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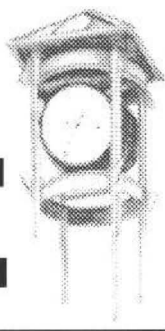
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## Student center expands to accommodate growing population on campus

By Bryan Creech  
Bison staff writer

Walking through the student center during breakfast and lunch hours may sometimes be difficult.

Recent growth in student population has caused congested traffic and bottlenecked crowds during peak hours.

In order to remedy the situation, renovations to increase usable space for students and offices are underway.

The changes of the Hammon Student Center were decided upon by a committee of students, faculty and staff organized to help determine what would best improve the situation, according to President David Burks.

The following is a brief description of the changes to be made to the student center.

- The area extending from the food court to the former bowling alley will be completely cleared, including the restrooms, mail

room and post office boxes.

This will cause the congestion in the student center to become less severe and will remove the chance of bottlenecking.

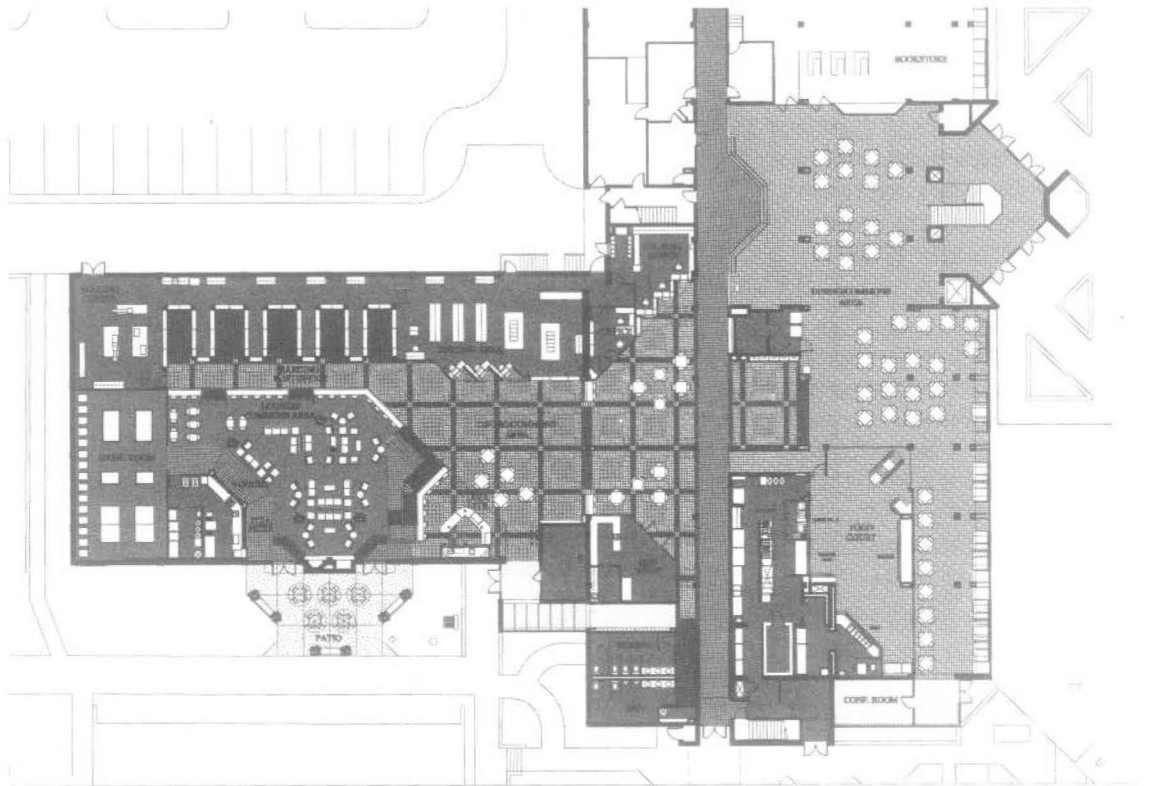
Clearing these areas will also allow more room for tables so that students will not have to worry about overcrowding during the high traffic hours such as breakfast and lunch times.

- The bowling alley will be completely taken out and the current post office boxes will be moved to the east wall of the former bowling alley.

The new mail area will be twice as large and will include additional post office boxes in order that no students will have to share boxes and to allow for more convenient mail access.

- Where the arcade and air hockey tables once existed, a new lounge area will be constructed, complete with a television, carpeted floor and a fireplace.

Burks said students will have a place to hang out without hav-



Drawings provided by James H. Cone Construction

The above drawing depicts the planned changes for the renovations being made to the Hammon Student Center. In addition to expanding the student seating area, the post office and bulk mailing room will be remodeled. The project is scheduled to be completed by next fall.

ing to leave campus. In addition, the TCBY, Starbucks coffee and pizza stands will all be moved to the new lounge area.

- The Food Court, which includes Burger King and Chik-Fil-A, will remain in the same general area where it currently exists.

However, Burks said it will be about twice its current size.

In all, Burks said the changes will more than double the size of the current Hammon Student Center.

"This renovation will be helpful to all of the students at

Harding," Burks said.

Like Burks, many students are also excited about the changes.

"I'm really looking forward to the new renovations," Justin McCreary, junior, said. "I think they will really improve the student center."



Photo by Elizabeth R. Smith

Dr. Jan Pettigrew, R.N., speaks with two guests in attendance at the School of Nursing's 25th anniversary celebration, Tuesday, April 4, in the Heritage Auditorium. Pettigrew spoke about the power nurses can have in the lives of terminally ill patients and their families.

## Speaker instructs nurses on power of presence

By Eric Barnes  
Bison staff writer

Imagine being a cancer patient. Imagine going through what is perhaps the most difficult moment in one's life and having to do it alone. Alone, not because no one is around to show love and give support, but because people do not know what to do or what to say to someone who is dying.

On the other hand, imagine being a nurse. Imagine being surrounded by sick and dying people every day of your life. Imagine feeling motivated to do or say something to the dying patient, yet becoming speechless and feeling a sense of helplessness when coming into contact with them.

For many nurses, this situation is all too real when they step out of the classroom and into the hallways of the hospital.

In fact, dealing with dying patients and their families can be one of the most stressful and difficult tasks a nurse performs. Because of this, the School of Nursing, in conjunction with their 25th Anniversary, brought Dr. Jan Pettigrew, R.N., to give a presentation in the Heritage Auditorium, April 4.

The presentation, titled "Com-

ing Alongside in Suffering: The Power of Presence," focused on giving nursing students and nurses from around the area a positive mind-set in dealing with a dying patient and their family.

Pettigrew emphasized the importance of a nurse giving his or her whole self to the dying patient.

"What Dr. Pettigrew is teaching is revolutionary to the nursing profession," Garret Myhan, senior, said.

"Of course, the idea of giving your whole self to a patient and his or her needs is a sacrifice, but it is one that can also be very rewarding to the nurse and to the patient."

Myhan, who is currently performing a clinical in the White County Medical Center Emergency Room, sees firsthand the importance of Pettigrew's message.

"When going into a patient's room, I have one of two options," he said. "I can either view it as a right or as a privilege. This is a part of Dr. Pettigrew's message that I will carry with me throughout my career."

Pettigrew, who operates a private practice out of her office in Little Rock, assists cancer patients through counseling.

"Early in my career I was drawn to dying patients. I could not stand for them to be isolated," Pettigrew said. "As I worked with and visited these patients, I soon realized they were full of life."

LaVonne Pearson also attended and learned a great deal from Pettigrew's presentation.

"I realized nursing is not strictly a profession, but a lifestyle of giving and service," she said.

In her presentation, Pettigrew emphasized that everyone can learn from terminally ill persons.

"These people know how to live life to the fullest," she said. "They can pack into one hour what for many takes a lifetime."

Pettigrew was asked to speak at Harding after Johnetta Kelly and Karen Kelley, both faculty members in the School of Nursing, heard her speak at a convention in Hot Springs.

"It was wonderful to hear and see how she built her practice on biblical principles and ministry towards others," Dr. Cathleen Shultz, dean of the School of Nursing, said.

"Each student, will be able to incorporate the valuable lessons Dr. Pettigrew shared with us today no matter what stage you are at in your career."

### What is going on...

Alain Robert, 37, of Pezenas, France, the daredevil known to his fans as Spiderman, pleaded guilty in Chicago to criminal trespassing charges for scaling the 110-story Sears Tower in August and ordered to have no illegal contact with the skyscraper.

Christopher Goff, 20, of Blooming, Ill., has been charged with attempted murder after police said that he became angry at a group of children who would not let him join them on a trampoline. Goff then tried to ram his car into the group of jumping children but was kept from harming them by a chain-link fence.

Jean-Paul Renoir, 53, who was once sued by his father-in-law for allegedly stealing his share of the Empire State Building, was extradited from the United States back to France to face fraud and forgery charges stemming from claims that he stole nine castles worth an estimated total of \$22.45 million.

Paolo Heiniger, chief engineer on a project to stop the Tower of Pisa from leaning too much, announced that the 12th century Italian monument is two inches straighter since the start of the year, and he predicted that by June 2001, the expected re-opening date, the tower would lean 20 inches less than 10 years ago.

# Just some thoughts... People not like you and me

As editor of *The Bison*, I have had the privilege for the past year of making many decisions regarding the paper's weekly content and coverage.

A favorite aspect of my job is choosing the stories that are featured each week in the "What's going on..." portion of the front page.

This section is intended to feature odd or bizarre stories about odd or bizarre individuals.

Whether it is men who would rather be reptiles or shotgun weddings (literally), I always enjoy reading the plethora of such stories found on [www.newsoftheweird.com](http://www.newsoftheweird.com) or on the front page of *The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*.

In fact, it is that small section across the bottom of the front page on which I usually get the most feedback from readers.

So as the year is beginning to wind down, and *The Bison* staff is preparing for its last few issues, I am offering you readers an entertaining token of my appreciation.

I proudly present the "What's going on..." greatest hits.



Elizabeth R. Smith  
Bison editor

*Things that would never happen at Harding...*

•An English vicar eager to attract a bigger congregation gave his sermon extra zip by dressing up as "Star Wars" villain Darth Vader. Anglican priest Peter Evans, 59, told reporters that he wanted to make going to church more fun.

They sang specially created lyrics to the "Star Wars" theme music and Evans preached about how Darth Vader finally abandoned the "dark side" and became a good man.

*Things that would (and probably have) happen at Harding...*

•Lane Anderson and Brett Taylor were in a hurry to get married when they waded through knee-deep water to get into a church flooded by Hurricane Floyd.

The bride was barefoot in overalls rolled up to her knees and exchanged vows by candlelight, though the bride's father had to give her away via cell phone.

*People who should think before they act...*

•Guy Boos, 37, of Chippewa Falls,

Wis., was arrested for firing a weapon within 100 feet of his own dwelling, after he pushed his washing machine down the stairs and shot the washing machine three times with a .25 caliber pistol.

•A 19-year-old man was hospitalized in Salt Lake City in June after personally investigating whether a .22-caliber bullet inside a straw could be ejected by hitting it with a hammer. Answer: sometimes (including this time, wounding the man in the stomach).

•In July, a 48-year-old woman filed a lawsuit against Gold Coast Hospital in Australia, because the hospital apparently misplaced part of her brain after aneurysm surgery in 1996.

One side effect resulted in perceptions that the lobe might have been fed to dogs.

*In recent news...*

•In March, "Mountain man," the escaped murderer from Bulgaria who spent 12 years burglarizing houses in Washington state, received \$412,500 from Snohomish County because a police dog bit off part of his foot during the arrest.

•Trauma therapist Karen Frogley complained in January to Reverse Bungy New Zealand about the company's installation of a 130-foot-

high tower with a bungee-attached capsule in downtown Wellington, outside Frogley's office building.

Frogley says the jumpers blood-curdling screams make her car-crash victims anxious during their sessions.

*The strangest I have encountered...*

•Erik Sprague, 27, a doctoral student of philosophy in Albany, N.Y., has undergone several body modifications (teeth sharpened, tongue forked and bumps inserted under his skin) in order to appear like a reptile, according to December wire service reports.

Sprague, described as an excellent student, is the fourth person known to make such animal-like conversions.

Remember, these stories are not intended to exploit the actual people who make these stories so very... interesting.

They are meant, however, to report the interesting, funny and odd events that happen in the world.

I do not make the news, I just report it.

So please enjoy the last few issues of *The Bison*, as the staff will enjoy putting them together.

Keep on reading, and we will continue reporting.

## Janitorial work: a Spring Break adventure

While most Harding students spent their Spring Break cruising, camping or converting, my wife, Alison, and I had the fortune to stay here in Searcy.

Needing a little extra cash while Alison looks for a job, I decided to take a temporary position working at Harding as a substitute janitor.

I'd seen the student janitors around campus — mopping, sweeping, dusting, and I didn't think it would be any big deal. I'd done work like that before at other jobs.

The title, "janitor," although often viewed as lowly and sometimes despised, wasn't below my dignity to accept. But something about cleaning up people's messes and clearing out people's garbage tends to equate you with what you are working against. It's an unfortunate connotation but often not a far-fetched one.

Soon into the week, an event caused me to remember something from my last day working at Taco Bell. That night, I had worked already more than eight hours, but my supervisor wanted me to stay later to help make the store ship-shape for the regional manager's inspection.

Not too much later, I found myself



Mick Wright  
Bison guest columnist

on my knees with a toothbrush in my hand. I had thought this was the kind of work only found in Army basic training. I was wrong.

That came to mind over Spring Break when my supervisor so gracefully instructed me: "Pretend you're dirt. Where would you hide?"

Pretend I'm DIRT? After a few hours, which became days, of scrubbing door frames on my hands and knees (you guessed it, with a toothbrush), the boundary between me and the dirt I worked against became quite hard to find. I discovered that it isn't hard for janitors to associate with dirt.

I can almost hear you saying, "So THAT'S why janitors are always hiding in the office."

Some day I'll write the Great American Novel, and, on the last page, my main character, a janitor, will reach enlightenment — "Then I knew it. I looked up at that man and his suit and scowled, 'I ain't dirt!'"

Custodians, janitors, sanitary engineers, all of them will unite grimy hands across this clean world and chant that wonderful phrase: "We ain't dirt! We ain't dirt!"

Bob Dylan will shake my hand and write a song about it from his third deathbed. I'll be a millionaire. I'll retire and become a janitor.

Back to reality?

As a typical twenty-something would, I related my experience as a janitor to a movie scene.

In "Ghandi," Ghandi's wife refuses to clean the commode (the john, the facilities, the toilet). Ghandi tells her that everyone in the camp must take a turn at every job, from highest to lowest. This is a way of exhibiting their ethics in everyday life.

When she will not budge, Ghandi explodes with anger and tells her to leave the camp — the only time in the four-hour movie where he loses his temper — but he soon apologizes, and she reverses her decision; she will clean the toilet.

She learns that everyone must do his or her part for the good of the whole.

For the perhaps less-cultured reader, this relates to the scene in "The Karate Kid," where Mr. Miagi tells Daniel to "Wax on, wax off." At first put off by Mr.

Miagi's unfair treatment, Daniel learns later that his cleaning motions have helped to condition his martial arts defensive blocks. If you see a fist speeding at you down low, just "wax off."

So what is the moral to my story? All good *Bison* commentaries are supposed to have one, right?

To be honest, I don't know what the moral is. Maybe it is that we should love and cherish the janitors we have on campus.

Maybe the moral is humility — from dust you were made; to dust you will return.

Maybe the moral is that we should

spend less time watching movies. I just don't know.

For now, I'll just offer some advice: Be slow to criticize the unappreciated job that janitors perform for us.

Some day you may find yourself holding a toothbrush, using it in a way you never

thought you would.

By the way, if you see Kathy or Mary in the Reynolds Center, give her a pat on the back.

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## Tougher gun legislation may help decrease crimes

Americans have become accustomed to getting what they want when it comes to the Bill of Rights. If anyone hinders our rights we tend to make a big fuss.

According to the Second Amendment, it is our right as U.S. citizens to bear arms. It states, "a well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Many times these rights are abused. Although it is our right to have weapons, is it our right to sell them on the streets to children?

Our world has become very violent. People should have the right to feel safe, not only in their own home, but outside as well. In order to help achieve this, we need background checks, and we need them wherever guns are sold, including gun shows. When did we put the right to bear arms above the right to protect our children from senseless killing?

Recently, there was a gun show at the Little Rock Expo Center hosted by the Arkansas Gun and Cartridge Collectors. More than 5,000 people attended to look at the merchandise, which included hunting rifles and



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Bison staff writer

handguns. Federal law does not require everyone selling guns at shows to hold a license. In addition, most vendors do not conduct background checks for people who buy these weapons. According to an article in the March 26 issue of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, "more than a third of the gun show investigations turn up firearms that eventually were used in crimes."

Pawn shops, along with gun shows, do not have to have a license to buy guns, which means they do not have to run background checks. Without the background check, anyone could attend a gun show and buy a weapon.

That loophole in the law allows people to buy weapons in bulk and then turn around and sell them on the street for profit.

Since the gun laws are much stricter in cities such as Chicago and New York, dealers can buy them in Arkansas then

take them to other cities to sell.

In one case, a man, who had a criminal record, bought a bulk of guns and resold them. The next night one of his customers, a 19-year-old male, was shot and killed in Boston.

The police traced the gun back to a pawn shop in Little Rock, a business that legally does not have to conduct background checks.

People with criminal records should not be able to buy a gun. The only way to keep criminals from guns is to implement and enforce background checks at gun shows. Federal law already requires a background check if someone purchases a firearm from a gun store.

There should be a law that requires a background check regardless of where the guns are bought.

The Second Amendment gives people the constitutional right to bear arms. However, those who abuse the law should not have that right.

A background check is a good way for the government to regulate this industry and provide protection for all Americans without taking away or infringing upon our rights.

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## Facing the Issues

*Should background checks be required at gun shows?*

## Background checks an unnecessary nuisance

The Second Amendment and more specifically gun control laws have been hotly debated for many years. Several years ago, laws passed requiring gun dealers to conduct background checks. Recently, there have been questions about whether or not background checks should be mandatory at



**Jamey Jones**  
Bison staff writer

gun shows. Background checks are completely unnecessary at gun shows.

The whole point of a gun show is to allow people to buy guns without the hassle of paperwork that consumes hours of their time. Most states charge a fee for the background check, which is in turn added to the cost of the purchase. In addition, customers are forced to wait for the check to be completed, which means it is sometimes a month or more before they even receive their gun.

The background checks and other government-regulated hassles are defeating the purpose of the gun show. A person can walk into a gun store or pawn shop and go through the same process — have to wait just as long, do just as much paperwork and feel incriminated by having a background check run on them. Gun shows should be a short-cut to legally buying a gun without hassles.

There are over 5,000 gun shows annually at which there are many steps

taken to make them as safe as possible. Precautions include sellers being required to alert the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agency when more than one gun is bought by a single patron.

Advocates of background checks are worried that vendors at gun shows sell multiple guns to people, who will in turn sell the merchandise illegally for a profit to criminals. Even though this does happen, there are many laws that restrict purchasing and reselling. Sometimes we have to be willing to trust the system to do the best it can. In reality, multiple sales account for less than eight percent of the nearly two million handguns sold.

An article in the March 26 issue of the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* stated that selling at a gun show is legal. Background checks merely punish honest people, who are legally buying guns for their hobbies or protection.

Those who are dishonest will always find a way to subvert the law.

In turn, background checks also penalize gun dealers because selling guns is their job.

It is understandable that people are worried about criminals having easier access to weapons. However, criminals, who have not been caught, have already found a way around the laws.

A retired machinist, J. M. Martin was interviewed for the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* article. Martin recently began selling his guns, which he bought legally, in order to pay for his cancer treatments. One of the guns he sold turned up in a robbery incident.

Advocates of gun control and background checks are always pointing to statistics that show the percentages of guns that have been bought from gun shows, resold and then end up in crimes.

However, there are no statistics on how many times the criminal involved

was a repeat offender, who obtained the gun from somewhere other than gun shows or pawn shops.

According to "A Study of Gun Shows in America," federal officials are doing what they can to prevent criminals from obtaining weapons. They have restricted gun show participation to only licensed dealers, and limited the types of weapons sold, in order to reduce the show appeal to criminals and illegal traffickers.

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## Speak Up

Would you like to see tougher gun laws? Why?



**Rich O'Connell, senior**  
*"No, because it is not what you take away or put in the hands of people that will make them change."*



**Scott Berry, sophomore**  
*"No. I think too much of our freedom to bear arms has already been taken away."*



**Roger Morton, freshman**  
*"Yes on high-power guns, but no on handguns that people own to protect themselves."*



**Lyz Nichols, sophomore**  
*"Yes. Our forefathers had no idea that the right to bear arms would lead to mass killings in our schools."*

## From dorm room to office

### Graduates shed student status to become employees

By Meredith Garrity  
Bison staff writer

As a student at Harding University it may be hard for one to imagine what it would be like to graduate and immediately begin a career on the faculty or staff at Harding.

However, several recent graduates are getting used to a new kind of life at Harding.

Chad Joice graduated from Harding with his Master's degree in Dec. 1999, and he now works as a recruiter in the admissions office. He said he enjoys working for Harding, specifically because of the Christian atmosphere.

"Harding is a great place to work, you are constantly surrounded by Christians, which makes work a better environ-

ment," Joice said. "As a student, you know that the professors are Christians, but when involved with them as colleagues it brings a whole new perspective."

Joice also plays with some of his former professors on the faculty/staff softball team. He said the strangest part of being a member of the staff is calling his former professors by their first name instead of their last name.

"I am on the same softball team as Dr. Jimmy Allen, and it is so weird to call him Jimmy, instead of Dr. Allen," Joice said. "I guess that is something that takes a little time to get used to."

Karen Carruth graduated in Dec. 1998, and now works as a temporary art teacher.

Working as a faculty member with her peers as students is an

interesting experience for Carruth.

"It is kind of awkward because I see everything in a different light," she said. "I now work side by side with my former professors and have many of my friends in my classes. It is kind of funny when I have friends in my class that call me Karen and then catch themselves and call me Ms. Carruth."

Carruth said that at first her inexperience bothered her.

She found that it was harder for her sometimes to get respect from many students, because she is viewed more as a peer than a teacher.

"I do feel that the students are more apt to confront me on an issue than an older teacher, but I do enjoy my job and the problems are very minimal," Carruth said.



Photo by Ric Helms

April Mouser, director of news services, edits a press release at her desk. Mouser, who graduated last December with a B.A. in print journalism, has worked in the Public Relations Office since early this semester.

## Local congregations provide food, comfort to Hoggard family after fire destroys home

By Sarah Terry  
Bison staff writer

Few people would see the blessing in a house fire.

But when the Hoggard family suffered a recent house fire, they became firsthand witnesses to the blessing of being a Christian during difficult times.

Phil Hoggard, a former Harding University employee in the Advancement Office, and his wife, Judy, as well as Melanie Cagle, junior, and B.J. Bailey, sophomore, who lived with the

couple at 5 Ridge Road, had already left for the day when an electrical fire started in the attic of their two-story home on Monday morning, March 27.

The fire would break through much of the upstairs of their home and destroy most of what lay in its path before firefighters were called to the scene to squelch the flames.

The blessing came as Christian brothers and sisters quickly stepped in to aid the family in the relief effort, according to Judy.

All four of the house's resi-

dents were moved to a friend's basement, and a food drive for the family was organized through the Downtown Church of Christ, the Hoggard's home congregation.

Firefighters were able to save many of the possessions of the people living in the house, and insurance is helping replace items that were destroyed. Food was the primary need of the group, and church members lent a hand.

"Although Downtown Church is handling the food, friends from College Church, Cloverdale and many Harding students have also

pitched in to dig through the rubble," Judy said. "We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support."

Nancy Meadows, who helped to organize a group to bring food to the Hoggard family, said there was immediate response from church members wanting to help.

Church members signed up to bring food to the family as long as needed, Meadows said.

"If you didn't know that you have friends and, most of all, God, to get through things, I don't know how people make it through

tough times," Meadows said. "They were really lucky. Everybody came out okay."

Searcy firefighter Scott Dunn, who was on the scene of the fire, agreed with Meadows.

"The house should have burned to the ground," Dunn said, adding that the flames, coupled with the wind, made the blaze difficult to control.

Firefighters worked more than six hours trying to extinguish the fire and salvage anything inside the home. Dunn estimated that 65 percent of the structure was saved.



Photo courtesy of the Public Relations office

Dr. Joseph Pryor, former vice president for academic affairs, was recently named one of the five most significant contributors to Alpha Chi, the college honor society. Pryor worked with the organization for 35 years before retiring.

## Dr. Joseph Pryor receives Alpha Chi honor

By Vicki Cupper  
Bison staff writer

Dr. Joseph Pryor, former vice president for academic affairs, was recently selected as one of the five most significant contributors to the success of Alpha Chi, the college honor society for juniors and seniors.

"He was an obvious choice, considering his extensive background. Alpha Chi experienced its greatest expansion while he was in office," Dr. Dennis Organ, sponsor of the Harding chapter, said.

The selection was made as part of the 75th anniversary celebration of the Association of College Honor Societies. The ACHS asked each of the 65 member chapters to

select its most significant contributors. The award was announced at their annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 17, which Pryor attended with his wife, Bessie Mae.

Pryor has a long history with Alpha Chi, according to Organ.

Harding petitioned for a local Alpha Chi chapter in 1965 and chose Pryor to sponsor the fledgling club. He had previously sponsored a local honor society.

During Pryor's 35 years of active service in Alpha Chi, he was the founding sponsor of the Arkansas Eta chapter, served as a regional and national secretary-treasurer and then served as the first executive director for the society.

During most of his time in the organization, he also served on the

national executive committee. Pryor personally supervised the creation of nearly one-fourth of all Alpha Chi chapters by attending more than 80 inaugurations.

In addition to acting as vice-president for academic affairs, Pryor filled a variety of positions at Harding. He was the dean from 1960-1983, a physical science professor, a member of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Council and adviser of the *Petit Jean* yearbook staff.

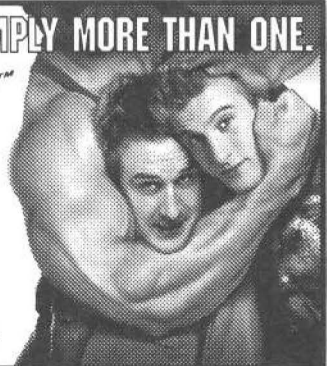
Other honorees were Alfred Nolle, Alpha Chi national secretary for more than four decades; Harry Benedict, who initiated the expanse of Alpha Chi; and Edwin Gaston, Jr., who helped double the size of Alpha Chi as national president.

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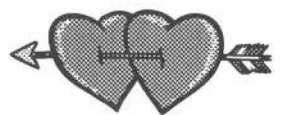
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## "A Breath of Fresh Air"

Last week's student lectureship theme encourages participants to stay focused on Christ, organizers say

By Tiffany Johnston  
Bison staff writer

More than 20 students spoke at this year's Student Lectureship Series, "A Breath of Fresh Air," which was held at various locations on the Harding campus March 29-30.

The student lectureship was organized by student members of the Spiritual Life committee and took place in conjunction with the WINGS and Men of God Seminars, sponsored by the Institute for Church and Family, March 31-April 1.

"The student lectureship, Men of God and WINGS seminars are held all together because they feed off of each other's energy," Alan Howell, spiritual life co-director, said.

Speakers for the lectureship were chosen through nominations by members of the Spiritual Life committee and then were decided upon by a final vote. Matt Ensor, senior, recognized the importance of having different groups represented.

"Our goal was to choose students where everybody on campus would know at least one person to go to," he said.

This idea for this year's theme,

"A Breath of Fresh Air," came from one student's encounter with an uplifting friend, according to Ensor. The phrase stuck with the student and when he presented it to the committee, they agreed it should be the theme. Ensor said the student speakers were allowed to present whatever topic they wanted, as long as they tied into the theme somehow.

"Last year's speeches were really random and diverse, but this year I saw unity in all the topics," Sarah Logsdon, junior, said. "I saw students really having faith and believing. I think God moved in our life to put it that way."

Because the lectureship occurred immediately after Spring Break, students had a week off from school to prepare more thoroughly for their presentation. Sarah Randolph and Kendra Parker, juniors, met together only a few times before the series began.

"Sarah and I met once to discuss our topic and to talk about things on our heart," Parker said. "We studied scripture and prayed on our own and had all break to meditate."

Each student spoke on topics that were close to his or her heart, and many spoke about the struggles they were dealing with

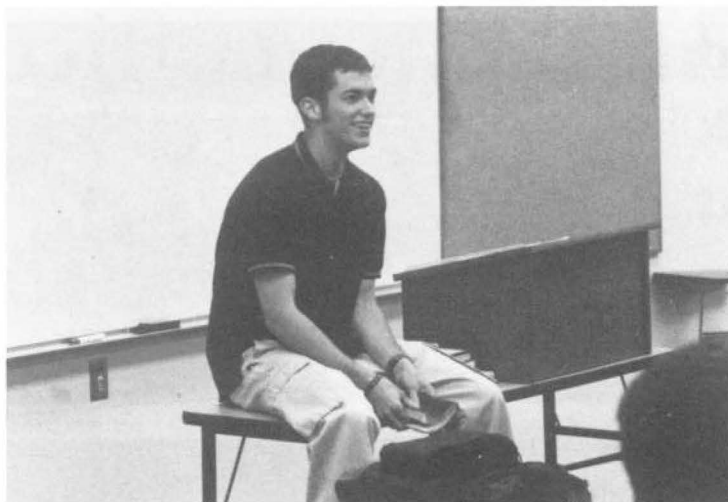


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Chad Hicks, sophomore, participates in this year's student lectureship. Hicks' presentation on Wednesday, March 29 was one of the final speeches of the week.

at the time. Jennifer Hutchinson, senior, discussed prayer life and shared many personal experiences in her presentation titled, "War on the Floor."

"Praying is giving your heart to God," Hutchinson said. "It's not about words and phrases. I really wanted to share that with others."

For most of the students, this was their first time to speak at the lectureship. Many had previous experiences talking to large groups, which made the lectureship more comfortable, according to Hutchinson.

"I taught a Bible class with girls last summer, and I spoke at a ladies' retreat before," she said. "Any nervousness I had I asked God to take away."

According to Howell, the student lectureships overall were well-attended, and many classes were packed with more than 100 people in one room.

"Student lectureships get such a good response because it is a challenge to hear someone your own age," Parker said. "They understand where you are coming from."

Many students believe that listening to other students speak on spiritual matters can be more effective than listening to adults.

"These lectureships get a lot of power and attention because it is coming from people that students can identify with," Ensor said. "It's the people that eat the same cafeteria food with you."

## Men of God, WINGS conferences challenge Harding community

By Rachel Wilson  
Bison staff writer

The annual Women In God's Service and Men of God conferences were held last weekend on campus.

The theme for the WINGS conference was "Days of Our Lives: Challenging the TV Mentality." Kathy Cherry, keynote speaker, discussed the differences between finding esteem in God and finding esteem in a self-focused way, like so much of television and society portrays.

Cherry challenged the women to have "God-esteem" and to look to Him for their value.

"[Her topic] was really relevant," Teresa Cloer, graduate student, said. "She brought us down to what we are, dependent on God."

In addition to several keynote addresses by Cherry, the women had the opportunity to participate in breakout groups that focused on a variety of topics pertaining to growing as women of God.

One of the breakout leaders, Ovia Marie McGinnis, shared her story of evangelism, according to Dr. Sherry Pollard, conference coordinator. McGinnis brought with her 13 women, who she had led to the Lord and who are active in the church, and told their story.

"The stories I heard challenged me," Clarissa Huff, senior, said. "Evangelism isn't that hard to do."

The Men of God conference also provided a time of spiritual challenge for its participants. Dr. Jimmy Allen and Terry Davis presented keynote addresses and small sessions were held on a variety of relevant topics.

"[The conference] was really good," John Chesshir, junior, said. "Jimmy Allen's message helped me develop my view of the type of man I need to be, and Terry Davis helped me think about what it's like to be out in the world."

The Men of God conference was sponsored by the Institute for Church and Family and the WINGS conference was hosted by the Marriage and Family Therapy program. Tapes from the conference are still available through the Recording Studio.

## STRESS : A healthy part of students' lives, says Dr. Lew Moore

By Paul Vilela  
Bison staff writer

Most students know firsthand that this time of year is the most stressful.

Classes start winding down, term papers are due, tests begin to build up and Spring Sing practices become part of the everyday grind.

Free time slowly becomes a thing of the past and midday naps are a fond memory.

Sleep is no longer a priority. Time is mapped down to the last seconds.

This is where stress silently creeps into the picture. Unaware of themselves, students begin to get cranky, irritable and edgy.

"The culprit is not everyday normal stress," Dr. Lew Moore, clinical director of the Counseling Center and Chairman of the Marriage and Family Therapy program, said. "The real issue is distress. Distress is the accumulation of too great demand for the resources available at that time."

"When things get compacted on you in a short period of time it affects all parts of your life, emotionally, physically and mentally. Stress is a healthy part of everyday life. Breathing is stressful. It's impossible to separate stress into different parts of people's lives. It is a whole-person issue."

Moore said that several factors contribute to distress.

"The three major sources of

stress that lead to distress are pressure, conflict and frustration," he said. "Pressure is academically ongoing. Conflict is making decisions between two things. Should I study tonight, or should I hang out with my friends?"

"Frustration occurs when our goals are blocked. We have a reservoir, which contains an inlet and an outlet. Stress will flow through if you have a healthy outlet. If the outlet is too small for all of your problems, you become distressed."

Ryan Hinckley, senior, took a semester off from school because he wanted a break.

"I was sick of the same old day-in-day-out routine of struggling with school," he said. "Sometimes

the best thing, I think, is to just get away from the stress instead of trying to work through it, thus creating more stress. I did the right thing even though my parents were not fully supportive of my decision."

Dwayne Seeber, senior, has a different way of dealing with deadlines.

"I procrastinate until the last minute so that I only have eight hours of overnight stress instead of three weeks of constant stress."

Everyone deals with stress in his or her own way. Stress is an inevitable part of life. No one is exempt, according to Moore.

To stay healthy however, Moore said to find that state of rest before taking on the entire world.

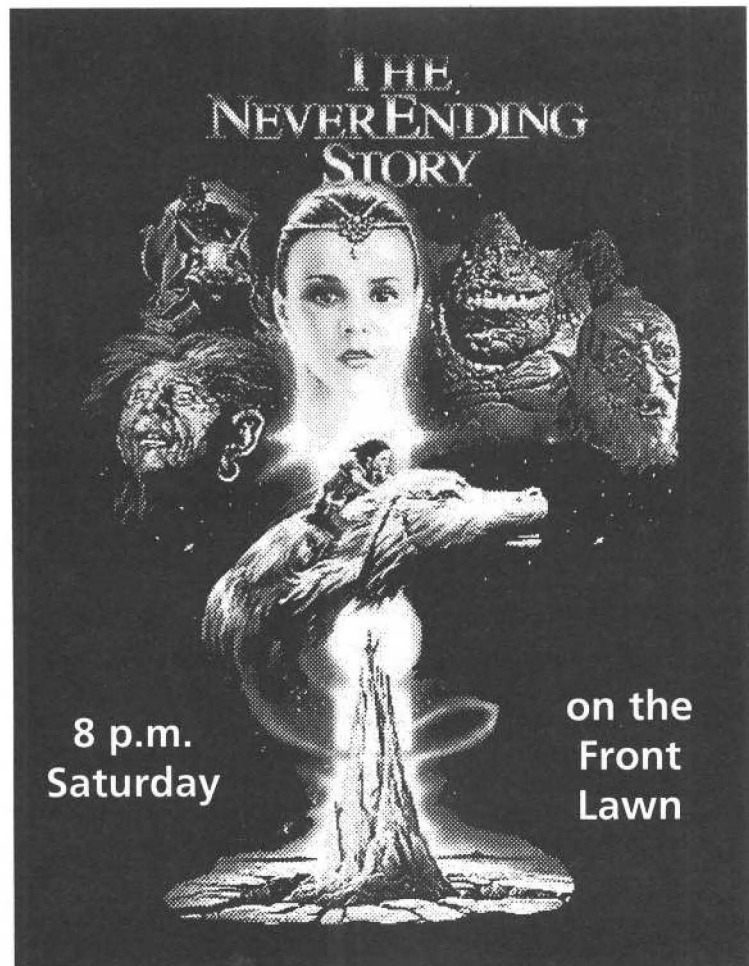


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Carla Hamilton, graduate student, speaks to an investigator as a Searcy firefighter inspects her fire-damaged car, Tuesday, April 4. By the time firefighters arrived, the engine compartment of Hamilton's car, which was parked behind the Rhodes Memorial Fieldhouse, was engulfed in flames. Firefighters extinguished the blaze quickly and no one was injured. According to Captain Lee Reed of the Searcy Fire Department, firefighters would have been there sooner; however, the original call said the fire was on Benton Street between Market and Park Streets, when in reality the blaze was located on Cross Street near Harding Drive.

## Students spend Spring Break worshipping at Tulsa workshop

By Amanda Rush  
Bison staff writer



Photos by Katie Tool

Left: The Tulsa Soul-Winning Workshop was held March 23-25 at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. The annual event invites Christians from all over the world to attend workshops, seminars and evening devotionals. Right: Amanda Rush, junior, browses through a book stand at one of the hundreds of booths set up on the fairgrounds. Rush was just one of many Harding students who attended the workshop, which happened to fall on the last weekend of Spring Break.

The huge pavilion, primarily used for concerts and the Oklahoma State Fair, echoed with the sounds of fellowship. A crowd of about 8,000 filled the red bleacher seats, as well as the folding chairs placed on the concrete floor below.

About 7:15 p.m., the visiting stopped as the entire crowd began praising God together in song. Some sat with their heads bowed, some clapped and others closed their eyes, but all seemed drawn together by their love for God, their love for each other and their desire to worship.

This scene typifies one of the evening sessions at the International Soul-Winning Workshop, an annual conference held March 23-25 in Tulsa, Okla. at the state fairgrounds. This spring the workshop celebrated its 25th year.

Every year many Harding students enjoy attending the workshop.

"It's awesome," Katie Tool, junior, said. "It uplifts me and encourages me, which is something I need in the middle of the spring semester."

However, several students were disappointed that the workshop fell during Spring Break this year.

"I really wish I could have gone, but I was already committed to a campaign," Jeremy Waters, senior, said. "Hopefully, I'll be able to go next year."

Despite the fact that many students had other plans during Spring Break, there were quite a few familiar Harding faces in the crowd, according to Brady Bunch, freshman.

Many people who attended the workshop consider themselves "workshop regulars." Bunch said he has attended the workshop for the past five years.

"It's very uplifting," he said. "I enjoy the spiritual aspect, and the encouragement that I get from all of the other Christians."

The workshop consists of three days of classes, praise and fellowship. Many local churches, mission programs, ministries, Bible bookstores, Christian publishers, a cappella singing groups and Christian universities set up booths in the exposition center at the fair grounds.

Speakers from across the country are asked to give lectures at the workshop. This year's speakers included Joe Beam, Marvin Phillips, Terry Rush, Alton Howard and Jeff Walling, among others.

The classes held during the day offered a wide variety to workshop attendees. There were multi-cultural classes, women's classes, classes for the deaf and youth classes.

In the evening, everyone assembled together in the pavilion for a keynote address and a time of singing. Acappella and Vocal Union held a free concert for those at the workshop on Saturday afternoon.

Jenny Jones, junior, attended the workshop for the first time this year, and thoroughly enjoyed her experience.

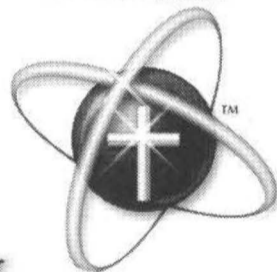
"I didn't know what to expect, but I loved it," Jones said. "There were so many things to do, and it was great because everything was in one place. I'll definitely go back every year I can. I think it really gets you refocused and back on track."

Next year's workshop will be held March 29-31.

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The Weekly Wrap-Up

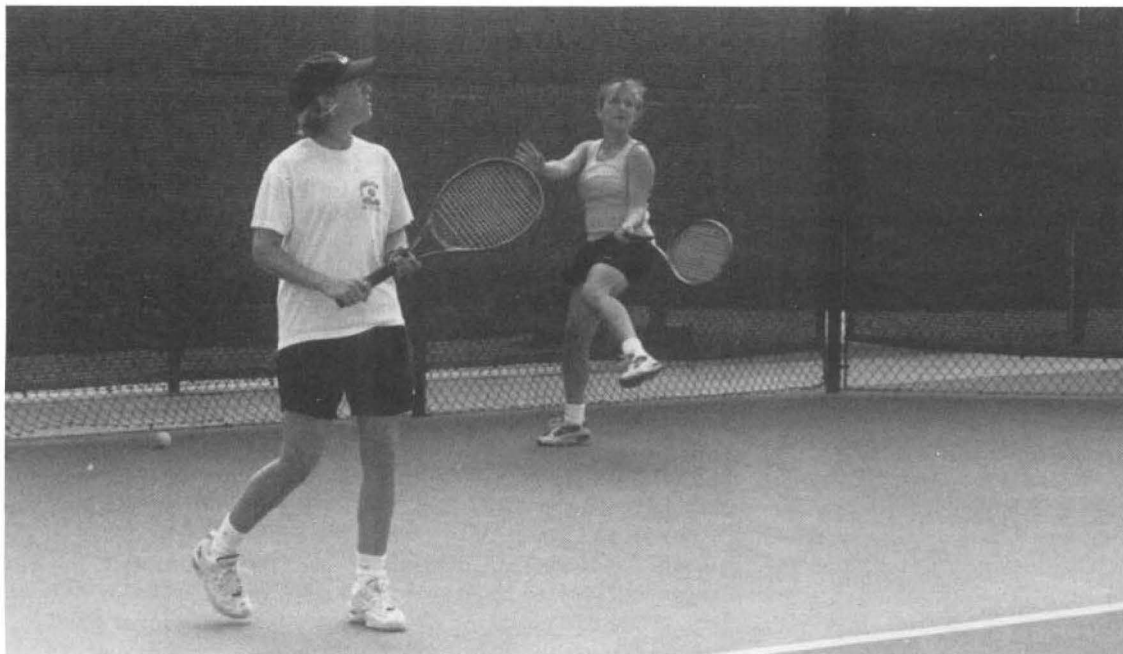


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Laura Tollett, junior (left), and Michelle Shimpock, freshman (right), compete Tuesday, March 28, in a doubles match against Ouachita Baptist University. The pair won the match 8-6, but overall, the Lady Bisons fell to OBU 7-2. Both the men and women play at home Saturday, April 18, at 2 p.m.

## Tennis teams struggling through successful season

By Kelly Fager  
Bison staff writer

The Bison and Lady Bison tennis teams began this season with high hopes and even greater expectations.

The Bisons started the season with half of last year's team returning. Number one player Igor Tamindzija, junior, returned, as did Seth Bullington and Klaus Schmidt, juniors, and Justin John, sophomore.

Jonathon Leijan, junior, and Artur Sikora, freshman, are welcomed additions to the Harding squad this season, as are John Hawkins, sophomore, and number two player Jacobo Martinez, sophomore.

The team opened their spring season with a smashing victory over Hendrix University in early February, handily defeating them 9-0. John Brown University was another 9-0 triumph for the Bisons in mid-March, a few days before Spring Break.

After a series of wins and losses for the Bisons, including losses to Division One University of Arkansas at Little Rock and a tough Ouachita Baptist squad, the team cruised into the Harding Invitational Tournament with a record of 4-5. The Bisons went on to defeat Wayne State University at the Invitational, but fell to a strong Freed-Hardeman team, as well as to Northeastern State University.

"Even though we don't have the best record in the conference, we have still had a pretty good season," Bullington said. "We won all of the matches we were supposed to have won, and we pulled out a couple of surprises as well. It has been a fun season."

The Lady Bisons were also anticipating a good season with three new freshmen added to three strong returning players. With Eva-Lena Axelsson, sophomore, playing at the number one

position and squad newcomer Carolina Banuelos, freshman, as number two, the team was anxious for the spring season. Laura Tollett, junior, and Daniela Corrales, freshman, were also playing well at the three and four positions, as were numbers five and six Michelle Shimpock, freshman, and Beth Bonbrisco, sophomore.

The Lady Bisons were going strong with a record of 10-3 going into Spring Break, having only lost to Northeastern State University, Division One UALR and Ouachita Baptist.

"We came out on the losing end of that one," Tollett said, referring to the 5-4 loss to the Lady Tigers. "Ouachita Baptist is strong this year, but it was a close match."

However, with the recent news of losing Corrales, known as "the heart of the team," to injury, Harding knew finishing the season strong would be a challenge.

"We only had six players, so when we lost [Daniela], we were short one player," Tollett said.

With number four Corrales out of the line-up, the Lady Bisons were forced to forfeit two matches.

Then they recruited Louisa Duke, sophomore, to fill in at the number six position.

"The team was set back after losing Daniela," Duke said. "It was tough losing such a great player, but I'm glad that I have this opportunity to play. The girls have all been really encouraging and it has been a lot of fun getting to play with them."

"We lost Daniela right in the middle of the season, and it really hurt," Tollett said. "It took a lot out of our team. She had such a great attitude and love for the game. She was the heart of our team."

But with Duke added to the line-up, the Lady Bisons are in full swing again, according to Tollett.

Both squads' next home match will be against John Brown University, April 18 at 2 p.m.

## BISON SPORTS CHALLENGE

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### NBA

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\* Editor's picks are in bold.

### Upcoming Home Games:

#### Bison Baseball

Fri. April 7, TBA  
vs. Northeastern St.

Sat. April 8, TBA  
vs. Northeastern St.

Tues. April 11, 7 p.m.  
vs. Lyon College

#### Tennis

Tues. April 18, 2 p.m.  
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Ambassador Cup  
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## Meet the Bison

by Kelly Carter



### Jon Neely

**Classification:** Junior  
**Position:** Pitcher  
**Hometown:** Dayton, Ohio  
**Sport:** Tennis  
**Favorite Team:** Cincinnati Reds  
**Favorite Athlete:** Bob Boone

#### What are your thoughts on the season?

"We had a pretty good season, and we have gained confidence after every win we have made. If we have a few more key wins, we have a chance to go to the conference tournament."

#### What are your thoughts on the coach?

"Our coach is an essential part to our season. We all respect him very much and are also grateful for all his hard work."

#### What is your dream job?

"To own ESPN."

#### What are your goals after graduation?

"I am getting married to Leslie Patterson in August. I will graduate with a major in social science. Jay Phillips and I are planning on going into business together, called Future Trainers of America, an organization focused on helping young men and women become trainers."

#### Who has been the biggest influence on your life?

"Zach Lambert, a good friend."

#### What is your favorite scripture?

Matthew 7:12 - The Golden Rule

## Bison golf opens with solid start

By Meredith Hlasta  
 Bison staff writer

The 2000 Harding Bison golf team has started their season off with two respectable finishes. At the Doyle Wallace Classic, held at Henderson State University March 12-14, the team placed fourth. At the Arkansas Tech Invitational on March 26-28, the team finished eighth.

The next Bison golf match will be April 9-10. The match will be hosted by Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn.

At the Henderson State tournament, each school had five participants, with the top four scores of each round combined to get the team total. Harding's score for Monday was 315, with Jeff Powell, junior, posting the Bisons' low score of 76. The team was in fourth

place at the end of the first day.

On Tuesday, the Bisons scored 314, with the low score coming from Stan Short, senior, with 75. Short's two-day total of 155 was the best for the Bisons and tied him for eighth in the individual competition.

Host Henderson State won the event with a score of 602, followed by Missouri Baptist with 603, Arkansas Tech with 616 and Harding with 629.

Harding's five players and their scores were Short 80-75-155; Jared Lillard 80-78-158; Powell 76-85-161; Jared Smith 79-82-161; and Richie Whaley 87-79-166.

The second match of the season was the Burriss Inc. Collegiate Golf Classic, hosted by Arkansas Tech at the Chamberlyne Club. The four-member Bison team struggled on Monday, shooting

321 and ending the day in 10th place. The team was able to recover Tuesday by slashing 21 strokes off their team score for a second round 300.

The top finisher individually for the Bisons was Powell, who tied for 13th and scored a 72 on the second day of the tournament.

Smith tied for 21st with a two-day total of 153 and a season-best 75 in round two. Aaron Farley, sophomore, who is also on the Bison basketball team, finished 24th and also scored a 72 on the second day of the tournament. Short also shot a 166 in both rounds.

The host Arkansas Tech won the tournament by three strokes over Henderson State, 591-594. Luke Lang of Arkansas Tech was the individual winner shooting a 67 on the second day, with a two day total of 141.

## Spartans come out on top...or do they?

Never before had a top seed had seven losses. Never before had two eight seeds made the Final Four. Never before had a five seed made it to the championship.

Never before had the national champion lost to Wright State during the season. Never in the last decade had a Big Ten team won the national title.

This year's tournament was undoubtedly one of the craziest brackets since the inauguration of



By Landon Horton  
 Bison sports editor

the 64-team field. Predictions were shredded after the first weekend, as eight of the top 12 teams were eliminated before the Sweet 16.

Yet somehow, in the midst of the mayhem known as March Madness, Michigan State managed to maintain their mastery over the multitudes, manufacturing memorable moments in their march to magnificence.

However, I noticed something

earlier this week - something that I thought the students of Harding should know, especially those who love sports. What I saw was a string of games that logically proves that Harding is better than Michigan State.

You don't believe me? Check this out:

- On Dec. 17, Harding defeated Southern Arkansas, 93-91.
- On March 2, Southern Arkansas defeated Alabama-Huntsville, 84-69.
- On Jan. 3, Alabama-Huntsville defeated Athens St., 82-80.
- On Feb. 7, Athens St. defeated Alabama St., 66-62.
- On Feb. 5, Alabama St. defeated Alabama A&M, 75-57.
- On Jan. 20, Alabama A&M defeated Belmont, 85-69.
- On Nov. 20, Belmont defeated Eastern Kentucky, 85-69.
- On Dec. 4, Eastern Kentucky defeated Morehead St., 73-72.
- On Dec. 7, Morehead St. defeated Wright St., 74-72.
- And finally, on Dec. 30, Wright St. somehow defeated Michigan St., 53-49.

There! I told you I could prove it! I say that whoever is in charge of Harding's basketball scheduling really missed a great opportunity for Harding to shine in the national spotlight! Just imagine: Hardaway on Cleaves. McGinty on Peterson. Not a problem! We could have taken them!

So before you jump on the MSU bandwagon, please realize that though they won the national title (quite easily, I might add), the Spartans are not quite as invincible as they seem. I won't be convinced until they I see how they handle the Rhodes Rowdies.

*Sports Editor's Note: This is the first of a three-part series. Be sure to check future issues of The Bison for such titles as "Why Heather Gray is better than Mia Hamm" and "Why the Yankees would fall to the Bisons in a best-of-five series."*

*Sports Editor's Second Note: Please don't hunt me down today and tell me that Michigan State is, in fact, better than our Bisons. This column was merely my feeble attempt at humor and should not be taken as the literal view belonging to me or any group with which I am affiliated, including but not limited to The Bison.*

### Ambassador's Cup 2000 Schedule

#### 2nd Annual Christian College Soccer Tournament

Harding, Oklahoma Christian, Lubbock Christian, Abilene Christian, Freed-Hardeman, David Lipscomb

#### Friday, April 14

Men	1:30 p.m.	OCU vs. FHU	Varsity Field
	3:30 p.m.	DLU vs. HU	Varsity Field
	5:30 p.m.	ACU vs. LCU	Varsity Field
Women	7 p.m.	HU vs. DLU	Football Field
	9 p.m.	OCU vs. ACU	Football Field

#### Saturday, April 15

Men	9 a.m.	HU vs. FHU	Varsity Field
	11 a.m.	OCU vs. LCU	Varsity Field
		DLU vs. ACU	Club Field
Women	1 p.m.	HU vs. ACU	Varsity Field
		OCU vs. DLU	Football Field
Men	3:30 p.m.	Semifinal	Varsity Field
	5:30 p.m.	Semifinal	Varsity Field
		5th/6th place	Club Field
Women	6:30 p.m.	HU vs. OCU	Football Field
	8:30 p.m.	ACU vs. DLU	Football Field

#### Sunday, April 16

Men	12 p.m.	Final	Varsity Field
Women	2 p.m.	Final	Varsity Field



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