Students expected to register online

From STAFF REPORTS

For the first time in more than 18 years, students will not have to attend the traditional area registration in the Campus Athletic Center when they arrive on campus in January for the spring semester, which officially begins Wednesday, Jan. 14. Thanks to Banner, the new information management software implemented University-wide this year, students are to register online using Campus Pipeline.

Keith Cronk, vice president for Information Technology, said the new system will make it easier for students to register, but it places the responsibility of registering on the students' shoulders.

"This registration process is a new way of thinking," Cronk said. "This is much simpler for the students because they can do it all online, hopefully without having to stand in a line. But the students need to understand it is now more their responsibility."

Beginning last week, Cronk said students are able to view their accounts under the School Services tab in Campus Pipeline. By viewing their accounts, students will see what business they need to complete in order to be fully registered for the spring semester, but this was previously explained to them and taken care of on registration day in the GAC.

Now, because there is no area registration, students must go to individual offices to take care of unfinished business.

Some of the items students may see on their checklist of requirements include paying the required $2,300 down payment to the business office, signing a lease, and reserving a chapel seat.

Molly Noble, director of the business office, said it would be in the best interest of all students to complete these requirements before they left for Christmas break, so they could avoid possible lines in January.

In addition, students can register financially during the break online, over the phone or by mail. If students do not complete these requirements by Feb. 20, the University will drop their classes, and they will be charged a $100 fee to have a schedule reentered.

"We are excited about trying the new registration procedure," Noble said.

Holiday lights

The holiday lights display at Berryhill Park on Moore Street is a yearly tradition in Searcy. The display is a reminder to Harding students that they will soon celebrate their own traditions with family and friends over the upcoming break.

State overcome by flu outbreak

Student Health Services out of vaccines, requests caution, cleanliness from students

MATT BLANSETT

The Arkansas Department of Health said in a release Monday that 68 of the state's 75 counties reported cases of the influenza virus, prompting the Centers for Disease Control to list the state as one of ten where the virus is widespread.

Compounding the problem is the nation-wide shortage of flu vaccines due to the early start of the annual flu season. Many medical units, including Harding's Student Health Services, are now turning away those seeking vaccinations.

According to Ann Wright, director of communications at the ADH, only 10,000 flu vaccines remain at public health units in the state and supplies are running low.

Student Health Services ran out last week, and a representative from the Searcy Medical Center did not know of any available vaccines in the city.

The CDC estimates the flu is responsible for 36,000 deaths each year, and Wright encourages students to do their best to get vaccinated.

"Check with a local health unit or a private physician for vaccinations," Wright said. "You have to do a little digging. We had the flu so early this year."

The ADH said the flu vaccine is made one year in advance. The CDC tries to choose six of the more than 40 strains they believe will be the most common and makes a vaccine using only the six chosen strains.

This year, one mutation of the flu that was not included in the vaccine has been more widespread than anticipated. Although this one strain is not covered in the shot, the ADH still recommends getting a flu shot if one can be found.

Pat Rice, director of Student Health Services, said getting a flu shot is the best way to prevent the disease. She said this year she has given more flu shots than any other year she has been at Harding.

"Most people get the flu from touching something, and then putting their hands on their face," Rice said. "The flu is very easily transferred."

Rice said staying rested, drinking plenty of liquids and keeping hands away from the mouth could keep students from getting the virus. She said frequent hand washing is a way to keep from contracting or spreading the virus.

New year, new beginnings

Juniors to spend holiday break preparing for year on mission field in Africa

JEFFREY C. HUNTER

Editor-in-chief


All four men will leave Jan. 14 to spend a year living, working and spreading the Gospel in Kenya.

"I think probably every item on our Christmas list is for Africa purposes," Hendrix said.

The men, all business or computer science majors, will teach English and Bible at a secondary school of more than 200 students in Chepkong'o, a rural area of Kenya four hours northwest of Nairobi.

They will trade their life in Harding's Allen Hall for a small concrete house with a tin roof. There they will eat meals of rice and beans and raise much of their own food.

The group initially planned to serve on a six-week internship in Africa. The idea was to spend an entire year, literally, on a whim.

"One night Chris and I were just hanging out, talking about the internship and feeling like we weren't serving God like we should," Gerber said. "We felt like we were too comfortable here, and we just decided that we really feel a passion to go to Africa. We decided we'd go serve for a year."

After initial interest in Capetown, South Africa and Swaziland, the group decided on Kenya in July.

"Throughout the past year, the men have spent time planning for their journey with Oseal Tinkersley, missionary in residence, and Dr. Monte Cox, director of the Center for World Missions.

"We've done so much work to prepare logistically and learn about the culture and some of the language," Johnston said. "It's been tough, but we feel we are learning enough to get along."

The group plans to use their teaching positions as a point of outreach to area churches.

"We're all very interested in youth," Gerber said. "There aren't many opportunities like it, to take one year off and serve as a Christian example to these kids."

The group hopes to make the most of their opportunities by instituting after-school clubs, such as choirs and drama teams, and to reach out to students and local churches, Hendrix said.

"But that's just our plan," Gerber said. "God could have a totally different plan for us."

The men said God has already shown His presence in their plans - most notably in the outsourcing of support for their mission work. The group has raised almost all of the $60,000 projected cost.

There were so many times that we doubted that we could raise the money," Gerber said. "And then God showed us we were wrong and in a lot of ways we got the money we needed, possibly even more."

While taking a year off may disrupt their future plans, it is an opportunity the four don't want to pass up, Johnston said.

"We're kind of in a unique opportunity because we don't have anything tying us down," Johnston said. "He said, 'Why don't you take a year, a year off, and see what you're in a unique time?'"
Christian college enrollment down overall

Enrollment at colleges associated with the churches of Christ fell from 23,508 undergraduate students last fall to 22,940 this fall, according to the Christian Chronicle.

The Chronicle’s annual enrollment report found that 12 of the 19 schools participating in the study experienced a drop in undergraduate full-time enrollment. Harding had the largest undergraduate enrollment, recorded at 4,074 students. Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., had the highest overall enrollment with 4,923 students.

Wildfires destroy church members’ homes

The Churches of Christ Disaster Relief reports that 11 members of the churches of Christ, including two ministers, lost their homes to wildfires that blackened more than 750,000 acres in Southern California. The Christian Chronicle reports several congregations helping wildfire victims, and the CDDR distributing food boxes, infant care boxes and cleaning supplies to families throughout Southern California.

State legislature meeting in special session

Gov. Mike Huckabee called the Arkansas legislature into special session Dec. 8 to address the reform of public education. The session was called to meet a state Supreme Court deadline to enact legislation to overhaul the public education system.

According to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, the state Supreme Court ruled Arkansas’ school funding unconstitutional in a Nov. 21, 2002 ruling. The court gave the state until Jan. 1, 2004, to fix problems. The legislature has yet to make a decision.

Ritter resigns Aramark post, university hoping to find replacement soon

JONATHAN MELLISH
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After serving more than five years as Aramark’s Food Services Director on the Harding campus, Steve Ritter resigned and is relocating to Christian Brothers University in Memphis.

Ritter, an Aramark employee for 11 years, said he is relocating in order to be closer to his family.

"Personally, I wish I didn't have to leave Harding," Ritter said, "but I made the decision on a personal level.

Ritter, who graduated from Harding in 1991, said the completion of the cafeteria’s remodeling process this fall made it easier for him to make the move.

"I wanted to get the remodel project off the ground before I left," Ritter said. "I wanted to be happy with how it will be with it when I return to the campus."

In September, Ritter announced his intentions and has been gradually making the move from Harding’s cafeteria to Chris­tian Brothers. Judy Hart, Aramark representative, is handling the day-to-day operations on Harding’s campus when Ritter is away.

A permanent replacement has not been named yet, but Mel Sanbon, vice president for finance and CFO, said the new director will be chosen soon.

“My guess is [it will be] two to three weeks until a decision is made,” Sanbon said. “Depending on who is chosen it may take longer before the new candidate is in place.”

The new director will continue to improve the food services at Harding, Sanbon said.

“We want to keep positive momentum, and choosing the right person plays a big part in that,” Sanbon said. “We'll continue to work on the little things, and continue to provide more variety on the menu.”

Richardson to head new grad program

Professor looking forward to fulfilling administration’s vision

DEANN THOMAS
Staff writer

Dr. Bill Richardson, associate professor of Bible, has been appointed director of the master’s program in Bible that is being added to Harding’s Summer College. 

President David Burks said a committee appointed Richardson because he has strong, leadership and teaching skills and is networked in the broader community.

“I’m so glad [Richardson] is willing to accept this very important position,” Burks said. “He’s been an outstanding scholar and leader.”

The program will offer students from all disciplines the opportunity to obtain a professional degree in Bible in much less time and will include more practical components in degree.

When people graduate with their bachelor’s degree, they are well-equipped but still with a lot of lessons to learn," Richardson said. "They learn from what they experience. If we can further their training and teach them through people skills, we can further their chances of success.”

Richardson plans to arrange an adult-oriented schedule for the program, where participants don’t have to be full-time students on campus.

The program will give students who are working elsewhere the opportunity to attend classes during weekends or by traveling for a week at a time.

Initiated by Burks and approved by the Board of Trustees Oct. 17, the program is still in the beginning stages of forming. The planning committee met for the first time Dec. 6 to begin discussing the program’s details.

Richardson said he hopes to have a lot of issues clarified before the program will be available in the fall of 2004.

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“Richardson hopes the new master’s program in Scarcy and the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis will provide complementary training for ministers. The Scarcy program will be designed to meet different needs than the HUGSR. Most notably, the program will be able to be completed in much less time and will include more practical components in degree.

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— Bill Richardson, associate professor of Bible

Flu vaccines in short supply across state

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“You also need to lower your self isolated,” Rice said.

“The flu is contagious and can be easily transferred to others. Students in the dorm should urge their parents if they are sick.”

Those who already have the virus may have an option as well, Rice said.

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Administrators stress responsibility in new online registration procedures

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"But students need to understand the importance of taking care of business. The university really will be forced to drop their schedules if they don't."

While administrators believe the new online system will make the registration process simpler for students, Cronk said it makes it more difficult for the university to have an accurate account of which students actually showed up on campus for the spring semester.

As a result, students are instructed to log onto the School Services tab in Campus Pipeline and click the "yes" button on the arrival confirmation screen immediately after they arrive on campus.

Cronk said a student does not confirm his arrival before Jan. 20. His schedule will be dropped.

"The arrival confirmation screen will be online Jan. 12-16," Cronk said. "That gives the student one week to confirm his or her arrival on campus. Of course, even though we are giving the students a week to confirm their arrival, they still must go to classes that week."

Because officials know most students will be back on campus by Tuesday, Jan. 13, the office of Student Life is organizing a Welcome Center that day from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the student center.

According to Dustin Vyers, student activities coordinator, the event will include music, free hot chocolate and cookies, door prizes, local vendors who will be distributing coupons and free gifts, and an information desk where students who have not completed the registration process can ask questions.

"The Welcome Center will be a place where students can hang out and reunite with friends they haven't seen in a few weeks," Vyers said. "The event is not required for registrations; the students would be registering on their own.

"It's just a place where we can welcome the students back to campus and provide an information desk in case anyone has questions about how to complete their registration.

Vyers said students on campus the day before classes begin will also have the opportunity to see free movies in the Benge Auditorium and participate in free play in the CAU."

Registration check list

Before Christmas break

• Click on the "Check Your Registration Status" link under the School Services tab in Campus Pipeline to view what business items you need to complete to be fully registered for the spring semester, and then fulfill those requirements.

When you arrive in January

• Fulfill any spring registration requirements you did not take care of before Christmas break.

• Confirm your arrival on campus by clicking the "Registration Status/Arrival Confirmation" link under the School Services tab in Campus Pipeline. Follow the directions.

Before Jan. 20

• Students must fulfill all spring registration requirements and verify their arrival on campus by Jan. 20 or their classes will be dropped and they may have to pay a $50 fee to have a schedule re-entered. Students are expected to attend classes beginning Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Eight students conquer marathon in Memphis

ANDREA MARTIN
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As he ran his 16th mile, senior Justin Bland began wondering why he had agreed to run in the St. Jude Memphis Marathon.

He tried to distract himself from his exhaustion by imagining himself somewhere else, thinking about people, daydreaming and praying.

"I felt the wall at mile 16, and I really started to dissociate," Bland said. "I hated running. I hurt so badly. [Another] seven miles went by, and I went from discouragement to despair."

Bland was one of eight Harding students who participated in the marathon Dec. 6 in an effort to raise funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Seniors Sarah Shields, Jeremy Garman and Autumn Riley, juniors Matt Tignor, Andy Capps and Dave Pritchett, and sophomore Whit Jordan ran the downtown Memphis course along with 3,000 other people.

When the runners reached the 23rd mile marker, they found several other Harding students had assembled to encourage them.

Bland said this encouragement was what got him through the rest of the marathon.

Bland and Jordan both entered the marathon in hopes of qualifying for the Boston Marathon. Jordan finished 23 minutes after the qualifying time.

"I didn't finish quite as well as I hoped," Jordan said. "I still thought I did great because I did finish the marathon, and I beat my personal record. It was the fastest marathon I have run."

While Jordan was running in his third marathon, some Harding runners, like Tignor, were running in a marathon for the first time.

He said the daunting course did not deter him from considering running again.

"It's something neat to say that I ran a marathon," Tignor said. "I am thinking of running again on April 24 in Nashville,"

The runners had spent several months training because the marathon was so strenuous, Pritchett said.

"I've been running all semester," Pritchett said. "I run three times during the week and do a long run on Saturdays working our way up to 18-20 miles."

Tignor said the training helped prepare him for the race.

"By running long, it got our endurance up and it got us closer to reaching our 26.2 mile mark," Tignor said. "When I was running the race I didn't like it too much, but I'm glad I did it now."
Blue purses, memories and a song

Curse of Huntington's disease leads to a disguised blessing

RENEE LEWIS

I remember as a little girl hearing my Aunt Renee's voice while lying in bed. I remember jumping out of bed as soon as I heard her say hello to my parents in the early mornings. I remember racing down the stairs because I couldn't wait to see her.

I remember Aunt Renee so well. I still see her sitting on my couch, sipping her coffee and pursuing her next to her feet. I still hear her complaining about how low her blood pressure is and how she no longer wants to go to the flower shop that day and deal with customers.

Maybe the thing I remember the most about Aunt Renee is how much she loved me and my sisters. Every Christmas my mother would count on the higglety, cockle gifts from her. She was always taking us on cool trips, the movies, the mall, the fair; whenever the wind blew us, she took us out.

I loved her so much it was unbelievable. The day I got to go school with August my parents called to tell me Aunt Renee, who was 47, wasn't going to make it through the week. She was already undergoing Huntington's disease for four years.

My mom said, "Renee, there's no reason for you to come home for this. You just need to watch how you have your student's publications retreat. Go. Have fun. It will be OK." I went on the retreat. The last day of the retreat one of my great friends put his hand on my shoulder and told me I needed to call home. My heart raced. I knew what I was going to hear on the other end of the phone. I didn't want to know but I had to be true. I wanted Aunt Renee to be well again.

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I also wish that I was able to gain complete control over time and space so I could go back and undo every dumb, pointless, trite, insane, meaningless and hurtful thing I've ever done.

But I can't do that, so I guess I just have to end up going back to everybody else on this planet to have a bit of sympathy for their fellow human being, realize that other people have known that I am about as far removed from being nobody as possible. And you know it's just going to have to move on anyway.

There's a little saying on the board in the Cone Hall lobby that says "Could you be the boy who was proud of the man you are becoming?" Fortunately, I can say yes. I am sorry for every goof-up I've ever made, especially if I hurt you. I'm sorry for my laughter at your pain or misunderstanding. And look! AuntRushton just apologized for something and it's already in the newspaper!

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Guest Room

wanted her to be sitting on my couch, sipping coffee and complaining about work. You wanted to be back in your room again listening to her voice carry up the stairs. I wanted everything to go back to normal.

I called home and I heard those words. I shut the door and sobbed. It was a day I knew I had to go home.

So five days after I made the 15-hour drive to Arkansas, I hopped on a plane back to Cleveland. I suggested Aunt R in to get a brother - my father, I cried with my sisters, I watched my mother cover her face. My child held his baby son, who was my aunt would never see grow into a man.

On a crystal clear Saturday morning, I sat in the funeral home and said, "Lucy, I have your student's publications retreat. Go. Have fun. It will be OK." I went on the retreat. The last day of the retreat one of my great friends put his hand on my shoulder and told me I needed to call home. My heart raced. I knew what I was going to hear on the other end of the phone. I didn't want to know but I had to be true. I wanted Aunt Renee to be well again.

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Too much life in Dead Week

Tradition fading as faculty, students fill week with work

One of Harding's most perplexing traditions is the last week of classes before final exams begin. It is a week full of academic and social stresses that are unparalleled to any other time during the semester. In many ways, this week could be considered one of Harding's busiest, yet it is the week we mysteriously call "Dead Week." In short, Dead Week is anything but dead—instead it is overflowing with the rigors of Harding life. Students are buried under activity, preventing them from having the amount of time they desire to prepare for approaching final examinations. Students blame professors for eliminating Dead Week by packing it full of projects, tests and endless assignments. Students are blamed for procrastinating and filling the week with social events. Everyone is guilty. It is only natural for faculty and students to feel the need to take advantage of the amount of homework, tests and projects leading up to finals week is not conducive to adequate preparation. A little mercy on behalf of the faculty during Dead Week would be greatly appreciated. Before students begin to complain about the amount of work they are given during Dead Week, they should stop to observe their own additions to their busy schedules. Self-restraint, organization and advanced planning on the students' part would go a long way toward clearing up the clutter of Dead Week.

It seems that faculty members sometimes forget that students have final examinations and projects in every class, not just theirs.

If money were not an issue, what's the best gift you could receive this Christmas?

I would like to be able to feed every hungry child.

A buffalo, preferably stuffed for safety purposes.

I would like a lifetime supply of chicken biscuits from Chick-fil-A. Yum!

To be with family and friends.

Jeffrey C. Hunter

And the Survey Says...

You might have opened your mailbox earlier this week to find a rather conspicuous piece of mail. If you were among the 600 randomly selected students or faculty members, hopefully, it did not disappoint its junk mail. We did our best to convince each recipient that it was not junk mail. We even went so far as to brand "this is not junk mail" across the front of the packet. And why? Because it wasn't junk. In fact, it was extremely important correspondence between a newspaper and its readers. Your opinion of this newspaper is very important, and we were hoping this survey would give you valuable feedback to help make us improve. And boy, do you readers know how to give feedback. As suspected, the responses were varied. The BISON's writing was considered everything from excellent to "menial and cheezy" to downright poor. Many were very complimentary of the BISON's sports coverage, while others let loose without mercy. (This prompts me to give one small reminder: we just write the sports stories, we are not responsible for the scores.)

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Memories of Christmas Past

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Staff writer

It was like a huge family reunion because everyone was there," Chamo said. "It was a really great time for my family."

Christmas is a huge celebration for the Chamo family. On Christmas Eve, everyone gathers in one place to share a Guatemalan Christmas dinner, which includes tamales, a variety of meats and other foods, and a fruit drink called ponche. Then, the family stays up until midnight to celebrate with firecrackers.

"Every Christmas the entire country plays with firecrackers at midnight," Chamo said. "Everyone in the family goes around and hugs each other. It's really a big deal!"

Getting together with family is also what makes Christmas special for Teresa McLeod, disability specialist and counselor.

Part of the McLeod Christmas revolves around music. Every year, the family plays the guitar and sings to their favorite songs, which range from Christmas carols to gospel and old country and western. Traditionally, at the end of the night McLeod's sister and father close the Christmas festivities by harmonizing together on "Silent Night."

During one memorable Christmas, McLeod and her husband, Randy, stayed up all night Christmas Eve putting together bicycles for each of their five children. The completed bicycles took up the entire living room space.

"With three boys and two girls, we always have full house," she said. "It definitely was a full house with all the bicycles. We couldn't even see the Christmas tree."

McLeod said it was really special when all five children dressed up in their new sweatsuits the next day and rode out together on their bicycles.

"I hate that everyone gets so stressed about gifts when the joy of Christmas is being together," McLeod said. "Christmas to me is family. We have special food, special people and a special time together."

WHITE STRIPES

No Home For You

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"Elephant," while it has received radio airplay, seems like a novelty in the world of popular music. The fact that the White Stripes have managed to reach stardom with music this out of step with the times seems like a miracle. From dressing like Georgia O'Keefe and Tammy Wynette on the cover, to their cover of Burt Bacharach and Hal David's "I Just Don't Know What To Do With Myself," the Stripes make it clear they have little interest in today's sounds.

The delights of this record are plentiful. They are the kind of little moments like the "woos" in the Beatles' "She Loves You" or the stuttering in the Who's "My Generation."

The way Jack White pronounces button as "bun" on "The Hardest Button To Button," and the way the opening harmonies of "There's No Home For You Here" sound like a lo-fi Queen are these sorts of moments.

Then, there are the previously mentioned tracks are two of my favorites; they show the ability of the Stripes to play Jack White's distorted guitar in full display on these songs. "Ball and Biscuit" is probably the best demonstration of Jack White's guitar playing.

This song gets closer to the spirit of the blues than any song in recent memory. His guitar tone sounds like that of an aged bluesman playing through a busted vintage amp on the front porch of his shotgun shack.

"Jack White has also managed to make an impression as the finest female rock drummer in recent memory. Without her drumming there would be nothing to anchor this bass guitar-less duo ("Seven Nation Army" being an obvious exception). At the other end of the spectrum is the delicate piano backed innocence of "I Want to Be the Boy to Warm Your Mother's Heart," a song that features lyrics such as "I'm inclined to go finish high school/Just to make her notice that I'm around."

Imagine R. Kelly trying to sing a lyric like that: you'll recognize the old shadow this band is casting on the desert that is modern pop music.

The album closes on a light note with acoustic guitar backed "Well It's True That We Love One Another," a song that features guest vocals by Holly Golightly. The song features her and Jack White singing back and forth about their true feelings for each other.

The lyrics are a hokey, and the song's sound brings to mind that old Mamas and Papas song where they sang, "and nobody's gettin' fat but Mama Cass." This song is the perfect end to the stylistic journey the Stripes deliver on this album.
Following an 87-81 loss to Division-I Arkansas State University in Jonesboro Nov. 27 and an 82-80 loss to the University of Arkansas-Little Rock in 2003, expectations were high as the Bisons entered this season's rematch with the UALR Trojans Dec. 9.

A majority of the announced 3,756 in attendance at the Delta Arena was clad in black and gold and anticipated witnessing Harding's first-ever victory against a Division-I opponent.

The Bisons, however, could not overcome a season-low shooting percentage and other offensive miscues as the Trojans ran away with the game tied the score at two, the Trojans Dec. 9. Hall's dunk just over a minute into the game tied the score at two, the Trojans Dec. 9. Hall's dunk just over a minute into the first half and then have HU come back," Shields said. "You've got to be conscious of that." For the first three minutes of the second half, a Ware free throw was the only point scored. However, a lay-up by Trojan guard Zach Graber started a scoring streak. UALR never relinquished the lead against Arkansas State game, with them being up 27 points, and the Trojans on the scoreboard from behind the free-throw line against UALR.

HU athletes, coaches named to All-GSC teams

The 2003 fall athletic season has been among the most successful in Harding's history. For the second straight season, the men's athletic program ranks first in all sports points for the Gulf South Conference. The women's athletic program ranks first in all sports points for the first time since joining the Gulf South Conference in 2000.

In addition to the success garnered in team play, Harding has also been successful among its individual athletes and coaches.

The following is a list of the 25 student athletes and two coaches named to All-Gulf South Conference teams this season.

Football
First Team
Tim Polk, Torrance Daniels, Marco Cole
Second Team
Santiago Collins, Justin Beller

Cross Country
First Team-Men
Jacob Robb, Peter Koespi, Scott Wietecha, Reed Fisher, Maciej Mironceko, Steve Guymon - Coach of the Year
Second Team-Women
Helen Singo, Vicky Echeverria

Volleyball
First Team
Veronica Prie, Kate Kennedy
Second Team
Shalla Farley, Annie Morrison

Soccer
First Team-Men
Veronica Prie, Kate Kennedy
Second Team-Men
Shalla Farley, Annie Morrison

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Lady Bisons look toward youth for non-conference victories

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From glancing at the Lady Bi­
sion's basketball roster, one might think head coach Brad Francis spent the off-season in search of the Foun­
tain of Youth.

The Lady Bisons list seven freshmen on the active roster while sporting just one senior. Francis knows much of the off-sea­
son would be spent in preparing the underclassmen for the intensity and physicality of the college game.

"We know coming into the season the freshmen would have the chance to contribute early and often," Francis said.

The ladies will be called upon to contribute Saturday at the Rhodes Field House when the Lady Bisons take on Southeast Baptist Univer­
sity. Tip-off is at 6 p.m.

Francis said the key in prepa­
ing the girls from game to game is improving upon what they learned in high school.

"I think they have most of high
school behind them," Francis said.

"Every night you guys there'll be a
team. It's not like high school."

Eight games into the season, the Lady Bison sit on an even record at 4-4. Francis attributes the con­
tributions of the freshmen to the wins the team has accomplished thus far.

Freshmen shooting guards Betty Glover and Ashley Finney have found themselves fitting into the scoring role. Glover is averag­
ing 8.5 points per game, ranking second on the team, while Finney ranks just behind her with 8.1 points per game.

Both are averaging more than 20 minutes of playing time per game.

Glover was uncertain about how much she would be able to contribute her freshman season.

"I wasn't sure what my role was going to be exactly. I just try to learn every day from the upperclassmen.

Freshman point guard Angie

Tackett is also averaging more than 20 minutes of playing time this season. She leads the team in assists with 23.

A Freed-Hardeman University

student in 2002, Tackett was a mem­
ber of the basketball team and did not

play competitive basketball. She left the diamond to come play on the hardwood for the Lady Bisons.

"I just spent the summer try­
ing to get into basketball shape," Tackett said. "In the beginning it was hard making the transition to the college game. But we're starting to get a lot better now."

The non-conference schedule has given the underclassmen the opportunity to adjust to the college level. The ladies believe they will be ready when the conference season begins in January.

"The non-conference season is extremely important for freshmen to get used to the college level," Glover said. "It's to get some test­

time jitters out of the way in order to compete better in night and night out."