By Rachel Wilson
Bison staff writer

One of the world's great political leaders, Lech Walesa, former president of Poland, will speak in the Benson Auditorium, Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Between 1980-1995, Walesa, a Nobel Peace prize winner for bringing political freedom to Poland, was responsible for ending communism in the country, as well as establishing economic and political reforms there.

Walesa's visit to Harding is not merely another representation of the American Studies Institute's repertoire of speakers, however. "There is a spiritual agenda to his coming here," Dr. Bob Reely, associate executive director of ASI, said.

In the summer of 1998, missions to Poland, Mike Dawidow, first associate executive director of ASI, said. Prior to Reely's visit to Poland, Dawidow said, he realized the strength of the Solidarity party, they encouraged the students to join the coalition government, according to a press release.

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Exposing Walesa to a genuine Christian community would help the mission work in Poland, Reely said. Walesa sent an invitation to Reely through Dr. Canus, III, when the chorus toured Poland in 1998. After many months of planning, arrangements were solidified for Walesa to speak at Harding. "I really want the students to come out to hear him in the best interest of the church," Reely said.

"We need to leave a favorable impression on him," Reely said in the mission's prepared speech.

Walesa's leadership in Poland is unique in the fact that he was not intentionally pursuing a political agenda, according to the American Program Bureau. In 1980, a group of laborers in a shipyard were on strike because they wanted the Communist government to allow them to organize independent trade unions. Walesa joined their revolt and passionately encouraged the workers not to give up fighting for their rights.

As a result of his leadership, news of the strike, known as Solidarity, spread throughout the country.

After signing the Gdansk Agreement, which allowed workers to form unions, Walesa continued to lead the Solidarity party. When Communist leaders realized the strength of the Solidarity party, they granted the students to form a coalition government, according to a press release.

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Price to Walesa's speech, which will be translated into English, the combined chorus and orchestra will perform for the political leader, according to Reely. "Students will enjoy hearing about what he did in Poland," Jennifer Hahn, student at North Dakota, said. "We can encourage him and also learn interesting things from him."
Opinions

Just some thoughts. That's my final answer.

A phenomenon known as the "Millionaire effect" has officially stricken the American public, and grabbed entertainment big wigs by the ratings. For the past several months, the take-America-by-storm game show "Who Wants to Marry A Millionaire" has captivated audiences, as host Regis Philbin engages them to test their collective knowledge of everyday from pop music to English literature.

The grand prize for those who successfully make it past Philbin's questions is $1 million—anything is else is just a bit more than disappointment.

In the wake of "Millionaire," several imitations have arrived on the scene hoping to gain a piece of the "millionairephobic pie." "Greed" and "Millionaire!" are going to follow suit and cash in on the popularity and, of course, the money.

According to the Feb. 28 issue of Newsweek, "Millionaire" will generate $200 million in profits for ABC during the 1999-2000 season, and Thursday night ratings for the 9 p.m. EST slot soared 325 percent when the show began airing at that time. We just cannot get enough of "Millionaire." It seems that everyone wants their fair share of what television has convinced us is rightfully ours.

One show, "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire," even attempted to create television matchups between a millionaire and the beauty-queen of his choice. Ten "lucky" contestants were chosen from a lineup of bathing-suited beauties who were then supposed to answer several "deeply probing" questions in hopes of being chosen as his wife. I'm sorry, did I lose my ticket back to the 1950s?

The show sustained a serious blow last week, however, when reports of a restraining order filed by previous girlfriend against groom Rick Rockwell hit the press, according to Newsweek. Fox has said that it will not air the show, but several imitations on other networks are expected.

So what is America's fascination with wealth really all about? Perhaps it is caused by the healthy economy and surge in technology, which, according to the Feb. 21 issue of US News & World Report, is increasing the nation's overall wealth.

After all, the rise in economic activity has done more for those who earn million dollar salaries than for those in the middle class or below level. For example, several law firms in Silicon Valley have increased their starting annual pay from $125,000 to $150,000, while retail青海省, cashiers, office clerks, bank tellers and janitors have experienced an eight percent decrease in pay from 1983-1996.

Perhaps America's "Millionairephobia" is the chance for ordinary Americans to test the pie of success and wealth, where everyday knowledge is worth cash. Happiness seems attainable with the winnings of a game show in hand, where marriage to a man/husband, who is already wealthy. But this is not what made America great.

"Nothing struck me more forcibly," wrote Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville of America in 1831, "than the general equality of position among the people." "Millionaire" gives ordinary people the chance to escape social class and social expectations and to have the opportunity for one hour to become a millionaire. The effects of these shows are concerning.

As Americans become increasingly obsessed with wealth, we tend to lose sight of history. The Great Depression did not discriminate and impoverished both the rich and poor.

So go ahead and pick your life lines, but don't forget that a good life is not necessarily connected with wealth. And that Regis, is my final answer.

Primary elections: a voice for the people and their political parties

The 2000 presidential election has proven to be a very interesting race to watch so far. This is the first year in memory where the primary process has been so contested.

The reason the primaries this year are so interesting is because Sen. John McCain has actually given George W. Bush a run for his money for the past year, Bush has been the inevitable choice for the Republican nomination. The media said it, the polls said it, and the Republican party even said it. Well folks, the American people sure have not said it.

As of Monday, Bush had only 93 delegates to McCain's 96. They are close in the hunt, but early predictions said that McCain would not last this long in the race.

Many suspected he would go the way of Orrin Hatch, Gary Bauer and Steve Forbes by quitting the race before it even got going. However, he has held on by winning in large states like Michigan.

The reason many vocal Republicans think McCain has been able to win so many states is because of the open primary system that is in effect for some of the states.

In an open primary, people of either party, as well as independents, can vote. Michigan is one of 21 states that has this type of primary.

In a closed primary, only those who are affiliated with a specific party can vote. In some states, however, one is allowed to change their party affiliation on the day of the primary.

In each primary, candidates are awarded delegates. A candidate wins the nomination by having the majority of delegate votes at the party's convention.

Usually the candidate who wins the nomination has a large majority of the votes and it is clear long before they win that they are going to receive the nomination.

However, for this election that has not been the case. Many people in the Republican party are predicting the race between McCain and Bush will last until the end.

We are in the middle of primary season. Tuesday, March 7, is what is referred to as "Super Tuesday." On that day, there are 173 delegates up for grabs for both the Democrats and the Republicans. Eleven states are holding primaries: California (84 delegates), Connecticut (8), Georgia (13), Maine (4), Maryland (10), Massachusetts (12), Missouri (11), New York (33), Ohio (21), Rhode Island (4) and Vermont (3).

Whoever wins Tuesday will be in a good position for their party's nomination.

California and New York are two of the top three states with the most delegate votes, Texas is number two with 32 delegates. Following those three are Florida with 25, Pennsylvania with 23, Illinois with 22 and Ohio with 21.

Florida is holding its primary March 14 as is Texas, Pennsylvania's is April 4, and Illinois's is March 21. These large states are the states that the candidates are focusing on the most, especially since they often have an all or nothing policy with delegates, which means the winner takes all.

Now you may be wondering what the difference is between a primary and a caucus. Funny you should ask, I will tell you.

A caucus is a gathering of members of a certain political party. They meet to vote on their views of party policy, as well as who they will endorse for the national party nomination.

It is from this pool of people that state delegates are chosen later on at the state party meeting.

Primaries are important to the political process. They tell party leaders which candidates the people want for presidential candidates.

In other words, it is an opportunity for the American public to tell their party which they want for President.

Harding friend grateful for help

Dear staff, faculty and students,

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, letters, cards, flowers and visits that I have received since I became disabled a year ago. I love and miss all of you.

I was really grateful for the groups that have come to my house to help me with chores and even yard work, when I was so sick.

We had a party before the holidays. Many students came and decorated, and even put up Christmas tree and lights, while we listened to Christmas music. It was a special night for me.

Thanks to the group who came back after Christmas to store my Christmas decorations and clean again.

Good luck to all of you.

-Janet Flath, "Ms. Janet"

Editor's note: This space is reserved for letters about issues concerning students and readers.

Correction

Katie Wampler was mistakenly quoted in the Feb. 25 article, "Director of play performances dedicates performances to Columbine shooting victims." Bryan Crisler, not Wampler, said "the play was well acted, but it was a very corny script."

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Internet safety not threatened by attacks

In the wake of recent attacks on several big name Web sites, the American public seems to be ignoring the relative safety of e-commerce. These attacks on major Web sites have brought up the concern of safety on the Internet. The hackers overloaded the sites with bits of data that caused the sites to become overloaded, causing a denial-of-service attack. It all began, Feb. 7, with Yahoo! when the attacks slowed or, in many cases, downed the major Web sites. Most of the sites only lost small amounts of revenue, because consumers simply waited and bought the product later when the sites got back on their feet.

On Feb. 24, auction giant eBay Inc. said recent hacker attacks had caused merely pointed out the weaknesses on the Net are, enabling companies to fix those problems and build better sites. In the end, after the bugs and problems are found and solved, e-commerce goes back to business as usual. It's how technology evolves," Allan Sloan of Newsweek said.

Web sites and Internet Service Providers have had downtime even with the threat of outside attacks. However, the number of sites attacked at one time, as well as the nature of these sites, has caused mass hysteria in the American public. Just as the Y2K bug sent everyone into a panic and then turned out to be a non-event, so will this fear of the Internet and e-commerce.

Security will, and has already, increased on both the Web sites themselves and the ISP that allowed the hackers to do their horrible deed. Within hours of the attack, engineers were hard at work fixing the problem. Eight Internet providers have teamed up with Internet security firms to form an alliance intent on preventing denial-of-service attacks. The Internet grows stronger everyday because of attacks like this. Now security is increased and the denial-of-service attacks will be better handled in the future.

Incidents such as these actually help e-commerce in the long run, because we become better equipped to handle bigger and more devastating attacks.

In the aftermath of these incidents, it seems the American public has worked itself into a frenzy over nothing. The Internet is still in its infancy and will continue to have occasional problems until it matures as a means of business and communication. The nature of growth allows for both error and remedy.

However, the benefits from the Internet far outweigh any possible disadvantages that may occur.

Facing the Issues
Is e-business safe business?

Internet hackers too close to e-business

The multimillionaire owners of Yahoo!, eBay and Excite were at the mercy of cyber-villains last Monday, Feb. 7, who hacked into nine Internet services, causing worldwide panic, which spread through every computer.

These hackers broke into sites, filled them with error messages, poured meaningless data bits on the screen and ultimately caused a bigger "virtual" traffic jam than one seen during any rush hour. As business sites continued to break and crash, users could not access the sites for hours - all business simply ground to a halt.

This is not the first case of e-business frailty. Hackers are dangerously clicking closer into large businesses and even our personal lives, and they are doing it successfully. Breaking in is not a difficult thing to do anymore.

Because software is very complex, it leaves room for much unknown error. Hackers are finding loopholes in the system and using them to attack companies and personal computers. Others get their kicks by sneaking into programs and changing prices. Some hackers are rewriting text in top-secret government sites. They are stealing bank and credit accounts that are not properly protected.

Companies violate privacy rights by attaching names and addresses to anonymous profiles. And the list of problems continues. So why risk taking the chances? Even on levels lower than instant Web access and FBI hacker searches, we do not have to be professional businessmen to see that e-business is bad business; the frailty of the Internet in the business world is not just about glitches and hackers and money. It is even more a social problem.

Although the Internet eliminates distance between people, e-business devalues social interaction and turns it into an intrapersonal relationship. It takes away the face-to-face aspect of business that is so crucial in the working world today.

E-business forces people to sit in a little room, stare at a small laptop and get to know your boss and coworkers. Step outside your cubicle and get to know your neighbor.

"The frailty of the Internet in the business world is not just about glitches and hackers and money. It is even more a social problem."

Speak Up
Would you feel comfortable conducting business on the Internet?

"Yes, because I have never had any problems with it so far."

Nathan Thompson, freshman

"No, I don't trust giving out personal information over the Internet."

Kellie Davis, junior

"Yes, I've found buying books through Amazon.com has been convenient and affordable."

Ashley Burton, senior

"No. I can't see my money I'm not getting what I paid for."

Jonathan Briggs, freshman
Keith Cronk appointed Chief Information Officer

By Sarah Terry
Bison staff writer

When Keith Cronk arrived on the Harding University campus from Toowoomba, Australia, for the first time in August 1999, he intended to stay through the school year as a visiting professor in the School of Business.

But what was originally planned as a nine-month sabbatical from the University of Southern Queensland has turned into a permanent position with Harding University as the newly appointed chief information officer.

"God got to work," Cronk said. "It's been a real blessing." In his new position, Cronk is responsible for all information technology issues pertaining to Harding University, Harding Academy and Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis.

Cronk oversees every outlet for technology on campus—from technology in the classroom to the computer labs and dorms.

"I am responsible for making sure that any strategic decisions made include information technology," he said. "I make sure that Harding uses the information technology to serve in the most Christian way." The position of chief information officer—new to the Harding University campus—reflects the increasing presence and place of technology in the world.

According to Cronk, the addition of this position exemplifies the university's understanding of technology's role.

"The job reflects Harding's view of how important technology is," he said. "Technology is everywhere, but it's important not to get carried away with what is there and use what we have effectively." Cronk arrived in his position with a great deal of experience in a relatively new field.

He holds a M.L. degree with a dissertation focused on information systems from the University of New England, a graduate diploma in computing from the University of Canberra and B.A. degrees in political science and geography from Australian National University.

Prior to joining the Harding faculty, he served as manager of corporate and international services for the University of Southern Queensland in the School of Information Technology.
Volunteers lend helping hands at Special Olympics last Friday

By Kelly Carter
Bison staff writer

Part of Harding’s mission is encouraging students to become Christian servants. Last Friday, Feb. 25, students had the chance to make a difference by serving some exceptional children.

More than 169 athletes and coaches participated in this year’s Special Olympics basketball tournament. Thirty junior high teams and three senior high teams came from the surrounding area came out to compete in the G anus Athletic Center.

“Smiles that I see on the faces of the children make all the hard work that goes into organizing Special Olympics worthwhile,” Emily Cleverger, senior, said. Cleverger was chosen as the student to help organize this year’s Special Olympics, and is a member of the Student Council for Exceptional Children.

More than 150 students came during the day to help. They registered players, served lunch, kept score, refereed and cheered for the players.

“The athletes are so fun,” Allison Custer, sophomore, said. “They all enjoy the interaction and knowing they are loved.”

Special Olympics required a lot of commitment from the children. Some coaches had their teams practicing an hour a week for a month. Other teams had been practicing three times a week since the beginning of the semester.

Special Olympics happens every year thanks to the hard work and dedication of the coaches who are still doing mission work.

Without the volunteers from Harding, Special Olympics wouldn’t be possible,” Paine said.

Exploring Nashville

51 ASI members tour businesses, visit children’s home

By Kelli Fager
Bison staff writer

The wheels were turning this weekend as students from the American Studies Institute rolled into Nashville. A group of 51 American Studies students and two supervisors left Searcy Thursday, Feb. 24 for the annual ASI trip. This year, the group chose to visit the people and places of Nashville, Tenn.

The first stop was the Crieve Hall Church of Christ on Thursday night. The church provided a home-cooked meal for the group and arranged for the students to stay with host families for the night.

Friday morning began a whole new day of adventures. The first part of the day was devoted to visiting Christian businesses. First, the group toured World Christian Broadcasting, a radio station that is attempting to spread the Gospel to foreign countries, such as China and Russia, via short wave radio signals. The station tapes the Gospel message in the appropriate language and sends the tapes to Alaska where they are transmitted overseas.

The next stop was Purity Dairy, the headquarters of a chain of dairies throughout Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama. This business was started by Miles Ezell, for whom the old Bible building was named.

The group then visited the Hermitage, former home of President Andrew Jackson.

Friday ended with a conference of recent Harding graduates at the Opryland Hotel. At the conference, students discussed life after Harding and how the university is helping them build their futures.

“Everywhere we went we met Christian business professionals. All of the businesses we went to had very successful business people, but successful Christians too,” Jennifer Burton, vice-president for trips, said. “Even though they are not missionaries per se, they are still doing mission work.”

Saturday’s tour started with the Parthenon. The full scale replica of the original Parthenon, which is in Athens, Greece, houses a 42-foot statue of Athena.

“This was my first time to go on this trip and I am regretting not going before,” Landon Horton, senior, said. “It was good to spend some time with the ASI group. Jennifer did a good job with it.”

Overall, Burton was satisfied with the weekend trip.

“We had a great group,” she said. “We learned so much and had a lot of fun together.”

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When I say "family film," many might think of something that pops into your head? My Dog Skip, which opens nationally today, is funny, charming, and about what a "family film" should be — really good. My Dog Skip, which opens nationally today, is funny, charming, and about what a "family film" should be — really good.

Russell, who has accepted into the Sundance Film Institute and distributed by HBO, was ready to direct his first studio project. His jump start he had been searching for. My Dog Skip, written and directed by Ryan Cunningham, is a heart-warming, and about how life takes some of the story that he was looking for.

Although the film came from the humble beginnings of Russell's tiny New York apartment, it was accepted into the Sundance Film Institute and distributed by Ryan Cunningham, new Sony Classics.

Some may have taken the film's success and marked a notable career high, but for Russell "End of the Line" was anything but. "That film was certainly the beginning for me, and I learned as much from that experience as from any other," Russell said.

Russell continued to make films, and after being offered a three-movie contract with a Hollywood studio in 1995, Russell packed up and moved from New York to L.A.

Yet, any hopes he may have had to direct films, were soon crushed when a two-year writer's Guild Strike, the longest in Hollywood history, left Russell sitting on the sidelines working on scripts that would never make it to the big screen. When the strike ended, Russell was ready to leave Hollywood.

"[After the strike] I had a distaste for the business," he said. In an attempt to rediscover his passion for making movies, Russell took a job directing documentary for HBO. For four years, Russell traveled the U.S. for HBO. During a trip to the South in 1995 he found the jump start he had been searching for.

While filming a segment on America's roadways, Russell was led to Jackson, Miss., where he had the opportunity to meet Willie Morris, journalist and writer, and another agent of a new book "My Dog Skip." "Willie Morris is one of those larger than life characters, and we became instant friends," Russell said.

On the plane ride home, Russell read Morris' book and immediately knew he had found the story that he was looking for. "As I shut the book, I had to dry my eyes from crying and the second thing I did was call Willie Morris to inquire whether the rights were available," he said.

For Russell, the inspiration for Hollywood about wholesomese films challenged him to create one that could appeal to all levels of audiences, while remaining true to the original story. "I hope that everyone enjoys the film, but that it helps to keep that hope that it makes people think about their own friends and their own beginnings," Russell said.

Russell credits his own parents with teaching him the value of hard work, and hopes to pass on his one-year-old son Bo, he shares with wife Lee Cunningham. "I didn't have any more talent than my fellow students, but I had persistence or insistence," Russell said. "It requires a tremendous amount of sacrifice, and this business is not for everyone. But, if you want to do something you have to be in for the long haul, and the long haul means your whole life."
Lady Bisons dominate; men fall to UALR

By Stephen Jenkins
Bison staff writer

Both the Bison and Lady Bison tennis teams faced in-state competition this past week, with the women returning victorious and the men dropping a 5-0 rain-shortened match.

The Lady Bisons, whose only loss of the season came at the hands of Northeastern State, wreaked havoc in Russellville last Tuesday, Feb. 22, sweeping Arkansas Tech 6-0 in singles and 3-0 in doubles play.

Eva-Lena Axelsen, sophomore, improved to 2-0 at the number one position and 11-1 for the season. She teamed with Carolina Banuelos, freshman, for doubles play. The rest of the team fared just as well, improving the Lady Bisons' overall record to 8-1 for the season.

As the regional rankings come out within the next few weeks, the victory is sure to help the Lady Bisons secure a strong status and a chance at postseason play, according to Coach David Elliott.

"We have a really good team this season with a lot of depth," Daniella Corrales, freshman, said. "Our match against Ouachita Baptist next week is another important one for determining our rankings."

The men's team fought hard but came up short a week later, Feb. 29, against Division I University of Arkansas Little Rock, bringing the Bisons to 4-4 on the season.

UALR is a member of the Sun Belt conference, a strong tennis conference, which, according to Elliott, the Bisons knew going into the match.

The match was called short due to rain, keeping Jacobo Martinez, sophomore, and Seth Bullington, junior, from completing their matches.

"The conditions weren't in our favor, to say the least," Bullington said. "But overall, it was a healthy learning experience."

Nonetheless, the team will bounce back, according to Klaus Schmidt, junior.

"Ouachita Baptist next week will also be tough match," he said. "But whether or not we win, we still stand a chance for a good regional ranking and successful second half of the season."

Elliott shares the same optimism, expecting both the men and women to have a successful remainder of their seasons, as well as postseason play in May.

The Bisons and Lady Bisons take will make a significant addition to the team going into next fall as Franco Zengaro, currently the men's soccer coach at Seary High School, signs on to inaugurate intercollegiate Bison soccer.

Up until this point, the Harding men have participated with two teams in a club league in Little Rock. Now, they will compete with other colleges in the Gulf South Conference Division II, as well as some schools in Division III.

Zengaro graduated from Harding in 1990 and received his master's degree from the University of Leicester in Leicester, England, in July 1999. Zengaro, a native Italian, brings extensive coaching experience to the program and will lead the first Harding men's soccer team in the fall of 2000.

As well as coaching, Zengaro brings a new level of playing experience to Harding. He played semi-professionally in Italy while growing up.

Zengaro said he will work with the team beginning at the ground level.

"I hope to establish solid traditions. My direction is to create a successful team," Zengaro said. "I will make sure we are a competitive team. It's part of my job as the head coach."

He wants to maintain balance technically, mentally and physically. Within the team, Zengaro does not want anyone to be afraid of anyone else.

"There has to be respect for everyone," he said. Zengaro believes the team will do well in its first season.

"Of course there is no way to tell for sure how we will do, but if you set expectations and goals, you will hopefully have good chemistry and make progress," he said.

There are many opportunities for tryouts, which are open to anyone interested. They will be held March 4, 11, 20 and 27 and walk-ons will have an opportunity to try out Aug. 16.

For the first year, the program will not be actively recruiting players because currently no scholarships are available for the team, according to Zengaro.

Each day of tryouts will consist of two sessions. The morning session will require the athletes to run three miles in 25 minutes, while the afternoon session will consist of a series of skills tests. Each student will be allowed only one day to try out, but must be present at both sessions, according to Zengaro. The team will accept 25 players.

In addition to the running portion, the athletes will also have to complete various skills tests. The first skill consists of juggling the soccer ball consecutively ten times. Students will be allowed a pass for this test.

The pass timing test requires the athlete to run and meet a soccer ball that has been passed through the legs. The person trying out has to return the ball in the same manner.

The goalkeeper's test will consist of the same skill tests; however, they will not be tested as heavily on the dribbling skills, according to Zengaro. They will be tested on stopping shots, throwing and punting in an offensive play, as well as goal kicks.

Students who plan to try out say they are not nervous because they have been practicing for months, and they know what to expect in the tryouts. Many of the students trying out have met with Zengaro and have been practicing for several weeks.

The season begins in August and will last approximately two months, depending on how far the team goes in tournament play.

"Men's soccer coach anticipates success in team's initial season"
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Last Week’s Winner: Brett Emerson

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**Griffey deal shakes up baseball world**

By Alan Seim  
Bison staff writer

It has finally happened. The deal that the entire baseball world has been waiting for has finally been made.

This historic deal sent baseball’s poster boy Ken Griffey Jr. from the Seattle Mariners to the Cincinnati Reds, at the best price since the Louisiana Purchase.

Last Thursday, the Reds did the impossible, signing one of baseball’s greatest players to a deal hardly worthy of his legendary status. Griffey’s actions came as a surprise to many baseball enthusiasts, who thought he would either sign big or not sign at all.

“He’s willing to work with terms that are very reasonable, less than market value,” Brian Goldberg, Griffey’s agent, said in a recent interview with Sports Illustrated.

Even more amazing than the actual signing of the contract were the events leading up to it: fruitless. As the following events unfolded, it almost seemed that Griffey’s destiny rested within the city of Cincinnati.

- Dissatisfied with his current location and situation, rumors spread that Griffey had mentioned wanting to be traded from the Mariners before the last year of his contract expired.
- When it was discovered that home runs came few and far between in Seattle’s newly built Safeco Stadium, Griffey left batting practice and called Seattle general manager Woody Woodward demanding a trade.
- The Braves, who initially seemed interested in acquiring Griffey, revealed their true intentions of wanting to trade for his Seattle teammate Alex Rodriguez.
- Wanting to spend more time with his family in Orlando during spring training, Griffey’s choices dwindled down to two teams - the New York Mets and the Cincinnati Reds.
- After weeks of heated argument, a deal to send Griffey to the Reds could not be reached. Reds general manager Jim Bowden quoted as saying, “Are you willing to look Griffey in the eye, and live with that for the rest of your lives?”

- When the Houston Astros folded their weak hand, and the New York Mets’ three of a kind did not hold up, the Reds laid down the winning hand; Tomco, Cameron, Meyers, Perez and $184.5 million.
- Griffey and his agent agreed to the Reds terms pending an opinion for buy-out during the year of his contract.
- Sports history was made.
- Griffey now joins the National League Central Division, a division packed with all-stars like Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. These three sluggers combined to hit 176 home runs last year and proceeded to sell out more stadiums than the Rolling Stones. This trio also contains the only players alive who have hit over 50 home runs in a single season.

**Cold shooting spells defeat for Bisons in playoff loss**

By Landon Horton  
Bison sports editor

The Bison basketball team was eliminated from the Lone Star Conference playoffs Tuesday in Canyon, Texas as the West Texas A&M Buffaloes ended Harding’s season by winning 92-67.

The Buffaloes, on the other hand, hit 61 percent of their three-pointers, 56 percent of their field goals and 56 percent of their three-pointers, which boosted them to a commanding 51-29 lead at halftime.

“We couldn’t have played defense more aggressively,” Chris Hardaway, senior, said.

Many of the players commented on the fatigue that set in after three straight road games.

“We were on the road for a whole week,” Lenny Bert, senior, said. “We had fought to make it to the playoffs. I wish we would have gone out in a better way.”

Levern Floyd, senior, led the Bisons in scoring, posting 19 points, including five three-pointers. He fell just two points shy of hitting the 1000-point career mark.

In addition to Floyd, Hardaway and Bert, Tuesday’s game was the finale for senior Dwayne Elliott.

“It’s been a lot of hard work from the beginning, but the whole experience was worth it,” Elliott said.

“That’s sad, but I’ve enjoyed my time here playing for the Rhodes Rowdies,” Bert said. “Now it’s time to look toward the future.”

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