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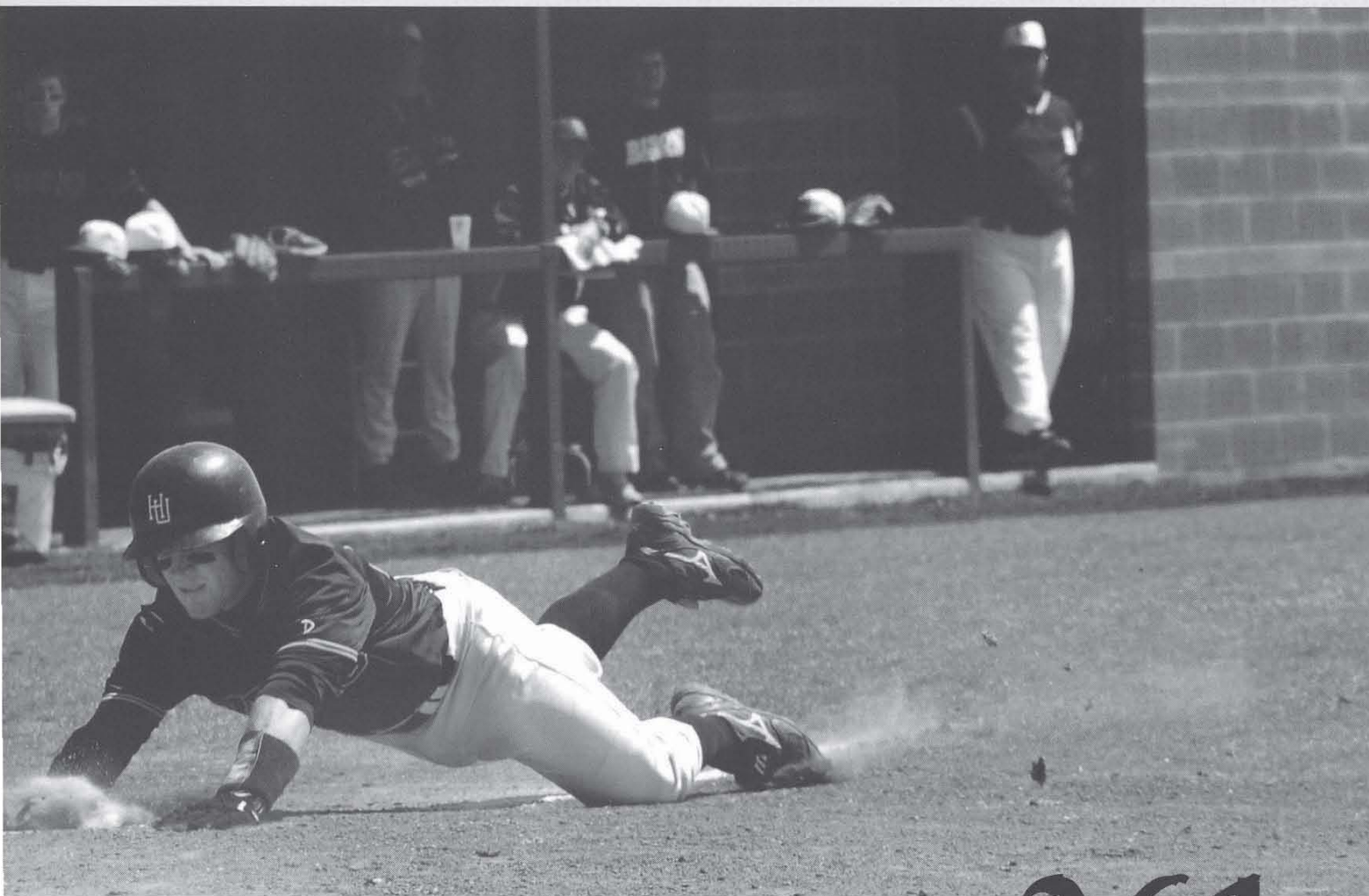
[Student athletes are those individuals who strive to go big! They are the ones who are unwilling to accept defeat but instead turn it into a way to **mold their skills to perfection**. They are determined to leave their mark on the record books and the university. They work hard and are dedicated to their craft. Like all good artists, they **see the flaws in even the best performances**, and, rather than simply dwell on the imperfections, they use them to improve.]

Heather Browning —
Athletics Editor



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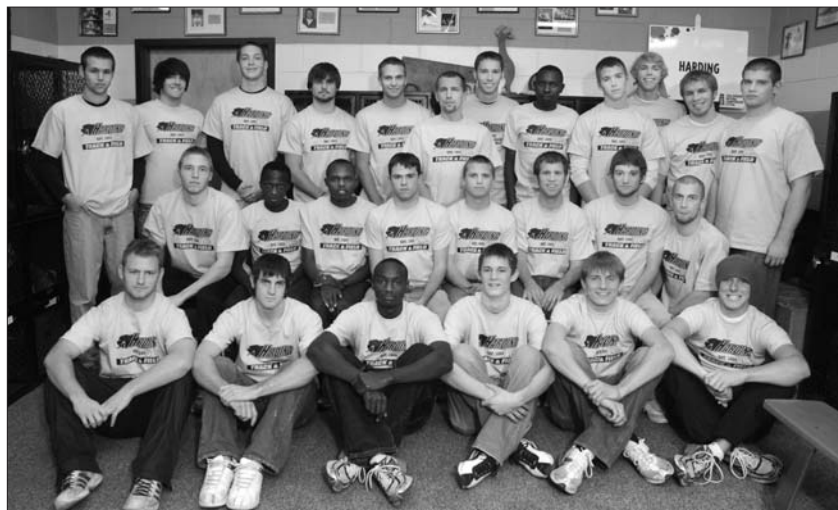
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- During the 2007 season, Harding hosted the first NCAA 11 South Regional Championships at the Ted Lloyd Track. The Bisons placed second at the meet, behind Alabama-Huntsville.

- Junior Julius Kosgei earned All-American honors in the 10,000 meters for the second straight year. Kosgei placed third in the event at the 2007 NCAA 11 Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

- In 2007, seniors Jordan Conley, Matthew Cregger, Artur Kern, Mary Brown and sophomore Malgorzata Drazkowska were named to ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District Track and Field/Cross Country Team. Conley, Creggor and Kern were three of 10 male runners placed on the ballot for Academic All-American and Brown and Drazkowska were two of 10 female runners placed on the ballot.



Row 1: J. Emery, J. Adkinson, T. Cheum, L. Wheeler, J. Adams, J. Whetstone. **Row 2:** R. Wood, J. Kosgei, D. Kirwa, F. Bolling, G. White, T. Davidson, T. Shelton, A. Hall. **Row 3:** M. Creggor, T. Fleming, D. Hahn, K. Kell, W. Ellis, A. Kern, J. Conley, J. Cheruiyot, C. Sessions, S. Wilson, Z. Starnes, L. Dover.



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Sophomore Shellie Rummer begins her portion of the 4x100 relay at the NCAA 11 South Regional Championship at Ted Lloyd Track on May 4, 2007. The Lady Bisons placed second in the event with a time of 53.44. (Craig Rainbolt)



TRADITION

Track and field coach leaves lasting legacy



Sophomore sprinter **Kreg Kell** runs in the 4x100 relay on May 4, 2007 during the NCAA II South Region Championships at Ted Lloyd Track. In addition to the 4x100 relay, Kell competed in the 100 meters, 200 meters, long jump and javelin throw during the meet. (Craig Rainbolt)

For more than two decades, Ted Lloyd, former track and field and cross-country coach, had coached numerous championship teams and inspired student athletes along the way. On February 23, 2007, Lloyd was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, a fitting honor for a world-renown coach and a man who set the standard for track and cross-country coaches everywhere.

Lloyd was honored in a ceremony held at Alltel Arena in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Other inductees honored at the ceremony included Little Rock native Jermain Taylor who was an undisputed Middleweight boxing champion of the world, Denver Broncos receiver Rod Smith and Willie Roaf who was a former offensive lineman for the New Orleans Saints as well as the Kansas City Chiefs.

Lloyd began his coaching career at Harding Academy, serving as the school's basketball, football and track and field coach before being hired as Harding University's head track and field coach in 1964. Later, Lloyd was named cross-country coach in 1968 and continued from 1970 to 1995. During Lloyd's tenure at Harding, he coached 22 men's cross-country teams and 10 women's teams to championships in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference (AIC). Under Lloyd's leadership, the men's track and field team won the AIC Track and Field Championships six times, and the women's team clinched the title three times. Coach Lloyd also coached 75 All-American athletes and six national champions.

According to the current head track and field and cross-country coach Steve Guymon, the value of Lloyd's coaching went far beyond the track.

"Coach Lloyd has made an impact on thousands of lives," Guymon said. "He has guided many students in the right direction and is always full of wisdom."

Lloyd was also named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 17 coach of the year 40 times, named to the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1983, and the Harding Athletics Hall of Fame in 1989. Lloyd was inducted into the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1999.

"My time coaching at Harding has been a dream come true," Lloyd said. "I have had the opportunity to coach great athletes, meet great people and travel while coaching international teams."

Though Coach Lloyd's records while at Harding were impressive, perhaps even more impressive was his involvement in coaching internationally. Lloyd travelled to the Caribbean, Brazil, Japan, Canada and Scotland coaching teams from around the world.

Scott Goode, Harding's Sports Information Director, said that he believed Lloyd established a legacy at Harding that would continue on.

"Coach Lloyd was able to spread the good news about Harding track and field through his international experience," Goode said. "Under Coach Lloyd's leadership, Harding went from a team that people knew about around the AIC to an internationally recognized program."

In addition to coaching, Lloyd presented track and field lectures in Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia.

"I admire Coach Lloyd's willingness to give people opportunities that they might not have otherwise had," Goode said. "He had an amazing ability to make people better than they thought they could be just by instilling confidence in that person. He showed that you can be an outstanding coach and a high-quality person at the same time."

(Tyler Neese)

Distance

Athlete embraces new culture

Traveling from Kazakhstan to Arkansas, sophomore international business major Olzhas Taniyev had already made quite a name for himself.

The only student from Kazakhstan, this tremendous talent was already an accomplished athlete before setting foot on Harding's courts. He attended the College of Kazntk in Almaty, Kazakhstan, where he was named champion of the Ariadna Club in Almaty and in the city of Almaty. He ranked No. 2 among juniors in Kazakhstan, and he was champion of the Capital Cup in his hometown.

Taniyev learned of Harding through his tennis coach. He was looking to play college tennis, and Harding offered him the opportunity.

"The best option for me was college tennis and the only country to do that in was the U.S.," Taniyev said. "Nowhere else can you play and get an education at the same time."

Bisons' tennis coach David Elliott complimented Taniyev on his healthy balance between school and tennis.

"He's in class, gets to practice early and is very, very professional," Elliot said.

The decision to come to Harding was Taniyev's, and his family was supportive the entire way.

"It was a little bit hard for the first couple of months to be so far from home," Taniyev said. "Yeah I miss home, but I'm here to play tennis and go to school. We stay in touch."

The biggest adjustment since leaving Kazakhstan was the simple fact that everyone spoke English. The Arkansas humidity was also difficult for Taniyev.

"It was a little hard to adjust to the climate," Taniyev said. "It's pretty hot in my country, but the humidity here is terrible."

When offering advice for future students from foreign countries interested in sports at Harding, Taniyev stressed the importance of learning English.

"It can be very stressful in a new environment," he said.

Being on the tennis team helped make the transition easier.

"Before, I played tennis individually, and now I play with the team," Taniyev said. "It's a good feeling to be on the team and be with the guys."

Teammate Ethan Bryant, a senior accounting major, had nothing but praise for Taniyev.

"This was my second year of playing on the team with Olzhas," Bryant said. "He has a great work ethic and unprecedented tenacity. He is a great guy."

Taniyev had similar feelings for his teammates.

"I just love my team and the coach," Taniyev said. "We are doing the same thing, just doing our best to win matches and be as good as we can for the school. That's our major aim."

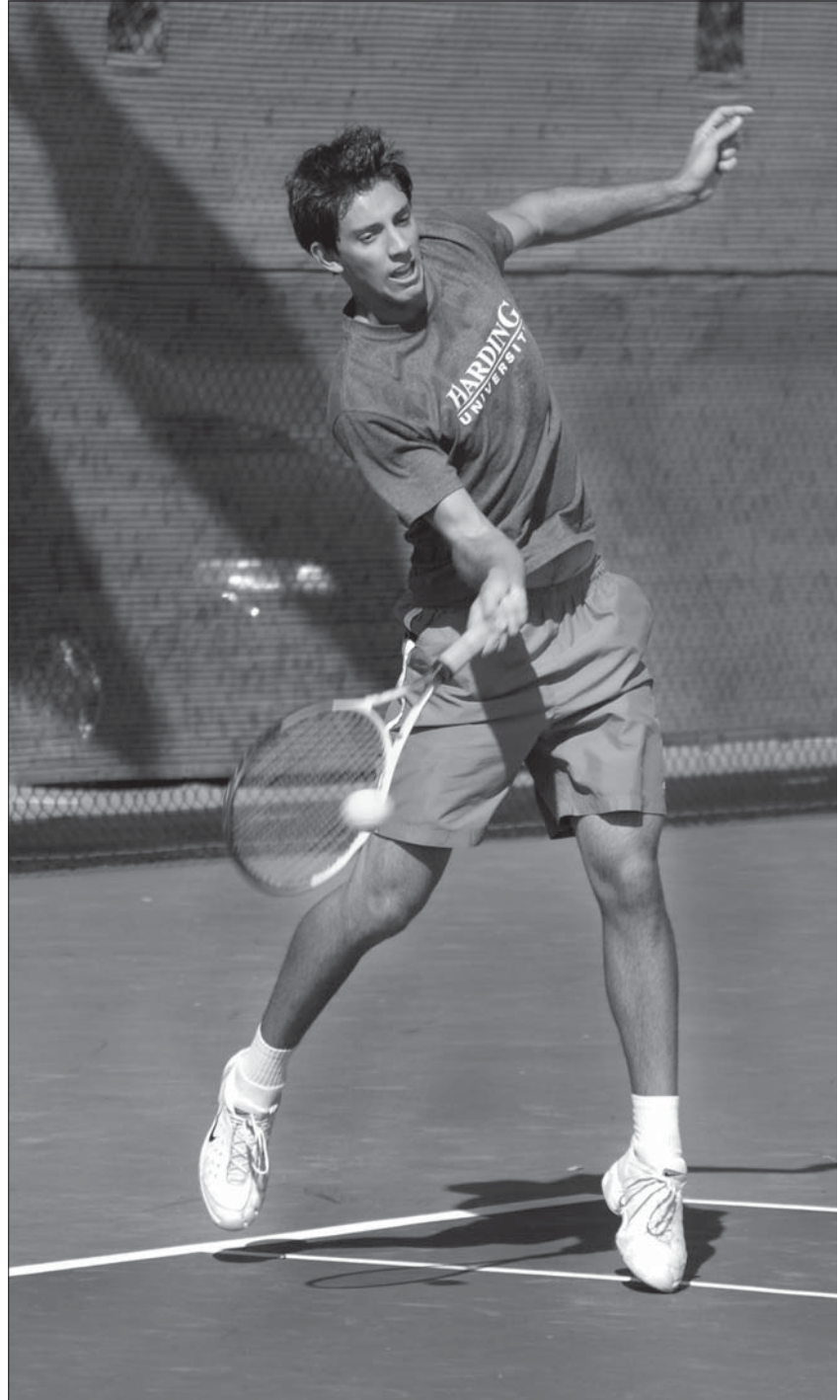
Some of Olzhas' favorite memories came from the teamwork and support of all the men.

Coach Elliott recognized what a vital role Olzhas was to the team.

Tennis had been a passionate part of Taniyev's life since age six, and he could not imagine his life without it.

"I started at six and have never stopped," Taniyev said. "I can't live without it. It's my lifestyle."

[Danielle Kanipe]



Sophomore Marco Ruiz smashes the ball during a match against the University of the Ozarks at Harding on April 9, 2007. The Bisons defeated the University of the Ozarks 8-1. [Jeff Montgomery]

Junior Ryan Roberts prepares to return a volley during an April 9, 2007 match against the University of the Ozarks. Roberts won the set 6-4 and 6-1. [Jeff Montgomery]



scoreboard

Hendrix.....	W 6-3, W 5-2
Lyon.....	W 9-0, W 9-0
Howard Payne.....	W 8-1
Southwest Baptist.....	L 1-8
Ozarks (Ark.).....	W 8-1, W 9-0
Christian Brothers.....	W 9-0, W 9-0
John Brown.....	W 9-0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff.....	W 9-0
Arkansas-Little Rock.....	L 0-7
LeMoyne-Owen.....	W 7-2, W 9-0
Lane.....	W 9-0
Bethel College.....	L 1-8
Freed-Hardeman.....	L 0-9
Delta State.....	L 1-8
Ouachita Baptist.....	L 1-8, L 0-5
West Alabama.....	W 5-3
Valdosta State.....	L 0-5



During a doubles match, sophomore Marco Ruiz and junior Richard Rios return a serve to their University of Arkansas at Fort Smith opponents April 4, 2007. The Bisons defeated the Lions 6-3. [Craig Rainbolt]

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- The 2006-2007 tennis season marked the third consecutive NCAA II National Tournament appearance for the Bisons and 7th overall appearance.

- Two members of the Bison tennis team, senior Ryan Roberts and sophomore Marco Ruiz, earned All-GSC honors during the 2006-2007 season. This marked Roberts' third straight GSC honor.

- The Bisons finished their season with a record of 15-8 overall. They went 1-2 in conference play and 5-2 in regional play.

scoreboard

Hendrix.....	W 9-0, W 9-0
Lyon.....	W 9-0, W 9-0
Howard Payne.....	W 7-2
Henderson State.....	W 5-4, W 6-3, W 7-2
Northeastern State.....	L 1-8
Southern Arkansas.....	W 8-1, W 8-1
Christian Brothers.....	W 9-0, W 9-0
John Brown.....	W 9-0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff.....	W 9-0
Arkansas-Little Rock.....	L 2-5
Arkansas Tech.....	W 9-0, W 7-2
LeMoyne-Owen.....	W 8-1, W 9-0
Bethel.....	W 7-2
Northwest Missouri State.....	L 3-6
Midwestern State.....	L 4-5
Delta State.....	L 3-6
Ouachita Baptist.....	W 6-3
North Alabama.....	W 6-1, W 5-0
Valdosta State.....	L 0-5
West Florida.....	L 0-5

Freshman Lalo Prado reaches down low to return the ball to her opponent from Southern Arkansas University on February 20, 2007. Prado won 13 of her first 14 matches as a Bison and finished the season with a 17-5 singles record. [Jeff Montgomery]



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- The Lady Bisons set a new school record for wins with 22 during the 2006-2007 season. The previous record of 21 wins was set in 1995, 2001, 2002 and 2006.

- The Lady Bisons defeated the University of North Alabama in the first round of the NCAA II Tournament. The victory marked the first win in NCAA Tournament play since 2002.

- Sophomore Alicia Williams was named to the ESPN Magazine Academic All-District VI At-Large team. The Lady Bisons have had an Academic All-District honoree six times in the past seven years.



Senior Milena Chisca wacks a return serve during the Lady Bisons' match against the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith on April 4, 2007. The Lady Bisons defeated the Lady Lions 7-2. [Craig Rainbolt]

Discipline

Tennis star shines on court and in classroom



During an April 4, 2007 match against the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, junior Karina Gomes prepares to return a serve using her backhand. Gomes was named to the 2007 All-Gulf South Conference 1st Team for the second consecutive year. [Craig Rainbolt]

For junior tennis star Alicia Williams, the formula for success was the perfect blend of discipline, determination, motivation and sacrifice.

During the 2007 tennis season, Williams received numerous awards for both her performance on and off the court. She was named to the First-Team All-Gulf South Conference, Academic All-GSC, and to ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District VI Team for the second consecutive year.

She had it all — brains, brawn and, according to her teammates, a heart of gold as well.

"Alicia is such a hard working member of our team," junior Amanda Nowlin said. "She is more concerned about her teammates than herself always! If someone is having a bad day at practice, she goes out of her way to make them feel better even if it means not finishing a match."

Williams, an exercise science major from Greenville, Mississippi, with a 3.84 GPA, said despite her success on the court and in the classroom, she was not a natural born athlete or student.

"I'm sort of what you would call a self-made athlete and self-made student," Williams said. "I definitely wasn't born with the genes for either one of those things. But I think discipline is the main thing. You have to have a will to do something. If you are passionate about it, you can do anything you want in life."

According to her teammates, Williams was much more to them than just a teammate. She was a friend, too. She went out of her way to try and encourage other members of the team in all areas of college life.

"She is always there to help, encourage or just listen," Nowlin said. "When any person on the team is sick or having a test, she sends us text messages of encouragement or goes out of her way to make you feel better."

On the court, Williams made a name for herself during her time at Harding and had impressed the Lady Bisons tenured coach David Elliot. Elliott said she was one of the best athletes Harding had ever had and was liked by just about everyone on the team.

"She is an outstanding player," Elliot said. "She is a very competitive, determined player. She is the best we have ever had at the number one position. All the right things you could say about someone, you can say about Alicia."

Though tennis was a large part of Williams' college life, she said her education had always been the most important, and she said she believed academics should always come first.

"Student before athlete!" Williams said. "Sometimes the better students are the better athletes, and a lot of it has to do with your mind and the way you look at things. I don't really believe its so much how talented you are, but if you are conscientious student there is a pretty good chance you will be a conscientious athlete as well."

[Heather Browning]

COURAGE

Senior overcomes injury for love of game

On February 28, 2006, the Bisons baseball team prepared for a home game against Crichton College. As fans crowded Jerry Moore Stadium, everything was how it should be. That is, until the fifth inning of the game.

The Bisons took the field while the Crichton Comets were up to bat. A junior at the time, Jordan Blake, pitcher for the Bisons, stood ready to strike out his opponents. But when he threw to Crichton's leading hitter, the batter hit a line drive straight at him, and he was hit in the left side of his head near his temple.

Blake's girlfriend, senior Ashley Walker, was at the game that day.

"Jordan's mom and I were just sitting there watching, and, all the sudden, Jordan was just down on the ground," Walker said. "I thought it had just hit his arm, so I wasn't really worried."

It was not until Dr. Randy Lambeth, Bison athletic trainer, came out to the field that Walker became aware of the gravity of the situation.

"He wasn't talking," Walker said. "Doc Lambeth was trying to ask him questions, and his eyes were open, and he was never unconscious."

The severity of the injury was immediately apparent to those in the stands and on the field.

During the next two weeks, Blake stayed at the White County Hospital. He suffered from internal bleeding and severe brain swelling. Because of the extent of his injury and the location of impact, Blake lost his ability to read, write and speak.

"I understood what I heard," Blake said. "I just couldn't read anything and couldn't say anything. I knew what I wanted to say, but it wouldn't come out."

But Blake did not allow the obstacle to discourage him.

"He always had a really good attitude about it," Walker said. "He never complained. Later on, when he started talking again, he would make jokes about it."

After two weeks at White County Hospital, Blake went to his home in Houston, Texas, to recover. Doctors told him he would need at least a year for recovery. This meant no school and no baseball. But Blake exceeded all expectations when he started school that fall.

Even though the doctors were hesitant for Blake to return to school, he had no trouble getting back

into the swing of things.

"With school, the doctors told me that they thought I would have to sit out of school a year and let my brain recover because I wouldn't have the ability to go back to class," Blake said. "But I just sat out the summer, three or four months, and went back to school that fall."

With Blake's educational concerns settled, he set his sights back on baseball. However, his parents, doctors and girlfriend all worried for Blake's safety. If Blake were to be hit in the head again, the consequences could have been fatal. But Blake had made up his mind. So, he took the field in February 2007. Only this season he did not return as pitcher but played first base instead.

"I decided to be on the team and just play a different position and not have to risk getting hit again," Blake said.

Blake graduated in May 2007 with no regrets. He took away from that experience a greater understanding of the power of God and prayer.

"It definitely makes you stronger with your faith," Blake said. "You never know what's going to happen."

[Hannah Ware]



Senior first baseman Devin Watts rips a hard-hit ball to the outfield April 21, 2007 during the Bisons game against Arkansas-Monticello. Watts went 1 for 3 with a double to right center field in the match. [Craig Rainbolt]

Freshman pitcher Brodie Brumley delivers a pitch to a University of North Alabama hitter on March 6, 2007 at Jerry Moore Field. The Bisons defeated North Alabama 3-8. [Craig Rainbolt]



scoreboard

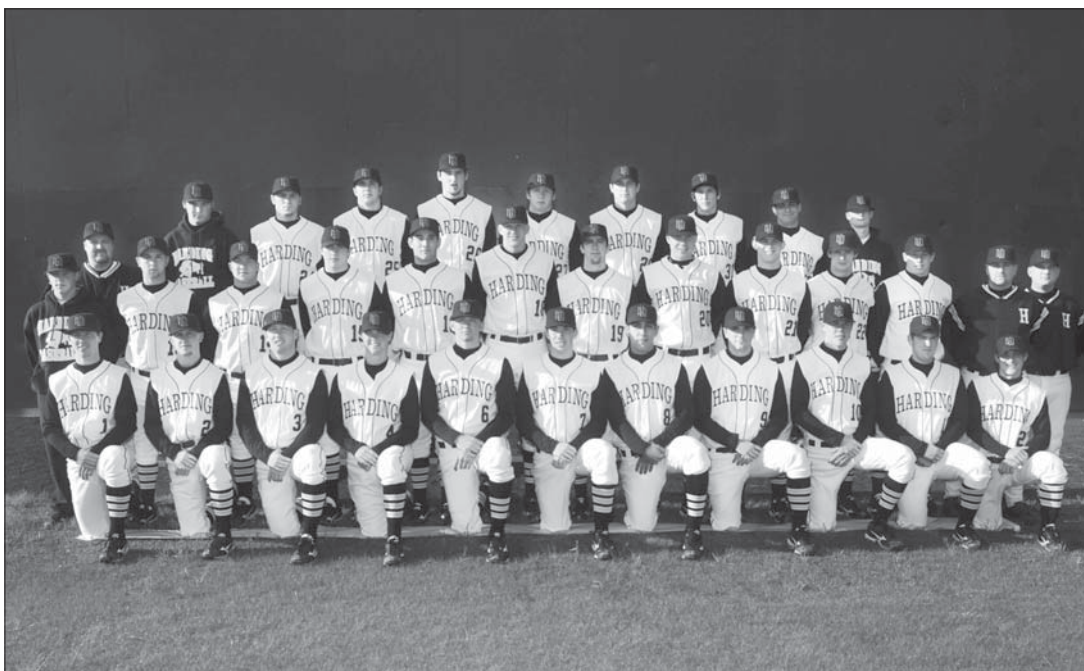
Evangel.....	W 11-9, W 2-1, W 7-0
Arkansas-Monticello.....	L 2-6, L 1-3, W 13-6
Southwest Baptist.....	W 6-0, W 5-4
York.....	W 11-1, W 7-6, W 10-9
Lyon.....	L 5-11, L 3-4
Crichton.....	W 6-5, W 8-5, W 5-3, W 5-2
Alabama-Huntsville.....	L 2-3, L 5-6, L 7-14, W 8-1
Waldorf.....	W 5-0, W 4-2, W 8-7, L 5-9
North Alabama.....	W 8-7, L 0-3
Ozarks (Mo.).....	W 7-6, W 13-3, W 9-6
Bemidji State.....	L 4-12
Southern Arkansas.....	L 2-9, W 5-0, L 3-4
Dana.....	W 8-5
Ouachita.....	L 4-11, L 0-7, L 6-14
Delta State.....	L 5-15, L 2-10, L 3-6
Williams Baptist.....	W 12-1, W 1-7
Christian Brothers.....	W 5-0, L 3-7, W 12-6
Henderson State.....	W 4-0, L 8-5, W 7-2
Central Baptist.....	W 16-1, W 9-2, W 10-3, W 15-5
Arkansas Tech.....	W 4-3, L 4-5, L 4-14

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- Senior pitcher Justin Phillips, sophomore center fielder Adam Darby and senior first baseman Devin Watts were named to the 2007 All-Gulf South Conference Baseball Teams. Phillips and Darby received first team honors and Watt received second-team honors.

- Senior pitcher Justin Phillips broke the school record for strikeouts in a single game with 17 against Arkansas-Monticello in his last home appearance on April 21, 2007. The previous record of 15 strikeouts per game was also set by Phillips.

- The 2007 Bisons tied a school record with 34 wins, marking the third time in the past 49 seasons that the Bisons have won 30 or more games.



Row 1: J. Glenn, Z. Fisher, B. Whitaker, R. Hunt, M. Skinner, W. McDonald, B. Rodriguez, M. Stevens, L. Chandler, A. Davidson, D. Saul. **Row 2:** W. Berton, B. Lovett, R. Moody, T. Keith, G. Tellez, J. Blake, K. Barnett, J. Phillips, B. Brumley, B. Winnberly, A. Darby, J. Laird, J. Yonk. **Row 3:** P. McGaha, T. Thompson, B. McCrackin, D. Bryant, J. Davis, D. Morgan, D. Watts, W. Correa, M. Schaer, C. Bradley.

OPPORTUNITY

Neighbor from the north finds success at Harding

The game of golf was a complicated one, and golfers were always attempting to improve their game. Seeking improvement took time, and, in some places, nature simply did not allow golfers to practice a desirable amount. However, for junior Andrew Warder, moving from Canada to play golf at Harding was a very beneficial change in scenery.

Warder, from Petrolia, Ontario, Canada, started playing golf at the age of five when his father, a former college golfer in England, cut down an old set of clubs for him. After finding the clubs in their garage, Warder said his dad would take him out on the course all the time to teach him. This early instruction would eventually lead Warder to Searcy, Arkansas, where he would begin golfing at the collegiate level.

"I really wanted to play college golf, and I noticed Harding had a really good business school," Warder said. "That made my decision very clear."

Since playing at Harding, Warder found himself ranked fourth all-time at Harding in stroke average with a 76.3 in 41 rounds. This success was not easily achieved though.

"It was really strange to come down to Arkansas to play," Warder said. "It was a huge culture shock, and I really didn't know what to expect."

Head men's golf coach Nicky Boyd said that he heard good things about Warder before the two even met, but his game had done nothing but improve since arriving at Harding.

"He has gotten better and better every year, and it is mainly because he loves to play and loves to practice," Boyd said. "He is really dedicated."

Warder attributed his success to the weather in Arkansas.

"When I was at home in Canada, we could only play five months out of the year," Warder said. "Playing in Arkansas means we can play pretty much all year round, so that way I can keep practicing and not really lose that much feel for the game. And when it does get cold here, it's not really that bad considering the conditions that I've played in at home."

Boyd said Warder's fundamentals had always been very solid, and he sought to help Warder improve his game by providing him with tough competition and challenging places to play. Warder turned these opportunities into success on the course, and, in turn, Boyd said that Warder had been the most consistent golfer he ever coached.

Besides winning on the course, Warder was a strong leader.

"He was a really good leader mainly through his example, because the rest of the team saw how he worked and his attitude on the course," Boyd said. "I'm hoping he can help us get a lot of players where he's from."

Warder did not only help the younger players on the Harding team but helped teach players at his home in Canada.

"I tried to help younger players at my home course in Canada," Warder said. "We put on junior clinics for them where we help them with their swing and also their course management skills."

Although he had enjoyed many successes on the course, Warder said he was most proud of his first place finish at the 2007 First Community Bank Scots Invitational. Warder went on to say that he hoped to compete at the regional and national tournaments before he finished his career at Harding and that he wanted to make the All-Conference team, too. After finishing his collegiate career, Warder planned to continue playing professionally either in Canada or somewhere else around the world.

[Jared Abelson]



Junior Andrew Reynolds putts on the No. 2 green at the Searcy Country Club during a team practice Oct. 2. Reynolds placed fourth at the 2007 Bison Fall Classic at the Stone Creek Country Club in North Little Rock, Ark., on Sept. 24. [Craig Rainbolt]



Row 1: R. Applegate, A. Osburn, R. Carter, A. Warder. **Row 2:** J. Hager, D. Gourley, C. Carstensen, N. Boyd.



Row 1: R. Muncy, C. Napierala, H. Skelton, N. Gay. **Row 2:** A. Baker, T. Swindle, E. Hauptli, B. Watkins.



Junior Natalie Gay tees off on the No. 16 hole at the Course at River Oaks on Oct. 9 during the Lady Bison Classic. Gay finished sixth at the tournament and tied her career-best score of 170. [Craig Rainbolt]

scoreboard

• Men's Scores:

Central Baptist Invitational..... L 2 of 6

Bison Fall Golf Classic..... W 1 of 6

Delta State Invitational..... L 10 of 14

• Women's Scores:

Bubba Watson Invitational.... L 7 of 8

Midwest Shootout..... L 10 of 13

Lady Bison Classic..... L 3 of 4

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• The Lady Bisons golf team set a new school record for a two-round tournament by shooting a 686 at the Lady Bison Fall Classic played at the Course at River Oaks. The score was 19 strokes better than the previous record of 705 set in 2006.

• During the 2007 season, the Bisons shot a team score of 583 to break the school record for a two-round tournament at the Bison Fall Golf Classic, where the Bisons posted a first-place finish.

• Senior Andrew Reynolds broke the Harding record for a two-round tournament with a 143 at the Bison Fall Golf Classic at the Stonelink Golf Course in North Little Rock, Ark. Reynolds' record breaking score placed him fourth overall.

scoreboard

Central Baptist.....	W 8-0
Christian Brothers.....	L 0-1
Missouri Southern.....	L 0-3
Lynn.....	L 0-7
Crichton.....	W 4-0
Lambuth.....	L 1-3
Lyon.....	W 3-2
Texas College.....	W 3-1
Ozarks (Ark.).....	L 1-3
Belhaven.....	L 1-2
Montevallo.....	L 0-2
West Florida.....	L 0-5
Delta State.....	L 0-1
Alabama-Huntsville.....	W 2-0
Christian Brothers.....	L 0-1
Ouachita Baptist.....	W 2-1
West Florida.....	L 0-1

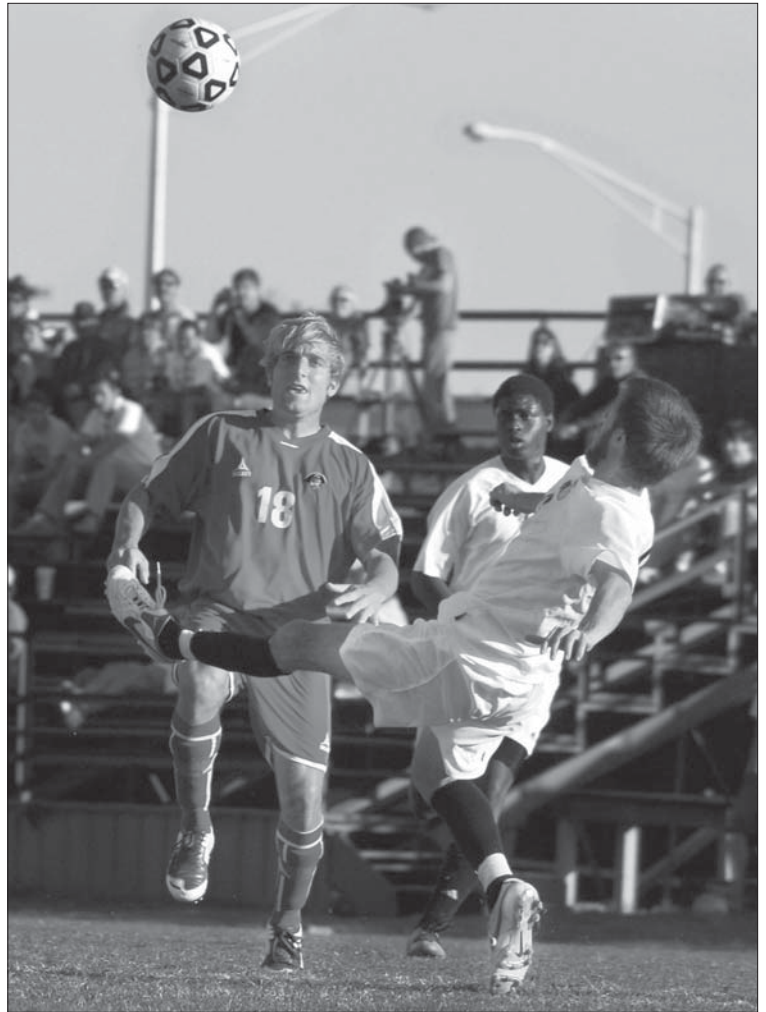
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• The Bisons tied the school record for fewest shots on goal by an opponent with one allowed on Sept. 4 during a match against Crichton. The record was set in a 11-0 win over Williams Baptist in 2002.

• During the 2007 season, the Bisons set a school record by winning five consecutive home games. The home game winning streak dated back to the 2006 season.

• On Oct. 6, the Bisons posted their first shutout in Gulf South Conference play in more than three seasons in a 2-0 victory over Alabama-Huntsville while at home. The Bisons last GSC shut-out was in 2004 against Ouachita Baptist.

Senior forward Brock Williams pulls a bicycle kick at the top of the 18 yard box during the second half of the Bisons Oct. 21 match against Christian Brothers. Williams was tied for first at Harding in game-winning goals with five. [Craig Rainbolt]



Row 1: K. Beggs, S. Foster, C. Marshall, N. Baskett, A. Flesher, J. Thurmond, O. Guzman, C. Wilson, S. Coleman, S. Chung, J. Lane. **Row 2:** H. Hutson, M. Rotich, S. Hedeman, T. Rogers, D. Nowlin, R. Bourdeau, B. Wallace, L. Close, S. McGinnis, C. Philpot, B. Bailey. **Row 3:** G. Harris, J. Ireland, J. Skinner, K. Smithson, E. Swierc, J. Bragg, C. Truax, A. Kirby, C. Fowler, G. Alexander, M. Riley.

UNPRECEDENTED

Bisons head to GSC tournament for the first time

For the first time in the program's history, the Harding University men's soccer team made it to the Gulf South Conference (GSC) tournament in Pensacola, Florida, on November 2.

The Bisons reached the semi-finals of the tournament where they faced off against the West Florida Argonauts. Despite an impressive second half, the Bisons lost by one. Senior Brock Williams had three shots at goal in the second half and sophomore James Thurmond, Harding's goalie, had seven saves during the first half.

Williams and Thurmond were named to the All-Gulf South Conference Tournament Team along with junior Odie Guzman.

The team said they were greatly honored to go to the tournament and saw the trip as a way to set the standards for future teams at Harding.

"It was great to pave the way for other teams later in the future," Guzman said. "Not too many people, especially these days, have the opportunity to say that they were part of the first team ever in the school's soccer program to make it to conference tournament. To me, it was an honor to help my teammates make it that far."

Sophomore defender Jay Skinner said that what set the Harding team apart from the others in the tournament was their heart that they brought to the field.

"We have a reputation for always playing our hardest no matter who our opponent is," Skinner said. "When we saw that we had a chance to go to the tournament, we just laid it all on the line and played our best. Now we've earned a lot more respect from some of the teams in our conference."

Even though the team lost, the positive attitudes of the players kept morale high.

"Many players stepped up and took a leadership role when we were all down because of some of the losses that we had," Guzman said. "There was a point when all of us could have called it quits, but they all wanted to fight and win until the bitter end for each of their teammates. That was one of the big changes that I saw that helped us reach the tournament."

[Katie White]



Junior forward Odie Guzman defends the ball from a University of Alabama-Huntsville player Oct. 6 during a home match. The Bisons defeated the UAH Chargers 2-0. [Craig Rainbolt]

MONUMENTAL

Senior forward leaves mark on record books

Few people had the rare opportunity to have their passions turned into major, recognized achievements. Senior Kendyl Washburn was one of those lucky few. In November 2007 Washburn was named the Gulf South Conference's Women's Soccer Player of the Year. She was the first Bison soccer player, male or female, to receive this high honor.

"My success in soccer wouldn't even be possible if it weren't for all of my teammates that I have played with my four years at Harding," Washburn said.

Washburn began playing soccer when she was in second grade. From then on, soccer became a major part of her life.

Throughout her high school years in Midland, Texas, Washburn not only played for her school and club, but she played for the Alliance Soccer Club for 7 years.

"I love being part of a team," Washburn said. "I am very competitive, and I knew that soccer was something I could compete at and work at. I can't think about not playing soccer."

When it came time to choose a college, Washburn knew that she wanted to attend a Christian university and play soccer. Women's soccer coach Gregory Harris went to see her play in Texas, and after that, Washburn knew she would play for Harding.

"I knew that I wanted to play for a Christian school," Washburn said. "I wanted the chance to play with Christian teammates and a Christian coach."

Washburn began playing for Harding her freshman year and, since then, had started 65 games. Washburn played forward and held the record for the most goals scored at 39 goals in 2007. The previous record-holder was Lori Boren, who played from 2001-2004, at 33 goals.

Washburn also held the school's records for game-winning goals at 13

goals and goals per game at .60. Washburn ranked second in points per game at 1.43 points.

Coach Harris recognized Washburn's dedication and love for the sport.

"Kendyl has never been the greatest at skills, and she has not been the fastest runner, but she is probably the most tenacious player I have ever had," Coach Harris said. "She doesn't stop at anything. She gives 100 percent all the time. She will play through injuries, but she doesn't know anything else. Her attitude and fight makes her that great goal scorer. She has talent, decent speed, good technical skills and she has been a huge asset to the team."

The soccer team's trip to the national tournament during the spring of 2007 was Washburn's favorite college soccer experience. This had been the only time that the women's soccer team qualified for the tournament which was held in Florida in 2007.

Aside from playing soccer, Washburn was a member of Zeta Rho social club and enjoyed playing intramural sports such as basketball, softball and volleyball. Since all of her afternoons were spent at soccer practice, the weekends were always a time that she loved. It was a chance for Washburn to hang out with her friends and relax.

Washburn was an exercise science major who planned to graduate in May 2008 and then attend graduate school in a physician's assistant program.

"I've never been the biggest or strongest player, but I believe what makes me strong is my competitive attitude and determination to win," Washburn said. "I refuse to be pushed around!"

[Michelle Greer and Cesia Martinez]



Senior forward Kendyl Washburn defends the ball from an Austin Peay player Sept. 9 during a home game. Washburn broke Harding's scoring record with a game-winning penalty kick to bring the score to 2-1. [Craig Rainbolt]

Sophomore forward **Chelsea Smith** battles a Christians Brothers' player Oct. 21 during a home match. The Lady Bisons defeated the Lady Bucs 6-1. [Craig Rainbolt]

scoreboard

Northeastern State (Okla.).....	W 4-2
Missouri Southern.....	L 1-4
Nova Southeastern.....	L 1-6
Lynn.....	L 0-3
Mississippi Valley State.....	L 1-2
Austin Peay	W 2-1
Lyon	W 4-2
Tampa	L 0-6
Southwestern Oklahoma State.....	W 3-0
Texas Women's.....	W 1-0
Montevallo.....	L 1-2
West Florida.....	L 0-1
Delta State.....	W 4-1
Alabama-Huntsville.....	T 3-3
North Alabama.....	W 2-0
West Georgia.....	W 3-1
Christian Brothers.....	W 6-1
Ouachita Baptist.....	L 1-2
West Florida.....	L 0-1

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• Sophomore goalkeeper **Chelsea Hornbeck** was named the Gulf South Conference's Women's Soccer Defender of the Week on Oct. 7. This was the second time Hornbeck received the honor during her career as a Lady Bison.

• On Oct. 12, senior forward **Kendyl Washburn** scored two second-half goals to become the first Lady Bison with 100 career points. Washburn became the eighth GSC player to achieve this feat.

• The 2007 season marked the second consecutive season the Lady Bisons have qualified for the GSC Tournament. The Lady Bisons have qualified for the tournament four times in Harding's history.

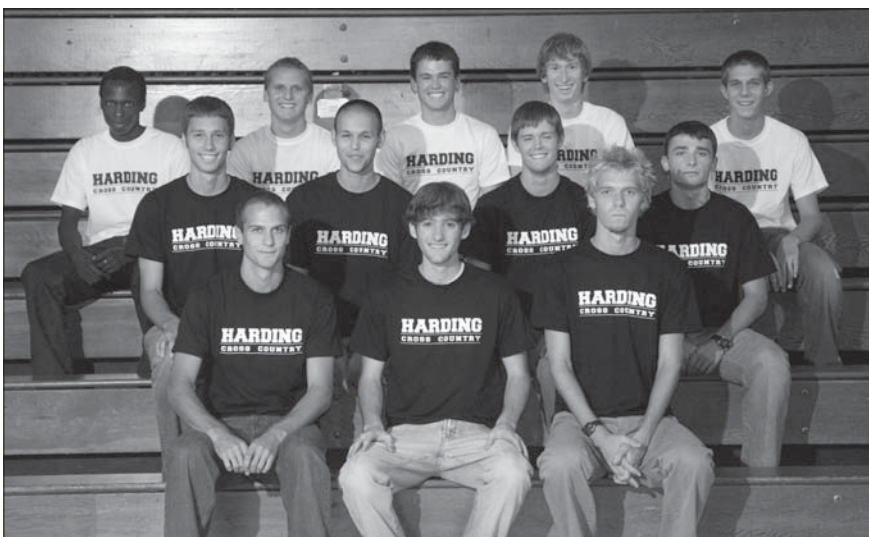
Row 1: M. Strand, B. Meek, J. Sears, K. Rankin, K. Rankin, H. Douglas, C. Hornbeck, M. Brown, M. Przeczewski, K. LeCocq, S. Nail, T. Deaton, K. Tamanaha. **Row 2:** L. Stark, H. Hutson, B. Colvin, K. Couch, C. Smith, P. Eusse, E. Currie, K. Washburn, M. Guzman, S. Varner, S. Burch, M. Lankford, G. Harris. **Row 3:** N. Moore, H. Walker, L. Clissold, A. Durgin, K. DeAtley, H. Withrow.

- Cross country coach Steve Guymon was named the Gulf South Conference's Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year by the GSC women's cross country coaches. Guymon had received this honor for three consecutive years.

- The Lady Bisons won their third consecutive conference title at the GSC's Women's Cross Country Championship defeating Alabama-Huntsville 32-31, the closest finish in GSC history. Senior runner Janee Jones finished with a time of 18:08 to earn GSC Individual Medalist honors for the second consecutive year.

- Junior James Cheruiyot won the men's GSC Individual Championship at the conference's Men Cross Country Championship for the second time in the past three year with a time of 25:23. The Bisons placed second overall behind winners Alabama-Huntsville.

Freshman Daniel Kirwa, sophomore Frank Bolling, alumnus Przemek Bobrowski, junior James Cheruiyot and freshmen Jake Kidd and Wojciech Kopec set the pace of the race Sept. 8 during the alumni cross country meet. This was the first time in school history Harding hosted an alumni meet. (Craig Rainbolt)



Row 1: W. Ellis, T. Shelton, J. Kidd. **Row 2:** J. Conley, M. Cregger, B. Wheeler, W. Kopec. **Row 3:** J. Kosgei, G. White, F. Bolling, W. Fairhurst, M. Fahey.



Row 1: H. Atkins, R. Sirma, G. Drazkowska, K. Szteyn, H. Skelton. **Row 2:** L. Holmes, R. Conley, K. Grant, J. Jones, B. Surgener. **Row 3:** S. Dillon, S. Frazier, H. Currie, D. Timmerman, L. Lovett, E. Komen.



RESILIENCE

Senior runner draws strength from tragedy



Senior runner Janee Jones breaks ahead of other runners at the annual alumni meet Sept. 8 on the Harding campus. Alumni runners of the Lady Bison cross country team were encouraged to compete against the current team.
[Craig Rainbolt]

Running was not just a sport. It was a discipline and a lifestyle. Junior Janee Jones immersed herself in that lifestyle by being a part of both the track and the cross-country teams.

When Jones attended high school in her hometown of Goodrich, Mich., she was a member of the cheerleading squad and said she had never really considered running track before. But it was the comments of others that led her to begin her running career her freshman year of high school.

"I hated running," Jones said, "and that's why I didn't do it for so long."

But now at the collegiate level, she loved running but did not like the competition aspect of it.

"I love every other aspect of it," Jones said. "When I run, I like being done with it. I feel like I've accomplished something."

Jones always knew she wanted to run for a team at a Christian school, and that was the reason she chose Harding.

According to Jones, track and cross-country were communication sports. When going for a long run, Jones said it was nice to have someone to run and talk with.

According to sophomore Danielle Timmerman, Jones' teammate and roommate, Jones always tried to push others on the team.

"She's a leader," Timmerman said. "She is very well educated about running. She always seems to know the answer. Basically, she's the mother of the team."

Jones' freshman year of college was a difficult one for her. Jones received news that a group of girls that she ran with in high school had been in a car accident. One of the girls, Kayla O'Mara, was killed in the accident. As of Jones' senior year, she still wore the bracelet to commemorate the death of her friend.

That was a critical moment for Jones. She felt discouraged because she was in Arkansas and could not return home. She no longer felt like running.

She took a while off from running, but when she came back, she conquered. Jones' finish in her first race back placed her in a position to compete in the national race. When she competed at nationals, she placed high enough to move from the semi-finals to the finals. When the race was over, Jones was an All-American.

In addition to the All-America team, Jones also was a part of the First Team All-GSC and GSC Freshman of the Year in 2005. In 2006, Jones made First Team All-Region and First team All-GSC—Individual champion.

Another of Jones' teammates and roommates, junior Katy Grant, said that Jones one of the most generous people that she knew.

"She's not selfish," Grant said. "She always wants to good for others."

Both of Jones' roommates agreed that Jones was very focused on ministry. She wanted to serve others in everything that she did.

[Michelle Greer]

CHANGE

Offensive coordinator assumes role of head coach

The 2007 season held an important role change for members of the Bisons football team. Offensive coordinator Ronnie Huckeba was named head coach following the resignation of long-time head coach Randy Tribble.

Tribble announced his resignation from the football program only two games into the 2007 season, citing personal reasons.

According to senior offensive lineman Ross Conn, losing Tribble as head coach was hard on the team.

"[Coach Tribble's resignation] was difficult," Conn said. "I cried a little bit, and I know there were a lot of other players on the team who cried, too. We all loved Coach Tribble. We all still love Coach Tribble. [After he left] things were just different."

On Sept. 11, the same day Tribble's resignation was announced, Huckeba was named interim head coach. According to athletic director Greg Harnden, Huckeba was the obvious choice to take over the head coaching role.

"I've known Coach Huck forever, and I've always thought he has had head coaching potential and ability," Harnden said. "When we made the changes as far as head coaches were concerned, he was the obvious choice for me to make as interim head coach. After seeing the way Coach Huck handled it, I don't think anyone could have done better."

After 21 seasons as an assistant coach and four games as interim head coach, Huckeba was appointed to serve as the official head coach for the Bisons. Huckeba said, while he felt confident he had the ability to serve as permanent head coach, he was not positive he would be chosen for the job.

"I had a good feeling [about being selected as head coach] because I thought I was qualified for the job and felt like I could do a good job, but there was still that question of what was really going to happen," Huckeba said. "I feel like Coach Harnden and Dr. [David] Burks felt good about me. I am very appreciative and honored in their trust, and I plan to do my very best to justify the confidence they have shown in me."

The decision to name a head coach who was already established with the team made the transition between coaches easier, Conn said.

"Having someone [be named head coach] that you are already comfortable with and that is on the inside and knows how the program works was a psychological advantage for us," Conn said. "He had some large shoes to fill, but Coach Huck was up to the task. He knows what Harding tradition is and what needs to be done to fulfill it. He is a great coach and has done a great job."

Huckeba said the 2007 coaching staff decided to focus its attention on the members of the team and hopefully showing them that the difficult situations the football team had been placed in during the season could prepare them for difficult situations in life.

"We want our guys to be Godly men and that is a growing process, but our job as coaches is to facilitate that, and football can be a vehicle for that," Huckeba said. "In football you are placed in adverse situations, just like we were this year. It's a tough game, but life is tough. How you deal with those tough times in football will affect how you deal with the tough times in your life."

[Heather Browning]



Sophomore wide receiver Zac Ross runs the ball during the Bisons' final game of the season on Nov. 10. The Bisons' defeated the Ouachita Baptist Tigers 38-36. [Craig Rainbolt]

Sophomore wide receivers Kurt Adams and Nate Ware celebrate following a touchdown scored by Adams during the Homecoming game against Arkansas Tech on Nov. 3. The Bisons won the game 62-55. [Craig Rainbolt]

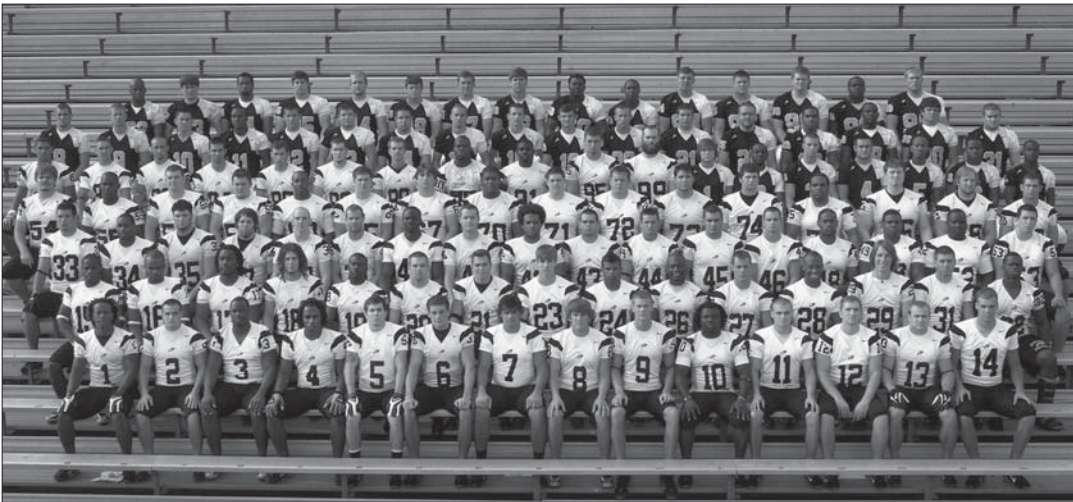


scoreboard

Southwest Baptist.....	W 43-40
Missouri Southern.....	L 20-48
North Alabama.....	L 17-58
Arkansas-Monticello.....	L 32-48
West Alabama.....	W 36-35
West Georgia.....	W 49-31
Southern Arkansas.....	W 31-24
Henderson State.....	L 22-19
Arkansas Tech.....	W 62-55
Ouachita Baptist.....	W 38-36

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- On Oct. 4, the Bisons made their first-ever appearance on ESPN's SportsCenter. The Bisons made their ESPN debut at the No. 3 spot of the show's Top 10 Plays segment.
- During the Bisons' final games of the season on Nov. 10 against Ouachita Baptist, sophomore wide receiver Zac Ross broke the single-season school record for kick off returns yardage with 826. The previous record was held by Lafe Caton, father of current Bisons Zach and Cade Caton.
- Juniorquarterback David Knighton was named one of 24 candidates for the 2007 Harlon Hill Trophy as the NCAA Division II College Football Player of the Year. Knighton was one of five nominees from the Southeast Region.



Row 1: T. Brown, Z. Ross, C. Roberts, C. Conner, R. Hall, J. Watson, M. Solano, Z. Tribble, K. Adams, T. Luke, D. Phipps, B. Moreland, C. Clark, H. Adams. **Row 2:** B. McGahee, D. Knighton, A. Webster, Z. Caton, R. Rayner, L. Taylor, J. Huckeba, M. Toline, S. Greer, D. Robinson, S. Woodason, S. Hudson, J. Paulson, R. Dolan, R. Kimmons. **Row 3:** K. Young, A. Briggs, L. Ingram, A. Morton, A. Scarborough, C. Jamison, J. Blanchard, R. Ferrell, J. Townsend, J. McCoy, J. Thomasson, B. Binkley, M. Morningstar, R. Hatfield, M. Jones, R. Hurts, T. Taylor. **Row 4:** J. Kee, B. Parker, H. Cruce, I. Wall, A. Franklin, D. Palmer, W. Parson, T. Pitts, J. Skaggs, J. Walker, R. Conn, S. Adams, K. Kitchen, J. Greer, J. Mahaffey, R. Hendricks. **Row 5:** N. Ware, J. Firman, P. Burkhead, L. Johns, M. Weatherford, M. Canterbury, C. Caton, A. Jackson, F. Melifonwu, J. Brown, C. Brown, B. London, K. Smith, N. Roe, R. Puckett, R. Carson, A. Allen, R. Mack. **Row 6:** H. Hammond, N. Jones, B. Rubey, D. Newson, L. Tribble, B. Maupin, S. Driggers, T. O'Quin, P. Weatherford, C. Baber, S. Smith, A. Nichols, Z. Loudon, N. Carter, K. Gilliam, R. Bartilson, B. Davis. **Row 7:** A. Stewart, A. Smith, E. Cox, D. Dawson, J. Garrett, J. Stallings, C. Montague, H. Finley, S. Martin, P. Nicks, G. Taylor, L. Sheaman, B. Tittle, T. Grier, J. DeYoung.

INTERNATIONAL

Volleyball player spans continents with skills on and off court

Some students enjoyed sports for recreational purposes or for casual entertainment. They had played their sport of choice in high school and maybe even played on a club team. But commonly, by the time they reached the collegiate level, the passion they once had for athletics petered down to small involvement in intramural or social club sports. But this was not always the case.

For Manuela Nesheva, a sophomore student from Bulgaria, volleyball was her life. Because her mother was a volleyball coach in her hometown and her dad was a physical education teacher, Nesheva was always playing sports and surrounded by an athletic environment.

"As soon as I started walking I was in the gym all the time with my parents, my brother and my friends," Nesheva said.

Nesheva was asked to come play for Harding University two years ago when Coach Keith Giboney saw a video of her that was given to him from a coach at University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR).

Nesheva said that her first plans were to play for UALR, but, because of her height, she was unable to play for a Division I university. However, this setback proved to be a positive one because Nesheva said she enjoyed her time on and off the court at Harding.

"I am thankful that I have the chance to study and play volleyball here," Nesheva said.

Giboney said he had also been very pleased with Nesheva's contributions to the team.

"She is the first international student the team has ever had," Giboney said. "She plays the outside hitter [position], and she is one of the best."

Moreover, Nesheva was nominated player of the week five times during the 2007 season, and she was named 1st team All-Conference at the end of the season. Because of her excellent seasons her freshman and sophomore years, Giboney had big expectations for her junior and senior years.

"She really impressed me because she is such a hardworker," Giboney said. "That's in school as well as in volleyball. She is making the best of the opportunity she has been given."

Manuela had proven to be a devoted student as well as a passionate volleyball player. Between her rigorous athletic and academic responsibilities, she rarely had any time left for other activities, especially during the volleyball season. Although it was time consuming, she said she could not imagine her life without the sport and that playing for Harding's volleyball team helped her a lot.

Nesheva majored in criminal justice while at Harding. She said that she missed Bulgaria and that the most difficult part of coming from Bulgaria to Harding was the language barrier she encountered.

"Adapting in the beginning was hard," Nesheva said. "But I'm getting into it better now."

Her love for and dedication to volleyball brought Nesheva very far away from where her passion for the game began, but she said she could only imagine where else it would lead her in the future.

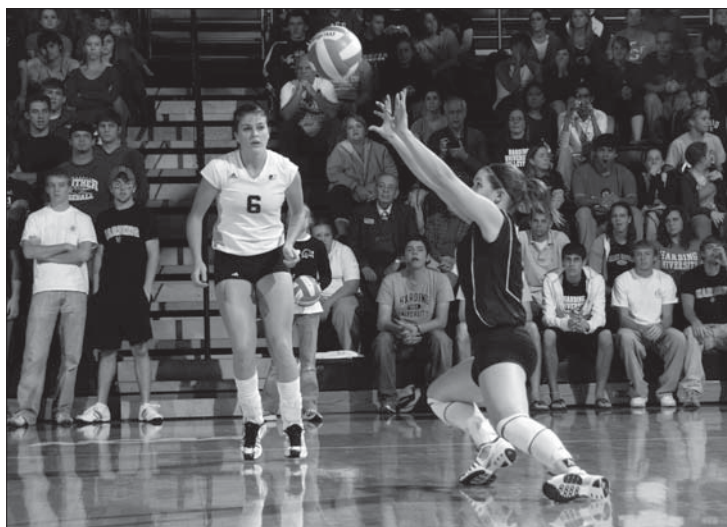
[Cesia Martinez and Jennifer Harris]



Sophomore outside hitter Manuela Nesheva serves the ball during the Lady Bisons' Sept. 8 match against Eastern New Mexico University. The Lady Bisons defeated the Zias 3-0. [Craig Rainbolt]

Freshman defensive specialist Emily Tate dives for a ball during a match against Arkansas-Monticello on Oct. 25. The Lady Bisons won the match 3-0. [Craig Rainbolt]

Senior defensive specialist Meredith Rosenbaum prepares to set a ball during an Oct. 30 home game against the Henderson State Reddies. Rosenbaum was named to the Daktronics All-South Region 1st Team following the 2007 season. [Craig Rainbolt]



Row 1: M. Nesheva, M. Rosenbaum, K. Copeland, E. Tate, L. Tepe, R. Reding, N. Trevino, A. Snow. **Row 2:** K. Giboney, M. Giboney, S. Anderson, K. Parks, S. Rummer, B. Townsend, S. Phipps, T. Williams, A. Click.

scoreboard

Missouri-Rolla.....	W 3-0
Armstrong Atlantic.....	W 3-0
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.....	L 1-3
Fort Hays State.....	W 3-1
Central Oklahoma.....	W 3-2
Texas Women's.....	W 3-1
Missouri Southern State.....	L 2-3, W 3-0
Southwest Baptist.....	W 3-0
Montevallo.....	W 3-0
Washburn.....	L 0-3
Eastern New Mexico.....	W 3-0
Lyon.....	W 3-0
Nova Southeastern.....	L 2-3
Barry.....	L 1-3
North Alabama.....	L 1-3
Southern Arkansas.....	W 3-0, W 3-1
Arkansas Tech.....	W 3-0, W 3-0
Christian Brothers.....	W 3-0, W 3-0
Arkansas-Monticello.....	W 3-0, W 3-0
Henderson State.....	L 2-3, W 3-0
Alabama-Huntsville.....	W 3-0, W 3-0
Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras.....	W 3-0
Ouachita Baptist.....	W 3-2, W 3-1
Central Missouri.....	L 1-3
Texas A&M-Commerce.....	W 3-1
West Georgia.....	L 1-3

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- Following the 2007 season, Coach Keith Giboney was named the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year. This was the fifth time Giboney had received this honor during his career at Harding.

- On Oct. 30, the Lady Bisons defeated Henderson State 3-0 to secure the GSC West Division Championship for the sixth consecutive year. This honor gave the Lady Bisons the opportunity to host the GSC Tournament in the Rhodes Field House November 9-10.

scoreboard

Missouri State.....	L 67-86
Texas-Pan American.....	L 64-83
Northeastern State.....	W 53-48
West Texas A&M.....	L 80-86
Champion Baptist.....	W 109-64
Jarvis Christian.....	W 96-72
Alabama-Huntsville.....	L 66-74, L 68-72
North Alabama.....	W 88-85, L 84-99
Central Baptist.....	W 86-45
Drury.....	L 66-73
Ecclesia.....	W 87-53
Arkansas-Monticello.....	W 67-60, L 69-72
Delta State.....	W 104-95, W 90-64
Ouachita Baptist.....	W 62-57, W 69-58
Arkansas Tech.....	L 60-64, L 82-87, W 73-51
Henderson State.....	W 60-57, W 72-59
Southern-Arkansas.....	W 69-66, W 73-70
Christian Brothers.....	W 64-63, L 56-70, L 89-93
Valdosta State.....	W 89-84

Scores do not include NCAA Division II Tournament

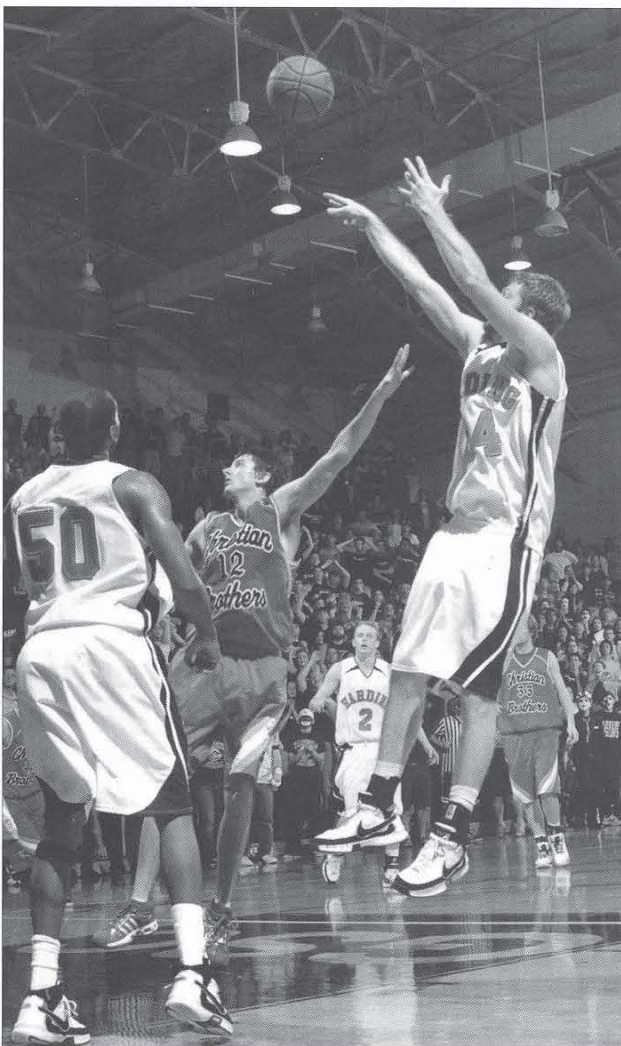
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- On Dec. 15, the Bisons won their 100th game in the renovated Rhodes Field House by defeating Ecclesia College 87-53. The Bisons moved back into the remodeled Rhodes during the 1997-98 seasons.

- The Bisons made school history on Feb. 23 when they became the first sport to have a game air on national TV. The 72-59 victory over the Henderson State Reddies aired on College Sports Television and was available in more than 28 million homes.

- The Bisons reached the NCAA Division II Tournament for the second time in school history. The Bisons' last trip to the tournament was in 2003.

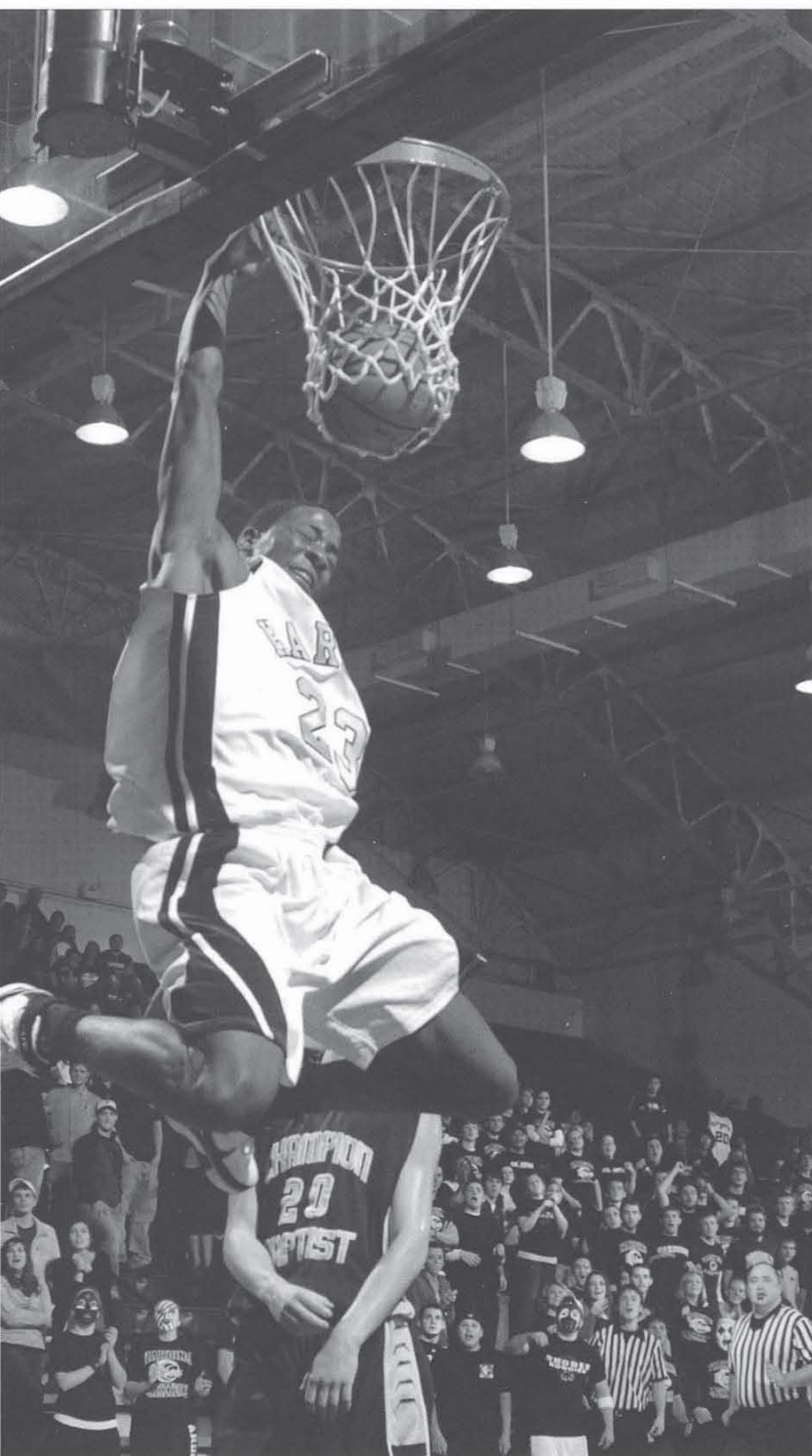
Senior center Jesse Bynum hits a jump shot at the buzzer off an offensive rebound during the Bisons' Feb. 3 match against Christian Brothers. The Bisons defeated the Buccaneers 64-63 in overtime. (Craig Rainbolt)



Row 1: D. Morgan. **Row 2:** N. Ramirez, P. Hester, P. Groves, K. Porter, M. Ragsdale, B. Howard, J. Bynum, M. Hall, J. Thies, K. Brown, A. Beene, T. McFadden. **Row 3:** R. Woods, B. Stanley, M. Garner, C. Rayford, K. Morgan, C. Dixon, T. Morgan, S. Barnett, C. Kee, J. Street, J. Morgan.

perseverance

Athlete overcomes injury to leave basketball legacy



Freshman forward Kevin Brown dunks the ball during the Bisons' Nov. 27 victory over the Champion Baptist Tigers. Brown scored 13 points during the match. [Craig Rainbolt]

It was 1977 and, according to that year's Petit Jean, the Bison basketball team "played outstanding ball only to have 'the breaks' go against them." While the season may not have been the best, one player stood out with 2,255 points scored over his four years of play. Senior guard-forward Butch Gardner ended his last season as a Bison as the Harding record holder in points and rebounds and was honored for his achievements in a way that had not been replicated until 31 years later. Gardner was presented with one of the biggest honors an athlete could receive: His No. 20 jersey was retired.

In 2008, Gardner was the director of the multicultural services office on campus, and a new crop of Bison basketball players were making their home in the Rhodes Field House. But no other jerseys had been retired until senior forward Matt Hall's No. 30 was retired into the Harding Bison Hall of Fame Feb. 28.

Hall was honored during senior night, with the rest of his senior teammates, being the last home game of the season.

"I had no clue about getting my jersey retired," Hall said. "I knew that the seniors would be honored but the thought of having my jersey retired never crossed my mind. I went from being shocked, to being really excited, to thinking that I didn't deserve it. It was just a flood of emotions."

Gardner presented Hall's jersey, making him the second person ever in Harding's history to receive the honor.

"What it represents is so humbling...to think that the institution thought that your career was special enough and had enough significance that they want to honor you by saying that no one else can wear that number," Gardner said. "As if to say that the next guy that comes along to wear No. 20 or, in Matt's case, No. 30, can in no way live up to what you accomplish. That is extremely humbling. It is an honor that will live on long after you are gone."

Coach Jeff Morgan said that Hall received this honor not only because of his basketball skills, but also because of his character as well.

"Matt was considered for the honor because he represents everything spiritually, academically and athletically that Harding stands for, and he has obviously had an outstanding career," Morgan said. "He has been such a great teammate to so many and a great leader on and off the floor for our team."

Morgan said that Hall put his spiritual life at the forefront.

"The thing that makes him so special is that he is a better person than he is a player," Morgan said. "So many people just know him for what he is on the floor and that is a shame because he is a young man who takes his walk with Christ very seriously."

Hall's immediate future plans involved the Bisons' heading to Tampa, Fla., for the NCAA Division II National Tournament. Morgan said he was also excited about the tournament and felt honored to be selected for it, crediting the team for a well-played season.

"I am so excited for this group of guys as a team to be able to reach the tournament," Morgan said. "It really dawns on how special this is when you realized how hard it is to get in and the fact that there are about 285 Division II teams that compete and only 64 get in the tournament. This has been a great group to coach and a lot of fun to go to practice every day and so I am really excited for them to get the opportunity to compete in the NCAA tournament."

All those who watched Hall play could not deny that he was a great athlete. But the Bisons were ready for next season and hopefully, another tournament selection.

"It has been fun to watch him play," Gardner said. "Matt is a special player. My hope is that coach Morgan will recruit more like him."

[Katie Ullman]

AWARENESS

Lady Bisons support breast cancer research through 'Think Pink'

While most Harding students associated Valentine's Day with hearts, roses, candies and spending time with that special someone, the Lady Bisons saw it as a chance to raise awareness for breast cancer research.

Harding was one of more than 1,000 universities and high schools across the country to participate in the second annual "Think Pink" week, which was held Feb. 8-17. The women charged onto the court for their match against Delta State decked in pink, to promote and raise money for breast cancer research.

Assistant to the Director of Sport Information Terri Lee, who helped organize the event at Harding, said it was relevant because almost everyone knew someone affected by this illness.

"This was a great opportunity for Harding to be involved in something that was nationwide," Lee said. "We have at least two players between the men's and women's teams that have been personally affected by breast cancer. I think it is so important to see others supporting something that hits close to home."

The Lady Bisons traded in their traditional black and gold for pink warm-ups and shoelaces, and many fans showed their support by wearing pink to the game. The first 1,000 fans received pink ribbons and individuals were given the opportunity to honor loved ones affected by the disease by placing their name on a banner and donating \$1 to help find a cure. The concession stand sold pink concessions — popcorn, sugar cookies and cotton candy — in honor of "Think Pink" efforts and 10 percent of all proceeds from concession sales were donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research.

Senior guard Kinsey Tucker, who lost her mother to breast cancer, said everyone who had been affected by breast cancer had an important role in the match against Delta State and hoped those suffering from this disease found strength from the game.

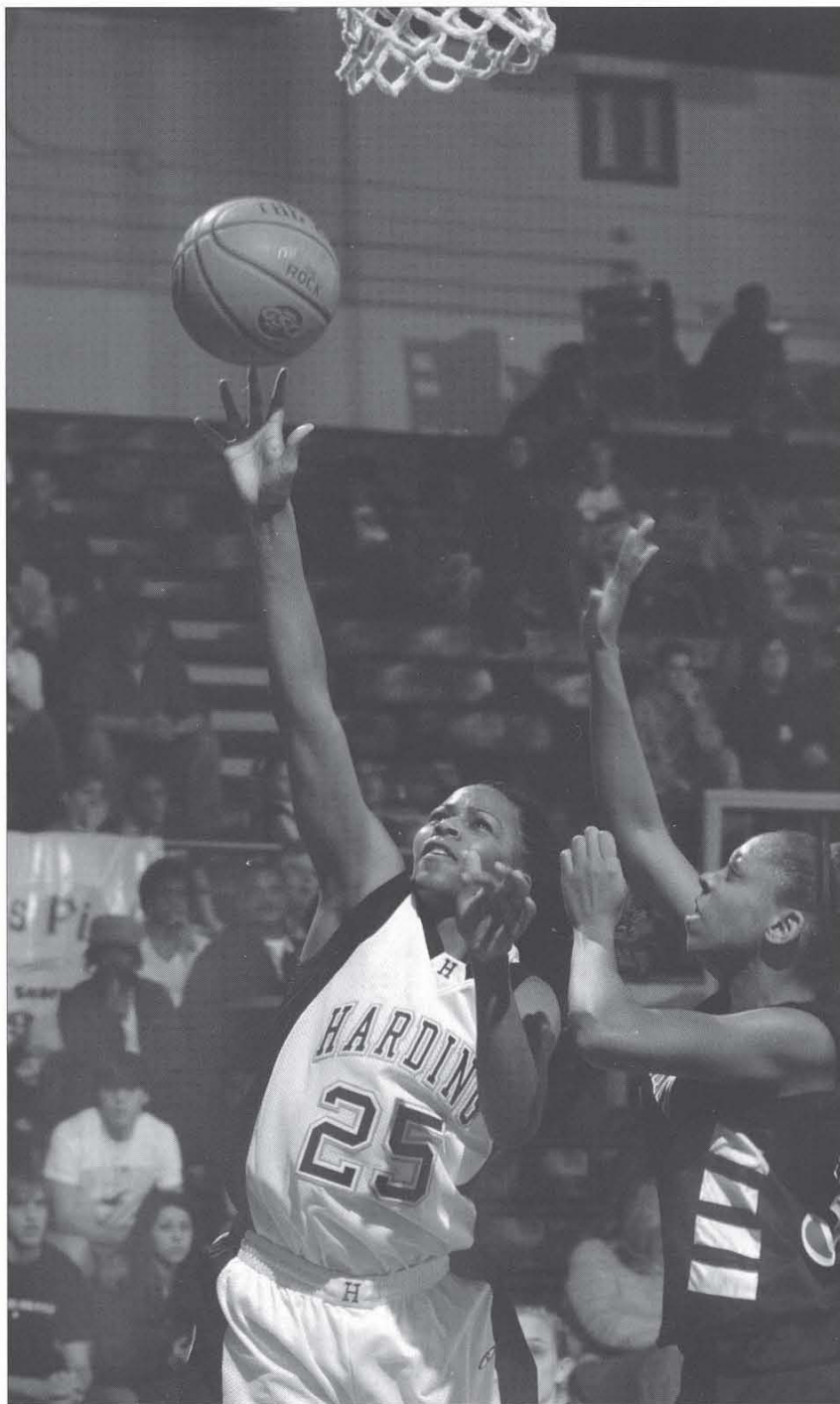
According to women's head coach Tim Kirby, the Lady Bisons and the Harding community positively received "Think Pink," and crowd turnout was good despite the game's falling on Valentine's Day.

"Harding always responds totally positive to things like 'Think Pink,' and everybody fully supports events like this," Kirby said. "The awareness that we can give to all cancer, not just breast cancer, is important. Cancer can affect anybody, and hopefully research can find a cure."

Tucker said she and her teammates were excited to have the opportunity to participate in an event that had the chance to help save lives. Tucker said she played this game and every game for her mother.

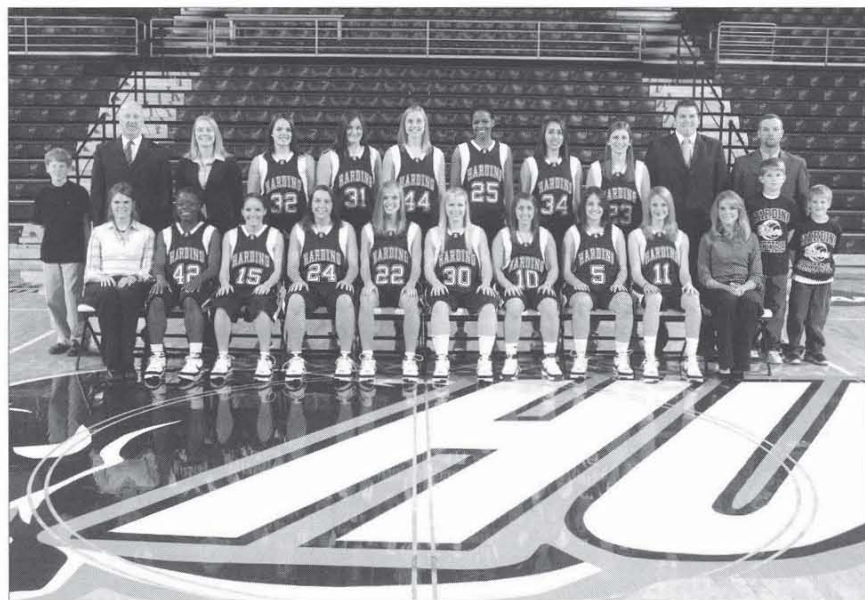
"We were all excited to do it and glad to be a small part of the overall picture," Tucker said. "It hits home with some of us, and we are proud that our abilities can help contribute to those who battle with this disease. It was important for HU women to participate in this event because we can try to use a sporting event for a higher cause than sports. The money and awareness that was raised may be able to save one life — and one life is a victory."

[Heather Browning]



Senior forward Kristen Donnell goes up for a basket during the Lady Bisons' game against Christian Brothers on Feb. 3. Donnell scored 18 points during the game, helping the Lady Bisons to a 65-45 victory. [Craig Rainbolt]

Freshman guard Leah Fugett drives toward the basket during the Lady Bisons' Jan. 24 game against the Arkansas Tech Golden Suns. Despite leading by as many as eight points in the second half, the Lady Bisons dropped the match 80-88. [Craig Rainbolt]



Row 1: C. Bailey, C. Ebenja, L. Garrison, J. Stevens, K. May, K. Tucker, R. Carter, L. Fugett, S. Stajduhar, B. Bailey. **Row 2:** M. Kirby, T. Kirby, J. Pearson, S. Owens, K. Bartee, J. Fredendall, K. Donnell, C. McMehamy, K. Lyda, D. Walker, S. Fullerton, J. Fullerton, P. Fullerton.

scoreboard

Montevallo.....	W 78-66
West Alabama.....	W 98-92
Central Baptist.....	W 102-55
Angelo State.....	L 70-74
West Texas A&M.....	L 67-83
York.....	W 95-48
Alabama-Huntsville.....	W 87-61, W 85-62
Texas A&M International.....	W 93-45
Houston Baptist.....	W 74-64
North Alabama.....	W 84-81, L 74-77
Central Arkansas.....	W 80-71
Arkansas-Monticello.....	W 68-60, W 67-61
Delta State.....	L 58-70, L 56-61
Ouachita Baptist.....	W 87-61, W 68-47
Arkansas Tech.....	W 80-88, L 62-77
Henderson State.....	L 76-79, W 85-76
Southern Arkansas.....	W 89-59, W 84-52
Christian Brothers.....	W 65-45, L 66-68
Valdosta State.....	L 58-65

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- The Lady Bisons made school history on Dec. 6 by defeating Houston Baptist, an NCAA Division 1 team, 74-64. The win marked the first time since joining the NCAA that the Lady Bisons have recorded a win over a Division 1 team.

- On Feb. 6, sophomore forward Stacey Owens was named the Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Week. Owens was the first Lady Bison to receive this honor during the season.

- During the Lady Bisons Feb. 7, 66-61 victory over Arkansas-Monticello, junior forward Catherine McMehamy recorded her 1,000 career point as a Lady Bison. McMehamy scored 16 points during the match.

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Season Records:

Tennis

•Men..... 15-8

•Women..... 22-7

Baseball..... 34-22

Soccer

•Men..... 5-11

•Women..... 9-9-1

Football..... 6-4

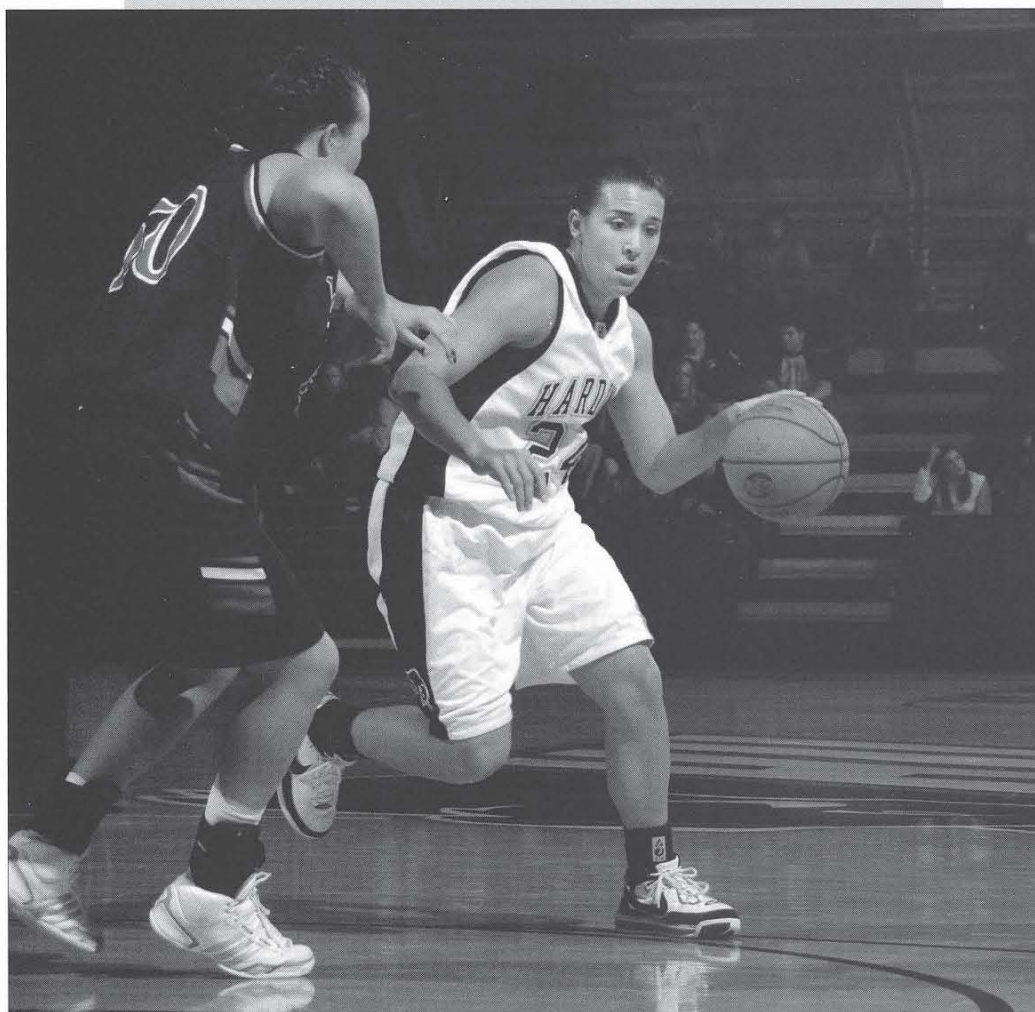
Volleyball..... 25-9

Basketball

•Men..... 18-12

Record does not include NCAA Division II Tournament

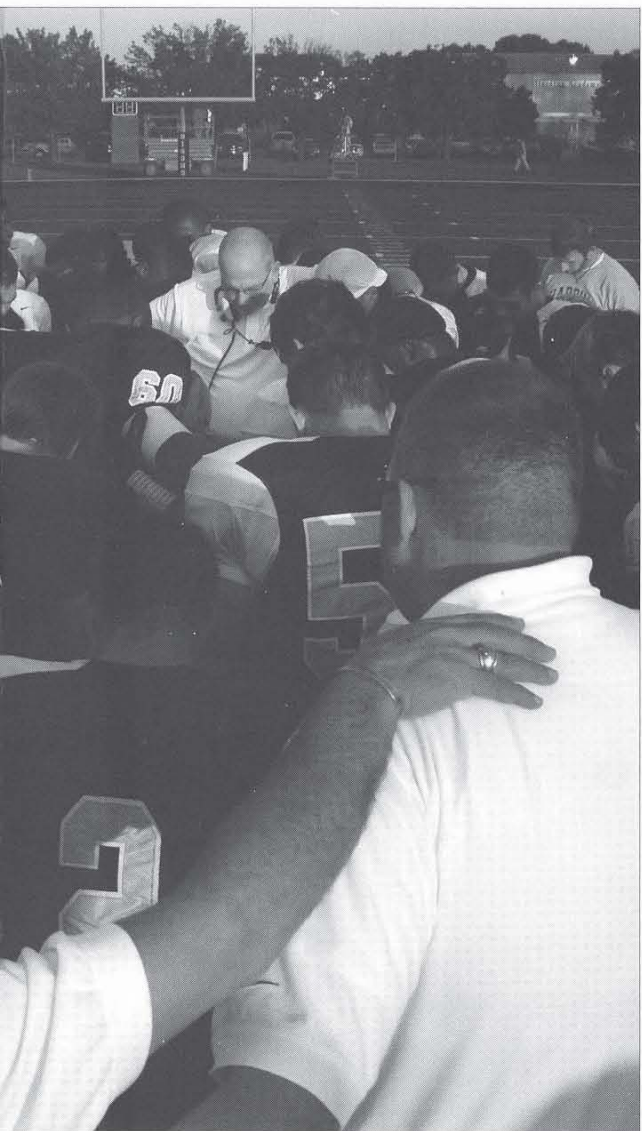
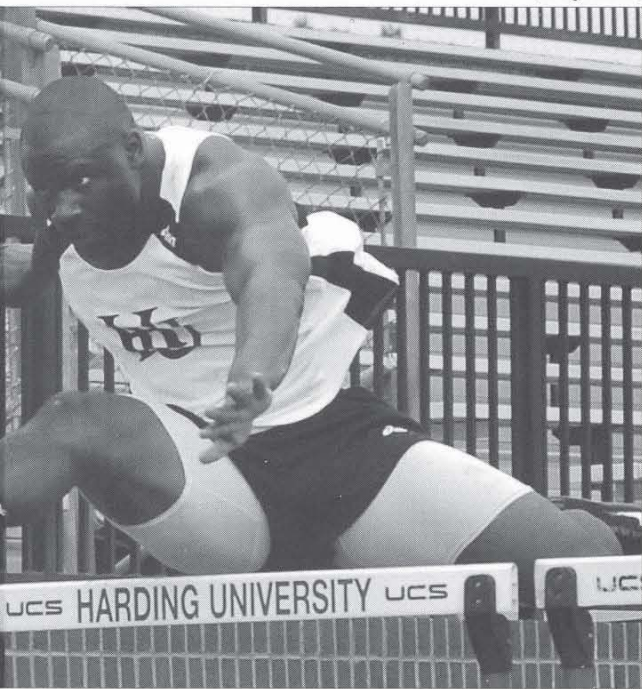
•Women..... 18-10



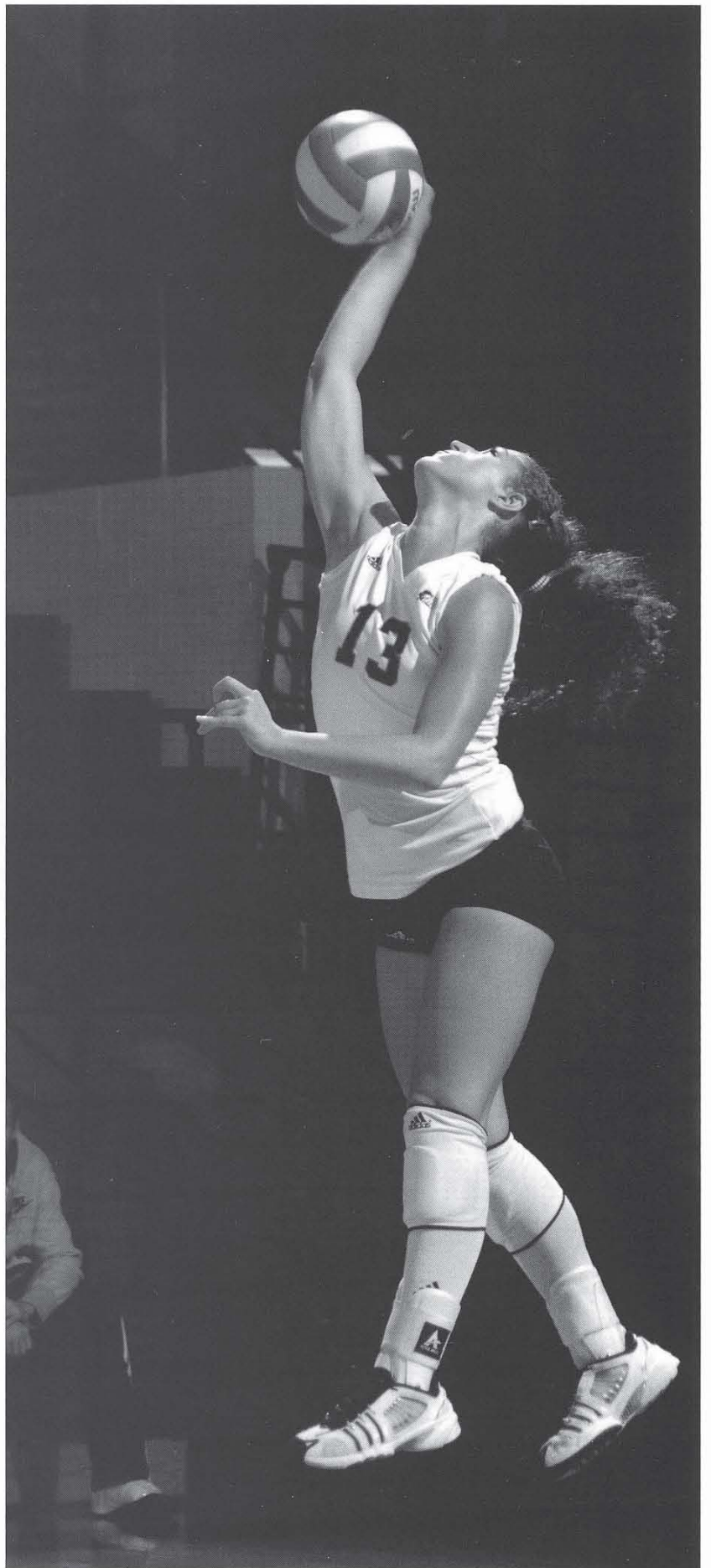
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