Student center expands to accommodate growing population on campus

Walking through the student center during breakfast or 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 reduce 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 mall 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 having 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 Chick-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 McCarty, junior, said. "I think they will really improve the student center.

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 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. Pettigrew spoke about the power nurses can have in the lives of terminally ill patients and their families.

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 Remon, 55, 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.

Paola 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 opening date, the tower would lean 20 inches less than 10 years ago.
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.nwestonthefrelfth.com or on the front page of The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

It is in fact 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'd already predicted "What's going on...?" greatest hits.

**Opinions**

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

**Elizabeth R. Smith**
Bison editor

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

- An English vicar eager to attract a bigger crowd 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 that show how Darth Vader had destroyed the "dark side" and became a good man.

**Wax on, Wax off!**

- "Wax on, Wax off!" happen at Harding...

- Lane Anderson and Brett Taylor were in a hurry to get married when they washed 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 crashing machine three times with a 22-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.

Froley says the jumpers blood-curdling screams make her car-carrying 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 bumbs 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.

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**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.

Needling 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 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 a not-a-far-fetch one.

Soon into the week, an event caused me to be thinking 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 and wash the store's shipshape for the regional manager's inspection.

Not too much later, I found myself 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 graciously instructed me: "Pretend you're dirt. Where would you hide?"

**Pretend I'm Dirt?**

After a few hours, which became days, of scrubbing doors 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 write the store shipshape for the regional manager's inspection.

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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.

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

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

When she will not budge, Gandhi explodes with anger and tells her to leave the camp — the only one, 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 every job just do his own part for the good of the whole.

"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 that you never thought you would."
**Opinions**

**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 right 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 it is 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 killings.

Recently, there was a gun show at the Little Rock Expo Center held by the Arkansas Gun and Cartridge Collect (More than 5,000) people attended to look at the merchandise, which included hunting rifles and 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, does not have to have a li­cence 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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**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."

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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, the law used requiring gun dealers to conduct background checks. Recently, there have been questions about whether or not background checks should be mandatory at 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 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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Jody Knight

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Lyz Nichols, sophomore

"Yes, our forefathers had no idea that the right to bear arms would lead to mass killings in our schools."
Local congregations provide food, comfort to Hoggard family after fire destroys home

By Sarah Terry
Bison staff writer

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By Vicki Cupper
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**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 Mental Health 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 resource, 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 different way of dealing with stress. "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, Moore said, "Stress is a healthy part of everyday life. But if you have a healthy outlet, you will be okay."
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 fairgrounds.

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.
**BISON SPORTS**

**The Weekly Wrap-Up**

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**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.

Jonathan Leijan, junior, and Artur Sikora, freshman, are welcomed additions to the Harding squad this season, as are John Hawkins, sophomore, and number two player Jacob Martinet, 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 tied 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 participating 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 Bokrichto, 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 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.

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**Upcoming Home Games:**

- **Bison Baseball**
  - Fri. April 7, TBA vs. Northeastern St.
  - Sat. April 8, TBA vs. Northeastern St.
- **Tennis**
  - Tues. April 11, 7 p.m. vs. Lyon College
  - Tues. April 18, 2 p.m. vs. John Brown Univ.
- **Track Meet**
  - Tues. April 11
- **Soccer**
  - Ambassador Cup (schedule on page 8)

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**BISON SPORTS CHALLENGE**

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Welcome, Sports Fans!

Here’s a chance for you, Joe or Jane Harding, to match wits against the Bison Sports Editor for the chance to win a large pizza and two drinks from Mazzio’s in Searcy. So, predict the winners of each game and the exact score of the tie-breaker. Then place this form in the Sports Challenge box in the post office window by curfew tonight. (Limit one entry per person).

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**NBA**
- Vancouver at Portland
- Detroit at Cleveland
- Seattle at Denver
- Toronto at Chicago

**MLB**
- Toronto at Texas
- Boston at Anaheim
- Los Angeles at New York Mets
- Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati
- Milwaukee at St. Louis
- San Francisco at Atlanta

**NHL**
- Florida at New Jersey
- Boston at Philadelphia
- Tampa Bay at Toronto
- Edmonton at Calgary
- Carolina at Atlanta

**Tie-Breaker:**
(guess the exact score)

**NBA**
- San Antonio at LA Lakers

*Editor’s picks are in bold.

Tournament Challenge Winner: Landon Horton

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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 men and women play at home Saturday, April 14, at 2 p.m.

Photo by Ric Helms

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...as was the high hope 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 Bokrichto, 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 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.

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**Welcome, Sports Fans!**

Here’s a chance for you, Joe or Jane Harding, to match wits against the Bison Sports Editor for the chance to win a large pizza and two drinks from Mazzio’s in Searcy. So, predict the winners of each game and the exact score of the tie-breaker. Then place this form in the Sports Challenge box in the post office window by curfew tonight. (Limit one entry per person).

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Tournament Challenge Winner: Landon Horton
The Golden Rule

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Who has been the biggest influence on your life? The Bison staff writer

By Meredith Hlastra

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 Burliss 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 slaying 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, tied with 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?

By Landon Horton

Bison sports editor

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 championship.

This year's tournament was undoubtedly one of the craziest brackets since the inauguration of 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 multitude, manufacturing memorable moments in their march to magnificence.

As the Midwest region came to a close, Michigan State, with a second-round score of 80-77-157, nabbed the Midwest crown with the victory over Wisconsin. In the regional semifinal, the Spartans came within eight points of Ohio State, salvaging an 83-75 win with a second-day score of 83-77.

Science and engineering were on display in the national title game. The Spartans hold the distinction of being one of the few teams to establish a 30-point margin in any tournament.

By the end of the games, the Spartans had secured a commanding 101-82 win over Oklahoma State, with the victory secured by the second-day score of 91-69.

Earlier this week — something 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 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 is no way 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 (quiescently, I might add), the Spartans are not quite as invincible as they seem. We won't be convinced until they show us 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 Bisons.

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

D卢 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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