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Country performer brings her award-winning music to Benson

DeANN THOMAS
Copy editor

Country-music singer Jo Dee Messina will perform Friday at 8 in the Benson Auditorium.

Messina, who sings "Bring on the Rain" with Tim McGraw, said she is enthusiastic about performing at Harding because it gives her the opportunity to perform for a whole new demographic of people.

"I'm excited because [Harding] is in an area we don't play in a whole lot," she said. "Plus, it's a college, so it has young fan base. ... We don't get to play for that age group very often. I'm looking forward to the performance."

Messina will perform a mixture of her most popular songs, including "I'm Alright," "Bye Bye" and "Burn," and some new songs.

The country veteran said she starts planning her performances by choosing songs that fans are most likely to know.

"It's always fun to be able to perform the ones that people are familiar with," Messina said. "I list all the songs that I know the audience is familiar with, and then I try to mix in songs that I love that they might not know."

Messina said she is excited because she will be performing some of the new music from her current recording project, "Delicious Surprise."

The new record, which will

include her latest single "Was That My Life," also showcases Messina's talents as a songwriter. Messina, who co-wrote "No Time for Tears" from the "I'm Alright" record, did a lot more writing for "Delicious Surprise." She said songwriting is one of the areas she wants to expand her career.

"I want to continue to grow as an artist," she said. "I think longevity is the key."

"Delicious Surprise" will be released

June 24, according to the Web site for Curb, Messina's recording label.

The new album follows a string of successful releases for Messina.

Her self-titled debut album achieved gold status, which means more than 500,000 copies of the album have been sold.

"I'm Alright" achieved double-platinum status, meaning more than two million copies have been sold. Her third album, "Burn," achieved platinum status, meaning more than one million copies have been sold.

Last year she released her Christmas album, "A Joyful Noise."

In 1999, Messina won the



Messina

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Jo Dee Messina

Country Music Association's Horizon Award, the Academy of Country Music's Top New Female Vocalist Award and was named Most Played Female at Country Radio by Billboard Magazine.

Sophomore Candice Glidewell said she enjoys listening to Messina's music and is anxious to see her performance.

"Jo Dee is an awesome singer," she said. "I'm really looking forward to going to the concert and having a good time with my friends."

Freshman Morgan Booth attended one of Messina's concerts in Chattanooga, Tenn.

She said she hadn't really known who Messina was before the concert but was so impressed with her performance she started listening to her music afterwards.

"She puts on a really good show," she said. "She has a lot of catchy, girl-music. It's fun and up-beat."

Bisons stampede back to Tupelo



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison

Senior forward Jay Brogdon scores a quick layup during the Bisons' 94-72 romp over Ouachita Baptist University Feb. 24. With the win, the Bisons secured a second consecutive trip to the Gulf South Conference Tournament in Tupelo, Miss., March 7-9.

Staff member dies of heart attack

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The campus is mourning the loss of another one of its own.

David Hurd, 50, director of video services, died of a heart attack around noon Wednesday. Hurd was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor last semester.

Hurd graduated from Harding in 1974 and had worked for the university since 1976.

"David was a man of the Word," Mark Prior, production technician, said. "He was also a very hard worker. He always put in the extra effort."

A funeral service is scheduled for Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the College Church of Christ.

Hurd is survived by his wife, Jennifer, and their two daughters, Amy of Houston and Sally, a junior at Harding.

The death is the third to affect the Harding community this month.



Hurd

Multi-Cultural Student Action Committee to sponsor Gospel Explosion weekend

CAIREY TAI
Staff writer

As Black History Month draws to a close, the Multi-Cultural Student Action Committee, in association with the Office of Admissions, is hosting Gospel Explosion this weekend in hopes of increasing campus diversity. Gospel Explosion is an event that brings minority prospective students to campus.

Throughout the weekend, MCSAC members will house high school students from around the country and escort them to various events planned by the committee, including a black history game show and an a cappella concert.

"We want them to feel included and [to know] that if they came to Harding they wouldn't be left out," junior Lonnie Smith, MCSAC secretary, said. "We also want them to see that Harding isn't just one culture but that there are many cultures here."

One of the events MCSAC is planning for Gospel Explosion participants and the student body is the Think Fast trivia show at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the student center.

Think Fast is mobile game show

that travels to college campuses allowing up to 500 participants to compete for a winner-take-all cash prize of \$200.

The game is scheduled to last 90 minutes and the questions will be based on African-American struggles and triumphs with a section dedicated to African-American artists, actors, musicians, comedians and cultural icons.

In the first round of the game, students will be grouped and will receive electronic handheld equipment to answer questions. The top four groups with the most points will proceed to the second round.

During the second round, the groups will choose a representative to answer questions without help from their teammates in a speed round.

Towards the end of the game, two wild card teams will be chosen

to compete against the representative with the most points.

As another means of promoting campus diversity and unity, MCSAC will host a concert at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Benson Auditorium.

The a cappella music concert will include performances by local and

regional gospel groups such as the Melodious Testimony, Southwestern Christian College and The Firemen.

"One of the things people think when they hear Black History Month is 'we're going to be blamed for things that happened in the

past' and that's terrible," senior Ashly Williams, MCSAC president, said. "Our job is to change that perspective and show people that black history is something to be enjoyed and embraced by everybody."

The committee began Black History Month celebrations last week-end with an outing to "The Piano

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Ashly Williams, Multi-Cultural Student Action Committee president

Lesson" at the Arkansas Repertory Theatre in Little Rock. The play is about an African-American family living during the Great Depression that fights over an heirloom piano.

"It was very good in that the lesson it tries to get across is a timely one about not throwing away your roots and where you come from for the sake of making money," Lavonne Pearson, graduate student, said.

MCSAC also hosted chapel on Monday where the Harmony Choir performed spirituals and presented an African-American history slide show.

Graduate student Tara Ingraham, Harmony Choir director, said the group chose to highlight Christianity and not just depict negative scenes from black history.

"We wanted to put on a black history program from a Christian perspective," she said. "We decided to go straight into [Monday's chapel] with the theme of praising God as brothers and sisters in Christ."

"It's important for us to see that black history is American history, and in being American history it is important to all Americans, which is why we celebrate it."

Celebrities should not misuse fame



Jeremy D. Beauchamp

The View From Here

We love celebrities. They make us laugh and they make us cry and blah, blah, blah.

We pay them for their dramatic ability, hilarity, musical prowess and a myriad of other supposed talents. In fact, we pay them a lot — but not for their opinions. Still, they open their unscripted mouths.

Maybe that is a harsh statement, but recently, celebrity opinion on American involvement in the Middle East has been clogging the airwaves.

For years, Barbara Streisand has been an outspoken critic of anything Republican (which is not always a bad thing to be critical of). Her fire for the liberal cause was momentarily snuffed last year after she misquoted an Internet statement against war to be a line from Shakespeare.

This just begins to show the danger that is latently present anytime a celebrity launches himself or herself into the political arena.

A platinum album or a box office smash provides a celebrity's free soapbox. And we listen because they are "more important than we are."

I too love peace. I too love "no war." However, I also am not going to apologize for being an American, like many of its citizens and celebrities feel they must. I'm not implying that all celebrities who speak out feel this need, but saying that George W. Bush is just as bad as Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein is ridiculous.

Speak out about the freedom of Tibet and the proliferation of AIDS in South Africa, but leave political policies to the people that actually get their hands dirty in it. I have said before that I don't want to go to war, but I also don't want to hear from celebrities that yearn only to be contrarian.

This hatred of government is not just bipartisanship; it is borderline anti-Americanism. It's funny that the same people who rallied to support the president after 9/11 turn against him the moment the public questions the government's intentions.

Celebrities love to play the popularity contests (especially when there may be a chance to overturn this Republican choke-hold on government).

More than being Democrats, Greens, Libertarians, Reformists or Republicans, we are all Americans. It is duplicitous and divisive to use your fame to influence the public to like you (which I hope not all of them are doing).

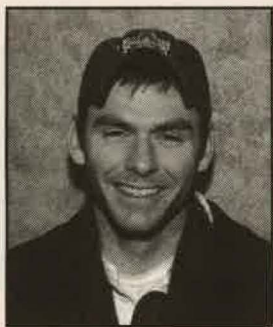
Making "I am Sam" or "Ocean's 11" makes you an expert on foreign policy as much as being editor of your university's student newspaper does.

To state your political view is no crime. To try and subvert the country because they hold you in esteem is dirty and wrong — especially when none of us have any real clue what is actually going on (at least not like those in charge).

Stick to the Kid Rock duets, Sheryl Crow; to the live shows and hemp debates, Dave Matthews; to great movies like "Solaris," George Clooney; to your hair color, Susan Sarandon; and to whatever it is you do nowadays, Rosie O'Donnell.

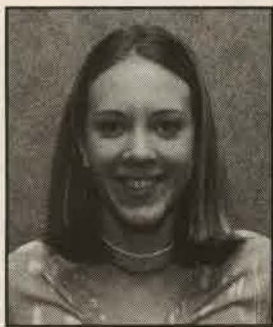
Please, no more ramming your politics down our throats because you feel justified by your celebrity status.

Speak out: Do you think celebrities should publicly voice their political views?



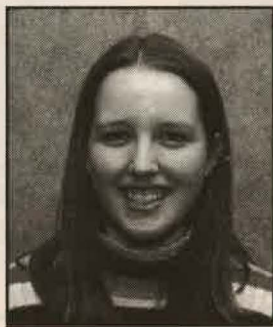
"I think it's right for people to voice their opinions ... celebrities just seem to get their [opinions] in the news."

Nathan Swain, junior



"I think everyone in the U.S. has freedom of speech, but celebrities shouldn't act like they have authority on [political] subjects."

Lisa Jones, sophomore



"They can voice their opinions about politics ... but that doesn't mean I have to listen to them."

Molly Roseberry, sophomore



SCOTT NELSON / AP Photo

Members of the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division prepare to sweep an Afghan man's home Nov. 7 in southeastern Afghanistan. Although the terror alert was lowered this week, President Bush cautioned Americans to still be on alert.

Hoping for peace reveals real world

Renee Lewis

Guest Room



It's official. I'm a grown-up.

I'm not sure how I feel about this yet. Today I read that North Korea has the power to hit the west coast of our country with a missile. Today I read that a little girl lost her life after a father went shooting people after a snowball fight in Philadelphia. Today I heard that my childhood hero, Mr. Rogers, died of stomach cancer. Today I learned that one of my club sisters has to say goodbye to her father. He's leaving on a classified mission next week. Today I found out that the world is not perfect.

I've lived a sheltered life. I've never really understood war until now. I've never really understood that people die in countries around the world every day for ridiculous reasons, reasons more ridiculous than sniper attacks.

I don't like knowing that the world really doesn't exist as I knew it when I was in second grade. In second grade I worried about getting to take home the class hamster for the weekend. Now I worry about my friends going off to war and not returning home. I worry about the American lifestyle being taken away

from us at any given moment.

God is the ultimate protector, I know this. For some reason, however, that fact doesn't keep me from worrying about the world around me. That fact doesn't keep me from worrying about the idea of my friends going off to war. That fact doesn't keep me from hearing that Osama isn't finished with this world yet.

What I really want to do is put my faith in God on this one. That's difficult for me. I don't know about you. I haven't figured out why this crazy mess hasn't been put to rest yet. I haven't figured out why people like Osama and Saddam exist. I haven't figured out why in a world where great Christian people live, we still have weasels such as those two characters.

What I have figured out, however, is this: I want to view the world through

the eyes of a second grader again. I want to trust God. I want to put 100 percent of my faith in Him. I want to forget about this country's leaders and NATO and remember God resides as this world's one, true leader.

So today I'm a grown-up. I'm not a second grader. Today I understand there are some things more important than Osama and NATO.

Although I can't be a second grader again, I can enjoy the simple things in life.

After all, my little cousin may get his turn at taking home the class hamster this weekend.

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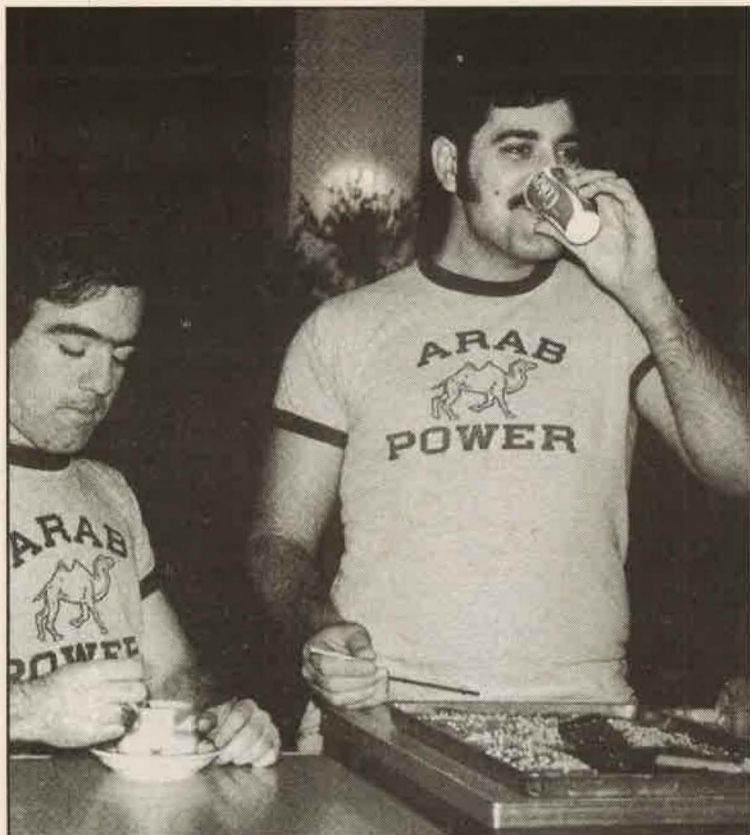


Photo courtesy of the PETIT JEAN

American Studies Distinguished Lecture Series speaker Khalil Jahshan boasts his ancestral pride in this 1972 *Petit Jean* picture. Jahshan attended Harding after leaving his home in Nazareth, Israel.

ASI to present Arab-American distinguished lecturer March 6

Harding graduate Khalil Jahshan will address Middle East crisis

ELIZABETH STEPHENS
Staff writer

The American Studies Institute will present its third distinguished lecturer of the year, Khalil E. Jahshan, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

Jahshan is Executive Vice President of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, the premier Arab-American civil rights organization.

Jahshan is also Vice President of the American Committee on Jerusalem, which was founded in 1996 to develop and promote educational and informational activities on the heritage and future of Jerusalem.

Jahshan will be of particular interest to the Harding community because he graduated from

the university in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in political science and French.

After leaving Harding, Jahshan began his graduate work in political science and Middle East studies at Memphis State University and completed his graduate coursework at the University of Chicago in 1977.

"Jahshan is a kind of combo package in a speaker: he is an Arab-American that is a Harding graduate, a Christian and a deacon at Fairfax [Va.]," Bob Reely, associate executive director of ASI, said. "I think he will challenge us on our characterization of Arabs."

Jahshan is a native of Nazareth, Israel, and moved to the United States to pursue his college education.

ASI chose Jahshan as a distinguished speaker due to his relationship with Harding and his ability to share an open perspective on the events surrounding Sept. 11 and the conflicts the United States now faces in the Middle East.

Jahshan's unique insight comes at an integral time in the nation's history.

"This is one of the timeliest ASI presentations because of tensions in the Middle East," senior Todd Goen, vice president of programs for ASI, said.

Jahshan offers an interesting twist to Arab-American relations by presenting his arguments as a deeply religious Christian.

Jahshan is a leader within his home congregation and views the current conflicts between the United States and Arab nations holistically.

"Faith is like a compass," Jahshan said. "It gives the faithful a sense of direction and a solid grounding to deal with difficult times."

As a professional in foreign affairs, Jahshan uses this religious compass to build better relations between the West and East.

"I would encourage every Harding student to hear what he has to say," Reely said. "We will all come away having learned something we never knew before about

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Todd Goen, vice president of programs for the American Studies Institute

the situation."

Jahshan remains in continuous contact with Middle East leaders and with high-ranking foreign policy makers and other officials in Washington, both in the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. government.

Jahshan's views on U.S. policy in the Middle East can be understood through a statement he made in a press conference in March 2001.

"The question is not about Islamic beliefs and practices that generate hatred for the 'Christian West,'" Jahshan said, "[It is] about social, economic and political issues in underdeveloped Muslim societies that lead to despair and violence."

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Access Assessment

Reaccreditation process in full swing with many changes implemented, more on the way

ELIZABETH STEPHENS
Staff writer

In the 2003-2004 school year, students will not be the only ones receiving performance grades as Harding undergoes a school-wide assessment to ensure the university's accredited status.

Harding is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the division of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools that accredits colleges and universities.

The accreditation process takes place every 10 years, but Harding wishes to create a culture of assessment that will continually permeate each level of the education process, according to Dr. Dean Priest, vice president for academic affairs.

"Assessment is integral to accreditation because it measures how well the university is doing what it says it is doing," Dr. Larry Long, associate vice president for academic affairs, said. "Assessment is continual, ongoing and campus-wide."

Long said it will take a year-and-a-half to two years to study, write and produce the self-study report that is one of Harding's requirements for the next accreditation process, which will take place in fall of 2004.

The university facilitates the assessment process through the University Assessment Committee. The committee consists of 10 professors from various departments and two student representatives, senior Aaron Henderson and sophomore Kristin Barnes.

Dr. Cecilia Lopez, Harding's liaison with the HLC, was on campus Tuesday to help the committee and the administration with the assessment process.

"The visit was exceptionally productive," Long said. "Dr. Lopez provided information and inspiration to our campus straight from the HLC; we will move forward with more enthusiasm and confidence now. We were privileged to have her here."

Aside from the committee, the administration requires each academic department to create outcome assessment plans for

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Dr. Larry Long,
associate vice president
for academic affairs

each major within the department. These plans help faculty ensure the students are receiving the appropriate instruction within the classroom so they will succeed following graduation.

In many academic areas, including the College of Education, these plans include a nationally standardized test that students must take before graduation or before he or she is admitted into a school of study.

The outcome assessment plans for this particular field include classroom instruction that will prepare students to succeed at a national level.

Education majors are required to pass the PRAXIS I before admittance into the teacher education program.

"I felt like my teachers did a great deal to help me succeed on the PRAXIS I," sophomore Bethany Kloske said. "Dr. [Maribeth] Downing directed us towards several resources available to education majors in the curriculum lab and she made sure that we were aware of Web sites that could [help] prepare us for the test."

Education majors are also required to pass the PRAXIS II to receive their licensure to teach.

"Dr. [Pat] Bashaw and Dr. [Donny] Lee did a wonderful job of giving me the information that I needed to succeed on the PRAXIS II through their classes on classroom management and principles of learning and teaching," Gracie McKeand, who graduated in December, said.

Other departments also use national tests or develop in-house methods to gauge the level of success the students

within the department are reaching. The political science department prepares students for its senior level research class, or capstone class, which requires them to use all the skills they have developed while in the department and introduces them to graduate-level study.

"I feel my senior research class is preparing me for my future career in the political science field," senior Jonathan Hessling said. "It is calling upon all of my abilities that I have acquired through my classroom instruction in the political science department and helping me to experience graduate-level study that will prepare me for law school."

Assessment not only measures students' achievement, but also the university's ability to help students succeed.

Through past assessments, changes have been made to improve the level of education Harding students receive.

"The assessment process allows us to know how well we are achieving our mission," Long said. "Students gain because each time we improve the curriculum or the campus or our services, the change is designed to help the students."

One example of these changes can be seen in the physical science department. At students' request, the department converted a science building room into a study lounge equipped with four computers, a printer and tables and chairs for science students.

The department also made changes in the requirements for the biochemistry major.



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison

Dr. Beth Wilson, chairman of the University Assessment Committee, listens to comments during an assessment committee meeting Feb. 19. The university's next accreditation process will take place in the fall of 2004.

"Assessment forced us to choose requirements that were best to produce clean, focused majors," Dr. David Cole, chairman of the physical science department and member of the UAC, said. "We were able to do that without increasing the total number of required hours or decreasing the number of elective hours."

The UAC has recently created a form to give graduating seniors that will enable the university to contact the graduate's employers.

These forms will question employers on the job skills the

graduate came to their job with so each department can better equip students for the work place.

"These forms will only be used to gather knowledge on skills and deposition so that the university can use them to better prepare students," Dr. Beth Wilson, chairman of the UAC, said.

Through surveys and various other forms of testing, the university plans to create a culture of assessment that will allow the university to continue to improve its level of academic excellence.

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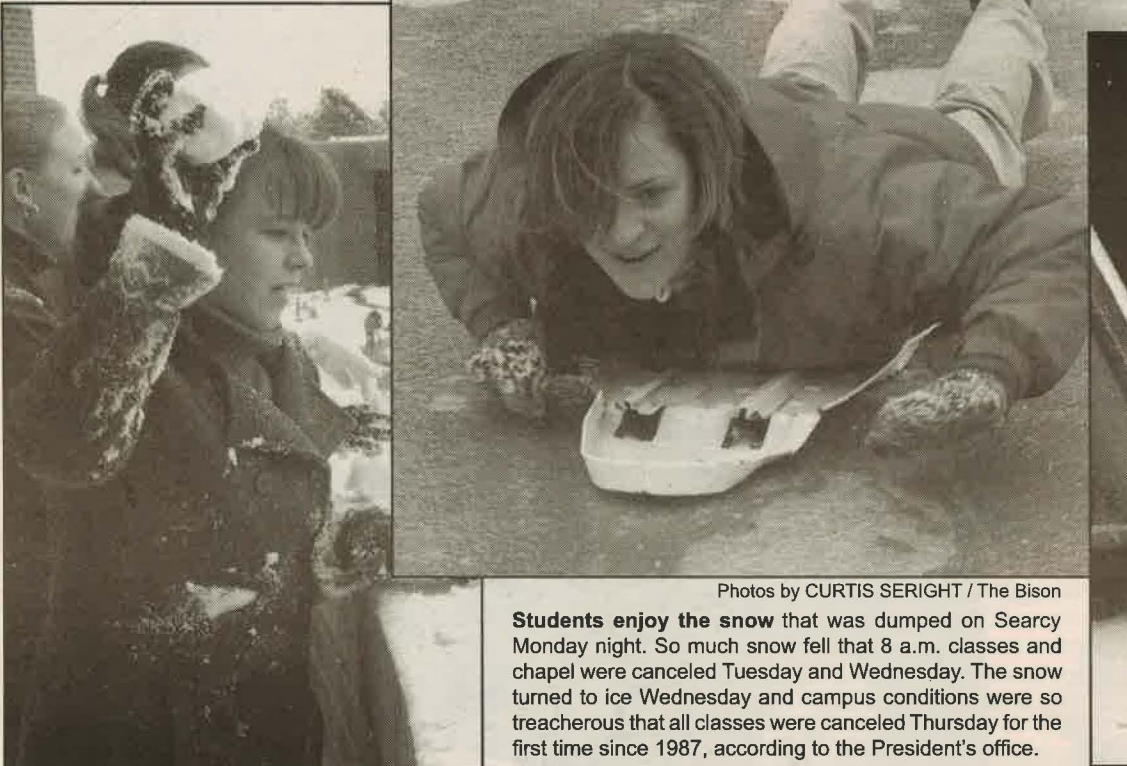
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SNOW DAY !

Classes canceled for the first time since 1987



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Students enjoy the snow that was dumped on Searcy Monday night. So much snow fell that 8 a.m. classes and chapel were canceled Tuesday and Wednesday. The snow turned to ice Wednesday and campus conditions were so treacherous that all classes were canceled Thursday for the first time since 1987, according to the President's office.



Photo courtesy of LOWELL MYERS

Student volunteers prepare mail-outs to the community for the Christian Health Ministry.

Clinic promotes medical ministry

CLAUDIA RAMIREZ
Staff writer

Members of the Harding community have found a new way to reach out to the citizens of Searcy — they are volunteering their time at the Christian Health Ministry, which provides health care and counseling to those in the community who can't afford it.

The ministry, 104 E. Vine St. in Searcy, opened its doors in March 2001 and is open every Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

Taleen Luna, research assistant in the Center for World Missions, said her experiences as a volunteer translator for the ministry have been rewarding. She translates medical information in Spanish to those who can't speak English, including one Hispanic woman who came to the clinic to have a pregnancy test done.

"The fact that I could be there to tell her that she was going to be having her first baby was such a great experience," Luna said. "I am thankful this lady found somebody at the ministry who was able to take care of her and to communicate with her in her own language. I

think the Hispanics feel encouraged when they find somebody that can speak their language and explain to them all the medical procedures and insurance information."

The CHM is a nonprofit outreach care ministry with the mission of helping the medically disadvantaged in White County. The "medically disadvantaged," as defined by the CHM Board of Directors, are those who find themselves unable to pay for medical treatment, have no private medical insurance, are not receiving Medicare or Medicaid or have a very low income.

The ministry provides services to anyone regardless of race, religion or gender as long as the individual meets the eligibility criteria. The CHM staff is staffed entirely by volunteers and is operated through donations from individuals, churches and business.

More than 200 volunteers gave their time and talents to the ministry during its first year of operation.

On a typical Sunday, one or two physicians, two or three nurses, two waiting room greeters, a Spanish translator, two office workers, two pharmacists and

one pharmacy technician work at the ministry.

"I think that sometimes, by helping with the physical needs of people, you open the door to help them in their spiritual needs," senior Stephanie Giesemann, who works at the ministry as a translator and greeter, said. "Even people with no specific illness come to the clinic and find somebody to talk to, or to have somebody pray for them."

Volunteers also help those who don't have health insurance find and obtain benefits.

According to Lowell Myers, director and coordinator of the program, 2,000 patients received care during the first year of operation. Hispanics make up about seven percent of this group. Another seven percent are made up of African-Americans.

The ministry has contributed both medically and spiritually to the patients, according to Myers. Through contact with the ministry, more than 60 people have expressed an interest in participating in Bible studies.

"[The CHM] is a holistic health care provider," Myers said. "They treat body, mind and spirit."

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Super China Buffet features variety, good service

New restaurant plans to provide deliveries to campus, offers discounts to Harding students

BETHANY THOMPSON
Staff writer

The owner of Super China Buffet, Searcy's newest Chinese restaurant, didn't need a fortune cookie to tell him serving delicious food in a comfortable atmosphere with great service would make the restaurant popular in the Harding community.

Richard Zheng, the owner, has been in the food service business since 1992. He owns restaurants in Long Island, N.Y., and Iowa. He also plans to open a new restaurant in Hobbs, New Mexico.

He said the Super China Buffet is already making a profit and estimates 25 percent is from the Harding community.

Super China Buffet offers a special discount to Harding students.

In fact, the majority of Harding students that I questioned think Super China Buffet is the way to go when it comes to Chinese cuisine in Searcy.

"I don't have much experience with the Chinese restaurants in Searcy, but I really like [Super China Buffet]," junior Erin Reed said. "It was pretty good. I went with some friends, and we all stuffed ourselves."

Senior Sarah Carpenter also said she enjoys eating at the Super China Buffet.

"The food was really good

The seafood and spicy dishes were all very tasty. The buffet even had such amenities as pepperoni pizza and chicken nuggets for the All-American customer who is afraid to branch out.

and the atmosphere was inviting," Carpenter said. "I will definitely go back."

So I decided to check it out and see what all the fuss is about.

The first thing I noticed when I walked in the door was the huge buffet.

The decor was Asian-inspired, and the atmosphere was comfortable. Pictures of China were proudly displayed on the walls.

The buffet boasted several delicious selections. The Sesame Chicken, Honey Teriyaki Chicken and Mongolian Beef were a few of my favorites.

The seafood and spicy dishes were all very tasty. The buffet even had such amenities as pepperoni pizza and chicken nuggets for the All-American customer who is afraid to branch out.

Diners can finish up their meal with a whole bar-full of desert selections from— ice cream to cream puffs to Jell-O to fruit.



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison

Freshman Holly Workman peruses the selection of entrees at Super China Buffet on Race Street. The restaurant, which opened last semester, offers a variety of dinner and dessert items, as well as a discount to Harding students.

The dinner buffet costs \$6.99 for adults and \$3.95 for children under 11.

Adult lunchtime buffets cost \$5.35 and children's lunchtime buffets cost \$2.95.

The service at Super China Buffet surpassed that of many Chinese restaurants I have visited.

The waiters and waitresses appeared every five minutes to make sure we had enough to

drink and were comfortable. They were all very helpful and friendly.

My only advice to Super China Buffet would be to try to broaden the variety of music and reorganize the seating space into something a little more comfortable and spacious.

All in all, the buffet is a nice night out.

Students who don't want to eat in the restaurant can order

take-out. Menus can be picked up at the restaurant.

The menu includes traditional foods like Chicken Chow Mein for \$3.30 per pint, Sweet and Sour Pork for \$3.85 per pint, Sesame Beef for \$8.15 per order and General Tso's Chicken for \$7.75 per order.

The verdict? Super China Buffet really delivers when it comes to food variety and service.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Son of Abijah
- 4 Portion
- 8 Female
- 12 Own (Scot.)
- 13 Hindu stringed instrument
- 14 Toward shelter
- 15 Sheep disease
- 16 Sprit (2 words)
- 18 Camelot lady
- 20 Varnish ingredient
- 21 Straw braid
- 25 Confusion
- 29 Occasional
- 32 Counsel
- 33 Rocket fuel
- 34 Friend of Pythias
- 36 Turk. title
- 37 Galatea's beloved
- 39 Redo
- 41 Pleasant-smelling bean
- 43 Tooth pulp
- 44 Mountain on

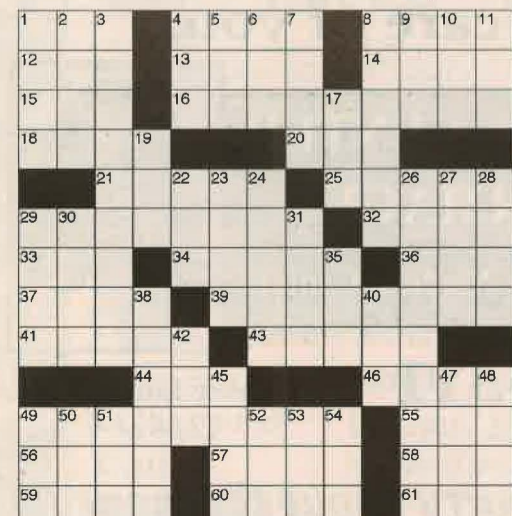
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- 1 Rhine tributary
- 2 Condition (suf.)
- 3 Serum
- 4 Television channel
- 5 Objective
- 6 Genetic letters
- 7 Lofty
- 8 Chilean volcano
- 9 Peak
- 10 Body of water
- 11 Serum (pref.)

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- 17 Science class
- 19 Daughters of the American Revolution (abbr.)
- 22 Son of Zilpah
- 23 "Cantique de Noel" composer
- 24 Marsh
- 26 Castor (2 words)
- 27 Restive
- 28 Shak. king
- 29 Lath
- 30 Little: music
- 31 Industrial fuel
- 35 Grandfather of Saul
- 38 Gaunt
- 40 Egg (pref.)
- 42 Amer. Dental Assn. (abbr.)
- 45 Sweetsop
- 47 E. Indian tanning tree
- 48 New sugarcane shoot
- 49 Number (suf.)
- 50 Electric unit
- 51 Trouble
- 52 Amazon tributary
- 53 Exclamations of delight
- 54 Ultimate degree



WEEK FIVE: The forum of Corinth

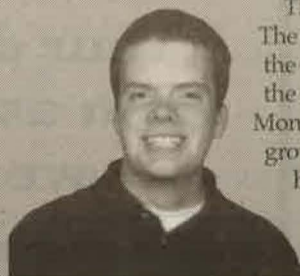
The 43 students studying in Greece this semester were far from the cold winter weather that assaulted Arkansas last week.

The week began with a visit to the Egyptian Museum where artifacts from the dynasties of the past, including the treasures found in the tomb of King Tut, are found. Those keen to experience desert transportation had the opportunity to take a ride on the back of a camel before a light show in front of the Great Sphinx.

Security provided by the Egyptian government helped displace the uncertainty created by world events. Heavily armed guards and police escorts kept the HUG group out of harm's way throughout the trip.

A visit to the second-largest mosque in the world in Cairo provided insight into the religion that captivates the Arab world. While visits to perfume manufacturers, carpet weaving schools and jewelry dealers provided the group with ample opportunities to return with souvenirs, many were just as pleased with a bottle of desert sand from the base of the pyramids.

The last day of the journey was spent in three different continents. The HUG group visited the ruins of the Israelite village of Succoth in the land of Goshen (Exodus 12:37) before crossing the Suez Canal into the Sinai Peninsula of Asia. The third continent of the day was hit on Monday evening when an Egypt Air plane landed in Europe with a group of travelers, weary from the journey of a lifetime, who were happy to be home.



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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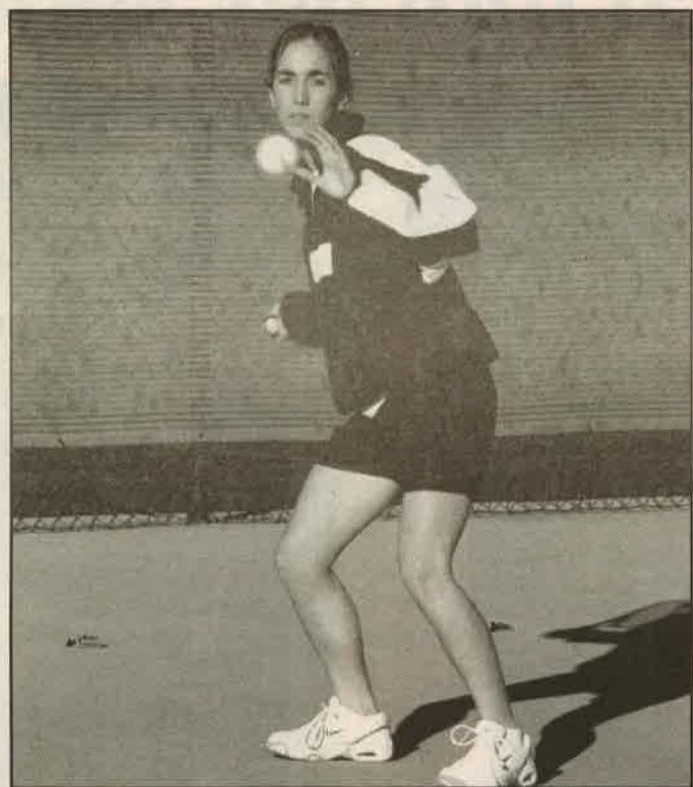
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Day of Outreach March 5

"But whosoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?"
I John 3:17

Tennis teams on hold



Senior Daniela Corrales takes a swing earlier this month during tennis practice. Recent rain, snow and ice has kept the Bisons and Lady Bisons off the court for nearly two weeks. The men are 6-1, while the women are 3-1 and ranked No. 26 in Division II.

Around the horn

Zeta Rho, Knights claim A-level titles

Gamma Sigma Phi swept all four levels of men's small/middle club basketball, while 10 other clubs split the remaining titles. Most championship games were held last week. The potluck basketball tournaments are now under way, with club softball and women's club soccer coming soon.

Women's clubs

Zeta Rho (A), Omega Lambda Chi (B), Ju Go Ju (large C), Kappa Gamma Epsilon (small/middle C), Ko Jo Kai (D).

Men's clubs

Knights (large A), TNT (large B),

Seminoles (large C), Pi Kappa Epsilon (large D), Titans (large E and F).

HU releases 2003 football schedule

The tentative football schedule for this fall was released last week. Home games are in bold:

Sept. 6 at East Central (Okla.)
 Sept. 20 North Alabama
 Sept. 27 Arkansas Tech
 Oct. 4 at West Alabama
 Oct. 11 West Georgia
 Oct. 18 Henderson State
 Oct. 25 at Ark.-Monticello
 Nov. 1 at Delta State
 Nov. 8 Southern Arkansas
 Nov. 15 at Ouachita Baptist

Trotter provides hot bat for Harding's hot corner

CODY USHER
Staff writer

Junior third baseman Morgan Trotter is on pace to shatter Harding's career RBI record of 123. The Fort Smith native has 93 RBI in his career to date, including a single-season record of 54 set last season. Trotter has a career batting average of .315 and 14 home runs, tied for fourth in Harding history.

Trotter's teammates appreciate his skills and what he brings to the team.

"Morgan is an extremely hard worker," sophomore second baseman Jake Kirby said. "When it comes to hitting, he has a pure swing. He's rarely in a slump."

Head coach Shane Fullerton says Trotter is a good example of what a Harding baseball player should be.

"We want our guys to have three priorities," Fullerton said. "First is to be a good person and have a Christian attitude. Second is to be a good student. Third is to be a good baseball player and show up every day with the expectation of working hard and winning. Morgan is the epitome of all those things."

This season, Trotter is third on the team in hitting with a .317 average. He has seven RBI, one home run and one double. Trotter has four multiple-hit games this season, including two Feb. 15 against Southwest Baptist.

Trotter came to Harding because his parents did. He felt the university could help him improve.

"I came to Harding because it's a family tradition," Trotter said. "Then, coach Fullerton recruited me and it seemed to be a good place to be to clean up some."



Junior Morgan Trotter slaps a single to the left side during Harding's 5-1 victory against Southwest Baptist in the first game of a Feb. 15 doubleheader. Trotter is closing in on the school record for career RBI.

"Morgan is an extremely hard worker. When it comes to hitting, he has a pure swing. He's rarely in a slump."

Jake Kirby, sophomore

In spite of his individual accomplishments, Trotter is a team player.

"Our main goal is to win the Gulf South Conference championship," Trotter said. "We have the pitching staff, defense and lineup to be contenders at the national level."

Fullerton feels confident about having Trotter on the field.

"He brings a consistent, competitive, never-say-die attitude to the field," Fullerton said. "He's a very hard and methodical worker. Every time he is at the plate you expect something good to happen."

Baseball

Upcoming games

Saturday vs. Christian Brothers
 12 p.m., DH, Jerry Moore Field
 Sunday vs. Christian Brothers
 1 p.m., DH, Jerry Moore Field
 Wednesday vs. Freed-Hardeman
 2 p.m. at Millington, Tenn.

Recent games

Feb. 20 vs. Central Baptist: W, 5-1 and 9-0
 Feb. 22 vs. Northeastern State: rained out
 Feb. 24 vs. East Central Okla.: rained out

Kirby, who hits in front of Trotter, helps him out with his team-leading six stolen bases.

"It's fun hitting in front of him," Kirby said. "Morgan is a big RBI producer. It's good to know we can be a good run-producing combo."

Trotter hopes to continue playing baseball after he's finished with school.

"Hopefully someone will notice me and I can get drafted or sign as a free agent," Trotter said. "If not, I have an accounting and finance degree to fall back on."

Indoor track on path to nationals

TODD RAMSEY
Staff writer

The indoor track team will finish the regular season this weekend at the Virginia Tech Last Chance Meet. After the Virginia meet, the team will take two weeks to prepare for the NCAA Division II Indoor National Meet.

Four HU runners and the men's 4x400 relay team have posted times good enough to have a chance to be invited to nationals, which will be March 14-15 in Boston.

Harding's likely qualifiers include senior Jacob Rotich, junior Maciej Mierczko and sophomore

Helen Singoei in the 5,000-meter run, senior Tyler Kemmerer in the 400-meter dash and the 4x400 relay team.

Coach Steve Guymon said the team has been building on the success of last year.

"The returning runners are a year older and a little stronger," Guymon said. "They run better as they get older. Coach [Bryan] Phillips left me a group of great athletes."

The team is hoping to get some runners in the top eight in the nation, which would qualify them for All-America status. Several runners are poised to achieve that.

The 4x400 relay team has a good chance to be named All-America, Guymon said.

"I was pretty happy with everyone's performances," sophomore Reed Fisher said. "We qualified a lot of people for nationals. We only lost one runner from last year and we all ran a little faster and did a little better this year."

In last weekend's meet at the University of Missouri, Singoei and freshman Abby Rodenbeck won the 5,000 meter and mile runs, respectively.

Sophomore Kenly Penn led the Bisons with a second-place showing in the pole vault.

For the record

MEN'S BASKETBALL (19-6, 11-3 GSC)

Played at ATU Thursday; Result not available
 @Christian Brothers 107, Harding 101 (2OT)

#	HU	FG	3PT	FT	RB	F	TP	A	T	B	S
32	Brogdon	2-5	0-1	0-0	2	1	4	1	1	0	1
34	Malek	4-11	1-6	2-2	3	3	11	1	4	0	1
50	Ibrahim	4-6	0-0	1-4	5	2	9	0	4	0	3
15	Vault	7-7	1-1	2-2	5	4	17	1	2	0	2
21	Farley	5-11	2-2	6-6	4	2	18	4	4	1	0
4	McCrillis	2-7	1-4	4-4	1	3	9	2	4	0	0
10	Campbell	6-14	2-2	2-2	6	5	16	2	4	0	1
14	Ware	5-7	1-1	2-4	7	3	13	1	0	0	0
52	Butvydas	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
12	Ashcraft	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	37-70	8-17	19-24	38	23	101	13	23	18		

@Harding 94, Ouachita Baptist 72

#	HU	FG	3PT	FT	RB	F	TP	A	T	B	S
32	Brogdon	1-3	1-2	1-2	3	5	4	2	0	0	1
34	Malek	5-10	1-4	4-7	2	3	15	4	2	0	3
50	Ibrahim	4-5	0-0	2-4	4	2	10	0	0	0	1
15	Vault	5-6	1-1	0-0	3	2	11	3	1	0	2
21	Farley	4-10	1-5	8-10	4	2	17	2	4	0	1
4	McCrillis	1-3	1-3	4-4	3	3	7	3	1	0	0
10	Campbell	4-6	1-2	4-7	4	4	13	1	1	0	0
14	Ware	5-8	1-1	2-5	6	2	13	2	1	0	2
52	Butvydas	1-1	0-0	2-2	1	2	4	0	2	0	0
Totals	30-52	7-18	27-41	32	21	94	17	12	0	10	

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (17-8, 8-6 GSC)

Played at ATU Thursday; Result not available
 @Christian Brothers 83, Harding 77 (2OT)

#	HU	FG	3PT	FT	RB	F	TP	A	T	B	S
20	Beard	0-5	0-3	4-6	7	5	4	0	1	0	0
24	Hammit	5-14	2-6	5-6	2	4	17	3	1	0	2
34	Phillips	7-13	1-3	5-6	9	1	20	0	1	1	0
35	Simpson	5-12	1-1	7-9	7	2	18	1	3	1	0
52	Lawrence	3-10	1-2	4-11	14	4	11	0	3	1	0
10	Hobbs	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
23	Haynes	0-3	0-2	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
25	Berry	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
30	Hammond	0-2	0-0	1-2	3	3	1	2	0	1	0
55	Simpkins	2-2	2-2	0-0	1	5	6	1	2	0	0
Totals	22-61	7-19	26-40	48	29	77	61	4	3	3	

@Harding 91, Ouachita Baptist 71

#	HU	FG	3PT	FT	RB	F	TP	A	T	B	S
20	Beard	3-6	3-6	0-0	1	2	9	3	1	0	0
24	Hammit	5-13	3-7	0-0	1	3	13	5	1	0	3
34	Phillips	6-14	2-4	2-2	4	2	16	4	2	0	3
35	Simpson	4-5	0-1	7-8	4	4	15	1	1	0	0
52	Lawrence	10-16	1-1	2-4	19	4	23	3	3	0	0
10	Hobbs	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
23	Haynes	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
25	Berry	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
55	Simpkins	3-6	1-2	3-7	5	2	10	3	4	0	2
Totals	33-62	11-22	14-21	38	19	91	21	13	3	8	

BASEBALL (9-2)

@Harding 5, Central Baptist 1 (Game 1)
 C. Baptist 000 010 0 - 1 3 0 (0-10)
 Harding 102 002 X - 5 6 1 (8-2)
 Win-A. Gurley (2-0) Loss-C. Baxter T-1:39 A-115
 HR HU - M. Trotter (1), M. Connert (2)
 @Harding 9, Central Baptist 0 (Game 2)
 C. Baptist 000 000 0 - 0 1 0 (0-11)
 Harding 311 013 X - 9 13 1 (9-2)
 Win-B. Kimbrough (1-0) Loss-D. Dale T-1:50 A-75

INDOOR TRACK

University of Missouri All-Comers Meet
 Helen Singoei, 5,000 meters, 17:43.6, 1st place
 Sarah Reardon, 5,000 meters, 18:12.5, 2nd place
 Abby Rodenbeck, mile, 5:43.1, 1st place
 Rodenbeck, 800 meters, 2:34.35, 3rd place
 Synda Veitenheimer, 60-meter hurdles, 9.58, 6th
 Kenly Penn, pole vault, 14'0", 2nd place
 Bert Green, 60 meters, 7.00, 3rd place
 Shelly Arberry, 800 meters, 2:06.30, 4th place
 Gary Luna, 400 meters, 50.60, 6th place
 Shawn Barrios, 400 meters, 52.14, 13th place
 Ben Collins, 3000 meters, 9:49.3, 9th place

MEN'S TENNIS (6-1) & WOMEN'S TENNIS (3-1)
 Recent matches canceled because of weather.



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Bisons blast OBU to clinch tourney spot

RYAN COOK
Sports editor

With Monday night's 94-72 victory against Ouachita Baptist, the Bisons locked up their second consecutive berth in the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

But the Bisons, who were 19-6 overall and 11-3 in conference play before Thursday night's game at Arkansas Tech, still had unfinished business in the regular season.

Victories at Tech and in Saturday night's regular-season finale at home against first-place Henderson State, would give the Bisons a share of their first GSC West Division title.

"I hope everybody will come out [Saturday]," coach Jeff Morgan said. "Regardless of what happens Thursday, it will be a big game for us."

In any case, the Bisons are in the conference tournament, which will be held next weekend at the BancorpSouth Center in Tupelo, Miss.

"It's getting to be such a big deal just to make the conference tournament, because they only take four of the nine schools on our side," Morgan said. "We're excited about getting back there, and hopefully we'll be able to lean on last year's experience and play a little better than we did last year."

The Bisons could finish anywhere from first to third in the division. Henderson State and Delta

Men's BB

West Division	GSC	All
*Henderson State	13-2	24-4
*Harding	11-3	19-6
*Delta State	10-4	19-6
Ouachita Baptist	9-5	15-10
Christian Brothers	7-7	16-11
Central Arkansas	5-10	5-19
Arkansas Tech	4-10	11-14
Ark-Monticello	4-10	9-16
Southern Arkansas	1-13	5-20
*Clinched GSC Tournament berth		

This week's games

Thursday, Feb. 27

(scores not available at press time)
HU at ATU SAU at UCA
CBU at UAM DSU at OBU

Saturday, March 1

HSU at HU ATU at DSU
SAU at CBU UAM at OBU

End of Regular Season

Gulf South Conference Tournament
at BancorpSouth Center in Tupelo, Miss.

Pairings to be determined

Friday, March 7

Quarterfinals: Noon, 2:53, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Semifinals: 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 9

Final: 3 p.m.

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Coach Jeff Morgan

and the Bisons were ranked No. 6 in this week's South Region Poll.

"If we win our last two [regular season] games, we have a great shot to be in [the NCAA Tournament] no matter what we do in Tupelo," Morgan said. "If we win one of our last two and win one in Tupelo, I think we've got a chance."

A tough double-overtime loss Feb. 20 at Christian Brothers made Harding's road to the division title more difficult, but the blowout against OBU put the Bisons back on the winning track.

Henderson State took a 85-74 victory Feb. 1 in Arkadelphia. The teams have dominated the GSC this season, taking the top two spots in five statistical categories — scoring average, scoring margin, free-throw percentage, field goal percentage and assists.

"You can't let Henderson have those three or four minutes where they kind of separate themselves," Morgan said. "They're a difficult team to come back on because of their ball control and tempo."



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison
Senior Chris Campbell is fouled by Ouachita Baptist's Bunyan Johnson on a 3-point attempt late in the first half of Harding's 94-72 victory. Campbell made all three free throws, sparking an 11-1 run that gave the Bisons momentum for the rest of the game.

Lady Bisons clinging to hope

Loss at Christian Brothers puts HU on verge of elimination

RYAN COOK
Sports editor

The Lady Bisons remained in the hunt for the fourth and final West Division spot in the Gulf South Conference Tournament with a 91-71 victory over Ouachita Baptist Monday at Rhodes Field House.

Entering Thursday night's game at division-leading Arkansas Tech, the Lady Bisons (17-8, 8-6) trailed Delta State (17-6, 9-5) by a game in the league standings. Delta State played at OBU Thursday.



Lawrence

Both teams close the regular season Saturday night. Harding hosts Henderson

State, while DSU will host Tech.

To make the tournament, the Lady Bisons need to win more than DSU does in the final two games.

"If we make it to the conference tournament, we will have chosen the hard road," Harding coach Brad Francis said. "We're still in the hunt, and that's certainly a place we haven't been the last couple of years. We'll take it."

The Lady Bisons' postseason hopes took a serious hit Feb. 20 with a double-overtime loss at last-place Christian Brothers.

But the dominating victory against the Lady Tigers got Harding back in the race. Senior Heather Lawrence scored a career-high 23 points and grabbed 19 rebounds — one short of her career best.

"They really had a hard time stopping her, especially when she



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison
Dribbling between two Ouachita Baptist defenders, freshman Chelsea Simpson drives toward the hoop Monday during the Lady Bisons' 91-71 victory. Simpson had 15 points against the Lady Tigers and has hit double figures in points in four of her last five games.

was hitting that outside shot as well as being able to take it to the basket," Francis said.

Harding shot better than 50 percent from the field for the first time this season, making 33 of 62 shots.

"We love to beat OBU, and beating them by 20 is really good," Lawrence said. "We had a disappointing game Thursday. We battled hard in practice the last two days, and we tried to come out here tonight and prove that we're still in the running."

Five Lady Bisons scored in double figures against OBU: Lawrence, junior Tiffany Phillips (16), freshman Chelsea Simpson (15), senior Julie Hammitt (13) and sophomore Jamie Simpkins (10).

Henderson State defeated Harding, 75-54, in the teams' first meeting of the season Feb. 1 in Arkadelphia.

Women's BB

West Division	GSC	All
*Arkansas Tech	12-2	22-3
*Central Arkansas	11-4	22-4
*Henderson State	11-4	18-8
Delta State	9-5	17-6
Harding	8-6	17-8
Arkansas-Monticello	5-9	12-10
Ouachita Baptist	4-10	12-13
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Sunday, March 9

Final: 1 p.m.

Tupelo trip coming next week

With the Bisons' berth in the Gulf South Conference Tournament assured, we can now set our sights on Tupelo, Miss., where the diehards among the Rhodes Rowdies will converge next weekend to encourage their Bisons.

More than 3,000 Rowdies will be at Saturday night's game against Henderson State at Rhodes Field House. And for good reason. It has the makings of a memorable matchup, and the stakes couldn't be higher.

But, regardless of the outcome of Saturday's game, Tupelo is the place to be next weekend. Here's some Q&A:

Where is Tupelo?

It's 210 miles away, to be exact, according to Yahoo! Maps. Basically, you go to Memphis on U.S. 64 and Interstate 55, then swing around Memphis on Interstate 240 to U.S. 78. That road will take you right to Tupelo. It's a four-hour trip, give or take a half hour.

Why Tupelo?

The city may be best known as the birthplace of Elvis, but it also has a rather ugly arena called the BancorpSouth Center. It's not a bad place for a conference tournament, and it's a neutral site that is somewhat centrally located between the GSC East and West Division schools.

When will the Bisons play?

All four men's quarterfinals are Friday. Game times are noon, 2, 5:30 and 7:30. Because the seedings are still up in the air, it is unclear what time the Bisons will be in action.

Coach Jeff Morgan is hoping

Ryan Cook

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for a late game, but is happy that the first round is on Friday instead of Thursday this year.

"It might be easier [for people to get there], because it's on a Friday," he said. "Hopefully, we'll have a good crowd. It will depend on how we get matched up and what time."

Who will the Bisons play?

Harding could finish first, second or third in the West Division, which would match them with the fourth, third or second place team from the East in the first round.

Alabama-Huntsville, North Alabama, Lincoln Memorial, West Georgia and Valdosta State are in the running out East.

"It's really hard to tell [who the Bisons will face]," Morgan said. "There's a lot of different scenarios. It's real hard to make plans."

What's at stake?

A win or two in Tupelo would greatly enhance the Bisons' NCAA Tournament resume.

What coverage is planned?

At least four members of *The Bison* staff are heading to Tupelo. Look for extensive preview coverage next Friday, then a special tournament edition the Monday or Tuesday after.