Workshop to discuss 'The Family of God'

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The Institute for Church and Family will host its annual spring workshop today and Saturday at the College Church of Christ. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Paul Faulkner, former chair of the Department of Marriage and Family at Abilene Christian University.

The theme of the workshop is "The Family of God." It will begin Friday at 7 p.m. with "The Heart of the Matter," a session about building stronger relationships among family members. At 8:30 p.m. Faulkner will address the topic "Raising Faithful Children: Eight Messages Loud and Clear." Saturday morning, Faulkner will speak on "The Dynamic Duo: Father's and Mother's Roles." He will conclude the workshop with a session entitled "Strategies for Great Families" that will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The workshop is geared towards teaching everyone, not just those who are already married, how to build strong Christian families, according to Andrew Baker, co-ordinator of Church and Family events. "[This workshop] will prepare [students] to be a part of a Christian family," he said. "It will offer encouragement for today and plant seeds for building their future families."

Faulkner owns a private practice in marriage therapy in Austin, Texas and is president of Resources for the Living, a counselling and consulting firm for companies such as Wal-Mart, Kroger and many financial institutions. He wrote "Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong" and "Raising Faithful Kids in a Fast-Paced World." He co-authored the best seller "What Every Family Needs." In 1994, Harding awarded Faulkner a Distinguished Christian Service Award for Family Studies. Dr. Mike Ireland, associate professor of Bible, said he is encouraging students in his Christian Home classes to attend the workshop.

"Dr. Faulkner is very gifted at speaking about families," Ireland said. "He has a lot of experience counselling and is definitely a person who is worth listening to." Some students, like senior Joey Kincheloe, are attending the workshop to earn an hour of college credit.

"I'm looking forward to [the workshop], even though I really don't know what to expect," Nancy Tackett, administrative assistant, plans to attend the workshop to gain an hour of credit as well as better insight into family ministry.

"I hope the event will help me be more effective in ministering to other families," she said. "My own children have left home, but there are a lot of families out there who need support. I want to learn how to help them."

Sports anchor gets down to business

KHTV sportscaster Craig O'Neill spoke to Lori Sloan's world of business class Thursday. Sloan invited O'Neill to talk to her class about the variety of jobs that are available after college. Sloan worked with O'Neill when he was a morning disc jockey for Little Rock's B-98.5. "Craig is a phenomenal example of a man devoted to his family," Sloan said. "He uses his talent to give back to the community."

Students find alternatives to bookstore

Online textbook sellers offer options; HUB makes strides to stay competitive

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Since many students believe the cost of buying textbooks at campus bookstores is too expensive, purchasing textbooks from online sellers has become increasingly popular in recent years. William Bridges, manager of the Harding University Bookstore, said the HUB is not as expensive as people think, compared to online purchasing.

"Last year we did a full price comparison of our textbooks to books on the Internet," Bridges said. "We found some were cheaper on the Internet, some were more expensive. We found that the majority of our textbooks were very competitive with the Internet." The price the HUB sets for new textbooks depends on how much the publisher charges the bookstore, Bridges said. All bookstore profits are returned to the university and applied to scholarships.

The HUB will buy back a student's used book at around 50 percent of the original price and resell the book for 75 percent of its original price. If the bookstore does not plan to use a book the following semester, students can sometimes still sell books to Missouri Book Services, the company that organizes the HUB's buy back events, at a national wholesale price.

Missouri Book will pay around 25 percent of a used book's original cost. The company then resells the books to campuses across the country at approximately 50 percent of the original price. Online book stores such as http://www.ecampus.com, http://www.half.com and http://www.half.com give students the option of buying new or used books and selling used books as well.

Junior Lisa Jensen said her friends recommended that she look online for her books to save money.

"I plan to buy my books online next semester," Jensen said. "My nursing books are going to cost about $1,000 [at the bookstore]." Senior Kerri Dutile said she and her husband bought their books online from http://www.half.com.

"We first went to the bookstore, and our books were so expensive together that we decided to buy them another way," Dutile said. "We had heard about buying books online so we decided to try it. When we priced them out we ended up saving $250." The Web site http://www.half.com is one of the more popular book Web sites. It allows students to buy books that are of various conditions and prices.

The Web site also gives price comparisons with competing Web sites and offers earlier editions at discounts.

Although Bridges said he has not noticed much of a change in HUB sales over the past few years because of the Internet, he does offer incentives that keep customers coming back.

One of these incentives is the textbook reservation program.

"Give us your class schedule and we can have [your books] boxed up for you," Bridges said.

"This saves students the hassle of waiting when they pick up their books." In the future, Bridges said it might be possible to order books from the HUB online. He said this
Experiencing the finer things in life

Jeremy D. Beauchamp

The View From Here

"The heart has reasons which reason cannot understand." - Blaise Pascal

When it comes for you, how will you respond?

I was in kindergarten and my closest friend was a tomboy whose name escapes me. I do remember running around the fenced-in playground and pretending our I.D. bracelets had the power to send us back to any time in history. Obviously, it was the perfect playground relationship — then she moved.

First grade was a time of sucking up red ants through straws and capturing bees with plastic lunch bags. Manliness — and gives you someone to enter them — never was more important to me. I do remember running in a flood of emotion. For something.

Love requires a lot of work. My dad gave me a maxim for putting up with the tougher things in love: "I'm most impressed by the president's ambition to accomplish his agenda now instead of leaving the job for someone else." - Erica Boyle, junior

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I was pretty surprised by the timely publication of the "Mixed Emotions" article in the Jan. 26 edition of The Bison. The front page was graced with an article about Harding students that so proudly left their academic endeavors to serve in the war on terror.

Yet, page two contained the "Mixed Emotions" article, stating that "I just hope tens of thousands don't die just because of oil." It seems ironic to me that in the same paper these students are being praised for leaving Harding behind to serve our country, [and] are also being led to believe that their cause is to serve a greedy America, telling lies to saturate its hunger for oil.

The article stated, "I love my country and I will support it, but I don't really want to fight in a foreign land for oil — I can't help but feel like my government is lying to me." Well, first of all, was Afghanistan a fight for oil? Did the U.S. have no greater cause than that? Sure, war with Iraq could bring about easier access to their oil, but would I go so far as to discount everything our nation's leaders and even our world leaders in the United Nations are saying about the threat that is Iraq?

I am not writing this article to defend the war with Iraq but to make the proclamation that I believe my President. In a new world of war and uncertainty, I choose to believe President Bush's motives are good and serve the best interest of the United States and the world. If President Bush says the war with Iraq is about weapons of mass destruction, then I believe him.

It wasn't until Clinton was president that I was old enough to be interested in politics and current events. In those eight years of the Clinton presidency, I learned that the president of the United States did not have to have any moral standards and that it was okay that many people, Republicans and Democrats alike, believed that a lot of Clinton's actions were shady. However, does anyone really have any reason to doubt President George W. Bush's integrity? This is the man who led our nation through its darkest hour, who cried for the families and victims of 9/11 on three separate public occasions. This is a man who cares deeply for his country.

President Bush is passionate about the job he has of protecting the world from terror. He is not about manipulation and lies but about getting his job done: ridding the world of terror. I believe that a lot of the reason our youth are "turning on the United States" is because we were just coming to enlightenment on the world's stage when Clinton was in office. Our first impression of government, when we were mature enough to care, was embarrassing. It's time now to put a little faith in a man who hasn't done anything to prove he is undeserving of it. If President Bush believes we need to fight Iraq to make the world a better and safer place to live, then ... I am going to support him. After all, I voted for him. Not turning my back on him now is the least I can do.

— Justin Spring, senior

Editor's note: You are correct about supporting our president. My purpose in last week's column was to present what others were saying the war was about; my hope was that oil was not at the center of our concerns. Oil is never worth a human life.

Speak out: What was your reaction to the State of the Union address?

"The conflicts we're in are a bit unwarranted. We don't need to be at the front of all the world's problems." - Shavar Bunson, freshman

Roosevelt finds Harding valuable

Editor's note: Former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt maintained a popular syndicated column called "My Day" from 1935 to 1962. Roosevelt wrote not once, but twice about Harding, including this 1939 article in the Memphis Press Scimitar.

I had an interesting visit a short time ago from Dr. George S. Benson and Dean Sears of Harding College. I wonder how some of our eastern universities would handle the problems which come to the small colleges in some of the southern and southwestern states?

In the first place, the faculty in these small colleges may have great rewards of accomplishment with young people, but actual cash and appreciation money are small in Harding College at Searcy.

Ark. Professors with Ph.D. degrees get $85 a month, and teachers with M.A. degrees $75 a month. They have frequently taught for whatever the institution was able to pay, and before the close of the school year this has occasionally been as low as $25 a month.

There are 13 buildings on the campus worth about $600,011. Eighteen different major subjects are offered. There is no endowment and the college has never received large contributions.

It is operated mainly on its own income from tuition and fees and (sic)through minor industries under the management of the college. These industries [Inclde:] a small farm which produces fruit and vegetables and maintains a small herd of Jersey cows for the benefits of the boarding club and the college cafeteria, which provides board for students and teachers.

"The conflict is needed in cash is needed by the college for every student, but many of those applying come from small mountain homes and share-cropper families and cannot even pay this much. Scholarships of $120 and $130 a year have to be given by interested people so that the student will only need to supply $30 to $80 (sic) but then the years beyond their travel expenses and their clothes. Each student can carry about three hours of actual work outside of college curriculum. More than 50 percent of the total student body of Harding College does some work under the direction of the institution to reduce college expenses, and a limited number succeed in working out all their expenses.

One boy traveled 60 miles with two cows, which were all his family could spare for his education. The college helped him to find pasture for his cows and sale for their milk. He milked the cow every morning and night and made his deliveries. He was on the honor roll as an "A" student and finished the school year without any indebtedness to the college.

It is hard to make an evaluation of an education, but sometimes I think that this kind of education is more valuable to youth than the kind which is acquired by young people whose parents can afford to pay for the time spent at the university.
Ko Jo Kai honored for fundraising
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation recognizes club for donations

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The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation recognized Ko Jo Kai, its fundraising efforts Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Members received a plaque during an informal reception at the Aerospace Center in Little Rock.

"I am a diabetic," Tish Elrod, sponsor of Ko Jo Kai, said. "I have been since I was 3 or 4 years old. A former member of Ko Jo Kai was a volunteer at the foundation in 1999, and knowing my connection, wanted us to get involved. "Since that time, we've had a member with an 11-year-old sister who has diabetes, and we have participated in the Walk to Cure Diabetes with her. We also have a sophomore member who is a juvenile diabetic."

The club raised $1,500, the first year and funds have increased an average of $500 each year. This year's donation totaled $2,400, meritng a bronze award from JDRF.

"It means a lot to us to receive this award because we have a personal connection," Stacey Black, Ko Jo Kai service project director.

The bronze designation honored corporate groups that had raised between $2,000 and $5,000.

Two Ko Jo Kai members, sophomore Rachel Arnold and senior Julie Newbill, were honored individually for raising $500 each.

"In all of our service projects throughout the year, we raise money for the foundation," senior Emily Hoggard, president of Ko Jo Kai, said. "We waited to at Pizza Inn, washed cars and collected donations in the student center."

"Members also raised money on their own by sending letters to their churches and family members. For all of these service projects, we hold the money until we do the [Walk to Cure Diabetes] in the fall and donate it all at once."

While members were pleased with the award, they were more satisfied with the knowledge that their efforts could someday help discover a cure for diabetes and its complications.

"It means a lot to us to receive this award because we have a personal connection," senior Stacey Black, service project director for Ko Jo Kai, said. "We walk on the behalf of those we know with diabetes, and by raising money we have the opportunity to help all these children."

JDRF was founded in 1970 by parents with children who had juvenile diabetes. Since its inception, more than $600 million has been raised to fund research to discover a cure for juvenile diabetes.

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Reactions to store mostly positive, officials say

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Although the new convenience store that opened Jan. 15 in the student center does not bring students flowers anymore, some students are singing love songs over the change.

"I like it because if you need any simple things, you can just get them there," freshman Hannah Schmidt said.

The convenience store, Con­venience to the Third Power, re­placed The Etc ... Gift Shop. Ac­commodations have been made to meet the interest of those wanting items the gift shop carried.

For Valentine's Day, C3 will offer an ordering system. Stu­dents can call or walk in and place Valentine's Day orders for flowers and balloons.

For everyday situations, Steve Ritter, director of food services, suggests contacting Aramark's catering service for flower and balloon needs. The store carries items such as frozen meals, snack foods, candy and cleaning supplies. Aramark chose these items from a list pro­vided by suppliers that suggests items to sell in campus convenience stores. Ritter said.

Aramark has also opened the door for item suggestions from students. "Since we opened, we have put out suggestion lists," Ritter said. "We've had close to 200 suggestions come in so far."

Although students can pay for a $5.69 box of Cheerios with cash, declining balance or credit card, some concerns exist over the prices.

"People do complain about the prices, especially the cereal," junior Bethany Speyer said.

Wal-Mart's price for a box of Cheerios stands at $2.50. C3's main competition, however, is not Wal-Mart, Ritter said.

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Compared to other conve­nience stores in Searcy, C3's prices are similar. Dandy Don's on Race Street sells a box of 25 Bounce fabric sheets for $2.49, while C3 offers the box for $2.95.

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"By spring break, I hope we've weeded out the items that are too expensive for students to pay for and bring in items that are less ex­pensive," Ritter said.

Price concerns aside, student response has been mostly positive, Judy Bumpous, former manager of the gift shop, said.

Student interest has met ex­pected.

"So far it's tacking right where we expected," Ritter said. "I'll just qualify that by saying our expectations were pretty ambitious."

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Points of Origins Ministry

Aramark asks students to name c-store

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Staff writer

In hopes of multiplying cus­tomer interest, Aramark is holding a contest to create a new nickname for the Convenience to the Third Power store.

George Strachan, operations manager for Aramark, said the con­test is designed to make people feel more involved with the store.

"We decided to have a contest, because we wanted students to get involved, feel some ownership and be a part of decisions that are be­ing made here," he said. "We are here to please the students, and we think it's going to turn out to be a big success."

Name ideas can be submitted in the convenience store until 5 p.m. on Monday. A group of selected students, faculty and Aramark em­ployees will vote on the new name next week. The winner will receive $100 worth of declining balance.

"We call the Harding University Bookstore the HUB, so I think the convenience store should have a name related that," said junior Logan Light, who entered a name idea. "HUC just doesn't work, but 'SHUCS' [Super Harding Uni­versity Convenience Store] is pretty close and it is fun to say. It rolls off the tongue."

Freshman Renee Cathcart thinks the name should focus on the services the new store provides. She suggests "Grap and Stink."

Other names that have been sub­mit­ted include "Stampede," "The Gettin' Place," "Feed the Herd," "Shop-a-lot" and "Time-out."
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Campus Ministry program offers friendship

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Until two-and-a-half years ago, 7-year-old Preston Graham did not have a big brother to defend him against his older sister Mystique. Now, thanks to Friends, a mentor program sponsored by the College Church of Christ's Campus Ministry, Preston has Harding senior Jake Smith as a big brother.

"I just think Jake is the best big brother I ever had because we do a lot of things together," Preston said. "And, he is a Christian and I am a Christian too."

Smith met Preston during the fall 2000 semester when he first volunteered for the Friends program.

"I meet with my little friend Ariel at least once a week," she said. "[I] might be having a bad day but after hanging out with Ariel and her little brother, Isaiah, I am in the best mood for the rest of the day and the rest of the week. They are truly a blessing."

The Friends program requires student mentors to meet with their kids at least once a week. They also participate in regular group activities, including softball games and an annual Christmas party.

"The reason this program has been so effective is because kids look up to college students," Angela English, director of the program, said. "They just think they are so cool and enjoy having the opportunity to spend time with them."
CHRIS KEE
Contributor

Although the first Stuart Little book was published in 1945, it took more than 50 years for Stuart to charm his way to the big screen. Debuting in 1990, "Stuart Little" was a pleasant and engaging surprise. The brainchild of beloved children’s writer E.B. White (Charlotte’s Web), Stuart Little is a shy, clever mouse who not only wins over the Littles and they adopt a brother for their only child, Mrs. Little (played by Geena Davis) are eager to befriend and adopt a brother for their only child, Stuart Little (voiced by Michael J. Fox).

In the idealized New York City of “Stuart Little,” a talking mouse is not something out of the ordinary and interspecies adoption (although discouraged) is accepted.

Now the newest member of the Little family, Stuart must win the affection of his human brother, flirts and friendless canary named Margalo (voiced by Melanie Griffith) literally falls from the sky landing in Stuart’s convertible and his life.

An unlikely friendship/romance between bird and mouse blossoms and Stuart finds that his newfound friend may not be exactly who she claims to be.

A grand adventure in New York City ensues, which finds Stuart joining forces with Snowbell and Margalo to defeat the diabolical Falcon (voiced by James Woods). Snowbell, who provided most of the comic relief in the first film, again steals the show as the cat that just can’t catch a break. And by picture’s end Stuart and friends discover the true value of friendship and the importance of believing in oneself.

When initially released “Stuart Little” failed to generate the interest of the first film and ended its theatrical run grossing only $66.8 million domestically.

Critic’s Corner
"Stuart Little 2" makes its way to campus Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Benson.

Week Two: Porto Rafti — A New Home

Lying in a small coastal village in Greece takes some getting used to — the language is perplexing, the local cuisine is intriguing and the mountainous seaside location is beautiful.

Porto Rafti, a small town 40 kilometers from the center of Athens, has been Harding’s home since 2001, and we are happy to have such a wonderful host.

While the town has not been spared from the spread of American commercial and cultural influence, the less urban location has spared it from the fate of the rest of Europe and preserved the town’s strong Greek character.

One of the first things we did after getting off the bus more than a week ago was find our way to the sea. We haphazardly strolled down the side of the roadway until we reached a picturesque harbor full of fishing boats waiting to sail the next morning.

Following the shoreline, we stumbled upon overgrown Nazi bunkers long since forgotten by the locals.

The residents are nice and receptive to their young foreign visitors. They are patient when we stumble through orders at restaurants with our feeble Greek and are always willing to help us out.

As a resort town just 40 kilometers from the center of Athens, Porto Rafti’s population swells on the weekends and is a get-away for many short-term visitors but for the 47 American students who reside in the former Arinna hotel, the town has definitely become home.

Editor’s Note: Shepherd Jeffrey Hamill is studying with the HUG program this semester. He will occasionally be writing dispatches from Greece about life it’s like to be a student in a foreign country.

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Track starts strong at ASU

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Staff writer

Coach Steve Gunyon is excited about his inaugural season as the leader of Harding’s track team. The first-year head coach said he has an excellent chance of placing several team members in the region’s indoor finals.

On the men’s side of the squad, junior Jacob Rotich, senior Tyler Kemmerer and sophomore Reed Fisher are the Bisons’ top hopes to compete at nationals. Rotich, who qualified provisionally for nationals in the 5,000 meters last season, set a new meet record in the 8,000 meters with a time of 14:31.42. The time qualifies him provisionally for the Division II Indoor National Championships, to be held March 14-15 in Boston.

Kemmerer also qualified provisionally in the 400-meter dash at the ASU Invitational on Saturday. He took second place at the meet with a time of 48.55. Kemmerer, who also made the Division II outdoor relay team, said he’s looking forward to the season.

“The team had good times last year with the 4x400 team,” Kemmerer said. “I’m hoping to get to nationals. I ran better than the [ASU] meet than I expected. I got the season off to a good start.”

Gunyon expects Kemmerer to be one of the nation’s best runners in the 400 meters.

“Tyler is running extremely well,” Gunyon said. “He and [junior] Ryan Bond have trained hard. I expect Tyler to be one of the best runners in Division II.”

Fisher placed third in the mile at ASU and qualified provisionally with a time of 4:13:35. Gunyon has been pleased with Fisher’s progress.

The most exciting development of the season is the addition of Synda Veitenheimer, the women’s track team’s first female head coach in the school’s history. Veitenheimer could also qualify for the national indoor finals.

“Our goal for the year is to qualify as many as we can to nationals and to stay injury-free,” Gunyon said.

Senior Hanna Haavikko, a volleyball player, placed third in the mile run last weekend at the Arkansas State Invitational.

“Reed is in real good shape,” Gunyon said. “He should be a qualifier for nationals and run well under his personal best.”

Newcomers are expected to play a significant role on the track team this season. Bisons football players Matt McLennan and Bert Green competed in their first collegiate meets at the Arkansas State Invitational last weekend. McLennan placed 23rd in the shot put, and Green placed second in his heat of the 55-meter hurdles.

Gunyon said Green should progress quickly.

“Bert has never started out of the block,” Gunyon said. “He’ll observe other runners at first but should be competitive early.”

Kemmerer, Bond and senior Gary Luna return on the 4x400 relay team and are expected to be competitive. The women’s team is one of the largest Harding has fielded since the school added the Division II indoor track team this season.

“Synda had exceptional high school times,” Gunyon said. “The ASU meet was her first indoor meet. It was a good chance to see what she can do.”

Senior Jordan Harkavy, who will only compete unattached from the team for the indoor season, placed fifth in the 5,000 meters at the Red Simmons Invitational in Ann Arbor.

Gunyon has high expectations for the indoor season.

“If we stay healthy, we should qualify several for nationals,” Gunyon said. “We like to go to the big meets to showcase our talent and show that a small school can just be competitive as the big ones.”

Track schedule

Indoor
Feb. 7-8 — Joplin, Mo.
Missouri Southern Invitational
Feb. 14-15 — Fayetteville
Tyson Invitational
Feb. 22 — Warrensburg, Mo.
Central Missouri State
March 14-15 — Boston
NCAA Division II Indoor National Championships
March 22 — Russellville
UALR Invitational
April 2 — Memphis
Big Cat Classic
April 3-4 — Austin
Texas Relays
April 8-9 — Hardy
Arkansas Invitational
April 15-16 — Stacy
John Carroll Invitational
April 18-19 — Lincoln
Kans Relays
April 25-26 — Des Moines, Iowa
Drake Relays
May 1-2 — Edwardsville, Ill.
NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championships

Baseball to open season with Saturday twin bill

TODD RAMSEY
Staff writer

A fter setting a school record with 32 wins in 2002, the baseball team has high hopes entering the 2003 season.

The Bisons’ first games of the season are Saturday at Jerry Moore Field. First pitch for a doubleheader against Williams Baptist is at 1 p.m.

The team made it to the Gulf South Conference tournament for the first time last year, advancing to the semifinals. The Bisons were nationally ranked, at one point reaching 27th. Naturally, the expectations are high for this year. They want to return to the GSC tournament and advance to the NCAA regionals. Under the leadership of seventh-year coach Shane Fullerton, the team is aiming to make that happen.

“We’ve been thinking about it since regional,” senior Grant Tonek said. “We aren’t satisfied with just making it to the Gulf South Conference tournament again. We want to win it.”

To help accomplish that goal, the players have been working hard in the off-season. Graduate assistant and analyst Ben James has been pushing the team to be in the best shape possible.

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Halfway to Tupelo
Bisons tied for second in West

RYAN COOK
Sports editor

The Bisons will wrap up the first half of their Gulf South Conference schedule Saturday with a trip to division-leading Henderson State.

Harding, ranked No. 5 in the NCAA Division II South Region, was tied for second for the Gus West Prior to Thursday's home game against Arkansas Tech.

Results of that game were not available at press time.

The Bisons (13-4, 5-1 GSC) started their first-five game since early December with a come-from-behind, 82-78 victory Monday at Ouachita Baptist.

"I'm just proud of our guys, especially in the second half," coach Jeff Morgan said. "Chris Campbell handled some big defensive plays, and Carl [Vault] did big things defensively.

Morgan said the Bisons have continued their prolific scoring (a GSC-best 90.1 points per game) despite the fact that teams are guarding more against the 3-point shot.

"Last couple of games, we've done a lot better job of getting the ball inside, either to our post guys or through dribble penetration," Morgan said. "That's enabled us to go to the free-throw line more.

The Bisons face a showdown on the road Saturday at No. 22 Henderson State.

Men's BB

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Wins against Tech and Henderson would move the Bisons into a tie for first place.

After Saturday's game, the Bisons get a five-game break before hosting Delta State on Tuesday. The Statesmen handed the Bisons their only GSC loss Jan. 9, 67-66. Morgan said the extended break comes at a good time for the Bisons, who will have played five games in 13 days.

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Senior forward Jay Brogdon puts up a shot during Harding's 65-60 win against Christian Brothers Jan. 9 at Rhodes Field House. Bragdon, who has started all 17 Bison games, leads the team with 20 blocks this season. "He's tough defensively," coach Jeff Morgan said.

Pair of wins puts Lady Bisons in GSC race

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Sports editor

Consecutive wins against Gulf South Conference foes Christian Brothers and Ouachita Baptist have kept the Lady Bisons in their best start in their three years since joining the league.

Harding is 4-2 GSC was tied for fourth place with Delta State before Thursday night's game against Arkansas Tech. Results of that game were not available at press time.

"We didn't really have an idea of where we'd be [in the standings]," coach Brad Francis said. "We're certainly pleased with where we are at this point through the first round."

The Lady Bisons will wrap up the first half of Gus play Saturday at first-place Henderson State.

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Farley fever warming up

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"He has long since shattered the old Harding record and the old Gulf South Conference mark, and has the longest active streak in the nation.

What's next? The NCAA Division II conference schedule concludes Feb. 17, set by Paul Clinton of Western Kentucky in 1997. (That's why it's 98, not 94 as was previously thought.)

Now you may expect me to give you Farley's side of the story here: "I don't expect anyone's dollar, but I do want the poor guy alone this week.

He's been talking to every other sports journalist — print and broadcast — in the state. He's been talking to lots of people on campus about it. Fans at home fall awkwardly silent when he steps to the line, while fans on the road try their hardest to distract.

Farley seems to be keeping his cool, but I didn't feel like adding to the pressure.

Coach Jeff Morgan doesn't mind talking about the situation, though.

"I handled it great," he said. "I think this team is more focused and made at least 20 in a row for the pressure."

Farley is averaging four free throws per game this season, which puts him on pace to hit No. 98 and 99 on Feb. 17, Arkansas Monticello. The game after that is also on the road (Feb. 13) at Southern Arkansas, in a game against Rondale Rowland who want to see the mark set at home, however, for a more historic day.

"Just don't make him rush his shot," he said. "It's got down to a science.

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Wednesday

PROMISE BASKETBALL: GSC All-GSC

Played OTU: Tuesday, Feb. 8, 50-70; Game: 90-65

3-point FG: 14-31, 44.5%; Game: 10-28, 35.7%

FG: 25-50, 50.0%; Game: 19-33, 57.6%

FT: 33-42, 78.6%; Game: 10-12, 83.3%

Turnover: 19-15, 12.6%; Game: 13-6, 21.3%

Rebounds: 30-24, 12.5%; Game: 23-26, 9.2%

Points: 60-35, 17.1%; Game: 32-14, 22.2%

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