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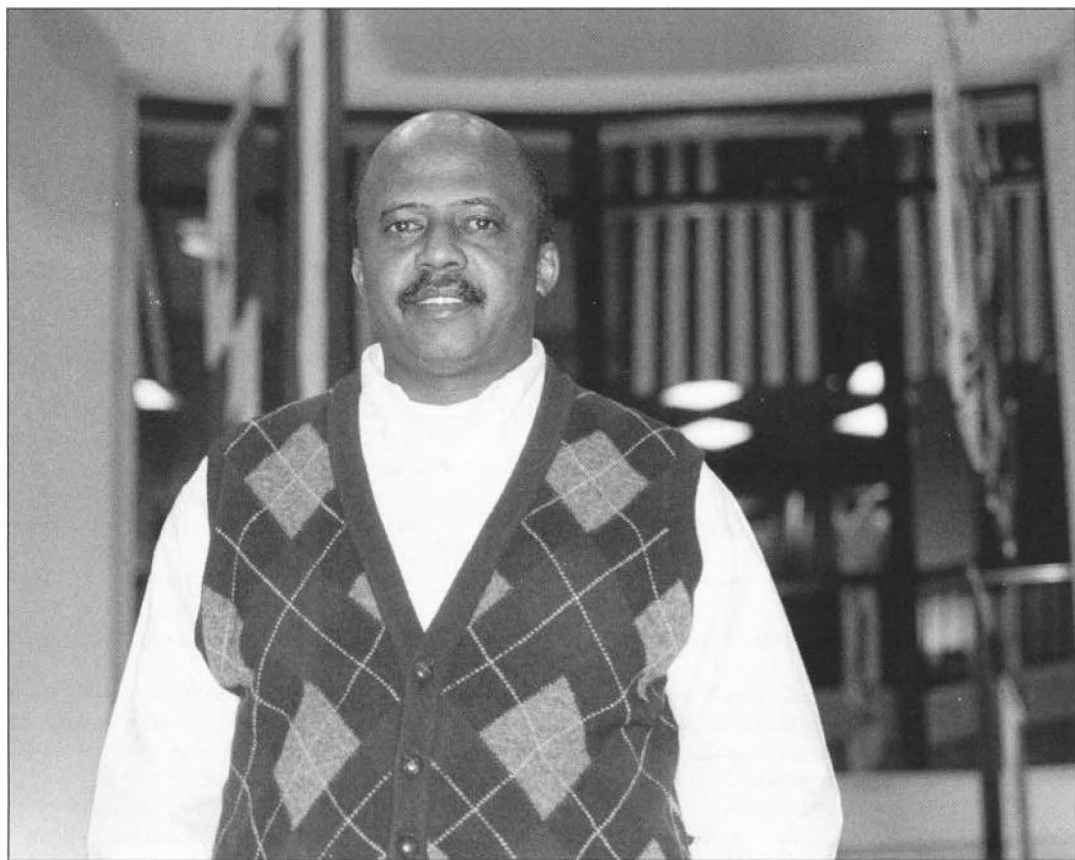
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Ashlee Johnson/The Bison

Graduate student James Semakadde, a native of Entebbe, Uganda, stands in front of flags from around the world in the McInteer Rotunda. Semakadde is looking for Harding students to return to Uganda with him as teachers.

On a mission from God

Ugandan graduate student looking for teachers to help found history-making school, church

Michael Chaffin
Staff Writer

When God blesses a man, the natural response is to share his blessings with others.

A Harding graduate student is planning to develop a first-of-its-kind school in his native Uganda, and those who desire to serve and work with children with learning disabilities could be a part of it.

James Semakadde, a management and marketing lecturer at Makerere University in Uganda, is pursuing a master's degree in behavioral science at Harding.

Semakadde said he conceived the idea for the school in response to God's blessings in his life.

"I have been very fortunate as a person," he said. "God has truly blessed me. Sometimes you ask yourself, 'Who am I? Why do I deserve this?' and you realize it's by the grace of God."

Semakadde said he chose the degree so he could learn how to better help children with learning disabilities. His goal is to return to Uganda to establish an integrated elementary school where children with disabilities can have the same educational opportunities as "normal" kids. This school will be the first ever of its kind in Uganda.

In Uganda, to be born disabled is to be outcast, according to Semakadde.

"In Uganda, children with disabilities are rarely given the same chances as other kids," he said. "Many people there believe that a disability in a child is the result of some misdeeds by the

child's parents."

Because of that, many of them are neglected and hidden, he said.

Semakadde spent parts of December and January traveling in England, looking at different schools and institutions to learn the methods they use to help children with learning difficulties.

"England was an eye-opener for me," Semakadde said. "In England, I was able to see the theory I've been taught applied."

In June, he will return to Uganda along with several people from England to begin a public awareness campaign promoting and gathering support for the school.

The school will be on the grounds of the Banana Village Retreat Center, a Christian retreat center founded and run by the Semakadde family. His wife, Jemimah, is running the center while James is here in Searcy.

Plans are for construction on the Banana Village School Project to begin in June, and Semakadde hopes the school's first classes will begin by January 2002.

Semakadde will be studying at Harding for the next two years, while also working with the school.

Semakadde said he has two goals he would like to see fulfilled during his time here. First, he wants to find and recruit teachers from Harding, especially graduating students, who would be willing to live in Uganda and teach at the Banana

Village School. He would also like to find people who would be willing to live in Uganda and help start a church in Entebbe. Between these two groups, he would like to interest four to six Harding students in Entebbe.

Entebbe is an ideal site to start a Church of Christ, Semakadde said. He is the director of a retreat center where people can stay while helping. There is a local university that could be evangelized, along with the community as a whole.

Semakadde mentioned three ways in which either of these opportunities could be beneficial to those participating.

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James Semakadde,
graduate student

"The first is that this would be a great way to be involved in missionary work and is definitely something that churches would be willing to support," he said.

He added that the teachers would be involved in completely new work and that seeing the way of life in Africa as compared to the United States can be life-changing and eye-opening.

Those interested in helping with the school or the church in Entebbe can contact Semakadde at campus mailbox 10956 or call him at 4787.

Bison survey finds reactions to growth

Hannah Rhodes
Staff Writer

A majority of Harding students would support capping enrollment to prevent excessive growth, according to a survey conducted by *The Bison* staff. Sixty percent of those surveyed said Harding should in some way limit the number of students allowed to enroll.

In response to the Jan. 26 *Bison* articles highlighting Harding's record enrollment, a majority of students surveyed expressed a strong desire to maintain the university's small, family environment.

The Bison staff randomly placed a seven-question survey in 1,000 campus mailboxes the day the issue was released. Only 142 of the surveys were returned by press time.

Sophomore Mark Adams supports limiting enrollment on Harding's campus in Searcy but believes the university can accommodate more students by expanding international programs.

"I wouldn't want to take away anyone's opportunity to attend a Christian university, but it's important that Harding maintain its unique character," he said. "I like the smaller, closer-knit atmosphere."

Adams also believes that capping enrollment would allow the admissions staff to be more selective in recruiting.

"I think we should keep high standards," he said.

The majority of students seem to be in agreement with Adams. Fifty-six percent of those surveyed said they think admission standards should be raised, while 44 percent did not.

However, others like freshman

Todd Ramsey said Harding should not limit enrollment.

"This is a wonderful place," he said. "Everyone should be allowed to take part. If we were to cap enrollment, we would prevent people from participating in the spiritual experience of Harding."

Chapel was another issue addressed in the survey. The Benson Auditorium was almost filled to capacity last semester, and with continued enrollment increases, Harding will be forced to split chapel into two services. While a split seems inevitable, a slight majority of students surveyed said they would prefer not having two chapel services.

"I think it is important for all the students to be together at once," stated one response. "It's a strong point of Harding's unity."

Overall, 53 percent of those surveyed said they did not favor having two chapel services. The other 47 percent indicated that dividing chapel may have a positive effect on students.

"I'd feel more involved in a smaller group," said one survey participant. "I also think people would not be as easily distracted."

Several responses expressed the concern that maintaining a single chapel inhibits schedule flexibility.

"Offering chapel at two different times would give students an opportunity to choose which one they want to attend for various reasons," stated one respondent.

Eighty-five percent of those surveyed said they are happy with the student-faculty ratio, while 58 percent think that continued growth could negatively affect Harding's family atmosphere.

Country singer returns to Benson stage Feb. 9

Tickets available weekday afternoons

Natasha Jaworski
Staff Writer

Country music star Collin Raye will make his second appearance on the Benson Auditorium stage Friday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. A native Arkansan, Raye last performed at Harding in February 1998.

"The Student Activities Committee brought Collin Raye three years ago because he is such a popular and talented musician," SAC co-chair Adam Hesselrode said. "We are really excited about bringing him back again."

Tickets are \$12 for students or free with the pass and \$15 for the general public. They are on sale every weekday from noon-6 p.m. in the Benson ticket booth.

As of Wednesday, more than 1,500 tickets had been sold.

Born into a musical family in DeQueen, Ark., Raye began singing at a young age. He can play guitar, bass and drums, but he started out singing in a band with his brother, Scott. They performed in Texas and eventually made their way to Ne-

vada to entertain at casinos.

Then something happened that would change Raye's life forever. His brother quit the band, leaving Raye to perform solo. In 1990, Epic

Records in Nashville heard about Raye's talent and signed him. He came out with his first of many platinum albums "All I Can Be" in 1991.

He has been awarded the Academy of Country Music Video of the Year for "I Think About You." Raye has also received many nominations from the Country Music Association, including Vocalist of the Year, Song of the Year and Single of the Year. He has four videos in Country Music Television's Top 100 Videos Of All Time and is one of only eight country music artists to have each of their first four albums reach platinum in sales.



Raye

Relating the facts



Writer's Block
Sarah Terry
Editor

I awoke Sunday morning to a radio news report of the 15th anniversary of the Challenger explosion.

Although I was only six on January 28, 1986, at the time of the crash, it was the first newsworthy event that I recall.

I remember walking into the kitchen and noticing that my mother had been crying. Ever the inquisitive child, I asked why. She told me that a space shuttle had exploded, and one of the people on board was a woman who had children about the same age as my younger brother and me.

That idea shook me to the core — somewhere a girl just like me, with a family similar to mine, had lost her mother.

I've often wondered if the

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memory of that event is what propelled me to pursue a career in journalism.

I'm fascinated by the fact that, most of the time, the major news of the day is what is happening to ordinary people.

While the most powerful and influential people seem to absorb publicity, it is the ordinary people who give perspective to the news.

It's the woman who lost her job because of corporate cutbacks or families that have lost everything because of recent earthquakes.

It isn't a distant concept but, rather, very real in its proximity and effect on the way we live and behave.

The same fascinations I developed for media at a young age, I still hold today. I am continually reminded of how relatable — and often uncomfortably close to home — news is.

The same day memorials were being held for the Challenger crew, bodies and debris were being collected after a plane carrying two college basketball players crashed en route to school.

Just like 15 years ago, the news struck me to the core. Rarely is the news pleasant but it is almost always relatable.

Diary of a professed procrastinator: Student provides tips for putting off today what can be done tomorrow

It is now 11:17 on the night before this article is due. I sat through the Super Bowl with six of my friends trying to decide what to write about because I didn't have any great ideas.

We came up with lots of topics. Some of the topics included PDA in chapel, why the commercials for the Super Bowl were more exciting than the game and long-distance relationships. But none of these topics seemed right for this assignment.

So, I called another good friend, and one of his friends suggested that I write about the topic of procrastination. Because, as they pointed out, that was what I had been doing.

I thought about it for just a moment, and decided that the topic was perfect for me. After all, I know plenty about procrastination.

If I tried to mention all of the projects, papers and events that I had put off until the last moment, I could probably fill this whole newspaper.

I decided to do research for this topic and ended up procrastinating for another hour.

I tried looking for other procrastinators at "www.procrastinators.com" and found an unfinished website. I then visited yahoo.com, searched for procrastinators and found a lot of interesting sites that provided games. I tried to find a site about famous procrastinators, but I guess no one else ever got around to making one about them.

Instead, I found a site called the Oracle of Bacon and spent about 30 minutes trying to think of an actor or actress that isn't related to Kevin Bacon through a movie. I couldn't think of anyone and gave up.

As I closed the web browser, I realized that I am easily distracted and I think that is why I procrastinate. I always find something a little more interesting to do.

Once, instead of finishing my term paper ahead of schedule, I finished it with only 10 minutes to spare. I had exactly 10 minutes to leave campus, drive around to find my professor's house and drop off the paper — and I don't even have a car. You might ask what I was doing that made the



Guest Room
Myca Haynes

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paper late. Your guess is as good as mine.

And then there was another term paper that I stayed up all night to write because I needed time to prepare my thoughts so I could write a very good paper. However, two and a half pots of coffee and many hours later, I decided that you shouldn't stay up all night to write term papers because common words get misspelled and nothing makes sense.

If you want to become a good procrastinator, I could help with some ideas:

- Watch "Unsolved Mysteries" at 3 a.m.
- Watch the Food Network and learn to cook like the Iron Chef.
- Color match the paint in your room to a paint chip from Wal-Mart in case you

need to cover up nail holes.

- Rearrange your furniture for the 49th time, only to put it back the way it began.

- Play long-distance phone tag with friends until HTS shuts off your PAC.

- Watch "The Blair Witch Project," then go on a camping expedition.

- Spend an hour every week recording a new answering machine message to ensure variety and complexity.

- Go to Wal-Mart to buy toothpaste and, on the way to the cashier, go through every toy aisle to "test the toys for safety."

- Spend an hour with your friends debating whether it is cola, pop, soda or Coke.

- Drive 30 minutes one way to Georgetown (on the other side of Kensett on Highway 36) to go to The Georgetown One Stop for catfish.

- Spend two hours cleaning out your desk so you can "properly" study, only to realize that you have exerted all your energy and now need a nap.

If you need any more suggestions, you can waste a few minutes by calling me and asking for some.

Until then, meet everyone in the student center you don't yet know, open your mailbox four times, make the rounds in the cafeteria, check your answering machine and hang out in the lobby of your dorm to talk to everyone coming and going.

By curfew, you will have sufficiently procrastinated your day away. And you're reading this article, so I apparently didn't procrastinate too much this time.

Letters to the Editor

This space is reserved for letters to the editor.

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

Speak out: What entertainers would you like to see at HU?



"The hypnotist was really cool. Next time he visits, I want to be hypnotized."
Jessica McCormick, freshman



"Weezer."
Casey Neese, junior



"I want Bill Gates to come and entertain us by throwing money at us."
David Ockay, sophomore



"I want an encore presentation of Dr. Burks' rendition of 'Men in Black.'"
Scott Baugh, junior

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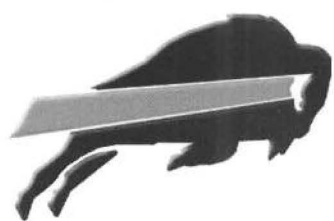
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Fired-up Rowdies ignite Bisons to GSC victory



Ashlee Johnson/The Bison

Sophomore forward Michael Jackson wards off Arkansas Tech's Ernie Prude during Monday night's game against the Wonder Boys. The Bisons struggled early, but rallied in the second half for an 81-71 victory.

Jeremy Beauchamp
Staff Writer

After an 0-3 Gulf South Conference start, the Bisons rebounded for a 4-4 record at the halfway point of their conference schedule. The midseason rally put the Bisons back in contention for a berth in the conference tournament.

The Bisons host Henderson State, which was picked to win the conference before the season began, Monday at 8 p.m.

"They have probably the best player in the conference," coach Jeff Morgan said.

That "best player" is 6-foot 6-inch junior forward Niki Arinze, a transfer from NCAA Division I Wake Forest. Morgan said shutting down Arinze is one of the team's top priorities against the Reddies.

In the past, Morgan said Harding has had problems with giving up big

games to individual players. He said they need to work to limit the individual effectiveness of certain standout players.

In the teams' first meeting, key turnovers led to a tough Bison loss at Henderson State, 67-58.

"[Henderson's] one of the teams we need to beat at home to get ourselves into the conference tournament," Morgan said.

In their game against the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys Monday, the Bisons definitely had one major advantage: the Rhodes Rowdies.

Although the attendance of 1,861 was down from other recent home games, the volume and energy levels were through the roof, helping the Bisons to an 81-71 win.

Coming into the game, the Bisons had four starters averaging in double figures: senior Dewayne McDonald, and sophomores Aaron Farley, Michael Jackson and Jay Brogdon. The Bisons had also just enjoyed their largest come-from-behind victory of the season against Ouachita Baptist, beating them 96-92 in Arkadelphia after being down by as many as 21 points in the second half.

On Monday, things started off fairly routine for the Bisons, as they stayed neck-and-neck with the Wonder Boys for most of the first half. With 19 seconds left on the clock, Farley connected on two free throws to tie the game at 33-33. Arkansas Tech regained the lead at 36-33 with a three-pointer at the buzzer. Harding's leading scorer through the

first half was senior guard Danny Jeune with 10 points on three-of-three shooting.

Harding came out in the second half to take the lead at 48-45 with 15:32 left after junior Datron Wilson made good on a free throw.

Harding trailed only once more with 14:17 left. Then, after two more Wilson free throws, the Bisons never looked back.

With 3:07 left, Harding went up by 10 points after a thunderous two-fisted dunk by Jackson which lit up the crowd. The Rowdies pulled out their keys to indicate the game's inevitable finish with 40 seconds left.

Leading the Bisons in scoring at the end of the game were Farley, with 22 points, and Jeune with 18 on six-of-seven shooting. Jackson contributed 15 points. The keys to victory for the Bisons were three-point and free throw shooting. The Bisons shot 61.5 percent from long distance as well as 78.4 percent from the charity stripe.

After the game, Morgan spoke to the fans over the public address system. Wincing from his recent back pain, Morgan said, "Thanks. You guys are the best." The Rowdies responded with raucous applause.

"The game was a big win," Morgan said. "It was an important step in reaching the conference tournament."

The Bisons hosted first-place University of Arkansas-Monticello Thursday, but results were not available at press time.

Baseball begins tomorrow Bisons to open 2001 season vs. WBU

Sara Rabon
Staff Writer

The Harding Bison baseball team is preparing for the quickly approaching 2001 season to begin. This is the team's first year to play in the Gulf South Conference and could prove to be the team's most successful.

With six everyday starters, three experienced starting pitchers and 15 lettermen returning, the Bisons hope to reach their goals of finishing within the top three in their new conference and being the first Harding team to win 30 games.

Head coach Shane Fullerton says the key to a successful season is that "we start even our non-conference season well."

Fullerton's team will get its first shot at getting off to a good start Saturday against Williams Baptist College. First pitch for the doubleheader is set for 1 p.m. at Jerry Moore Field.

The GSC is deeper and involves more teams, which could make this season tougher on the team, Fullerton said.

Heading up the list of top returning seniors are 2000 All-Lone Star Conference performers pitcher Phill Gisel, catcher J.D. Noye and shortstop Barry Finnie. Gisel currently holds the school's record for single-season strikeouts.

"We are a stronger team this season and we expect to be a challenger for the conference title," Noye said.

The team will enter the season with a strong pitching rotation that will include senior Jon Neely, juniors Matt Thomas and Ryan Lee and sophomores Matt Walter and Grant Tonick. Newcomers such as sopho-

mores Jeff Bolen and Joe James and freshmen Daniel Kirkendall and Mark Connett all have relief skills that will prove to be necessary for the team to be successful, Fullerton said.

"The new conference will be very challenging, but we will meet those challenges with the skills of new players and expect to have a successful season," Tonick said.

Two powerful assets to the team are first basemen senior Grant Andrews and junior Ben James. Together they knocked out five home runs that won conference games last season.

"Our main goals are to win 35 games, go on to win the conference tournament, go to the regional tournament and to just end on a good note," Andrews said.

The outfield only lost one starter and returns senior center fielder Seth Watson and junior right fielder Kenny Sprenger. Coaches look to replace former left fielder Matt Wilson with junior Michael Wyant, who transferred from Panola College. Sophomore Andy Lawrence can expect to see some playing time as a reserve outfielder.

"We have the three best starting pitchers returning, which will help in this new conference because they only have three-game series as opposed to four-game series in the Lone Star Conference," Sprenger said. "Also, the Gulf South Conference takes the top three teams at the end of the season instead of just two, so we're expecting good things."

Sophomore Stephen Smith and freshmen Ben Neely, Jake Kirby and Morgan Trotter will fill other positions on the infield.

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Davis' lies undo years of hard work at Miami



Round & Round

Jeff McKeand
Sports Editor

The easiest thing in the world to do right now is to jump on Butch Davis for, among other things, evading University of Miami officials, misleading their top football recruits, betraying a couple of the Hurricanes' premier returning players and generally making fools of the people who've been insisting for the past several weeks that Davis was on the level when he said he'd stay in Miami until the day he retired.

Yep, that's the easiest thing to do, jumping on ol' Butch. You know why it's the easiest thing to do? Because it's right.

Butch Davis told players and recruits he would be back at Miami next season. Nearly every time something like this happens, a top college coach ditching his program in a crucial moment, you find yourself inundated with what are best described as reality-qualifiers. Generally speaking, these are offered by the coach's supporters as a means of defending the kinds of actions that would get you tossed out of the local Rotary Club were they put into motion in any venue other than sports.

Reality Qualifier No. 1: Sure, he told those recruits he wasn't leaving right up until the day before he left, but he had to do what was best for his family.

Reality Qualifier No. 2: Right, he wasn't entirely truthful about his intentions, but who tells the whole truth anymore in the midst of a secret negotiation? We all know how the game is played, don't we?

Like that. The coach didn't mean to hurt anyone, but it was (a) the opportunity of a lifetime, (b) a move he had to make, (c) a job he couldn't turn down, (d) stop me if you're getting queasy out there.

As you'd expect, there isn't one of these arguments that is worth a bucket of warm spit. Butch Davis said he'd be staying in Miami as recently as Sunday, while in the midst of a visit with a prized recruit. Not 10 days ago, Davis said, "I will have a new contract, and I will be the coach at Miami next year." On Monday, Davis made known his decision to jump to the Cleveland Browns.

Why bother with the qualifiers? Butch Davis lied like a Watergate co-conspirator. This guy shouldn't be able to turn a corner in a hallway; his nose ought to be getting places 10 minutes ahead of him.

You want qualifiers on Davis? I could give you a fistful. Davis, up until now, has enjoyed a reputation as the man who cleaned up Miami football in the wake of the Dennis Erickson mess. Davis went in there and took his licks, endured the

post-Erickson NCAA sanctions and returned the Hurricanes to national prominence. He deserves every one of the accolades that have flowed his way over the past couple of years of the turnaround.

Not only that, but the Davis family is going to come out ahead financially on a scale that's dazzling even by fat-money standards. His proposed new contract at Miami - the one that Davis kept telling university officials was all but done, yet repeatedly failed to finalize - was to pay him upward of \$1.4 million per year. Under the Al Lerner Money Machine program in Cleveland, the coach will more than double that: five years, nearly \$15 million.

And all together: So what? At what point does the context outweigh the action? Here is Buck Ortega, quarterback at Miami Gulliver High School and a recruit whom Davis visited on Sunday. Interviewed by the Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, Ortega quoted Davis as telling him this: "I took this job to be my last one. I'm going to stay until I retire."

Remember, that's Butch Davis talking to a high school kid the day before he accepted the job with the Cleveland Browns. Is there anything in Davis' previous six years at Miami that can possibly turn that lie into the truth?

It's a given that college coaches get the worst of it when it comes to trying to bust a move to another job. There's never a good time to go; someone always feels betrayed.

It's usually messy, and sometimes coaches get unfairly smeared for what is, when you get down to it, the basic act of trying to improve their lots in life. But not this time.

Nope, this time Butch Davis got the Miami program to within barely a week of National Signing Day, then left the Hurricanes for an NFL job that he repeatedly said he had no interest in. He left behind 18 oral commitments from high school players, several of whom now say they're wavering on Miami as their football program of choice. He left behind a couple of top-flight collegians whom he practically talked out of the NFL draft by saying they'd all stick around for next season and bring home a national championship together.

Whatever Davis is, whatever he has been and whatever he may yet become, he has spent a good portion of the year 2001 telling lies. It doesn't need to be qualified.

It is what it is.

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Here's a chance for you, Joe or Jane Harding, to match wits against the Bison Sports Editor for the chance to win fame, fortune and popularity! Well...maybe not all those things. But you can win a large pizza and two drinks from Mazzio's in Searcy. Simply predict the winners of each game and the exact result of the tie-breaker. Then place this form in the Sports Challenge box outside the U.S. mail office window by 10 p.m. Friday. GOOD LUCK!!!

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NBA Basketball

(all games Saturday, Feb. 3)

- Minnesota @ Toronto
- Denver @ Washington
- Dallas @ Golden State
- Houston @ **San Antonio**

NHL All-Star Game

- North America vs. The World

NCAA Men's Basketball

(ESPN Rankings, all games Saturday, Feb. 3)

- UCLA @ 1 **Stanford**
- 24 Texas @ 3 **Kansas**
- Georgia Tech @ 4 **North Carolina**
- Northwestern @ 6 **Illinois**
- Vanderbilt @ 7 **Tennessee**
- 8 **Syracuse** @ North Carolina State
- 9 **Arizona** @ Oregon State

Tie-Breaker: NFL Pro Bowl

Guess the exact score of Sunday's matchup.

NFC vs. AFC

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