set up in April 1983, is an effective way of keeping Arkansas criminals in line. By mandating offenders spend a set percentage of their sentence in jail, they stay off the streets. The criminals must be aware of the consequences of their actions, and this regulation is the best way to make sure they serve time.

I think laws like these will prove effective in stopping first-time offenders from becoming repeat offenders. By gradually increasing the time that must be spent in jail, a tough message is effectively sent to all criminals.

That message states, “No matter how good you are in jail, if you break the law you will serve time.” As a result of this law, we may prevent a small amount of crime from even happening in the first place.

Even though this regulation may seem harsh to first-time offenders, we must make it clear that crime is not acceptable. With this mandatory time in prison, criminals are forced to reckon with the fact that life behind bars does not get any easier.

Repeat offenders will become even more discouraged at the prospect of having to spend more time in jail with even less of a chance of parole. When the third-time offender comes around, they have to spend at least 75 percent of their sentence in jail before coming before the parole board.

This law lets those who keep committing crimes know that they will run out of chances and that an early parole will not get them out of required prison time.

These regulations help keep criminals off the streets and help the victims and the rest of society feel safe. With these regulations, both first-time and repeat offenders would be less likely to commit another crime, and the rest of the world can rest a bit easier.

If we are not strict on crime now, then we will be sorry in the long run. Regulations such as this are a step in the right direction.

Reduced sentences appropriate for first-time offenders

Imagine this scenario: a 20-year-old man, who has never been in trouble with the law and is in his second year of college, is hanging out with some friends. His friends decide to mess around with drugs and alcohol. Even though he does not join in, he is still arrested when the police arrive to break up the party.

This is a classic case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. As is expected, the young man will be punished—that is only right. However, his situation differs from one in which an individual knowingly and intentionally endangers the lives of others.

After all, he did not drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol, he did not get into a fight, he did not try to kill anyone nor did he try to steal anyone’s property.

It is a general practice that for most crimes the sentence will be reduced based on the perpetrator’s good behavior. Some people might say this is simply because the jails are overcrowded, while others think that these criminals are being shown mercy and getting a second chance.

In Arkansas, the law requires some first and all second time offenders to serve at least 50 percent of their sentence and third time offenders to serve at least 75 percent before parole will even be considered, according to Phylis Worley, public defender for White County.

In many cases, this strictness is valid and necessary. However, I believe that situations such as these are best considered on an individual basis.

I agree with the leniency shown to first and second time offenders. This policy allows for mistakes and for misguided situations to be remedied like the one in the previous illustration.

However, the extent of a person’s record is not the only variable that should be considered.

Few things in life are black and white. The gray areas are hard to distinguish and often difficult to understand. Decisions that are made in gray areas are usually the hardest ones to make.

I applaud those individuals whose job it is to make these decisions on a daily basis. It is a tough thing to do everyday. Broad policies, such as the one regarding the duration of a sentence, probably make those jobs a little easier, and laws a bit more consistent.

I do not want to undermine the authority or intelligence of those people who make these decisions.

I would merely like to offer the suggestion that more individualized policies might make the job of legislators and lawmakers more compassionate and relevant.

Speak Up

What is your best Valentine’s Day memory?

Tiny Armand Etame, junior

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Andrea Misner, junior

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Facing the Issues

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Bible professor’s book on Angels published again

By Meredith Garrity
Bison staff writer

On many college campuses, a professor must publish or perish. Although Harding does not operate according to that standard, several of our professors are published authors. It is rare, however, for one of their books to be republished, unless of course it is Dr. Jimmy Allen’s book on Romans.

Dr. Edward P. Myers, professor of Bible and Christian doctrine in the College of Bible and Religion, has accomplished that feat.

His book, Angels, which was originally written and published in 1978 and republished in 1994, will be republished once again this spring by Howard Publishers. After 20 years on the market, Myers’ book has sold 34,000 copies.

Myers said he is looking forward to revising and republishing his book for a third time.

“It is nice to be asked to have a book that has already been in print for 20 years to be revised and then republished,” he said.

According to Myers, Angels is a book that is designed for small group study and is strictly a biblical study on angels. He said he presents only biblical material in the text and critical expositions to arrive at his conclusions.

“This book helps to reveal the answers to the mysteries that people often have about angels, Myers said. “It makes me feel good that I have written something for the local church.”

Myers said he studied the topic of angels and wrote the book because of his own fascination with angels and questions about them at a very young age.

“This subject is fascinating and continues to intrigue me on a steady basis,” he said.

Myers has not only written the book about angels, but he has also conducted seminars throughout the nation on the subject. Myers said he mainly does seminars at local churches, Christian colleges and the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas. This fall he will do a seminar in Fort Morgan, Colo.

Myers graduated from Lubbock Christian University and finished his education at Sunset School of Preaching. He has taught at White Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies, Ohio Valley College and he preached in Memphis, Tenn., for five years before coming to Harding.

Myers has been a professor at Harding for nine years and is the only Bible faculty member with a degree in Christian theology.

Myers teaches upper division courses: Christian Evidences; Great Themes of the Bible; Contemporary Ethics; Issues and Doctrine; and Contemporary Christian Ethics.

Myers and his wife, Janice, live in Searcy. They have two daughters that live in Searcy and one daughter that lives in Indianapolis, Ind. Myers and his wife are proud grandparents of two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Cupid strikes again

Emily Hill, junior, purchases a Valentine’s present for her special someone in the Etc. Gift Shop, Monday, Feb. 14. In the spirit of Valentine’s Day, the Student Association sponsored Sadie Hawkins Week, which included a computerized match-up service. For a fee of $1, students received a list of the top 10 people they were most compatible with after filling out a questionnaire.

What is coming up...

Tonight S.A. Movie, “Music of the Heart” Benson Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Tomorrow Bison Basketball, Rhodes Field House, Women: 2 p.m., Men: 4 p.m.

S.A. Movie, “The Bachelor” Benson Auditorium, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

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From his 6 a.m. wakeup call until the time he goes to bed, President David Burks is committed to Harding and her mission.

Editor's note: This is the first of a four-part series that goes behind the scenes and features a day in the life of people who help make up the face of Harding.

By Kelly Carter
Bison staff writer

Every Monday through Friday at 6 a.m., President David Burks wakes to begin his usual morning routine: a 30-minute jog followed by a brisk 20-minute swim.

While he may start his morning in typical fashion, the rest of his day as President of Harding University is anything but ordinary.

In fact, on Tuesday Feb. 8, Burks spent his day doing everything from greeting students, entertaining governors and meeting for three hours with the university's list of daily chapel announcements, to spending three hours meeting with students, answering questions that range from "When are we going to get more parking?" to "Where did those railroad tracks go?"

Burks also spent three hours meeting with the executive board of directors, discussing financial and administrative matters of the university.

On this particular Tuesday, however, the bulk of Burks' day was spent with Gov. Frank Keating, of Oklahoma, who was speaking at the American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecturer that evening.

Burks hosted a dinner for Keating and officially introduced both Keating and Gov. Mike Huckabee, of Arkansas, in the Benson before Keating's address.

When the address was finished, Burks hosted a reception for the governors at his house.

A day that began with a 6 a.m. run ended with two governors enjoying hors d'oeuvres in his home that evening.

Yet, during his socialization, Burks cited his main goal to be building successful students. To help achieve that, he maintains an active "open-door" policy. This means that any time a student needs to speak with the president, they can simply schedule an appointment.

Also, every three weeks a group of 15 randomly selected students are invited to have lunch with Burks. During this time he invites them to discuss and ask questions about current issues on campus.

"We have no set agenda," Burks said. "We just talk about their feelings on university projects past, present and future."

Even with his busy schedule, Burks believes that his job allows him an incredible opportunity to work with students.

"The hug or smile that I get from a student makes my job fun," he said.

Increased communication is not all that Burks has worked for during his time in office.

During his 13 years as president, Burks has helped implement major changes to the campus: an increase in student enrollment from 2,700 to 4,500; the building of the Mcinteer Center, the Reynolds' Center for Music and Communication and Searcy Hall.

Burks is still working on plans to erect two new dorms, enlarge the student center and the redirect of part of Park Avenue off campus.

Yet, even with all of the changes, Burks has tried to keep Harding's spiritual foundation intact.

"I work really hard to keep the spiritual mission of Harding from changing," Burks said.

Many changes have taken place since Burks himself graduated from Harding 35 years ago.

As a student, he was president of the Student Association and his social club, Theta Phi Kappa. Leah Burks, his wife, was queen of his social club, which is how they met.

When he does leave campus, "Moving to Searcy was an easy decision, because this is where we wanted to raise our children," he said. "We never looked back."

He taught and was the dean of the business department for 10 years before becoming president.

Looking into the future, Burks has no plans for retirement.

"I haven't even thought about retirement," he said. "I will continue to stay here. This is where I want to be."


By Jody Knight
Bison staff writer

In today's popular culture, it may seem to some that the words "college life" and "band" go hand in hand. Six students, known as the "living stones" on campus, are proving that to be true.

The band began in the fall of 1997 with only three members. Today the band consists of guitarist Brandon Bonneau, lead guitarist Robert Sebasta, violinist Colleen O'Connell, bass player Ray Rawley, percussionist Ryan Crisler and vocalist Erin Rembleski.

Their first album, "View from Here," came out in May of 1999. "I totally love it (the album)," Heather Worthy, senior, said. "The song titles are personal and inspirational. 'Tangerine' is my favorite song on the C.D."

According to Bonneau, the living stone's unique sound has been influenced and crafted by various other groups including Dave Matthews Band, Caedman's Call and Jars of Clay. The result has been a mellow sound unique to the living stones, said Bonneau, although they are adding some variation to their sound for their upcoming summer tour. The inclusion of a violin already makes the band different from most pop bands currently on the music scene.

Aside from music, Bonneau said that the band relies on songwriting skills, and the entire band's ability to perform with a wide range of styles and energy.

Currently the living stones are working on 10 new tracks for an upcoming album. Although Bonneau said that the band hopes to continue to perform locally, he expects their concert schedule to be reduced to accommodate a heavy practice schedule.

However, they plan to perform in Brevard sometime before Spring Break, before they begin a two-stop tour during the break. They will be performing in North Carolina for the Art's Counsel in Yadkin County and in Greensboro.

"We are very excited about this trip," said Bonneau.

This is not their first Spring Break trip together. In fact, for the last two years the living stones have spent their spring breaks traveling in North Carolina and Boston.

They are also planning on touring in Arkansas, Texas and North Carolina during the second half of the summer. The band hopes that the summer tour will produce their first live album.

Because the audience base of living stones is mainly college students in Arkansas, Central Texas, North Carolina and Connecticut, living stones is hoping to play more shows at local colleges and universities next fall, O'Connell said.

While the music of living stones continues to increase in popularity, the future of the group is a bit uncertain. The members all have a year-and-a-half left at Harding. After graduation Bonneau, Sebasta, O'Connell and Rawley will pursue careers in the music field for at least a year. Rembleski and Crisler have other plans. Bonneau said the band will be looking for another vocalist after graduation.

According to Bonneau, most people ask the members about the meaning behind the band's name.

Bonneau thought of the band's name after reading 1 Peter 2:4-5. "As you come to him, the living stone rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood.

"We never put our name in upper case because God is the Living Stone, and we are his living stones," Bonneau said.

Blessid Union of Souls wows Benson crowd Saturday

By Vicki Cupper
Bison staff writer

Blessid Union of Souls wowed students Saturday night with an energetic and powerful performance.

While most students expected a good concert, even the biggest fans did not expect the band to give such a stellar performance.

"I thought it was going to be all right, but I had no idea it was going to be this good," Nick Maylo, freshman, said. "I would see them many more times."

"I thought it was really awe-some," Joanna Province, freshman, said. "A lot of bands nowadays have a really basic guitar sound that mainly anybody can play, but they had some cool sounds. I would like to see them here again."

When the band tore into the hit "Oh Virginia," midway through the show the crowd went absolutely wild.

But when Elliot Sloan, lead vocalist, mentioned Arkansas in the chorus, the crowd screamed so loud you could hardly hear the music. The highpoint of the song was when Jeff Pence, the guitarist, pulled three girls up on stage to sing along with Sloan.

After "Oh Virginia," the band slowed down a little and played "Light In Your Eyes" and "I Believe." That is when the audience began to sing along in earnest.

While Sloan talked to the crowd, Pence teased the audience with the opening bars of the Lynard Skynard classic "Sweet Home Alabama.

As the band launched into the chorus of "Sweet Home," the audience could barely restrain themselves.

"My favorite part was transition from 'Sweet Home Alabama' to 'Hey Leonardo (She Likes Me for Me),'" Sloan said. "That was pretty tight. I would see them again. I would definitely see them again," Jesse Mook, freshman.

Some students took more than memories from the concert. Maybe was one of the lucky few who went home with a souvenir drumstick.

"I was on top of the world," he said. "It was a great experience. I was sitting in one of the front rows towards the middle, and as soon as they started throwing stuff out, I was like, 'I've got to run up there and get something.'"

In my opinion, the performance was one of the best Harding has hosted in the last three years. The band was on top, and they interacted well with the audience.

I think the only people disappointed with the show and the band were the people who were not there.

"I think after everybody else in the student body hears about how good the concert was, they will have a better turn out if they had them again," Sarah Carpenter, freshman, said.

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ARMY. BE ALL YOU CAN BE.
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By Tiffany Johnston
Bison staff writer

Valentine’s weekend for the Harding baseball team was capped off with a win over Williams Baptist, Feb. 11; a win and a loss against Southwestern Baptist, Feb. 12; and two losses against the University of Central Arkansas, Feb. 15.

Harding opened at home last Friday with a 15-3 win over Williams Baptist. Jon Neely, senior, pitched 6.2 innings, allowing only three runs. He was supported by an explosion of offense, as the Bisons scored seven runs in the third inning and had eight extra base hits in the game. Every starter reached base at least twice in the victory.

The offensive power carried over into Harding’s next game against Southwestern Baptist, as the Bisons overpowered the Bearcats 10-1. Mike Huebner, senior, who was one of five Bisons hit by a pitch, led Harding with three RBI. Nate Watson, senior, hurled a complete game while giving up just two hits and striking out seven batters.

The Bearcats responded in the second game, however, driving in the winning run in the tenth inning to spoil a Bison comeback.

Harding took the field again on Tuesday against Central Arkansas, dropping both games of the doubleheader 7-1 and 15-3. Grant Andrews, senior, was the lone bright spot for the Bisons, going five for six on the day.

Despite these recent losses, Shane Fullerton, who is in his fourth year as head coach, said the team has improved all aspects of their game.

“Overall we are a better team, but we just aren’t showing up to play,” Fullerton said.

According to Fullerton, the team is working to build a stronger defense and settling players into positions they have not played in a while.

“We’ve got great leadership of key seniors, especially Troy Wolfe and Matt Wilson. They keep a positive attitude,” Ben James, sophomore, said. “They are not too serious and they don’t blow things out of proportion.”

With the games against Baptist and Central behind them, the team is now focusing on this weekend’s upcoming tournament at the College of the Ozarks. Feb. 18 and 19 in Branson, Mo. Harding will battle the University of Missouri-Rolla and College of the Ozarks today and Williams Baptist tomorrow. The Bisons won the tournament last year and expect to uphold the title this weekend, according to James.

“We are playing three teams we know we are better than,” James said. “We are going and expecting to win.”

Playing approximately 50 games this season, the Bison baseball team continues to set their goals high as they attempt to get ready for conference.

“Ultimately our goal is to go to conference and win,” Fullerton said. “Right now we need to win as many games as we can to get to that point.”

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The second game of the week was another win over Williams Baptist, Feb. 11; a win and a loss against Southwestern Baptist, Feb. 12; and two losses against the University of Central Arkansas, Feb. 15.

Harding opened at home last Friday with a 15-3 win over Williams Baptist. Jon Neely, senior, pitched 6.2 innings, allowing only three runs. He was supported by an explosion of offense, as the Bisons scored seven runs in the third inning and had eight extra base hits in the game. Every starter reached base at least twice in the victory.

The offensive power carried over into Harding’s next game against Southwestern Baptist, as the Bisons overpowered the Bearcats 10-1. Mike Huebner, senior, who was one of five Bisons hit by a pitch, led Harding with three RBI. Nate Watson, senior, hurled a complete game while giving up just two hits and striking out seven batters.

The Bearcats responded in the second game, however, driving in the winning run in the tenth inning to spoil a Bison comeback.

Harding took the field again on Tuesday against Central Arkansas, dropping both games of the doubleheader 7-1 and 15-3. Grant Andrews, senior, was the lone bright spot for the Bisons, going five for six on the day.

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Basketball begins spring intramural season

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Harding offers many opportunities for sports, including intercollegiate and club, but a favorite of many students is intramural sports. The intramural sports offered for men and women during the spring intramural season are softball, basketball and soccer. The men also have a swimming and racquetball competition. There is always a large turnout for these sports, according to Jessica Moore, director of women's intramurals.

"For basketball alone we have eight teams with seven or eight girls on each team, so we have about sixty girls," she said. Even though this number may sound large, Moore said basketball is not even the most popular sport. "We regularly have more girls sign up for softball than any other sport," she said.

The boys have such a large turnout for basketball that they can choose to be on major or minor leagues, according to Jim Gowan, director of men's intramurals. Even with that split, there are still an average of 10 teams in the major leagues and about six in the minor.

"I choose to be in the major league because the competition is so intense," Kenny Simpson, sophomore, said. "But I know a lot of guys who like to just have fun when they play, so they choose to be in the minor league." This is the first year that soccer will be offered as an intramural sport for girls, according to Moore. Many women, like April White, junior, are excited about the new opportunity. "This will be good for those of us who like to play soccer and are not able to be on the college team due to time or skill," White said. "It's also good since there is no club soccer." Intramurals allow students who are not in a club the opportunity to play their favorite sports.

"Participating in intramural sports is good because it offers those of us who are not in a club the chance to create and be part of a team," Bethany Hobbs, junior, said. "You can form bonds through sports that you cannot form any other way."

"There are people that I have met in the past and have been able to renew the friendships by playing intramural basketball with them," Stephen Lamb, freshman, said. "We all get really close to each other. It is great to be able to get out with a bunch of guys and play, yell and be rowdy."

Even students who are in clubs enjoy participating in intramural sports, according to Tiffany Summers, sophomore. "With intramural sports, there are no club boundaries," she said. "You get to meet so many different types of people that you normally would not hang around. It gives me an opportunity to be a leader in another area of my life." Both men and women agree on why they like intramural sports. "There is no pressure in intramural sports because you are not competing for points like you are with your club," said Sean Hudkins, intramural graduate assistant. "Intramural sports just give people another chance to play. It's another opportunity to meet more people that have the same things in common with you." Another positive aspect of intramural sports is the longer season. As opposed to club games, which are double elimination, the intramural tournaments are played round robin style, meaning that each team plays every other team once. Therefore, intramural athletes get to play more games.

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