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Cafeteria renovations planned for summer

Changes to include 'open kitchen concept,' television

MICHELLE SCOBBA
Contributor

The cafeteria will undergo major renovations over the summer and will reopen Aug. 20 with a completely different look, President David Burks announced in chapel Feb. 12.

"When you come back in the fall, you will hardly recognize the building," Burks said. "Our intent is that it will be more like a restaurant instead of a campus dining hall."

Part of the renovation will include incorporating the "open kitchen concept" into the dining hall. This format will not only allow students to watch as their food is prepared, it will also free up wasted space and enable a person entering through the front door to see from one end of the cafeteria to the other.

"Right now we have a lot of dead areas because of the placement of the kitchen," Burks said. "There are some seating areas, such as the back corner, that are not used. The new design will place the kitchen off to the side and will be more efficient. The space should seat more students and be better utilized."

The \$2 million renovation, which has been planned for a year and a half, will include several different seating options. In addition to new tables and chairs, there will also be booths and bar stools. Many students think the new design will improve the atmosphere in the cafeteria.

"I think it's a great idea," freshman Amber Huston said. "The booths will offer more privacy when you're there with a couple of friends."

Freshman Jeremy Hammett agreed that the new setup will add

to the character of the dining hall.

"One of the main reasons I go to the cafeteria right now is not only for the food but for the fellowship," he said. "I think that the environment will be better and more suited for fellowship because of the different seating arrangements."

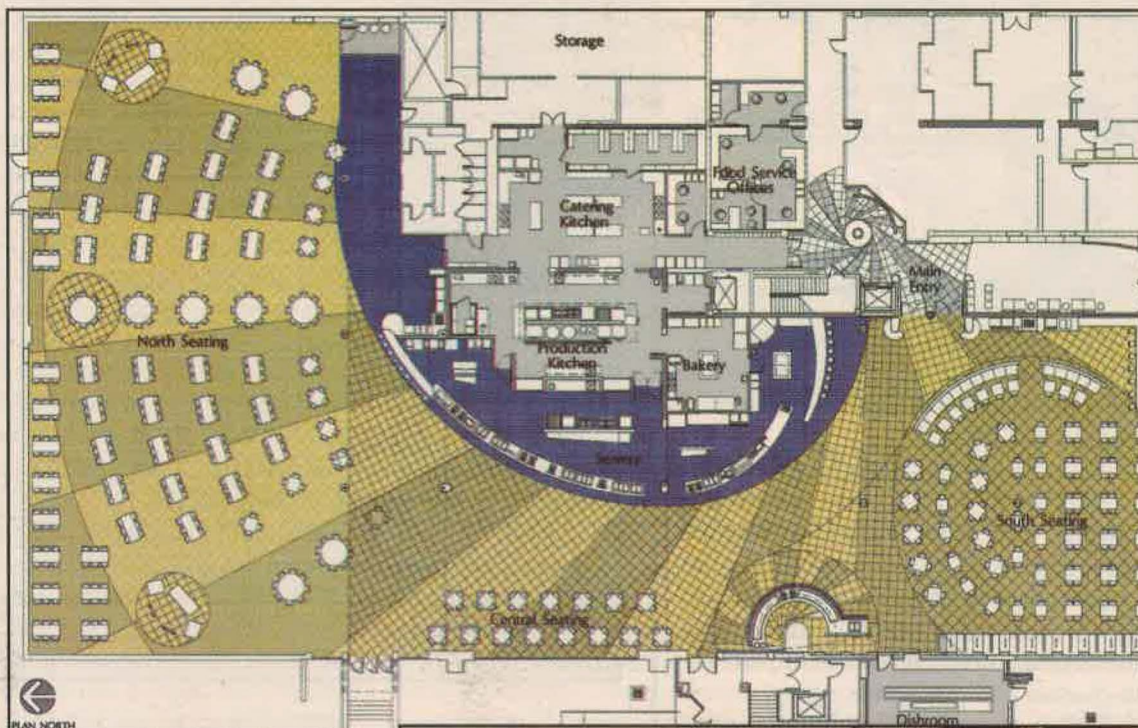
In addition to the new "open kitchen concept," SA President Zac Lambrecht announced other changes that will be made.

"We have a great facility now, but [Aramark] want[s] to constantly improve," he said. "They've really been working hard to make it our cafeteria. There will be a TV, and we're trying to work with the communication department so students can watch the news and listen to 'The Voice.' We're also looking at getting Internet connections."

While students were pleased with the new additions, they were also excited about the extension of operating hours. Clapping and whistling erupted throughout the Benson Auditorium when Burks announced that next year the cafeteria will remain open until 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Extended hours on weekends will be determined later.

Another feature that received an enthusiastic response during chapel was the new food options. Students will be able to choose rotisserie chicken or order fresh pancakes and omelets on the breakfast bar that will be open all day. The majority of the food stations will be similar to the choices currently offered.

"My staff and I are available to answer questions and receive more input as to how we can better fit the needs and expectations of students," Steve Ritter, Aramark food service director, said. "Our goal is to



Above: Design plans for the new "open kitchen" style cafeteria layout show new seating options that will include booths and bar stools. The renovations are scheduled to be completed Aug. 20.

Right: "Open kitchen" style cafeterias are already in place at many universities around the country.



Courtesy of President's Office

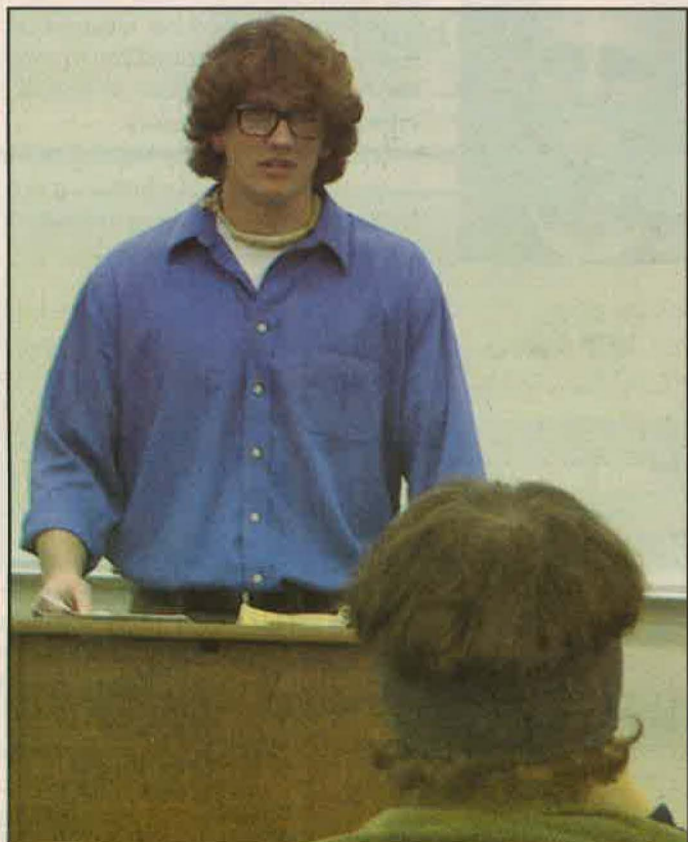
provide the best dining experience in the country, and I know we can."

The dining hall renovation is part of a larger building project, which includes the upstairs portion of the dining hall damaged in the Nov. 20 fire and a two-story addition to the science building that will connect to the McInteer building.

These renovations are funded entirely by donations intended specifically for building projects and will not affect the cost of tuition, Burks said.

"We're grateful for the many donors who give their time and money to this university," he said. "Without these donations, we wouldn't be able to operate."

Student lectureship



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison

Junior Chris Casey speaks to students during the student lectureship Monday. The lectureship began Sunday night and ended Tuesday.

Graduate student dies in car accident

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Graduate student Janie Summers was killed Feb. 10 after she lost control of her pick-up truck on Highway 64 east of Beebe.

The 38-year-old special education teacher from Beebe had been attending classes at Harding in order to earn a master's degree in special education.

Summers had attended graduate courses off-and-on since 1990 and was enrolled in Associate Professor of Education Dr. Jenene Alexander's diagnostic testing class this spring.

Summers was a sixth and seventh grade teacher working in the Augusta School District.

"She was planning on becoming a special education teacher, and she was very excited about it," Alexander said. "She was very effective with her students. They loved her. She had really connected with some of the stu-

dents that were struggling."

Summers' 7-month-old daughter, Sadie, was also in the truck when Summers lost control. Sadie was unhurt in the accident.

According to Augusta school officials, Summers hit a patch of black ice that had accumulated over a low bridge about five miles east of Bald Knob.

Besides Sadie, Summers leaves behind and a 7-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

Funeral services were Feb. 11.

Alexander's graduate class sent Summers' sixth and seventh grade class a vase of living peace lilies and beta fish following Summers' death.

The gift was sent Tuesday and included supplies and instructions for the care of the fish.

"She was such a happy, friendly student," Alexander said. "She loved learning."



Summers

The Bison In Brief

•King's Men and Delta Chi Delta will host a flag football tournament this weekend. Proceeds will benefit Hope Cottage. Pledges can also be made by contacting Joey Kincheloe at 305-8365

•Dr. Dean Priest announced Tuesday the appointment of Dr. Terry Smith to the position of chairman of the Department of Behavioral Sciences. Priest also announced the appointment of Dr. Kathy Howard to the position of director of the psychology program. Both appointments are effective June 1.

•The Student Activities Committee talent show will be Friday at 8 p.m. in the Benson. Tickets cost \$2 or are free with the Pass.

•The deadline for entries into the Jo Cleveland writing contest is today at 5 p.m.

Headlines around the globe



Jeremy D. Beauchamp

The View From Here

Last week was a busy one for news. Below is a concise wrap-up of the week's biggest and oddest stories you might have missed.

• Goodbye Dolly, thanks for all the fuss.

Valentine's Day was good for couples, terrible for sheep. The world's most expensive ball of wool, Dolly the cloned sheep, was put to death Feb. 14. The technological marvel named after the country singer was euthanized due to disease and premature aging.

Dolly, a mere six years old, leaves behind four lambs and three bags full.

• When the Germans aren't keeping themselves busy ignoring U.S. NATO initiatives, our friendly Deutschland compatriots' thoughts turn to "Mcliterature." According to Reuters, a German reading foundation plans to pool the talents of 40 German authors in the hopes to set a world record. Planners hope to see a book conceived, written, printed and on store shelves in about 12 hours during World Book Week in April. In related news, no, it is not Oktoberfest.

• A report out of Minnesota says a man got his girlfriend an allergic reaction for Valentine's Day. A 20-year-old woman allergic to shellfish went into shock after kissing her boyfriend who had just devoured several shrimp. And you thought unbrushed teeth were bad.

• City officials in Vietnam's China Beach are offering a \$13 reward for anyone who turns in a beggar in a bid to clean up the city. I wonder if it will have any effect on the unspoken beggar code of ethics regarding not turning each other in for the money they don't have?

• In science, long-held beliefs about the nature of man-eating lions have been shattered. Scientists once thought that lions would only kill and eat humans if the lions had health problems and could not chase down a faster animal. As it turns out, healthy, young lions also enjoy the taste of human flesh. Imagine that. The sad thing is that this is probably someone's life work.

• Finally, in other "crazy Europeans" news, more than 390,000 Britons listed "Jedi" as their religious preference on the last British census, surpassing both the Buddhist and Jewish faiths. In a related story, more than 390,000 Britons listed their marital status as: single, without any possible hope for a mate in the foreseeable future.

Letter to the Editor: Secular 'Christian' bands may not be what they profess

I found the article in last week's *Bison* interesting and provocative. Just as it does with Mr. Usher, music plays a major role in my life. However, I feel Mr. Usher did Christians and the Christian music industry an injustice in his article.

It is obvious that Mr. Usher is a fan of P.O.D. It is also obvious that he may not know the band as well as he thinks he does. The fact is, every Christian music label would be ashamed to have P.O.D. as one of its artists. Why is that? Because they play at clubs and bars? Of course not! It is because of the things they say and do away from the microphone that do not line up with the Christian message.

One only has to open the pages of *GuitarWorld* or any other mainstream music magazine to see what P.O.D. thinks about their Christianity. Not only do they curse in their interviews, but they brag about drinking, partying and, in essence, living the rock 'n' roll lifestyle.

Truth is, P.O.D. is mainstream because they like the attention that only mainstream can give. Have they sold out? It's obvious that they are fresh out of something, and I think it is "the message."

Yes, clubs and bars are exactly where the gospel message needs to be heard. The problem is, P.O.D. isn't bringing it! The message they bring in their lyrics is a clean one, granted, but that's about it. P.O.D. is changing about as many hearts for Jesus as the Wheel of Fortune. Their lyrics are nothing more than watered-down misconceptions of the truth. They write with a so-called "message" but somehow Jesus doesn't make it on any of their tracks.

Let it be known that P.O.D., along with the other four bands mentioned by Mr. Usher, not only neglect to be forthright about their beliefs, but actually go out of their way to keep from being labeled "Christian." More than that, P.O.D. has been quoted bashing bands that do wear that label. These bands do more harm to Christianity than good. It would appease me if they would just drop the religious discourse all together until they are serious about it.

I agree with Mr. Usher when he says we need to embrace those artists who are reaching out to a secular audience. The question is, do we know who we are embracing?

—Tyson Kirksey, senior

Senior learns importance of 'true' friends at college

Throughout my four years at Harding, I have experienced many events that have influenced my life forever. As a freshman, I came to Harding not knowing what the future was going to bring but I did know that I was going to become an adult, make my own decisions and make friends... the kind of friends you keep for life.

But I learned more than just how to become an adult and face the real world; I learned what it means to be a true friend. I learned this by the friendships I made. The people that have affected my view on life have all had the same ingredients for what it means to be a true friend. Let's take a moment to analyze the recipe for that true friend...

Jaime Fahs

Guest Room



It all started at Summer Experience when I was matched up with Melissa Crockett. Melissa is the type of friend you want to have. She is supportive, understanding and genuinely caring.

Countless times, she sat up with me while I cried over my recent heartbreak or complained about my classes. All the while never thinking of her own problems but focusing on mine and how she

could help me feel better. She also reminded me that God was in control and that she was there for me. She is a true friend.

I met Jennifer Kendall-Ball when I was a freshman and thought she was funny and crazy. Through the years, we have traveled together, shopped together and fought with each other, but it always came back to her being a supportive and understanding person. She is a true friend.

Now those aren't the only two people that have influenced my life throughout my college career. I have also grown to love and cherish my friendships with my professors. They too have demonstrated the qualities of friendship.

Mrs. Gowen, one of my communication professors, shared her advice and her shoulder countless times throughout my four years here. She believed in me and showed it through her friendship both inside and outside of the classroom.

Dr. James helped me land my internship and always supported me in my quest for the spotlight, always encouraging me to do my best and take chances.

Dr. Shock shared his wisdom on career choices and inspired me to conquer my major and to believe in myself and know I have what it takes.

Mrs. Organ always wanted to know how I was doing, not whether or not my English essay was written in haste, but if I was really having a good day.

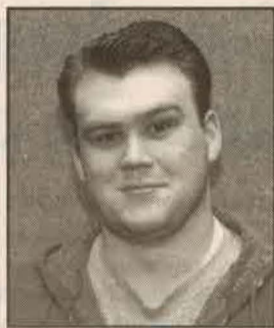
They are all true friends.

All the while when they thought I wasn't looking, I saw the characteristics of Jesus in all of these people and countless others since I have been here. As I look to graduation and starting life in the fast-paced world in front of me, I will take with me the values I have seen in my true friends.

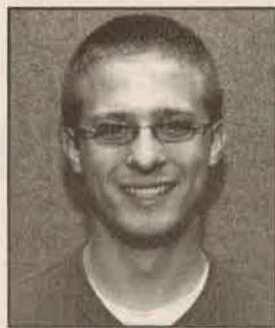
Speak out: What do you think about the cafeteria renovation plans?



"The longer hours will be a great factor in wanting to eat in the cafeteria."
Nicole Wilhelms, freshman



"I like the [possibility of] bar stools. I'll enjoy sitting on them and watching 'Sportscenter.'"
David Johnson, junior



"We [are going to] have a new cafeteria? Cool."
Greg Thoman, junior

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Pizza Wars ready to grease Rhodes



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Junior Clay Waliski encourages students to buy tickets to the annual Pizza Wars Thursday after chapel in the student center. The event, which allows students to taste samples from five local pizza places and then vote on their favorite, will be Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Rhodes Field House. Tickets for the event cost \$5 if purchased in advance.



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison

Senior Russ Phillips, *Petit Jean* photographer, talks with junior Lisa Lauterbach, social clubs section editor, during a yearbook staff meeting Feb. 18. The *Petit Jean* staff met five deadlines this year to ensure the 2003 yearbook would be delivered in April.

***Petit Jean* staff meets final deadline of year**

CLAUDIA RAMIREZ
Staff writer

Tuesday nights will be a lot more relaxing for junior Renee Lewis and the 11 other members of the *Petit Jean* yearbook staff. The staff completed its final deadline for the 2003 *Petit Jean* Feb. 18.

The theme for this year's annual will be announced when the book is presented to the student body in chapel April 24.

The 320-page yearbook, which highlights the year's activities through feature stories and hundreds of color and black-and-white photographs, will contain a magazine-style layout and an overall design that will be attractive to students, according to Lewis, editor-in-chief.

Lewis said producing the book was a team effort.

"The whole yearbook is a challenge," Lewis said. "The biggest task is reorganizing everything to have a different looking book each year."

Before the school year started, the *Petit Jean* staff members participated in a retreat in Morrilton, Ark., where they began brainstorming ideas for the book.

"We spent three days at Petit Jean Park where we had time to hang out, get acquainted with each other and put down some ideas on how we wanted the yearbook to look," Lewis said.

In addition to the required Tues-

day night meetings, which lasted from 7-11 p.m. each week, *Petit Jean* staff members got together at other times throughout the year. The group took a trip to Topeka, Kan., in September to tour the Jostens publishing plant (where the *Petit Jean* is printed) and had a Christmas party in December.

"When a group of people work together as closely as the *Petit Jean* staff does, friendships are easily formed," Jim Miller, director of student publications, said. "The staff really enjoys being together, so we planned several activities in addition to our regular yearbook meetings."

The staff met five deadlines, one each month beginning in October, to ensure the book would be delivered in April.

"On deadline nights we can work until 3 a.m., whatever it takes to get the work done and to meet our deadline," senior Emily Sane, people section editor, said. "It is a lot of work, but the outcome is worth the effort."

An accurate recording of the memories and events of the year is the foundation on which the success of a yearbook is built, according to senior Tricia Luethke, copy editor.

"Students make the stories," Luethke said. "As staff members for the *Petit Jean*, we keep track of all these activities and portray them in the book as accurately as possible."

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Harding Homeland Security

Administration and students respond to increased warnings

DeANN THOMAS
Copy editor

As of Wednesday, the United States remained under a warning issued by the Homeland Security Department about a high-level risk of terrorist attacks.

While officials say the risk level should be lowered soon, the government urges the public to take certain precautions to prepare for any possible terrorist attack.

According to the department's Web site, these precautions should include assembling an emergency supply kit, developing a family communication plan and staying informed about the types of dangers that need to be faced.

The Web site suggests supply kits contain food, water, flashlights, a radio with extra batteries, a first-aid kit and other basic survival items.

The Web site also suggests that the kit should contain duct tape and some plastic garbage bags that can be used to seal windows and doors in the event of a chemical or biological attack.

Even at Harding, officials are taking steps to prepare the university in case of a terrorist attack.

"No one can really know when or how a terrorist is going to attack," Deb Bashaw, insurance coordinator and executive assistant, said. "So, we have to make plans for how to deal with all the situations that could happen."

Bashaw is a member of the emergency crisis team that is revising Harding's existing emergency plans to make them more up-to-date and efficient. The team is made up of representatives from security, public relations, telecommunications, student services, the nursing department and the insurance coordinator.

One of the biggest issues the team is focusing on is communications, according to Bashaw. She said the team has already created

a Web site that will be linked to the Harding home page in emergency situations, so that students and parents will be able to access information during an emergency.

The team plans to maintain communications to the students and faculty through the resident life coordinators, the student services office and department chairs.

The team has also been training personnel for handling certain emergencies. They conducted a fire drill in Cathcart dorm in April 2002 and plan to conduct a tornado drill this semester. The security staff has also been trained to recognize certain hazardous materials.

Bashaw said the emergency plans will be completed by the end of the semester. At that time, they will begin training the faculty, resident life coordinators and resident assistants how to handle each situation.

Sophomore Malina Thiede said she has friends who have had to take extra precautions while attending the University of Texas in Austin. When the threat level was raised, the university took immediate action by canceling all campus tours and installing metal detectors.

Thiede said she believed these actions were necessary for the larger campus but that Harding did not need to take such actions.

"At a school that big, there's a risk," she said. "But, I don't think Harding would have as much reason to worry."

For many Harding students, the threat of terrorism is so remote that they don't see any reason to take extra precautions.

"I just don't think about it," junior Bevin Cloninger said. "I don't want to have to worry about being bombed or attacked."

Other students recognize the significance of the threat and keep up with current developments but don't believe they should let it alter their lifestyles.

"I know there is a legitimate

"I know there is a legitimate threat, but I'm not going to change my life because of it. That just gives [the terrorists] too much satisfaction."

**Joel Stephens,
freshman**

threat, but I'm not going to change my life because of it," freshman Joel Stephens said. "That just gives [the terrorist] too much satisfaction."

Sophomore Nathan Klyn and junior Jennifer Vanderveer both said they have communication plans developed with their families in case of an emergency, but said they don't think it is necessary to take any further precautions.

"I think the protection the government has promised and the supplies they have suggested are worthless," Klyn said. "Most of the stuff can't protect us from the nature of the attacks that are possible."

Emergency tips from Dept. of Homeland Security

- Assemble an emergency kit that includes food and water, extra clothing, sleeping bags, flashlights, a radio and extra batteries, a first-aid kit and any necessary medication, duct tape and plastic garbage bags
- Make a plan for contacting family members and keep a list of emergency numbers near the phone.
- Learn where to find information during an emergency.
- Take a first aid and CPR class so that you can provide emergency medical help.
- Review your insurance policies to reduce the economic impact of a potential disaster.
- Remember to make accommodations for elderly family members and neighbors or those with special needs.
- Finally, try to make arrangements for pets not allowed in public shelters.

For more information, visit the Department of Homeland Security's new Web site, <http://www.ready.gov>. The site contains information on what to do in case of an explosion or a nuclear blast; or a radiation, biological or chemical threat.

WEEK FIVE: The forum of Corinth

The ruins of Roman Corinth provided wonderful examples of Greek culture and history. A paved marble road complete with gutters led to the forum. Elaborate fountains along the way provided water to the city, and ancient underground ducts gave us the opportunity to venture beneath the city in pitch-black darkness.

Inside the pedestrian-only forum were a meat market, shops and various monuments and statues. In the center stood the Bema—a speaker's platform. A colonnade covered the platform and judgment seat and a column in front provided a place to chain the accused during trial.

In Acts 18, Gallio released Paul after finding that he did not violate Roman law. The people beat Sosthenes (Acts 18:17) and his name is still visible today in the theater along with that of Erastus (Romans 16:23). Paul left the church in Corinth after the trial and proceeded on his journey. He sailed out of the port of Cenchrea (Acts 18:18) for Ephesus.



We stood along the shoreline on the remains of an early Christian church long engulfed by the rising sea and looked out over the bay where Paul set sail. The waves lapped at our feet, and we sang praises to God. Paul left on the sea with an uncertain future; he had only the memories of a new church and hope in a future entrusted solely to God.

While the sites we visited are important, they are certainly not holy. We do not worship them, and we do not worship Paul; rather we share a common bond in Christ and a faith based on history.

Editor's Note: Sophomore Jeffrey Hunter is studying with the HUG program this semester. He will occasionally be writing a dispatch from Greece about what it's like to be a student in a foreign country.

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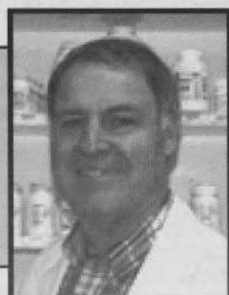


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Security beefs up ability

Officers receive certification, offer safety awareness classes

CAIREY TAI
Staff writer

In an effort to better prepare its officers, the security department is extending its training in the area of emergency assistance, aiming to have all officers Medical First Responder certified by Feb. 22.

About two years ago, the security department began assessing campus needs and found that help was needed in the area of emergency medical assistance. Because security officers are usually the first to respond to emergencies involving Harding students, department officials believe Medical First Responder certification, which enables officers to treat, stabilize and provide victim assessments to ambulance personnel, is beneficial to the campus.

Some of the medical emergencies they are able to treat with the certification are broken bones, breathing problems, cardiac arrest and minor burns, cuts and bruises. Most officers are already CPR certified, which is a pre-requisite of the Medical First Responder training program.

After receiving clearance from the administration, security officers began training in October 2001 for certification in advanced first aid with North Star Ambulance Service in Searcy.

"In the past the most we could do was call 911 and wait for the ambulance," Capt. Kevin Davis, assistant director of campus security, said. "Now we can treat [victims] and assess the situation so we can provide greater assistance to the paramedic team that comes to give advanced care. The students really appreciate it, and we are happy to be able to provide that service for them."

The security department also began offering a women's safety awareness class in the dorms last



Senior Michael Felker recharges a student's car battery. Besides providing regular services, Harding security will soon be Medical First Responder certified.

semester. The one-hour class, which took place in a different women's dorm each week and will be offered again in the fall, involved a Power Point presentation in which Cpl. Drew Dasher talked to the women about dangerous situations and ways to avoid them.

"A lot of the time the girls laugh it off and don't see how serious it could be because of how insignificant it seems to them," Katrina Timms, residence life coordinator in Pryor Hall, said. "But as a mother, I know how valuable [the students] are to their parents and the thought of something going wrong because of a mistake is too much of a burden. Any way we can make the girls more aware of their surroundings and what's going on is truly a great thing, and I am deeply thankful to security for trying to do that."

Although the class was designed to offer women safety tips that help prevent attacks, such as avoiding unlit areas at night and avoiding suspicious people in cars, the secu-

rity officers also instructed the women about deterrent devices that can be used against an attacker. These items include umbrellas, backpacks and squirt bottles containing lemon juice.

"It was really eye-opening in that a lot of us didn't realize what goes on around here, because we have that tendency to think 'oh it's just Searcy,'" senior Shahri Scraders said. "At least now we're up to speed and know some things to do; things that seemed very obvious but a lot of us honestly never paid attention to."

The success of the women's classes has spurred the department to start a men's class later this semester on drug and alcohol awareness.

The security department hopes to teach men how to tell if someone is an addict and the affect drug usage has on crime.

"We view the entire community here as our family so we have a very keen interest in keeping them safe," Davis said.

Faculty member plans child shelter

BETHANY THOMPSON
Staff writer

Debbie Ganus, adjunct professor for Bible and communication, first envisioned creating Sheltered Path, a program that would provide a permanent home and on-site schooling for children who are wards of the state and have a low chance of adoption, around five years ago.

Now, after years of research and planning, Ganus said the program, which is the first of its kind, will be operational by 2005.

Sheltered Path will focus on helping the children in foster care that are usually the most difficult to place in permanent care. This group consists mainly of children who are more than 10-years-old and those who are part of a sibling group, Ganus said.

Ordinarily, these children would be placed in long-term foster care, which involves many transitions and changes in environment. Ganus came up with the idea for Sheltered Path so these children could be placed in a permanent home instead.

Ganus admits the home will not be conventional.

"We're not going to set up new 'families' for these kids or pretend we're 'Mommy' and 'Daddy.' They will be past being able to handle that sort of a transition," she said. "We are, however, going to grieve with them through the loss of their family, create a secure and dependable home and environment and help them learn how to cope with their situation and live in the world around them."

Sheltered Path will function out

of two facilities: the Ranch and the Manor. Both facilities will be built on a piece of land at the end of Main Street near Camp Wyldewood in Searcy.

Everyone entering the program will begin at the Ranch with 19 other children of various ages. They will be at the ranch for no longer than a year, learning "basic and essential" life skills such as having respect for themselves and those around them, caring for themselves and their personal space, and living successfully in a group environment. They will be taught to appreciate education and hard work.

When they "graduate" from the Ranch, they will move into the Manor, a large house capable of accommodating more than 200. The manor will include girls' and boys' living areas, a dining room and kitchen, living rooms and a few classrooms. Ganus said the Manor will be a place where the children will be nurtured by a live-in support staff of counselors, assistants and others.



Ganus

The children will attend an on-site charter school, a public school designed to target a particular population like the Sheltered Path community.

Ganus sees Searcy as a wonderful location for Sheltered Path because of the service-oriented community and the college students who will be interested in jobs and volunteer work at the home.

"I'm excited about the group of students that are coming out of Harding right now," she said. "They seem to be looking for something to do with their lives that makes a difference. I think Sheltered Path will be an excellent opportunity for many of them."

Upon Sheltered Path's opening, the facility will need cooks, teachers, administrators, resident assistants and other volunteers to keep everything running smoothly.

The organization is currently in the process of acquiring funds from various corporations. They will also receive funding from grants and government support.

Ganus will take the Licensed Professional Counselor boards this summer to become a certified counselor. She plans to be personally involved in the Sheltered Path program. She said managing Sheltered Path is her way of helping those in need.

"I have always had a heart for children and for those in trouble," she said.

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Students find married life takes some getting used to

MARINA SHANNON
Staff writer

Everyone knows that marriage brings new changes to a relationship, but most have no idea that could mean obsessing about electricity bills. Students choosing to get married before graduation day can experience a juggling act of school, jobs and prioritizing their marriage.

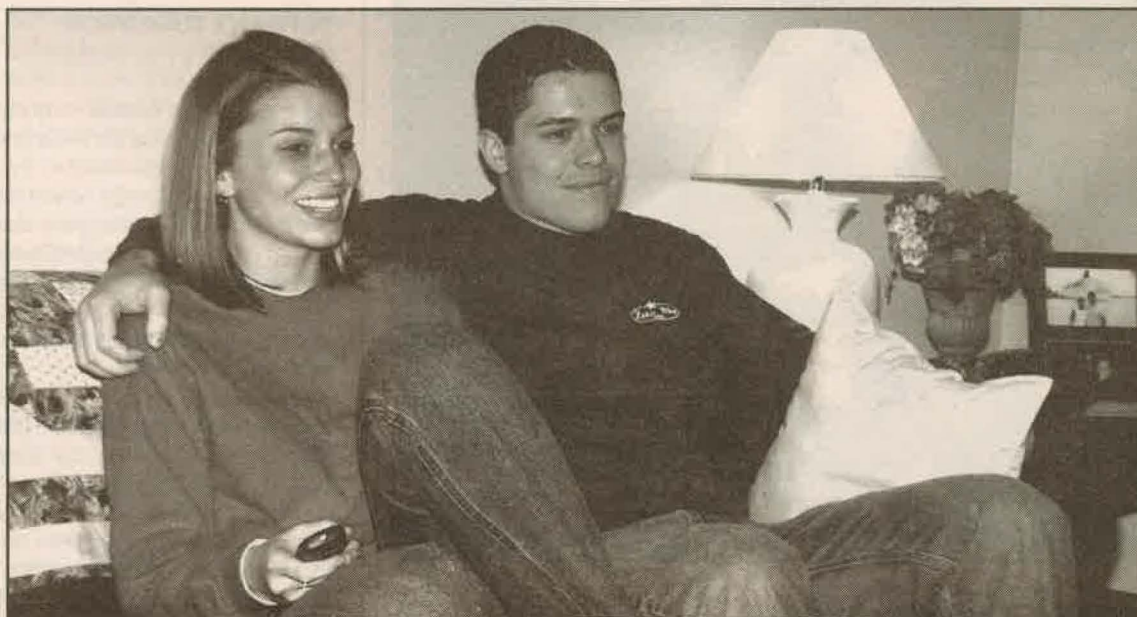
Senior Nate Dutile married his wife, Kerri, in August; weeks before the fall semester began.

"It's been a lot of fun but a lot of work," Nate Dutile said. "One of the things that I remember people telling me before I got married was that dating is based around entertainment and marriage is based around work. That has been the biggest adjustment. You are not only around the person when you are taking them out to eat."

For some, sharing a home can be the biggest change. Junior Alicia Williamson married her husband, Carl, in June 2002.

"It changes your routine because [when you are dating] generally you are taking time to go out during the week just to see each other but now when you are home you are able to be together," she said. "It's given us more time together because we are not always having to plan to see each other."

"The biggest adjustment is getting used to how [your spouse does] particular things from day to day, including how they spend their spare time," she said. "You have different expectations of a spouse and when you get married sometimes they are met and sometimes they are not... The first week [of our marriage] I realized that



Seniors Kerri and Nate Dutile take a break from house work and watch a television program. The Dutiles were married in the summer of 2002 and had to make the adjustment to newlywed life as students.

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Carl could watch two or three movies in a row. I couldn't understand how he could sit and watch that many movies and do nothing with his day. I was so surprised when I walked in one day to find him watching 'Little Women' because he had watched every other movie in the house."

The Dutiles have created a routine to help handle the housework.

"It usually works out that whoever makes lunch doesn't have to do the dishes so nobody is doing all the work at one time," Nate Dutile said.

Nate Dutile said he usually does his homework while his wife makes dinner and she does her homework while he cleans the kitchen. This routine gives each of them time to focus on schoolwork.

Senior Regan Epps and his wife, Sarah, also wed in June 2002. The couple started dating before they came to Harding. Sara Epps

said being married is better than being single.

"You have your spouse and best friend as a roommate instead of some random person," she said. "You don't have to worry about making time to see each other because you are with each other all the time."

Sometimes, being newly married can affect the friendships maintained before the wedding. Alicia Williamson tries to have dinner with her single friends and attends a weekly prayer group.

"Friendships do change, somewhat. But it is important to keep them and make time for your single friends," she said. "I have one night a week that I see my girlfriends apart from my husband."

Nate Dutile also sees the importance of spending time with single friends after marriage begins.

"We both still take time to

spend with single friends, but we have to keep it in perspective," Nate Dutile said. "It is important to make sure you are two independent people, having your own time. But now you have to realize who the most important person is." Many married students agree having adequate time together at the start of a marriage is one of the best things a couple can do.

"I would recommend after you get married that you take plenty of time to take things slow and get used to living with each other because there are already enough changes taking place in your life," Nate Dutile said. "To throw them all together at one time can make things more stressful than they need to be."

Relationships with parents and other family members can also affect the amount of time newlywed couples spend together.

"It is hard to plan [where to

live] because you don't know how far or how close you want to be to your family during the first month," Alicia Williamson said. "We found that living farther away from our parents was better for our marriage. For one thing, you are not talking to your parents as much so you have to lean on each other to make decisions."

Another adjustment every couple will inevitably face is how to handle money.

"We live on campus, so it is actually a lot cheaper for us to live together, instead of paying separately [as singles] to live in two different dorms," Nate Dutile said.

Marriage can save some couples money since married couples often qualify for additional financial aid.

"We both became eligible for the [Federal] Pell Grant," Nate Dutile said. "You apply for that depending on annual income, which [for us] is very low obviously because we are students. The downfall is that you have bills coming in that you are responsible for. Those things have to be paid on time."

A few couples who live in the West Apartments, including the Dutiles and Williamsons, compete to see who can have the lowest electric bill.

"Kerri and I didn't turn our heat on until January because we were trying to get the lowest bill," Nate Dutile said.

The Williamsons found another way to save electricity.

"As soon as we walk out of a room we turn our lights off, that's been one of the ways we try to save money," Alicia Williamson said. "We try to have only one light on at time even if it means walking around in the dark."

Crossword Puzzle

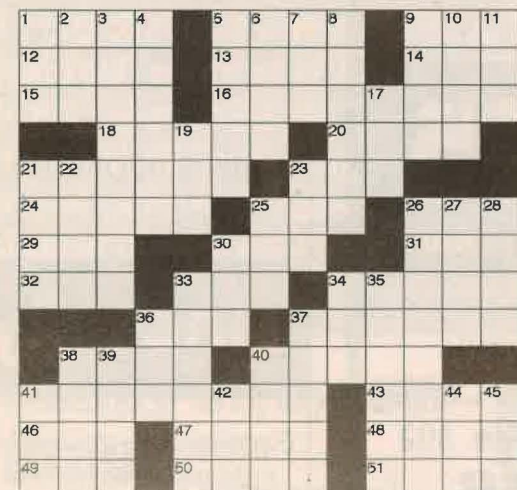
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 11 Soul or spirit (Fr.)
- 17 Flap
- 19 Choose
- 21 Electric catfish
- 22 Great Lake
- 23 Flat fish
- 25 Pouch
- 26 Bag
- 27 Italic (abbr.)
- 28 Haw goose
- 30 Mortar beater
- 33 Seamount
- 34 S.A. sloths
- 35 Rile (2 words)
- 36 Coniferous tree
- 37 Muslim divorce
- 38 Without (Ger.)
- 39 Semitic deity
- 40 Pressure (pref.)
- 41 Public vehicle
- 42 Or best offer (abbr.)
- 44 Food and Drug Admin. (abbr.)
- 45 Cigarette: Brit. slang



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'Ghostbuster' films comedic classics

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Contributor

Prepare to be slimed as the Student Association Movie Committee presents "Ghostbusters" and "Ghostbusters II" this weekend.

"Ghostbusters" and "Ghostbusters II" will be showing Saturday at 7 and 9:30 at the Benson Auditorium. Tickets are \$2 or are free with the Pass.

Originally released in 1984, "Ghostbusters" finds Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and Rick Moranis in top comedic form.

The story follows three out-of-work college professors who go into business as professional ghost-catchers and eventually save New York City from the threat of the evil Zuul.

I personally remember seeing "Ghostbusters" in the theater way back in the summer of 1984. I'm not saying I'm old, but I will tell you that I witnessed the killing of the "radio star" by someone called "video." I was 12 at the time and there was no way to escape the film that summer. Besides being one of the funniest movies of all time, the film also produced the hit song, "Ghostbusters," sung by Ray Parker Jr., which was in heavy rotation on MTV and every radio station on the planet.

There was also no shortage of "Ghostbusters" t-shirts, as everyone I knew owned at least one shirt

emblazoned with the now-classic "Ghostbusters" logo. Due to the universal success of the film I endured (but secretly loved) numerous friends asking me if I was the "Key Master" due to my last name. In turn I would ask if they were the "Gate Keeper" to show what a good sport I was.

To members of the 80s generation, "Ghostbusters" became (like "Rocky Horror," the "Princess Bride" and "Monty Python and the Holy Grail") a film that its fans could recite verbatim. Seeing a group of people recite in unison, "Gozer the Traveler. He will come in one of the pre-chosen forms. During the rectification of the Vuldrini, the traveler came as a large and moving Torg! Then, during the third reconciliation of the last of the McKetrick supplicants, they chose a new form for him: that of a giant Slor! Many Shuvs and Zuuls knew what it was to be roasted in the depths of the Slor that day, I can tell you!" is truly a sight and sound to behold.

So if you've ever been present at an undersea unexplained mass sponge migration, wished you could carry an unlicensed nuclear accelerator on your back or been itching to face the menace of a giant Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man, then

"Ghostbusters" is the film for you.

If you've only seen "Ghostbusters" on the small screen or if you've never seen it before don't miss a chance to see this film as it is meant to be seen - on the big screen!

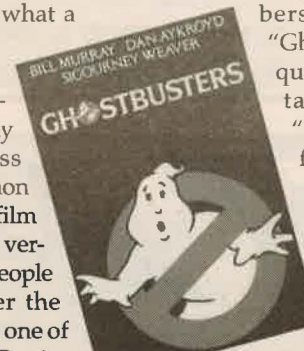
With the huge box office numbers of

"Ghostbusters," a sequel seemed inevitable. In 1989

"Ghostbusters II" finally made it to the screen. A lot of the magic of the first film was gone, but the presence of Bill Murray manages to hold

the film together. The original ensemble cast is back with the addition of Peter MacNicol.

In the sequel, the Ghostbusters find themselves out-of-work and relegated to making special appearances at children's birthday parties. The Ghostbusters finally break out of their rut in time to save New York City from bad vibes, slime and the threat of the evil Vigo. Along for the ride is a cute baby and Lady Liberty like you've never seen her before. Not as funny as the first but worth watching simply for Bill Murray's performance and the immortal line, "There's always room for Jell-O."



Club championships



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Junior Mark Simmons, a member of the Knights A team, looks to make a pass over senior Josh Kirby during the Knights' 60-57 victory against Pi Kappa Epsilon on Tuesday in the large club A championship game. Women's championship games started last week, while the men's club titles were all decided Tuesday and Thursday. A list of the winners will appear in next week's issue.

Baseball starts 7-2, fights rain

CODY USHER
Staff writer

With only a week left before opening Gulf South Conference play against Christian

Brothers, baseball coach Shane Fullerton said his team's major foe is the weather.

"Our biggest concern right now is staying out of rainouts," he said. "We're just trying to get games in before conference starts."

After having four games rained out last weekend, the 7-2 Bisons are in action this weekend with a pair of home doubleheaders. Harding takes on Central Baptist on Friday and Northeastern (Okla.) State on Saturday. The action starts at 1 p.m. both days, weather permitting.

According to Fullerton, the baseball team's strength so far this season has been pitching. Nine Bison pitchers have combined for a 2.25 ERA through the first nine games.

"The biggest standout has been pitching in general," Fullerton said. "The pitching staff has consistently hit their spots. We've had a stellar pitching performance so far this season."

The Bisons have struck out 78 batters this season while walking 21. Opponents are batting .223 with no home runs against Bison pitching.

"The pitching staff has cut down on our balls," senior pitcher Matt Walter said. "We're able to keep the defense on their toes. The defense will have a big part in helping us out."

The Bisons opened the season with a sweep over Williams Baptist. In the two games, Harding shut the Eagles out for 14 innings and struck out 16 batters. Walter and senior Aaron Gurley picked up wins, with junior Justin Goodrich and sophomore Justin Cone earning saves.

Goodrich continued the pitching dominance with a 10-strikeout performance at West Florida. Sophomore Brandon Kimbrough saved the win for Goodrich. Cone and junior Mark Connett combined to pitch



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Junior Justin Goodrich pitches Monday during the first game of Harding's doubleheader sweep over Southwest Baptist at Jerry Moore Field. Goodrich, who is in his first year with the Bisons after two seasons at Northwest Mississippi Community College, fell one out short of the first perfect game in school history.

the Bisons' fourth win in a row against West Florida.

The Bisons lost their next two games with Walter picking up the 10-5 loss to West Florida before dropping a 6-5 game to Division I Arkansas State in 13 innings. Even though the Bisons lost the game, Fullerton said Gurley and sophomore Michael Hoggard pitched well. The tandem combined for 10 strikeouts in 11.1 innings.

"Both of our losses have come against really good baseball teams," Fullerton said. "We played very good baseball for eight and a half innings against Arkansas State. We had a good team that is in Division I beat."

After their scheduled doubleheader was rained out Saturday, Harding and Southwest Baptist made up the set on Monday. Goodrich came within one out of the first perfect game in school history as the Bisons won the opener, 5-1.

In game two against the Bearcats, Walter and Hoggard combined to strike out a school-record 18 batters in a 2-1, 10-inning win.

The Bison players are happy with the way the season is progressing.

"As a team we've worked pretty hard," Walter said. "We're gelling as a team. Our record doesn't reflect how good of a team we're going to be."

The offense has struggled early in the season. The Bisons are batting .243 with five home runs. Patience at the plate has been a concern, with Harding hitters striking out 56 times and walking only 19. Fullerton is optimistic about the offensive struggles.

"The offense is starting to come around," Fullerton said. "They're becoming more confident. They started to warm up against Arkansas State."

Cone has provided the power for the Bisons, hitting three of Harding's five home runs and knocking in six runs. Sophomore second baseman Jake Kirby is leading the team with a .345 average.

Junior Matt Smith has been a lethal weapon behind the plate for Harding by throwing out six runners. Fullerton and the pitching staff are pleased with what the transfer catcher has brought to the club.

"Smith calls a real good game," Walter said. "He's intelligent behind the plate. He's embraced the pitching staff and has really stepped up."

For the record

MEN'S BASKETBALL (18-5, 10-2 GSC)
Played at CBU Thursday; Result not available
@Harding 90, Delta State 71
-Chris Campbell, 22 points, 8-11 FG
Harding 84, @Arkansas-Monticello 71
-Aaron Farley, 23 points, 9-9 FT
Harding 98, @Southern Arkansas 73
-HU scored first 14 points, shot 60% in 1st half
@Harding 105, Central Arkansas 74
-HU forced 21 UCA turnovers, scored 29 points off

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (16-7, 7-5 GSC)
Played at CBU Thursday; Result not available
@Harding 65, Delta State 56
-Heather Lawrence, 17 points, 19 rebounds
@Arkansas-Monticello 79, Harding 57
-Tiffany Phillips, 17 points
Harding 62, @Southern Arkansas 60
-Lawrence layup with 19 seconds left won game
@Harding 75, Central Arkansas 68
-First Lady Bison win vs. UCA since 1996

INDOOR TRACK
Baymont Inn/Fazoli's Open Invitational, Missouri Southern State College
*Helen Singoei, 5,000 meters, 17:45.59, 1st place
*Sarah Reardon, 5,000 meters, 17:50.71, 2nd place
Singoei, mile, 5:08.82, 1st place
Reardon, mile, 5:24.36, 10th place
Synđa Veitenheimer, 60-meter hurdles, 9.56, 11th
4x400 meter relay, 3:20.99, 3rd place
Maciej Miereczko, 3,000 meters, 8:41.9, 5th place
Bert Green, 60 meters, 7.04, 8th place
Green, 200 meters, 22.87, 14th place
Dustin Knudsen, mile, 4:34.70, 13th place
Julio Colon, 400 meters, 54.93, 25th place
Shelvy Arberry, 200 meters, 24.30, 47th place
Tyson Invitational at University of Arkansas
*Miereczko, 5,000 meters, 14:49.33, 6th place
*Mile relay team, 3:15.30, 4th place
*Kemmerer, 400 meters, 48.31, 17th place
Reed Fisher, mile, 4:33.57, 23rd place
Singoei, 5,000 meters, 18:00.91, 8th place
Veitenheimer, 60 meter hurdles, 9.68, 32nd
*Qualifiers for NCAA Division II Nationals

BASEBALL (7-2)
Harding 4, @West Florida 2 (Game 1)
Harding 300 010 0 - 4 7 1 (3-0)
West Florida 100 000 1 - 2 7 3 (1-2)
Win-Goodrich Save-Kimbrough Loss-Libbert
T-2:30 A-45 HR HU-Camilleri
Harding 3, @West Florida 1 (Game 2)
Harding 000 000 3 - 3 6 1 (4-0)

West Florida 000 001 0 - 1 4 3 (1-3)
Win-Connett Loss-Espinola T-2:50 A-57
@West Florida 10, Harding 5 (Game 3)
Harding 021 001 1 - 5 9 6 (4-1)
West Florida 330 013 X - 10 12 3 (2-3)
Win-Sawyer Loss-Walter T-2:40 A-102 HR-Cone
@Arkansas State 6, Harding 5
Harding 100 012 010 000 0 - 5 12 2 (4-2)
ASU 000 010 103 000 1 - 6 8 1 (1-0)
W-Dove L-Hoggard T-3:29 A-214 HR HU-Cone (3)
@Harding 5, Southwest Baptist 1 (Game 1)
SW Baptist 000 000 1 - 1 2 2 (0-1)
Harding 101 210 X - 5 7 1 (5-2)
Win-Goodrich(2-0) Loss-Osborne(0-1) T-1:52 A-100
HR HU-M. Connett (1)
@Harding 2, Southwest Baptist 1 (Game 2)
SW Baptist 010 000 000 0 - 1 6 3 (0-2)
Harding 000 010 000 1 - 2 3 2 (6-2)
Win-Hoggard(1-1) Loss-Burrell(0-1) T-2:38 A-85
Harding 4, @Lyon 3
Harding 001 012 000 - 4 13 0 (7-2)
Lyon 001 002 000 - 3 15 1 (6-5)
W-Cone(1-0) S-Connett(1) L-Scarborou T-2:16 A-75

MEN'S TENNIS (5-1)
Oklahoma Christian 9, Harding 0
S1. Ivan Angulo def. Andrew Giron (HU), 6-0, 6-4
S2. Ondrej Fukala def. David Ferreira (HU), 6-3, 6-1
S3. Lee Gregg def. Artur Sikora (HU), 6-3, 7-6
S4. E. Autran def. Klaus Schmidt (HU), 6-4, 6-4
S5. O. Doskarayev def. Stephen Paine (HU), 6-2, 6-2
S6. D. Omana def. Derek Bullington (HU), 6-1, 6-0
D1. Angulo/Bocajla def. Ferreira/Giron (HU), 8-5
D2. Sekera/Autran def. Schmidt/Sikora (HU), 8-2
D3. Doskarayev/Gregg def. Bullington/Paine, 8-2
Harding 9, Christian Brothers 0
S1. Artur Sikora (HU) def. Matt Gage, 6-0, 6-1
S2. Klaus Schmidt (HU) def. Bob Dalsania, 6-0, 6-0
S3. Stephen Paine (HU) def. Tom Huroin, 6-1, 6-2
S4. Derek Bullington (HU) def. T. Nguyen, 6-0, 6-1
S5. Taylor Tinsley (HU) def. Amar Bhula, 6-4, 6-1
S6 and D3. HU wins by default
D1. Schmidt/Sikora def. Gage/Dalsania, 8-1
D2. Paine/Bullington def. Huroin/Nguyen, 8-0
Harding 7, Texas-Tyler 0
S1. Andrew Giron (HU) def. G. Jones, 6-4, 6-7, 10-5
S2. David Ferreira (HU) def. Maciej Hunek, 6-2, 6-1
S3. Laura Tollett (HU) def. Kevin Cook, 6-2, 6-1
S4. Klaus Schmidt (HU) def. Dallas Long, 6-1, 6-0
S5. Derek Bullington (HU) def. A. White, 6-2, 6-1
S6. Stephen Paine (HU) def. Justin Duke, 6-1, 6-0
D2. Schmidt/Sikora (HU) def. Cook/White, 8-1
Harding 4, Rhodes 1
S1. Andrew Giron (HU) def. A. Campbell, 7-6, 7-6
S2. David Ferreira (HU) def. D. Howell, 6-3, 6-2

S3. Logan Stevens def. Artur Sikora (HU), 7-5, 6-3
S4. Klaus Schmidt (HU) def. Kyle Kamrath, 6-1, 6-1
S5. Stephen Paine (HU) def. A. Dietz, 3-6, 7-6, 10-6
Harding 9, @Ozarks (Ark.) 0
S1. David Ferreira (HU) def. Zack Schiff, 6-0, 6-1
S2. Andrew Giron (HU) def. Taylor Dodd, 6-0, 6-1
S3. Klaus Schmidt (HU) def. F. Xaykaothao, 6-1, 6-1
S4. Artur Sikora (HU) def. Paul Northcutt, 6-0, 6-0
S5. Derek Bullington (HU) def. J. Manning, 6-0, 6-0
S6. Stephen Paine (HU) def. Dan Benton, 6-0, 6-0
D1. Ferreira/Schmidt def. Dodds/Xaykaothao, 8-0
D2. Tinsley/Sikora def. Schiff/Northcutt, 8-5
D3. Giron/Paine def. Manning/Benton, 8-0
Harding 9, Dallas Baptist 0
S1. Andrew Giron (HU) def. Matt Hoover, 6-1, 6-1
S2. David Ferreira (HU) def. M. McCleary, 6-3, 6-2
S3. Artur Sikora (HU) def. Kyle Amerson, 6-0, 6-1
S4. Klaus Schmidt (HU) def. Daniel Durany, 6-4, 6-0
S5. S. Paine (HU) def. C. Scarborough, 6-0, 6-0
S6 and D3. HU wins by default
D1. Giron/Paine (HU) def. Hoover/McCleary, 8-1
D2. Sikora/Bullington def. Amerson/Durany, 8-2

WOMEN'S TENNIS (3-1)
Played Henderson State Thurs.; Result not available
Harding 9, Hendrix 0
S1. Marcella Chisaca (HU) def. Gina Curry, 7-5, 6-0
S2. Laura Tollett (HU) def. Cassie Jackson, 6-2, 6-2
S3. Daniela Corrales (HU) def. Muriel Ifran, 6-0, 6-0
S4. Carolina Banuelos (HU) def. A. Koon, 6-1, 6-0
S5. Sara Campbell (HU) def. K. Brannon, 6-0, 6-0
S6. M. Dujmovic (HU) def. L. Baxter, 6-1, 6-3
D1. Banuelos/Chisaca def. Curry/Jackson, 8-3
D2. Tollett/Dujmovic def. Ifran/Koon, 8-4
D3. Corrales/Campbell def. Baxter/Brannon, 8-1
Northeastern (Okla.) State 8, Harding 1
S1. N. Barbera def. Carolina Banuelos (HU), 6-1, 6-0
S2. Laura Tollett (HU) def. Holly McKee, 0-4, ret.
S3. Z. Stefanovic def. M. Chisaca (HU), 6-0, 6-0
S4. B. Itschert def. M. Dujmovic (HU), 6-1, 6-1
S5. J. Howard def. D. Corrales (HU), 2-6, 7-6, 1-0 ret.
S6. M. Nestic def. Sara Campbell (HU), 3-6, 6-3, 7-5
D1. Stefanovic/Barbera def. Tollett/Dujmovic, 8-1
D2. Itschert/McKee def. Chisaca/Banuelos, 8-2
D3. Howard/Jones def. Corrales/Campbell, 8-6
Harding 9, Texas-Tyler 0
S1. Marcella Chisaca (HU) def. L. Collum, 6-1, 6-0
S2. Laura Tollett (HU) def. Kayla Fedowitz, 6-1, 6-2
S3. Carolina Banuelos (HU) def. A. Johnson, 6-0, ret.
S4. Daniela Corrales (HU) def. L. Morgan, 6-1, 6-0
S5. M. Dujmovic (HU) def. G. Bregon, 6-1, 6-1
S6. Sara Campbell (HU) def. April Hibbs, 6-0, 6-1
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D2. Dujmovic/Tollett def. Johnson/Morgan, 8-2
D3. Campbell/Corrales def. Bregon/Hibbs, 8-1



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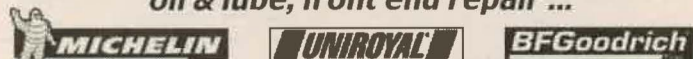
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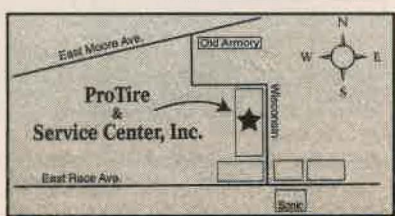
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Ryan Cook

Bleacher
BumRowdy numbers
on record pace

Just now jumping on the Bison bandwagon as it rounds the bend and hits the home stretch to Tupelo? Here are some things to keep an eye on as the regular season winds down:

- Obviously, senior Aaron Farley. With Bison opponents guarding the trey more closely, Farley has been pushing inside and dishing the ball off more every game. He's near the top of the Gulf South Conference in several statistical categories, and is now being promoted as an All-America candidate.

- The Bisons' ranking in the South Region. The Division II tournament expanded to 64 teams this year. (Think of it as a miniature "Big Dance.") The top eight teams in each region get invited, with one of the higher seeds hosting all eight teams for the first three rounds. The Bisons were No. 5 as of Wednesday.

- Senior Jason Malek. His 152 rebounds lead the Bisons by a wide margin, and he's second only to Farley in scoring.

- The capacity at Rhodes Field House. Attendance is up more than 500 per game compared to last season; an average of 2,499 people have attended the first 10 games in the Rhodes. Next week's games are huge, and I expect to see some crowds that push the school record of 3,245 set last season against Arkansas Tech.

- Speaking of the Rowdies, home court advantage. The Bisons have won 12 straight at home dating back to last February. A win Monday against Ouachita Baptist would tie the school record.

- Senior Carl Vault. Because if you don't watch him, you might lose something. He leads the team and ranks second in the GSC with 47 steals. And you really shouldn't look away when he has the ball either, as you're liable to miss a dunk or two.

- Henderson State. The Reddies are the only Division II team to defeat the Bisons convincingly this season. Harding gets another shot at them March 1 in a game that could determine the West Division title.

- The Lady Bisons. As of now, they're certainly on the outside looking in as far as a berth in the GSC Tournament goes. But if Delta State slips and the Lady Bisons win at least two of three next week, they could sneak into the fourth spot.

In any case, get out there and support the ladies. If you missed the second half they played against UCA, you missed some of the most exciting women's basketball that the Rhodes has seen in a while — and one of the biggest wins in Lady Bison history.

Next week: Tips on planning your trip to Tupelo. (You are going, right? Only two weeks left to make arrangements to be there March 7.)

On the verge

Next win puts Bisons in playoffs

RYAN COOK
Sports editor

Last season, the Bisons had to battle down to the final minute of their final game to secure a berth in the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

The 2002-03 team, which is ranked No. 5 in the NCAA Division II South Region, is hoping to make travel plans a little earlier this year.

The Bisons (18-5, 10-2 GSC) had won four in a row and 11 of their last 12 entering Thursday night's game against Christian Brothers in Memphis. Results of that game were not available at press time.

A Harding victory against the Bucs would have locked up a trip to Tupelo, Miss., site of the conference tournament to be held March 7-9.

Even if Harding lost, a win in any of its last three games or a Christian Brothers loss in any of its last three games would assure Harding a berth.

"I don't know if you can say we're in yet," coach Jeff Morgan said Tuesday. "But the cards are definitely in our favor."

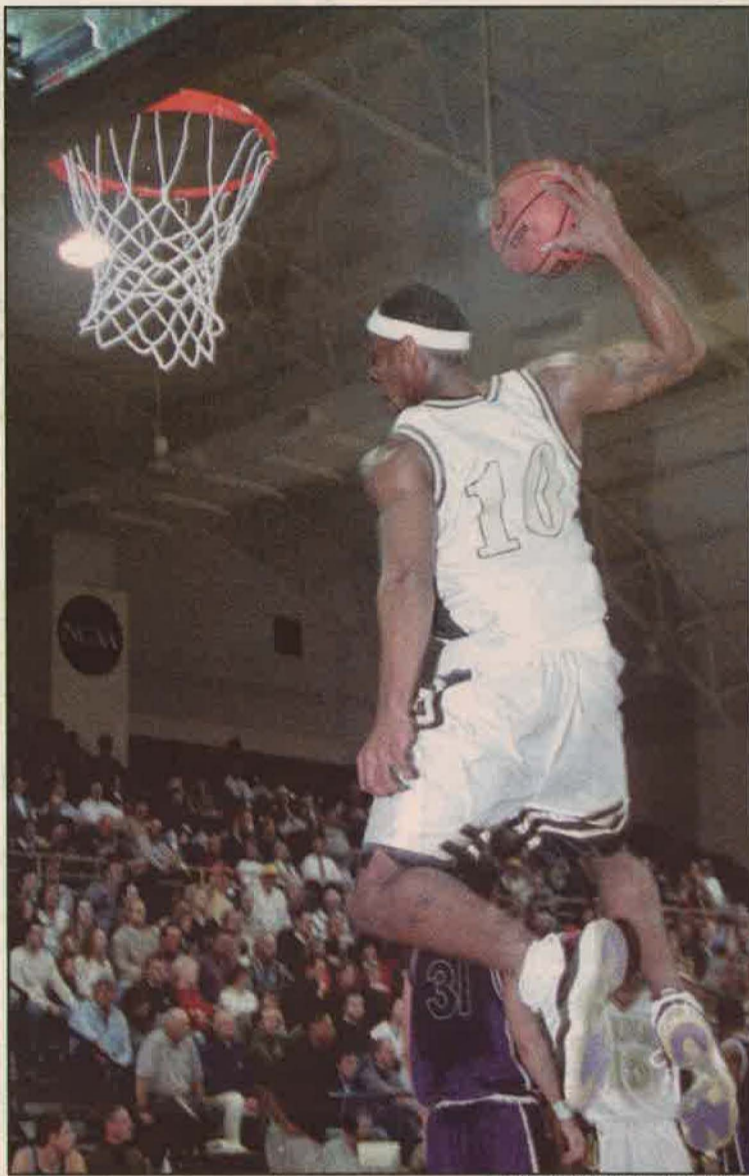
But the Bisons are looking for more than a spot in the postseason, Morgan said.

"There's other goals that we're still trying to pursue and stay real hungry," Morgan said.

If the Bisons win out, they will at least tie Henderson State for the West Division title.

"We've got three [games] before that one, and we can't look ahead and mess up one of these other ones," Morgan said. "It would be nice to be in a position where, come March 1, we're in position where we're playing for a conference championship."

But first things first — Harding will host Ouachita Baptist on Monday before going to Russellville to face Arkansas Tech on Thursday.



Senior Chris Campbell goes up for a thunderous dunk Monday in the first half of the Bisons' 105-74 victory against Central Arkansas. Harding built a 47-27 halftime lead and outscored UCA in the paint, 60-38.

The Bisons defeated both teams earlier this season — Ouachita Baptist by five points in Arkadelphia and Arkansas Tech in a blow-out in Searcy.

"Ouachita is fighting hard for a playoff spot and playing really well right now, and then you've got Arkansas Tech," Morgan said. "We're going to be over there on Senior Night. And they're talented."

Harding's final regular-season game is March 1 at home against first-place Henderson State.

"We're already getting a lot of interest for that game," Morgan said. "I've got people calling from all over the state, and I know Henderson is planning on bringing a bunch of people."

The Bisons' four-game winning streak has come in convincing fashion, most recently a 105-74

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Harding	10-2	18-5
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Ouachita Baptist	8-4	14-9
Christian Brothers	6-6	15-10
Arkansas Tech	4-9	10-13
Central Arkansas	4-9	4-18
Ark.-Monticello	3-9	8-15
Southern Arkansas	1-12	5-19
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(scores not available at press time)		
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drubbing of Central Arkansas on Monday.

"We had a great start and the guys were real focused," Morgan said. "It was a great team effort."

In their wins at Arkansas-Monticello and Southern Arkansas last week, the Bisons used dominant first halves to cruise to wins.

"We've been making some defensive stops," Morgan said. "We were getting stops, allowing one shot, and then going down and scoring. In the last week or two, we've been pretty good defensively."

Senior Chris Campbell has come off the bench to score in double figures every game this month, including a 22-point performance against Delta State.

"He has been real consistent coming off the bench for the last two or three weeks," Morgan said. "This second half of conference play, he's just played really well."

Led by seniors Aaron Farley and Jason Malek, who are fourth and sixth, respectively, among scoring averages in the GSC, the Bisons continue to lead the conference in several offensive categories. The Bisons are averaging 90.2 points per game, nearly 10 points better than any other GSC squad.

Lady Bisons shock No. 11 UCA
to stay in postseason contentionRYAN COOK
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A Feb. 10 loss to Arkansas-Monticello seemingly took the Lady Bisons out of realistic contention for a berth in next month's Gulf South Conference Tournament.

Until Monday, that is.

The Lady Bisons vaulted back into the playoff picture by stunning No. 11 Central Arkansas, 75-68, Monday night at Rhodes Field House.

It was Harding's first victory against the Sugar Bears since 1996.

Senior Julie Hammitt scored 17 points against UCA and was named West Division player of the week Wednesday.

"That was so awesome," Hammitt said after Monday's win. "We came together as a team and never gave up. We got down a couple of times and just came out and pressed for it."

The win left Harding (16-7, 7-5 GSC) in fifth place, one game be-

hind Delta State for the fourth and final playoff spot.

"We knew coming into the year that we were going to have to beat one of the top teams in the league to get into the conference tournament," coach Brad Francis said.

Harding played at last-place Christian Brothers on Thursday, but the result of that game was not available at press time.

The Lady Bisons will wrap up the regular season with a tough stretch of three games next week, hosting Ouachita Baptist on Monday, going to Arkansas Tech on Thursday and hosting Henderson State on March 1.

In its first matchups this year, Harding defeated Ouachita Baptist in a close game on the road, but lost to both ATU and HSU.

The Lady Bisons have never won at ATU. Harding is 1-31 all-time against the Golden Suns, with its only win coming Feb. 6, 1993 in the Ganus Athletic Center.

To qualify for the GSC Tournament, the Lady Bisons will need



Shooting a free throw after Central Arkansas coach Ron Marvel was called for a technical foul, junior Tiffany Phillips scores one of her 13 points. The Lady Bisons defeated the No. 11 Sugar Bears, 75-68, to get back in the middle of the Gulf South Conference Tournament race.

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to win one more game than Delta State over the final four games, then hope for the tiebreakers to fall their way.

Harding lost at Delta State on Jan. 9 but upset the then-ranked Lady Statesmen Feb. 6 at Rhodes Field House.