Priest tapped as successor; Long to become associate vice president for academic affairs

Erin Broussard
Staff Writer

O
a June 1, Dr. Neale Pryor will retire from his 18-year tenure as vice president for academic affairs. However, beginning next fall, Pryor will return to campus teaching full-time in the College of Bible and Religion.

Dr. Dean Priest, dean of the College of Sciences, will fill Pryor's administrative position. Dr. Larry Long, distinguished professor of English, has been chosen to fill Priest's former position, associate vice president for academic affairs. Long is also the dean of the Honors College and dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

Pryor has served as the school's vice president for academic affairs since 1983. He recalls that during Spring Break of that year, then-president Dr. Clifton Garus was walking in Harding Park and stopped by his home to ask if he would accept the position.

Pryor, who has been a member of the faculty since 1962, will become the fourth person in the school's history to serve as chief academic officer. He received Harding's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1969, 1974 and 1984. He is also a member of both the National and Arkansas Council of Teachers of Mathematics. These credentials, along with his commitment to Harding, make him "a logical choice" to succeed Pryor, President David Burks said.

Pryor knows Priest well and believes he is a good choice to be his successor.

"One of the best things is that we've [Dr. Priest and himself] worked together all these 18 years," Pryor said. "He and I came into these offices at the very same time. We knew each other back in graduate school. He's been serving as assistant to me these past few years, so he knows the responsibilities of the office."

Facing the many new obligations this fall, Priest said Pryor has done an excellent job in his position of leadership.

"[Dr. Pryor] is an incredibly brilliant and efficient person," Priest said. "He's been serving as assistant to me these past few years, so he knows the responsibilities of the office."

Long's 13 years of experience with the Honors Program have given him knowledge of an administrative position that has equipped him with experience for his new position. Long says he will look to Pryor's leadership with admiration.

"[Pryor] has been a very capable leader and respectable teacher, and I came over to the front lawn, including the clock in C.L. Kay Plaza.

There will be more than enough space for the students to use, but we decided that it needed to be better. With thesuccess we've had with the program in Florence [Italy], we felt that we should make the HUG facility a "home away from home."

The $1.8 million property includes 24 apartments and a large fenced-in area outside. Each apartment includes a bedroom, living room, kitchen and bathroom. In addition, there are four retail stores — a fast food restaurant, a barber shop, a bakery and a boutique — on the ground level. Harding will own the building and the stores will lease the space.

"We sent Don Shakelford [dean of international studies] over to Greece to look for a facility for about a month," Burks said. "He looked at 30 possible facilities and recommended three of them. Then we went over and a deal was agreed around Aug. 1. The deal for the property was finalized the day after Thanksgiving."

The hotel also features a large conference room that will be used for a classroom, a swimming pool, an outside playground, a game room, a library, a computer room and a large dining room.

"The facility will be strictly for our use only," Burks said. "We typically have 45 students and some faculty who attend each semester. There will be more than enough space for everyone."

Since the program started in 1994, HUG has been offered each fall semester. The purchase will allow HUG to become a year-round program.
Facing the Future

Writer's Block
Sarah Terry
Editor

Consider this nugget of advice as an early Christmas gift from an elder member of the student body: the idea that the senior year in college is anything like the happy-go-lucky final year of high school is grossly false and disillusioning.

In our lives that revolves around football games, weekend jobs and ‘hangin’ out’ at the mall, the senior year of college is about learning to face reality for the first time. Seniors about to enter the work force worry about new daunting issues as if they have chosen the right major and if they can find a job and support themselves. Those looking to continue their education face more tests and acceptance into a graduate program.

I’m not sure what the senior year to be, but I definitely wasn’t anticipating the cold sweats or shortness of breath that panic about job searches, salary and finding a place to live can cause.

It’s all the stress of knowing that we are finally about to become grown-ups and enter that dreaded place known as the ‘real world.’

Adopting this attitude doesn’t make the senior year any less stressful, but it does put things in perspective.

Those of us who are facing a quick departure (eight more days for December grad) are on the cusp of discovering our own lives and taking our own voyages.

Being a senior isn’t a carefree time. It’s constantly challenging and often unsettling. A great deal of life has been planned until now, but it is empowering to realize that we have the power to plot our own course.

Letters to the Editor

Family of Christina Corum expresses gratitude

Dear Editor:

Words seem so inadequate and have been difficult to find since the death of our daughter, Christina. Our family sends our deepest thanks to all at Harding for your care and concern for us since the terrible night of Oct. 16. Your prayers, cards, calls and visits have truly been our mainstay during this most difficult time.

I must admit that we have most coveted your prayers. I believe that your petitions to our Father played an important role in our ability to deal with this tragedy. You cannot know how important those prayers were and how quickly God answered those petitions.

Christina suffered a fatal head injury when her seat collapsed during the crash, allowing her to be thrown backwards from the car onto the pavement. Her fate was decided instantly.

Please understand that God made it possible for our family to deal with this horrible time, and I believe the prayers of all those who offered them on that fateful night played a key role.

God continued to answer those prayers over the hours and days that followed. Phone calls from Harding friends poured in. Assistance came from many places, but nothing meant more to us than when a Harding bus arrived at Christina’s funeral on Saturday afternoon. The service featured a number of Christina’s favorite songs, and the air was filled with praise to our Father in remembrance of our baby.

People were moved by your presence.

Because of the power of your prayers, people have been moved to seek or return to God. Members of the church family who have been weak-ened by life’s challenges have used this occasion to redevote their lives to serving God.

The Corum family has been shaken to its core, but that core is centered in God. We will not be moved. Please continue your prayers for our healing and our ability to return to life again. The road is difficult, painful and, at times, seems unchangeable, but God provides the way. Praise His name and may God bless each of you.

Joe Corum
Father of Christina Corum

The Bison welcomes signed letters to the editor. Please send letters or ideas for editorial content to The Bison, Box 11192.

Speak out: How will you spend the holidays?

"For break, I'm going home to Honduras to celebrate Christmas with fire-works."
Carlos Antunez, freshman

"I'm going to stay in Searcy during the break and work in the Harding book-store." Tiffany Watkins, senior

"I'm going to go skiing in New York over break with a group of my friends." Jason Hinze, junior

I "would like to work in a juvenile probation office because that's what I plan on doing after I graduate." Karmella Montgomery, senior

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The Bison
A new look at Christmas
Foreign students have diverse traditions

Katie Tool
Staff Writer

Americans have a very defined image of what Christmas is and what people do to celebrate the holiday. Other cultures around the world have adapted the holiday with their own celebrations and traditions — from celebrating on Dec. 24 to having a barbecue.

Donna Coker is a freshman from Australia. She said Australians celebrate Christmas similarly to the United States. Since it is summer there, they have a cold meal or, sometimes, a barbecue. Many people go to the beach or skiing.

Sylivia Ujeta, a senior from Costa Rica, said her family and many people in her country celebrate Christmas Dec. 24. She said there are many carnivals and parades in the cities on the days following Christmas. Many people decorate their houses. She said one of the things she most enjoys about the holidays is spending time with her family.

Zully Flores, a junior from Honduras, also said her family celebrates Christmas on the 25th. Her family spends the day cooking and cleaning for all their guests that will arrive in the evening. At midnight, the family hugs, prays and wishes each other a “Merry Christmas.” She said she some people stay with their families, while others go out to parties at midnight. Flores’ favorite part is at midnight, when she celebrates with her family and her neighbors. The next day is spent relaxing and visiting with family.

Maria Lopez, a senior from Nicaragua, also celebrates on Christmas Eve. She said each family celebrates differently. Some have fancy meals, some just have traditional food.

At midnight, people set off fireworks, play carols and exchange gifts. The inside and the outside of the houses are decorated. Santa brings the gifts Dec. 25. Lopez said her favorite part of the holidays is getting to be together with all family and friends.

Pernilla and Eva-Lena Axelsson are juniors from Gothenburg, Sweden. They celebrate Christmas on the Dec. 24 with a family meal including dinner meat, bread and juice. A few days before Christmas, they decorate a tree and hang lights outside.

Each year, everyone watches a television Christmas show at 3 p.m. Then Santa comes at 4 to bring presents. At 7, the family has a big dinner. Eva said her favorite part of the holiday is seeing everyone happy. Pernilla’s favorite part is seeing family and friends together.

Magaly Regalado, a senior from El Salvador, celebrates Christmas on Dec. 24 as well. To celebrate, she spends time with her family.

They have a large, elegant meal around 8 p.m. There are fireworks all night and people are out in the streets. At midnight, gifts are opened. On Christmas Day, the family goes to the ocean or out together. She misses setting up the tree and lights at her house. Her favorite part of the holiday is being with her family for the fireworks and gifts.

Jessica Gonzalez, a senior from Panama, celebrates Christmas Dec. 24. During the day, they cook foods like bread, rice, ham, salad, vegetables and turkey. All the family members meet at one house for the holiday meal. There are fireworks at midnight and everyone hugs and exchanges presents. The family has a prayer of thanksgiving. On the 25th, everyone meets at one house to relax, talk, and work puzzles. Her favorite part of the holiday is the hugging at the family reunion.

As final exams approach, Dee Bost, Academic Services Center director, offers the following tips:

Getting Ready for Tests

Participate

- Actively listen to lecture relating ideas to course objectives and personal goals.
- Take effective notes.
- Ask effective questions involving the higher order thinking skills.

Prepare

- Engage in steady, paced review; daily, weekly and right before the exam.
- Study in 50 increments as early in the day as possible.
- Take five to 10 minute breaks between study sessions.
- Study most challenging subjects first.
- Use study strategies that match your learning style.
- Review notes, textbook assignments, handouts and all related information.
- Use flash cards to record information for review.
- Study with classmates, tutor or a Supplemental Instruction study group.
- Discuss difficult concepts with the professor.
- Avoid caffeine and sugar during study and test taking.
- Get at least eight hours of sleep before taking test.

General Effective Test Taking Strategies

- Let go of test anxiety.
- Pay close attention to key words.
- Answer easiest and shortest questions first.
- Next, answer multiple choice, true/false and fill-in-the-blank questions.
- Answer short-answer and essay questions next.
- If you get stuck, move on.
- Look for answers in other questions.

Multiple Choice Questions

- Read all answer choices first.
- Check to see if questions call for more than one answer.
- First answer is usually the best.
- Answer question in your head before looking at answer choices.

True/False Questions

- Always read carefully.
- Longer items that give more information are more likely to be true.
- If any part of the question is false, the answer is false.
- Qualifying words like always, never, none and everyone usually indicate incorrect answers.
- Qualifying words like some, usually probably and many are more likely to be correct.
- True/false tests frequently have more correct answers than false. If you must guess, mark it true.

Matching Questions

- Be sure to read all items in both columns carefully before marking answer.
- Check to see if an answer may be used more than once.
- Look for the best match.
- If only one answer is possible for each question, cross them off as you go. You may use the process of elimination for answers you don’t know.

Guessing Guidelines

- If two answers are similar, choose one of them.
- If the answer calls for a sentence completion, eliminate answers that would not make grammatically correct sentences.
- If two quantities are almost the same, choose one.
- If answers cover a wide range, choose one in the middle.
- Instructors are less likely to choose the correct response last.
- If there is no penalty for guessing, and above techniques do not help, take a guess.

Visit the Academic Services Center for additional study skills and learning strategies.
Increasing number of semester graduates break from traditional end-of-year commencement

Amanda Rush
Petit Jean Copy Editor

Traditionally, people attending college begin in the fall, attend for four years and graduate in the spring. But things don’t always go as planned, and life doesn’t always follow a specific set of rules. This is true everywhere, including at Harding.

Dec. 16 at 10 a.m., 235 students will receive their diplomas from President David Burks in the Buster Porter Indoor Gymnasium, a member of the President’s Council from Dayton, Ohio, will be the featured speaker.

Assistant Registrar Wayne Milner said the number of December graduates has been steadily increasing over the past several years. He said the number stayed around 150 for several years, but went up to 194 in 1998 and 216 last year.

Senior Kelly Poffenbarger, a communication management major and Spanish minor, did not plan on graduating this month.

She began her Harding career in the fall of 1997 and, like most people of that class, expected to graduate in the spring of 2001. However, because she took 17 hours each semester, attended HUP in the summer and doubled up on a few classes, she was able to graduate a semester early.

“I’m excited but a little sad because I’ll be leaving at a different time than most of my friends,” Poffenbarger said.

While Poffenbarger doesn’t have a job lined up for the spring, she said that she does not feel pressure to find one right now.

“I plan on substitute teaching some next semester, and possibly traveling in Italy for a month. That’s kind of my friends,” Poffenbarger said.

Senior Tabitha Hayes, accounting and vocational ministry major, is also graduating this month. Hayes said she could never have imagined the journey and stretching she has done since coming to Harding, but she believes that the “time has come for her to leave.

“College is about persevering and doing your time,” Hayes said. “I feel like I’ve had my groundwork laid and am now ready to graduate.”

Hayes said that she looks forward to graduating at the end of the year.

“I get to start everything fresh– new job, new year,” she said. “Plus, it’s not as big of a class and that’s kind of nice.”

Hayes also said since she graduated in four and a half years, he has taken with him from his time at Harding, including many good friends and life-changing experiences on Spring Break campaigns.

Sidle plans to go home to Atlanta, Ga. for about a month in order to save some money, relax and look for a job before moving to Chicago.

Sidle said that because he has already established contacts and made friends in Chicago, moving from college to the working world will be a smooth transition.

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Professor celebrates marriage of cultural diversity

Holidays teach young daughter about Jewish, Christian heritage

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Lori Sloan, assistant professor of marketing, and her two-year-old daughter, Eva Camille, look through a book of Jewish traditions. Sloan began celebrating Hanukkah in addition to Christmas when she married a man who converted from Judaism to Christianity. The couple is teaching their daughter about her Jewish and Christian heritage, especially during the holiday season. Instead of just a Christmas tree, their house is also decorated with two menorahs (pictured above). Sloan has learned to cook many of the popular Jewish dishes, including matzo ball soup, mandel bread and potato latkes, which are similar to hash browns from McDonald’s, she said. They are typically served with applesauce and sour cream as a topping.

"God’s timing is not our timing," Sloan said. "I hope it gives her a deeper sense of purpose in life, letting her be aware of both celebrations.

Merging their diverse backgrounds has provided a unique heritage for their daughter, Sloan said.

"I want Camille to know the meaning of it all because it’s our Christian heritage as well," Sloan said. "I hope it gives her a deeper sense of purpose in life, letting her be aware of both celebrations.

Sloan said combining Christmas and Hanukkah has been interesting. "It’s been exciting to celebrate both," she said, noting that there is nothing scriptural about either holiday or their traditions.

In addition to a Christmas tree with lights, the Sloan’s also have two menorahs decorating their home.

In accordance with Jewish tradition, they light the middle candle-stick of the menorah on sundown of the day before Hanukkah begins. One of the remaining eight candle-sticks is lit for the next eight days of Hanukkah.

In addition to exchanging gifts for the eight days of Hanukkah, there are a number of other Jewish celebrations, including eating certain foods, singing songs and playing games.

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Sloan said she hopes celebrating the two cultures will give her daughter a feeling of who she is and an additional understanding of how wonderful God is.

"It’s easy to celebrate them together, and I want Camille to know both cultures," she said. "It is our heritage. I want her to respect our cultural heritage."

Potato Latkes

6 medium potatoes
1 onion
2 eggs
2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon salt
vegetable oil for frying

Peel and grate potatoes into a mixing bowl. Squeeze out liquid or drain in a colander for a few minutes. Peel and grate onion into the potatoes. Add the eggs and the mix. Finally, add the salt and stir to make a smooth batter that will drop heavily from the spoon. Heat the oil in a frying pan, using enough to cover the latkes amply. Drop the batter from a tablespoon or other large spoon into the hot oil, making pancakes about three inches in diameter. (Note: Do not allow the oil to smoke, and remember to let the oil heat up again after every few latkes and after replenishing the oil.) Fry on the underside until brown; turn and brown the other side. Lift out and drain on paper towels.

Mandel Bread

3 eggs
pitch salt
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
1 teaspoon almond flavoring
2 1/2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup sliced or slivered almonds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat the eggs until very light. Add the salt and continue to beat. Add the oil gradually, beating well after each addition. Then add the vanilla and the almond flavoring. In a large mixing bowl, sift the flour with the baking powder. Add the almonds and mix. Pour about a quarter of the dry ingredients into the egg mixture and combine. Add the remaining dry ingredients and mix until well blended. Repeat until the dry ingredients are mixed in thoroughly. Grease and lightly flour cookie sheets or shallow baking pans and set aside. Turn the dough out and form long loaves about 2 1/2-inches wide and 1-inch thick. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove and cut at an angle while still hot. Place on the baking sheet again and return to the oven to brown, for about 10 minutes.

Kosher Cooking

**Potato Latkes**

**Mandel Bread**

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**Faces in the Crowd**

**Editor's Note:** This is the eighth in a continuing series featuring unique members of the Harding community.

**Sarah Terry**

Editor

After a childhood steeped in the Harding community, Lori Sloan, assistant professor of marketing, said she never imagined she would one day be lighting the menorah during the holiday seasons.

But when Sloan married a converted Jew, the couple continued celebrating many Jewish holidays, including Hanukkah, and are now teaching the traditions of both cultures to their two-year-old daughter, Eva Camille.

“Never dreamed in my life that I would marry a Jewish person,” said Sloan, the daughter of Dr. Neale Pryor, vice-president for academic affairs.

Sloan’s upbringing was the polar opposite from her husband’s life: while she was born and raised in Searcy and attended Harding University, Ellis Sloan was raised as an Orthodox Jew, attended Hebrew school and celebrated his entrance into adulthood with a bar mitzvah at age 13.

According to Sloan, her husband first began to question his religious upbringing during his college years.

“Ellis was looking for hope,” she said. “He just felt like there had to be more.”

Ellis Sloan had been studying with a large group of Hebrew Christians in Little Rock when the couple met at First Commercial Bank, where Lori Sloan was working.

“I think God brought us together at the right time for both of our faiths,” Sloan said.

As the pair began studying together, they discovered they agreed on a number of issues, despite their differences.

Their studies challenged Sloan to learn more about her own faith.

“My roots were very strong and very deep. Being on my own made me feel a little freer to question,” she said. “It has made my Christianity so much richer and made me appreciate the Biblical study I had here at Harding.”

After more than five years of dating, the couple married in February 1993.

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Area communities turn on the lights in celebration of season

Meredith Williams
Staff Writer

The holiday season is here. That means it's time for shopping, finals, time with family, Christmas functions and, of course, Christmas lights. Arkansas is known for its displays of Christmas lights across the state. The Searcy Chamber of Commerce started the Holiday of Lights 10 years ago. Searcy wanted to start a festival that was more than a day or two — a festival that would bring a little holiday cheer (inspired by the Marshall, Texas display of lights). The idea of the lights began with Marshall's courthouse, which is similar to Searcy's.

Tommy Jackson, who was on the board of the Chamber of Commerce at the time Holiday of Lights originated, is one of the community leaders responsible for starting the tradition. According to Jackson, the Holiday of Lights "invokes an old-time Christmas spirit." Searcy's Historic District Park began eight years ago, two years after the Holiday of Lights began in Searcy.

Spring Park and Yancy Park are now also part of the town decorations. Alfred Gaskin, who is in charge of the electrical work for the lights, said crews begin stringing lights at Berryhill park Oct. 1. The day after Thanksgiving, the park's lights can be seen all the way to Beebe.

Mayor David Evans has been a big supporter of Searcy's Holiday of Lights. Without Evans' help, Searcy would not have continued this holiday tradition, Jackson said.

"Mayor Evans has been a wonderful contributor," he said. "He helped us out a lot, and the lights are really pretty."

Because of the annual light display, Searcy has been awarded the prestigious Howard Award for the Best Community Festival by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism.

The work of SA President Matt Milligan and the facility management staff (led by Charlie Howell) has given Searcy another large light display, running from the McInteer Building to the front lawn.

"The campus looks so beautiful when the lights are turned on at night," sophomore Tiffany Haugh said.

Milligan and members of the facility management staff hung the lights over the Thanksgiving holiday. For those who want to travel to see more lights, the Trail of Lights can be followed all over the state. A map of the trail, which is sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, can be found at www.arkansas.com.

The self-guided tour, which includes stops in 70 Arkansas communities, runs clockwise from the northwest corner of the state. Nearby communities with listings include Beebe, Jacksonville, Little Rock, Heber Springs, Batesville, Newport and Conway.

Though the writers kept much of the rhyme that was in the original movie, they dispersed the rhyme throughout the movie and separated it by long stretches of dialogue. While it was fun to hear the rhyme I grew up with, stretching 30 minutes of rhyme into a two-hour movie tends to make the rhyme onerous, rhyme of pattern difficult to follow.

Jim Carrey easily handles the role of The Grinch. I was initially apprehensive that two inches of makeup, a green body and whiskers would blemish the ingenious Jim Carrey face-making. The voice, facial expressions and body language evoked dislike and evil — even hatred — toward the Whoville Christmas celebration.

Director Ron Howard does not disappoint as he delivers this year's holiday celebration extravaganza. I truly enjoyed the movie. If you miss seeing it, "Perhaps your heart is too small."
Bisons struggle late, pull off win in home opener

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**Shannon Powell**

**Staff Writer**

With last week’s potluck volleyball tournaments complete, the fall club sports schedule has come to an end. The competition for various men’s and women’s all-sports trophies is tight at most levels.

Jim Gowen, director of men’s intramurals, said the men’s clubs have had a good year so far. “The new fields for football came in very handy and made things a lot easier for us and helped things get done quicker,” he said.

At the large club A level, TNT is in first place, followed by Pi Kappa Epsilon and a third place tie between Knights and Chi Sigma Alpha.

We have different guys that contribute in every game,” senior Dustin Roberts, athletic director for TNT, said. “We just play hard and have fun — if we win, we win, but if we don’t, we don’t.”

In a small club competition, there is a close race for first between King’s Men, who have 26 points, and Kappa Sigma Kappa with 24 points.

“I think it is great we are doing well this year in sports,” senior Nathan Scott of Kappa Sigma Kappa said. “Hopefully, we can keep it up.”

For large club B teams, Knights, Pi Kappa Epsilon and TNT are in a three-way tie for first, followed by Chi Sigma Alpha. Among small club B teams, King’s Men are in first, followed by Delta Chi Delta and Kappa Sigma Kappa. The women’s clubs are having an even tighter year of competition.

In large club A, Shantih and Zeta Rho are tied for first place with 20.5 points each. Ko Jo Kai is close behind with 17.5. In a level small club action, Gata, Omega Lambda Chi and Kappa Gamma Epsilon are the top three.

In B team large there is another tie for first between Regina and Shantih (21 points each) followed by Delta Gamma Rho (19.5).

No matter win or lose, however, each team focuses on the fun and fellowship.

“It’s good to see our teams doing so well,” senior Meredith Hiaata of Delta Gamma Rho said. “I like playing club sports — it not only gives me a chance to get to know my club sisters better, but to meet new people and, of course, have fun playing sports.”

In B small club there is yet another tie between Tri-Kappa and Omega Lambda Chi.

“I love club sports,” Micah Johnson, athletic director for Sub T-16, said. “Even though we don’t always win, it gives me a chance to go out and show how much I love my club. Plus, I get to play sports, so it is a win-win situation.”

“Graduating in December, I am going to miss the fun of club sports — getting to see my buddies and have fun,” senior Sub T-16 member Tommy Window said.

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**Jeff McKeand**

**Sports Editor**

The Harding men’s basketball team narrowly escaped defeat Friday night in their home opener against rival Arkansas Baptist.

The Bisons pulled out early in the first half, leading by as many as 22 points. Harding hit 50 percent of their shots in the first half and outscored the Eagles 28-10 in the paint and 13-2 off turnovers. The Bisons took a 39-20 lead to the break.

The second period proved rough for the 2-3 Bisons. The Eagles came out of the locker room with a 15-5 run to start the half. At one point Eagles guard James Ross nailed a three-pointer to cut the Bisons’ advantage to just three points.

Sophomore Michael Jackson’s 15 second half points were enough for the Bisons to hang on in the end. Jackson led the Bisons with 22 points, followed by senior Dwayne McDonald with 15, senior Armond Etame and sophomore Aaron Farley with 10 each.

Although the Bisons held on for a slim victory, head coach Jeff Morgan was disappointed with the Bisons’ overall play in the second half.

“We just came out terrible,” he said. “We weren’t ready to play the second half, and didn’t handle our lead very well. It was a good first half, but we’ve got to be able to handle our leads when we get them, and we’ve got to be smarter. Main thing is we’ve got to be mature and we’ve got to come out ready to play in the second half.”

Tuesday night marked Morgan’s first home game since his mother’s death Nov. 5, exactly one month to the day later. It was an emotional time for Morgan, who wanted to keep his players focused on the game.

“It’s tough knowing that my dad is sitting up there by himself and she was such a big fan and loved to come to the games,” he said. “Obviously, you think about it, but this is all about the guys and them playing, and I want them to play well. They don’t even need to be thinking about that stuff. I’ll think about that stuff.”

Morgan’s distinct home advantage played part in the game, as noise from the crowd rattled the Eagles early on. It was an advantage that Morgan had looked forward to.

“One of the goals that we have every year is to win at home,” he said. “If you can win all your home games, you put yourself in position to be up there in the conference and be battling for a conference tournament spot.

“We’ve played well on the road, but we just need to come out and play well at home, shoot well and finish one off.”

The Bisons will not have long to savor their victory against the Arkansas Tigers. This weekend, at the Harding University Classic, the Bisons will play Lyon College Friday night at 8 and Arkansas Baptist Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m.
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Round & Round

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Sports Editor

This election is a mess. It seems like all eyes are trained on Tallahassee, Fla., trying to figure out which way it's going to go. How will it turn out when all the votes are finally counted?

I am, of course, talking about Florida State senior Chris Weinke's run for the Heisman Trophy, which has nothing to do with hanging, dangled or pregnant chads, but has everything to do with age.

You really can't mention his name without throwing a joke in about his age, but Weinke's success this season really is nothing to laugh at. At this point, his chances of winning the Heisman Trophy are looking as good as they have all season.

Weinke came to Florida State to play football, then tried his hand at baseball, then came back to football. There was a serious injury along the way that nearly ended all of his athletic dreams, but here he is. And as he approaches age 30, he's the man in Florida State. Some might wonder what Weinke is doing in college lining up with guys who are 10 years younger than him. To be honest, I used to think the same things, until I really thought about it.

The guy is a legend on campus, plays in front of thousands of ravenous fans every week, has enough money from his minor-league baseball career to live large and has spent this season improving his NFL stock. Not bad, huh?

Like it or not, Weinke will have to leave college soon, but an NFL career that once seemed like a long shot now is a sure thing. In what can safely be declared one of the most amazing seasons ever turned in by a college quarterback, he has tossed 33 TD passes, has completed 67.1 percent of his passes, has thrown for 4,167 yards and led the Seminoles to victories over five top 25 teams. Any way you look at those numbers, they are impressive. Not to mention the fact that he led the Seminoles wire-to-wire to an undisputed National Championship last year.

So why not Josh Heupel for the Heisman?

As most of his supporters are quick to point out, he is the best player on the nation's only unbeaten team. Without him, the Sooners aren't in the Orange Bowl. Heupel played against better competition than Weinke and also won some huge road games. Oklahoma didn't put up the score too much, and Heupel didn't stay in games to pad his stats.

However, he faded down the stretch, and his interceptions totally went up while his production went down. A lackluster interception performance against Kansas State in the Big 12 Championship game didn't help either.

Although few question Weinke's toughness, he opened more eyes than ever before in the Seminoles blustering 30-7 win over the Gators because he spent that Friday in the hospital getting intravenous fluids pumped into him as he fought the flu. Then Saturday he turned around and threw for 353 yards and three touchdowns in FSU's biggest game of the season.

It turns out that, on that night, something really was decided in Tallahassee: the Heisman.

Despite his big numbers and his team's success, Weinke hasn't received the respect he deserves. Tomorrow, at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York, the respect will flow like wine. Okay, maybe not wine...how about orange juice instead?

Pulp-free, of course.