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Top 8 moments from Elite 8

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Mason Parker, one of the NCAA’s sponsored Make-A-Wish recipients, and senior guard Andi Haney help the team get pumped before the tip-off against the Ashland Eagles on March 22. Parker was able to attend several of the Elite 8 games. “We love Mason so, so much,” Haney said about their littlest fan.

Freshman guard Jenni Nadeau, redshirt freshman guard Hannah Jameson and senior forward Correy Miller cheer for their teammates from the sidelines on March 21 against the Queens College Knights.

Sophomore guard Caroline Hogue scores a layup against the Ashland Eagles on March 22. Hogue’s younger sister, Kennedy “Weezy” Hogue, passed away on New Year’s Day this year. “Weezy loved watching us play basketball,” Caroline Hogue said in a January interview. “(This) was a team coming together who had something to fight for.”

The Harding University pep band, the “Sixth Man Band,” cheers for the team on March 22 against the Ashland Eagles. The Bison band was the only band to make the journey all the way to Columbus, Ohio, to support their team.
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The Arkansas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (ACADP) is outraged by the Arkansas death penalty executions within the span of a few days. The organization said, according to CNN, "This planned mass execution is gruesome and unprecedented."

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A year ago, I woke up to several missed calls. I was studying abroad on the HUA program and saw Cole once during a FaceTime with my sister. On November 21, Cole still makes an impact on my family today. Pictures of him decorate our home, and we remember him every year, some days more than others, like on his birthday or the day he passed. And since we had him, we all view Thursday, November 21 differently.

I understand when people find a little uncomfortable being around those with Down syndrome and it seems awkward of what to say or do and how to interact with them. I used to feel awkward because Down syndrome was unfamiliar and different; but should not in any way be studied! Above all, keep in mind that those with Down syndrome aren’t stupid. Many of them attend college, live independently and get jobs. It is because of that fear that many families are still not fully used as an instict today. I had really hoped that more could come in reality how offensive it is years ago. I was upset but I still needed to ask my great-grandmother about her name. She didn't invent anything nor is she a political leader, but she was one of the majority of known history, and this is a month when women have been subjugated and forgotten for themselves who made such a huge impact on American culture. Women have been subjugated and forgotten for the month, just to get it out of the way in case she forgets, but never know what you might learn from them. My family sometimes refers to it as the “R” word. Down syndrome is not something to be used as a punch line. It still angers me when someone sees something they think is stupid and the first thing that comes to their mind is “ stupid.” I miss Cole, and I feel like I could have seen his sweet face through FaceTime pictures. I wish, I could have held him. But he will never be forgotten, and every November 21 will always be an important date for my family and me. I hope that those who read this will think twice about the things they say, because the idea that a person with Down syndrome is stupid makes me sick. Above all, I encourage readers to interact with people who have Down syndrome if they find the opportunity. You never know what you might learn from them.

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Trump's Republic

O n March 15, the White House released a budget proposal that included a shadowing statute: the Disestablishment of the National Endowment for the Arts, a governmental patronage program providing support and funding for music, dance, theater, literature, and other proprietary of artistic works. With the head of the arts program, David Hackett Fink, is the guest writers' stories as they deem necessary, while also making sure that our community has to say and hope that, in return, that consumers will think back to playing the original game, even though it is the same games with a fresh coat of paint. We get what we pay for, or rather I am in a just a service that video game companies use to quicken its back, and it works.

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Is Lebron really that good?

A few weeks ago, a debate arose about group text messages between a few of my friends. A friend of mine received a picture of Lebron James, the star of the Cleveland Cavaliers, with the following question: “Take Lebron to the ‘90s. Would he dominate the game back then?”

The reply probably sums it up in a message group that is meant to be a group of 12 guys; there were some very diverse responses to this question; it was quite the controversy.

It is hard for me to say if Lebron would dominate the NBA back in the days of Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Reggie Miller and Charles Barkley, to name a few. But there were arguments from both sides of this debate that are in the message group that I believe are worth mentioning.

One argument presented by Dobber to Lebron dominating the ‘90s is his athletic ability. In general without saying that Lebron James is the best athlete of this era, he is 6’8”, 220 pounds, but his wingspan is 84, and he can run the length of a basketball court in less than nine seconds. If the answer is yes, it’s about 13. With the unlimited talent Dobber sees in Lebron, it is easy to understand why he dominates the basketball world. However, Dobber also says that his extraordinary basketball IQ, with his athletic abilities and physical playing style of the hard-nosed era of the ‘90s? It does that necessarily mean he would dominate? Maybe.

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With the win of a double header on Sunday against GMC competition Oklahoma Baptist, Harding holds its opponents in the best 3-1 record in the game (as games). These also added them up from being ranked No. 16 to No. 11 in the nation.

“Coming into the season humbling and being ranked has been a huge thing for us,” sophomore shortstop Autumn Lawellin said. “It’s been exciting.” Harding wins eight of 12 straight started back on Feb. 24. The Lady Bisons won 8-0 in five innings on Feb. 24. The Lady Bisons were 5 in five games and 8-0-3 this Sunday. The third straight shutout Harding has won all four of the season.

“I have seen major improvement in the team,” said head coach Tim Kirby. “The team has accomplished a lot since we started. We have sold all the field and the beginning of this season to get stronger, faster and prepare for the season ahead of us.”

The now 11th-ranked Lady Bisons are quietly making history with freshman pitcher Autumn Lawellin named GMC softball pitcher of the week, while pitching a perfect game, improving to 1-1 in the season, and picking up her sixth shutout of the season.

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“I know the season on this team has worked extremely hard to help the players and leaders we need to be in order to help this team grow,” senior catcher Kimmy Heidebrech Campbell said. “It’s awesome to see all come together at we’ve gotten great players and held off the foundation we all began four years ago.”

Lawellin said although they broke the season one game at a time, they are looking forward to the future.

“Convinced in the process in one of our team goals this season,” Hendricks-Campbell said. “If we’re able to take one day at a time, we will end up where we want to be.”

Senior pitcher Hannah Johnson improved to 13-3 when pitching in its first game on Sunday. She threw the complete game shutout for Harding, giving up four hits and having one strikeout against 20 batters.

“My favorite thing about this team is we are not a serious group of girls; when it’s time to play we are serious, but if there are pre-game routines all it heart and fun,” Johnson said. “I think that is why we are successful because we are relaxed when we play.”

On the second game against ORU Harding had for him, led by third baseman Amanda Berdon who went 2 for 3.

“If looking forward to being able on the field,” Elizabeth Amos Berdon said. “As a senior, knowing that this is the last time I’m going to get to play this game, I’m looking forward to giving it all I have every day and knowing that I did everything I could to help my team be successful. I’m very excited to see what the rest of this season has in store for us.”

Their next game is a double header against SNU on Thursday and Saturday in Bethany, Oklahoma. The Lady Bisons next home game is a doubleheader on March 31, against Southeastern Oklahoma State.

The Lady Bisons go around head coach Tim Kirby during the Elite 8 game against the Ashland Eagles on Wednesday, March 22, in Columbus, Ohio.

“Just a lot of good players. That is how you do it. You just need to move on to the next.”

This was Harding’s 21st game of the season and against American Champion, regional Champion, for the first time, the Lady Bisons and Elite 8 Final Four and the first, finished the season with a 31-4 record, their first 30-win season.

“I know that going to one of this season’s, we worked really well together,” Koko said. “Throughout the season, we have shown that, just by battling back from being down big and also winning big. Doing both of those really helped us come to this point in the season where we got to make it to the Final Four.”
Senior Arielle Butler serves against Rhodes College at home on Wednesday, March 15. The Lady Bisons won, making it their fourth straight victory and advancing the team to 8-3 for the season.

"We've learned to find solutions to the problems we've faced," junior Brittany Smyser said. "We've learned to find solutions to the problems and challenges we've faced."
I just kind of was in a waiting room wanting to get my one-way ticket out of Venezuela. However, when I came to the U.S., I was scared to death. I felt like I was in the middle of nowhere and that somehow I should have died fighting instead of just running away like a coward. That’s when I really felt like Venezuela was my home."

Juan Prieto began at Harding in January 2017 as an international engineering major. After his first semester, the government pressured his family from aiming American dollars via currency exchange to pay for tuition. According to the CIA website, this act was intended across the country. The CIA reported that the Venezuelan government’s response to the declining economy was to increase state control, curbing economic growth in key industries and imposing strict controls on currency exchange to pay for tuition. The CIA reported that the Venezuelan government was determined to make the country in fear after March 31.

"When I got here, I had to do a job I really wasn’t used to doing," Mrs. Prieto said. "Back at home, I used to pay people to clean my house for me and now I had to do this very same thing. It was a humbling thing. I didn’t think it was easy, it was just kind of shocking to go from what I loved. I felt like I was being used. It was making me feel worth less and it was destroying that part of their lives and their children’s education."

The second and final installment of the Redefining Home series will appear as the next issue of The Bison, on stands March 30.
Arkansas is notorious for its deadly weather: with tornadoes being the most dangerous, there can be 75 degrees and sunny even when fearing the next. With Arkansas on the edge of tornado alley, residents need to be prepared for whatever weather comes their way.

Andy Woody, a training officer at the City of Searcy Fire Department, had a top terrorist tip to go inside, wherever that might be, staying on the first floor rather than away from windows.

Woody said there is so much emphasis today on chasing the storm for the best content to post on social media.

"Don't go for the Pulitzer Prize photo," Woody said. "When people want to get crazy pictures and crazy videos, they forget the dangers they are putting themselves in."

What a country is on a turnstile, it's on a turnstile for tornado formation. Watching normally begins three hours before the storm hits. The warning sirens are a high-pitched sound to warn people who are not aware to find shelter. The first department only sets off tornado sirens when it is an imminent threat.

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