

Limits, like fear, are often an illusion. In every game we declare the boundaries that keep us from achieving our goals. If we choose to, we can compete fearlessly and without limits.

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our accomplishments are directly related to the depths of our dreams. If our roots are deep and filled with passion, hope and belief, our goals become a promise instead of a wish.

— Logan Callier, athletics editor



score BOARD

Valdosta State	0-5
West Alabama	5-1
Arkansas-Fort Smith	2-7
UALR	2-5
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Delta State	3-6
Arkansas Tech	8-1
Henderson State	7-2
Arkansas-Fort Smith	1-8
LeMoyne-Owen	8-1
Christian Brothers	8-1
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	9-0
Southern Arkansas	9-0
Lambuth	9-0
LeMoyne-Owen	9-0
Ouachita Baptist	7-2
Henderson State	8-1
Christian Brothers	9-0
Southern Arkansas	9-0
Arkansas Tech	5-4
Ozarks (Ark.)	9-0
Sewanee	6-3
Oklahoma Christian	2-7
John Brown	7-2
Hendrix	9-0
Northeastern State	1-8
John Brown	9-0
Hendrix	9-0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	6-1
Maryville (MO)	9-0



On April 11, 2010, sophomore Ling Chan makes a confident return. Ling, a native of Hong Kong, played No. 1 singles for Harding and compiled an 11-9 record. *Jeff Montgomery*

Senior Lola Pardo returns yet another volley on April 11, 2010. Pardo had a 12-8 singles record and also played 19 of her 20 matches at the No. 2 spot. *Jeff Montgomery*

Sophomore Callie Huey fires back at her opponent on April 11, 2010. Huey was ranked No. 3 as a singles player in her first season as a Lady Bison. *Jeff Montgomery*

Junior Libby Hedeman makes a back hand return March 23, 2010. Hedeman worked hard and made it to the top six singles player. *Jeff Montgomery*



Lady Bisons come **home top FOUR**

For the Lady Bisons tennis team, 2010 was a year of success. With a record 23 wins, the team was ranked in the top four in the Gulf South Conference (GSC) and won its first round in conference match up. The team's success began in practice, where every team member learned to work together. "Everyone is so nice and so it makes practice very enjoyable," junior Callie Huey said.

According to senior Janet Orgain, the women's tennis team was a family team and valued their fellowship with one another. After the 2010 season, the team's goal was to simply continue making progress.

"Our goal is to just get better," Orgain said. "It's an individual sport but also a team sport. How can I achieve excellence? How can my achievements help my team?"

After the disappointment of not making nationals, the returning players and even the new ones were amped to have a more successful ending to their season. The GSC added another conference into the region, which allowed for more difficult competition. Head

Coach David Elliot did not let that worry his players, however.

"Be the best we can be; do the best we can do, and the actual record will take care of itself," Elliot said.

It was also a year of personal successes: Orgain and junior Gina Cielo were both named to the ESPN Academic All-District At-Large Team. Sophomore Ling Chan and senior Lola Pardo were First-Team honorees, while senior Katherine Golik was a Second-Team honoree for various All-Gulf South Conference awards, and graduates Alicia Williams and Karina Gomes formed a dynamic duo together, landing them a spot on the Gulf South Conference Women's Tennis All-Decade Team.

"Every time I step on the court I put my all into the game," Chan said. "I feel very honored to win first team all-conference."

The women's tennis team had faced many tough competitors in the past, including Delta State, Valdosta, Henderson, Southwest Missouri and others in order to heighten their skills for conference and were prepared to do it again in the future. Most importantly, the women would be facing those challenges together.

Elumba Ebenja



Row 1: L. Pardo, G. Cielo, A. Bryant, L. Hedeman, K. Saegert, E. Sansom. Row 2: K. Swindle, C. Hunt, E. Hammons, C. Huey, J. Orgain, L. Binford, M. Davis, F. Wisnesky, K. Golik. *Jeff Montgomery*

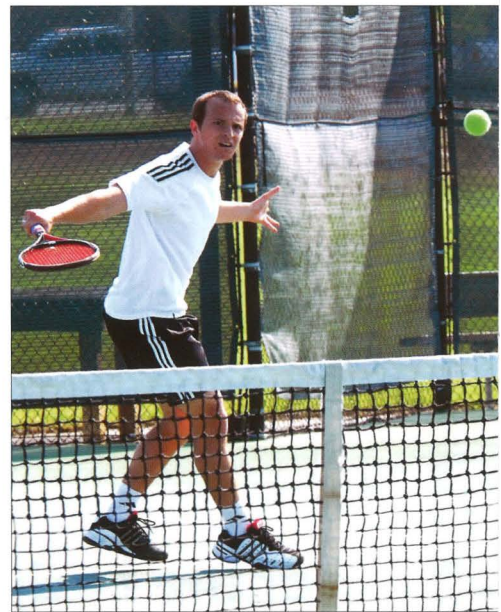
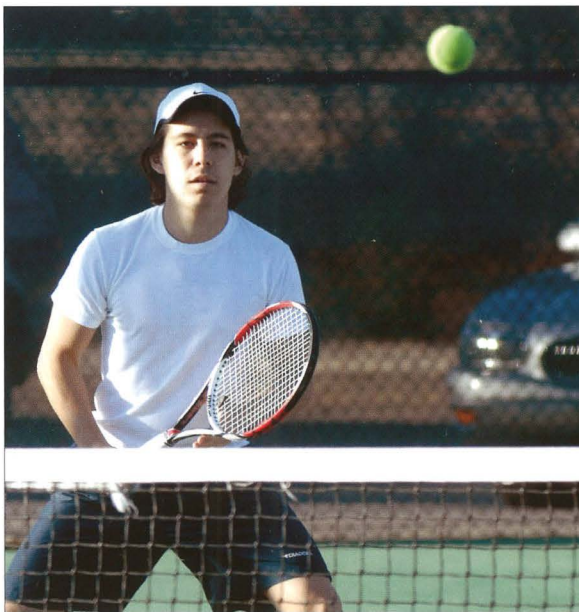


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Sophomore Helio Hashimoto, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, practices with the team on Feb. 17, 2010. Hashimoto played No. 6 singles for the Bisons against Hendrix and came home with a 6-0 win. *Jeff Montgomery*

On April 11, 2010, senior Ivan Michelli swings for a solid return. Ivan played No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles for the Bisons in the conference tournament. *Jeff Montgomery*

No. 2 singles player Henrique Ruiz goes for the ball on April 11, 2010. Ruiz, a junior, finished his season with a 12-5 singles record and 16-4 in doubles with his brother Marco. *Jeff Montgomery*



door but closing one **OPENING** another

For the men's tennis team, the conclusion of the 2010 season was a bittersweet moment. The season had been a huge success, but they were losing a key player, Marco Ruiz of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Ruiz was the No. 1 seed for the team and won the Gulf South Conference men's tennis 1st team All Decade last year. He was also the winner of the Harding University Berryhill Award, an award given annually to a senior athlete, which he deemed one of the greatest accomplishments of his college career. Fortunately for the Bisons, Ruiz decided to stay on as a graduate assistant after his graduation, allowing the team another year with Ruiz's tennis savvy.

Ruiz was born in Brazil and dreamed of playing tennis in the United States. His dream came true when he was invited to play on Harding's tennis team. Equipped with a scholarship, big dreams and the will to work hard, Ruiz worked his way to the top, becoming an essential part of his team. Ruiz said he could not have succeeded without people like his coach, David Elliot, who were always there to support him.

"Since I came here, [Coach Elliot] has been a pleasant guy and helped me a lot," Ruiz said. "He is like a role model. Even when we had hard days or lost a match, he was always there for us."

Even with the support of people like Elliot, balancing

school and matches was difficult at times for Ruiz. However, overcoming these struggles only added to his growing list of accomplishments and motivated him to succeed all the more. His greatest accomplishment by far, Ruiz said, was becoming a Christian during his sophomore year at Harding.

"I was raised Catholic in Brazil, but then I started learning more and more about God when I came here," Ruiz said.

Ruiz also had some big goals for the future that he was not afraid to voice. He planned to be a graduate assistant for the tennis team for as long as he was around. Ruiz aspired to play professional tennis with his younger brother, junior Henrique Ruiz, also a tennis player, after completing his education. He also wanted to work in a multi-national company in the management field some day.

Sophomore Helio Hashimoto, also from Brazil, admired Ruiz's discipline.

"Marco and I are from the same town in Brazil, and he has really brought the work ethic of Sao Paulo to Harding," Hashimoto said. "He drills these players hard and they play even harder."

As for going back to Brazil, Ruiz said that he was undecided. One thing was for sure, however. Ruiz would make the most of his time at Harding, his opportunities to grow spiritually and his time with friends. And he would play some tennis.

Elumba Ebenja/ Sarah Eason

score BOARD



Row 1: A. Plaskocinski, C. Stumne, S. Lhotak, H. Hashimoto, A. Saegert, I. Michelli. Row 2: B. Bradley, H. Ruiz, M. Ruiz, C. Beach, C. Rech, A. Edwards, A. Campos. *Jeff Montgomery*

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track

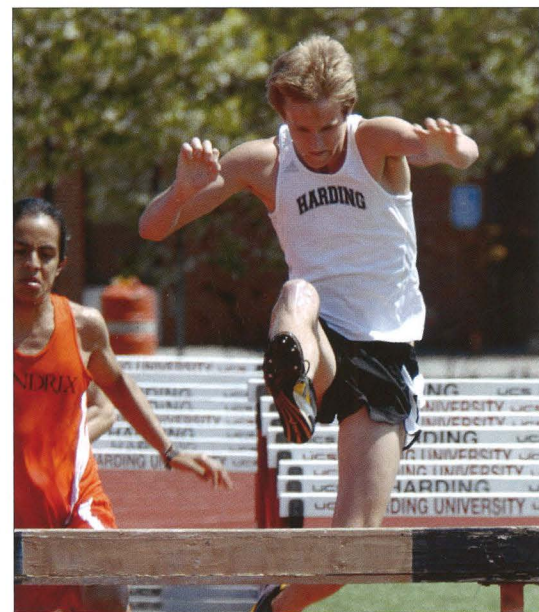
Record holder sophomore Tiffany Chambers soars into the air, clearing an opening height of nine feet on April 6, 2010. Chambers set the record in pole vault at a height of 10 feet-2 inches during a home meet in 2010. *Jeff Montgomery*

On April 6, 2010, sophomore Justin Kutter leaps over the last hurdle in the final lap of the steeple chase. Kutter ran 10:41.74 in the 3000 meter steeple and took second place. *Jeff Montgomery*

Sophomore Rhiannon Roper reaches back to launch the discus on April 6, 2010. Roper won the GSC regional meet in both the shot-put and discus. *Jeff Montgomery*



Row 1: V. Moya, T. Thomas, N. Puckett, W. Kopec, P. Biwott. Row 2: L. Collier, J. Padilla, F. Bowling, J. Winslager, J. McManus, M. Busienei. Row 3: T. Farrell, E. Wilson, R. Glenn, S. Morton, R. Johnson, D. Kirwa. Row 4: C. Harris, B. Furlong, M. Voss, M. Stewart, B. Arnold, J. Kutter, J. Durham. *Jeff Montgomery*



...try coach of the year... **DECADE**

Over the years, the cross-country and track and field teams were consistently successful in their competitions. The two sports were different in some respects, but they shared one thing in common: a first-class coach.

Head Coach Steve Guymon had been Harding's cross-country and track and field coach for eight years as of 2010. He worked with the teams during both pre-season and in season, training them to be the best athletes — and individuals — they could be.

Guymon had an extremely successful coaching career, according to the Gulf South Conference, who awarded Guymon 11 GSC Coach of the Year honors through the years. Guymon helped his athletes excel in not only personal goals but also in team goals.

"I'm flattered, but I'm also humbled in the fact that I know I didn't run one step," Guymon said. "I didn't run a race or start a race. When the team does well, as coaches, that makes us look good."

In the past, the Bison cross-country team won six out of seven GSC championships and NCAA II South Region championships. With Guymon's guidance, the men's cross-country team placed top 10 in a national ranking five times.

Guymon led the Lady Bisons to five GSC championships, two NCAA South Region titles and four top 10 national finishes. Overall, his athletes conquered 26 all-American honors.

The track and field team also had their share of successes

with Guymon, qualifying for six indoor and seven outdoor national meets. The men's team placed 13th in a national outdoor ranking and 10th for a national indoor ranking.

Under Guymon's leadership, competitive successes on the track turned little-known names into campus celebrities. Seven national championships were accomplished by runners Jacob Rotich in 2004, Przemek Bobrowski in 2006, Julius Kosgei in 2006 and Daniel Kirwa in 2008 and 2009. Janet Kogo also won three national championships in 2005.

"I have been blessed with the team I have," Guymon said. "There are a lot of kids on the team that work so hard for very little. They are out there every day. They work and they try and our team is successful because of the work ethic the athletes have had over the years. I'm very proud of the group."

Senior Blake Arnold, an active member of the track and field team since his freshman year, had been under Guymon's leadership since day one and was very enthusiastic about his coach.

"Through Coach Guymon's leadership and support, I have really improved my skills," Arnold said. "He has aided me in becoming the athlete and person that I am today."

The cross-country and track and field teams' preparation for their upcoming season was well underway. Both the athletes and Guymon were confident that the year would be a success, and judging from past records, the future looked promisingly in their favor.

Elumba Ebenja



Row 1: R. Sirma, C. Ebenja, L. Willis, M. Elliott, T. Holloway. Row 2: E. Kosgei, T. Chambers, S. Zibulsky, C. Daino, K. Grant, H. Atkins, G. Kimtai. Row 3: A. Raley, R. Roper, C. McAlister, D. Gibson, R. Conley, C. Ralston. Jeff Montgomery



score BOARD

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Arkansas Tech	3-7
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Arkansas-Monticello	18-8
Arkansas-Monticello	9-10
Arkansas-Monticello	23-14
Williams Baptist	3-2
Henderson State	0-6
Henderson State	0-4
Henderson State	0-9
Lyon	7-6
Lyon	5-9
Christian Brothers	16-8
Christian Brothers	16-4
Christian Brothers	13-3
Central Baptist	5-0
Central Baptist	5-1
Delta State	1-6
Delta State	4-9
Delta State	8-7
Lyon	4-9
Lyon	6-12
Ouachita Baptist	13-6
Ouachita Baptist	4-3
Williams Baptist	7-3
Williams Baptist	2-0
Southern Arkansas	3-13
Southern Arkansas	0-7
Southern Arkansas	0-10
Waldorf	9-3
Waldorf	2-0
Waldorf	3-2
Waldorf	6-5
Waldorf	9-6
Drury	4-2
Drury	14-8
Lambuth	10-9
Lambuth	5-8
Lambuth	1-11
North Alabama	3-4
North Alabama	4-11
Alabama-Huntsville	4-5
Alabama-Huntsville	5-0
Drury	4-9
Drury	11-7



Junior Heath Boyd makes contact with the ball on March 8, 2010. Boyd ended the season with a total of 10 hits.

Jeff Montgomery

On April 6, the team celebrates after sophomore Paul Anzalone brings in another run. Anzalone was one of the eight freshmen on the 2010 team.

Jeff Montgomery

Senior Trent Kinnear slides into home during the University of Alabama-Huntsville game. Kinnear's run led to the victory on Feb. 20, 5-0.

Jeff Montgomery

Another strike is sent home by sophomore Lucas Waddell against Arkansas Tech on April 24. Waddell was named GSC Pitcher of the Week twice during his first season as a Bison.

Jeff Montgomery



a true **FRESH MAN** makes a true difference

In the 2010 baseball season, sophomore Lucas Waddell was unstoppable. He all but placed the ball right where he wanted it in the batter's box time after time, earning the nickname "The Control Freak."

"I wouldn't say I can put the ball anywhere, but control is definitely my strength as a pitcher," Waddell said. "Control didn't come overnight; it has always been my strength, and it has slowly improved over time with practice of the mechanics that I think are so crucial to having good control. It's about being able to do the same thing over and over again."

Waddell came to Harding from a small town called Ladner located just a few minutes south of Vancouver, British Columbia. Though Waddell enjoyed watching and learning from other pitchers such as Roy Halladay, he claimed his biggest role models were those who inspired him to live a pleasing life in God's eyes.

"I have tried to model my life after the humble and wise, such as my father," Waddell said. "He has definitely been the biggest influence in my life."

In 2009, Waddell threw a 7-inning shutout that put the team one game above .500 and gave the Bisons a winning record for

the season. Surprisingly, this was not the point Waddell claimed to be his greatest "baseball moment."

"When I was younger I had a horrible attitude," Waddell said. "With every failure I just lost my temper and composure. For me the best moment in baseball I've had is when I realized that failure is going to happen no matter how good I am, and that having a good attitude and staying positive through adversity only makes you better on and off the field."

According to Coach Patrick McGaha, Waddell evidenced that positive attitude to his teammates and his coach.

"Lucas has a really great work ethic that carries over not just on the field but in the classroom as well," McGaha said. "Because of his work ethic, other guys on the team respect him and look up to him."

Since freshman year, however, Waddell continued to grow as a player.

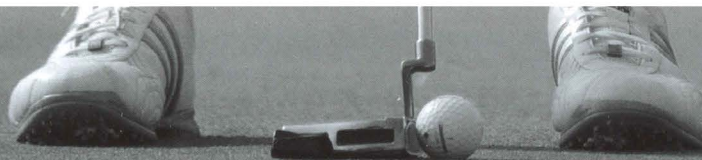
"As Lucas had successes on the field, you could see him gaining confidence and being a more assertive player," McGaha said.

Waddell had only one goal for the 2011 season: to be better than he was the year before.

James Taylor/ Kelsey Sherrod



Row 1: L. Waddell, M. Casey, J. Jordan, J. Verzosa, L. Denton, C. Fletcher, P. Anzalone, T. Nelson. Row 2: C. Presley, J. Wagnon, T. Billen, W. McDonald, D. Stephens, T. Kinnear, D. Niehls, P. Nappi. Row 3: Coach P. McGaha, R. Hunt, D. Blount, B. Brumley, H. Shirley, K. Cline, T. Keith, J. Giles, H. Boyd, M. McRae, P. O'Sullivan, Coach B. Reeves. Row 4: J. Abrams, A. Smith, E. McCarver, A. Guleimi, A. Robertson, C. Bradley, C. West, J. Nappi. *Jeff Montgomery*



On Sept. 20, sophomore Tara Fuchs lines up her putt to go on and sink the shot. Fuchs finished with a 88.9 stroke average and had two top-10 finishes. *Noah Darnell*

Coach Dustin Howell, sophomore Blake Chase and junior Bruce McMullen discuss technique on the way to the green on Oct. 28. Howell had been with the golf team for three seasons, and had nine top-three finishes. *Noah Darnell*

Sophomore Whitney Ohlhausen makes an opening swing on her first hole of the Harding Fall Classic on Sept. 22. Ohlhausen was 1st Team All-GSC, GSC Freshman of the Year and had a 80.3 stroke average. *Noah Darnell*



WINNING was not the only accomplishment

After many rounds of golf, hours of practice and some memorable bus rides, the men's golf team was ready for the Gulf South Conference in the spring of 2010. According to junior and team captain Bruce McMullen, the team had been looking forward to the GSC all year, adjusting their swings and their attitudes to come in for an eighth-place finish, a Harding record.

McMullen was excited about what the team accomplished, but he was not complacent about the victory.

"Coach [Dustin Howell] told us that he was proud, and always is," McMullen said. "But he believes that we have a great opportunity this new season to improve and get our best statistics and finishes at the end of the year."

The top two players in 2010 were sophomore Blake Chase from Colleyville, Texas and McMullen, from Cape Town, South Africa. Chase finished last season with a stroke average of 76.3, McMullen close behind him with a 76.4 stroke average. Both players had four top 10 finishes for the season and were followed closely in performance by other up-and-coming players in the freshman class.

"Simply put, Harding's golf program has a great start in building a quality program for years to come thanks, to the hard work and excellent skills by our 2009-10 freshman class," Howell said.

Winning was certainly important, but scores were not everything to the golf team, according to Chase.

"Regardless of how golf was going, we were always the team that had the most fun," Chase said. "We all shared a good relationship and motivated each other, whether it was on the golf course, in the weight room, or even just being there for one another."

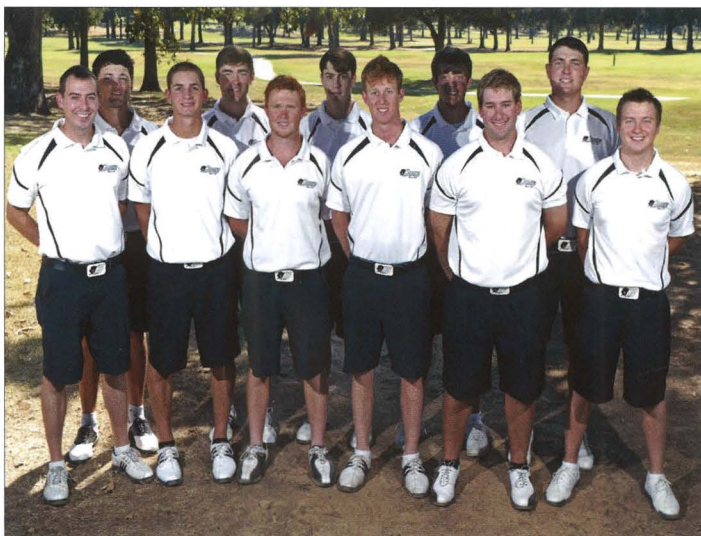
Junior Dustin Richter agreed that team spirit and drive were what made the team a success.

"All our tournaments were in neighboring states, and the bus rides were always filled with funny stories and memories," Richter said. "We were a diverse team with so much to offer individually, and this created a great vibe when traveling. We even went down to Florida to end our fall season, and that was definitely the highlight for me and some of the other guys. We got some sun on the beach, played sand volleyball and stayed in a nice condo."

Team spirit and unity strengthened the program and boosted team morale, as well as the scores.

"Our team spirit and morale grew stronger all season long, which helped us with confidence going into the GSC in spring," McMullen said. "This year we have an ever better team and will beat records we have set in years past."

James Taylor



Row 1: D. Howell, L. Collins, D. Richter, B. McMullen, B. Chase, L. Frampton.
Row 2: E. Greenwood, L. Jackson, T. Parsons, J. Perry, B. Hadash.

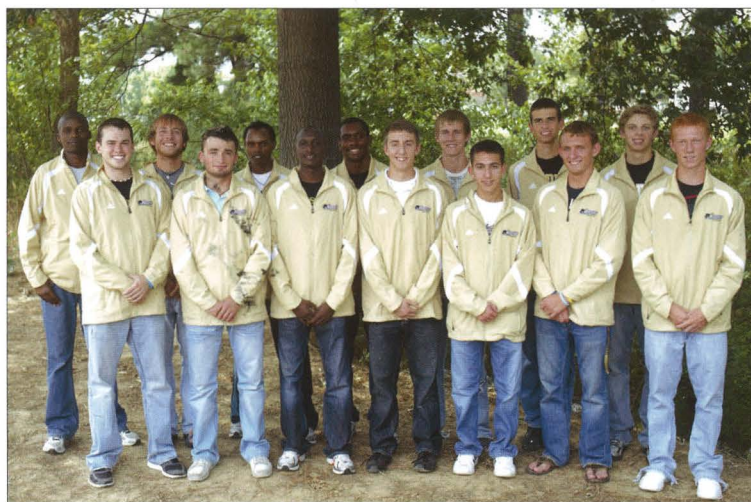


Row 1: S. Kim, T. Fuchs, R. Muncy, E. Poteet. Row 2: B. Watkins, B. Godman, W. Ohlhausen, N. Boyd.





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Row 2: S. Hamm, G. Kimtai, R. Roberts, R. Conley, L. Lovett, M. Samoei, A. Adams.



Row 1: F. Bolling, W. Kopeck, P. Biwott, K. Monroe, M. Cumpian, T. Lively, W. Seagren
Row 2: R. Johnson, D. Kirwa, E. Wilson, J. Kutter, A. Evans, D. Ramsey.

A team considered

more like a FAMILY

The cross-country

team was a group with a goal of more than just crossing the finish line. From practices to service projects, the team made an effort to give back to others in the community.

"[The team] is without a doubt very close," junior Ryan Johnson said. "There is so much diversity on the team, and still we are one."

The team spent time together outside of practice just hanging out and having fun. They scheduled a retreat at Camp Tahkodah specifically so that everyone had a chance to get to know one another and discuss some of the goals for the season.

"We ended up having a great time," senior Laura Lovett said. "We went on morning runs, we swam a lot and we played a lot of team-building games. My favorite activity was when we were put in pairs, an upperclassman with a freshman, blindfolded and led up the huge bluff. It was scary but a lot of fun."

Bonded and ready for the beginning of a new season, the team returned from Tahkodah with a new perspective on the upcoming school year and a renewed determination in their training. According to freshman David Ramsey, despite the rigorous expectations, a typical cross-country practice could have a very relaxed atmosphere.

"Workouts are tough, but the team is encouraging," Ramsey said. "We get the best out of each other. I'd like the community to know that we work hard, work together and

work for God's glory."

Johnson agreed about the importance of the team's supporters.

"Whether the Harding community just talks to us about how our season is going, or if they get to come out to our home meet, it is always such a neat experience to see the support," Johnson said.

This year, the cross-country team was definitely on its way to gaining more attention from fellow students and the community. The group hosted a race in order to raise money for the family of Lori Newby, who passed away in her battle with breast cancer in 2010. Lovett and Coach Steve Guymon collaborated on ideas for the race and designed the t-shirts, which ended up being a huge success.

"When the t-shirts were printed, everyone asked where they could buy one even though we didn't expect to sell shirts at all," Lovett said. "We ended up selling over 500 shirts! We raised over \$4,000 for the Newby [family]. It was one of the best experiences of my life."

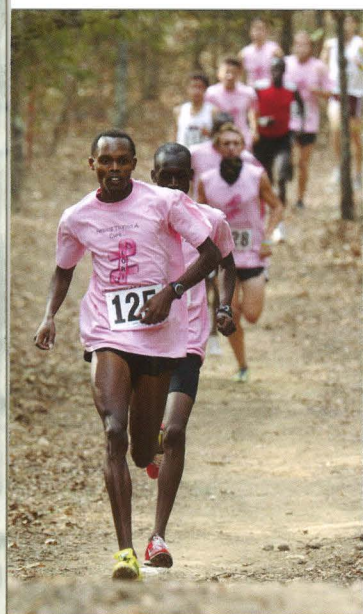
With so many successes on and off the field, it was apparent that the cross-country team was a group of dedicated individuals who loved their sport, each other and serving those in need. With this unique mixture of talent, there seemed to be no limit to how great of an impact they would have on the study body and community in the future.

Carrie Martin

The women's team starts their race with a team prayer on Oct. 23. The women tied with Arkansas Tech at the home meet, called the Bison Stampede, with 29 points. *Noah Darnell*

Junior Daniel Kirwa leads the pack after the first stretch of the Bison Stampede on Oct. 23. Kirwa won the individual first place title with a time of 14:51:35 seconds. *Noah Darnell*

On Oct. 23, freshmen Woody Seagren and Taylor Lively, junior Ryan Johnson and freshman Andrew Evans wear their breast cancer awareness shirts. The men finished with a perfect score of 15 points. *Noah Darnell*



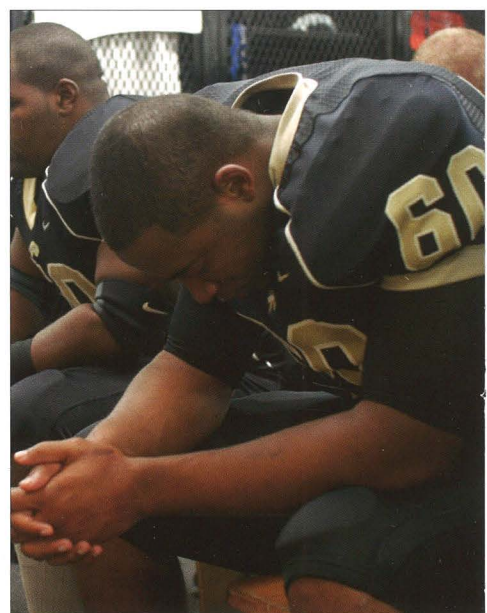
football



Senior Jordan Watson leaps over the Arkansas Tech defender during the Nov. 6 game. Watson had 27 receptions for 376 yards during the 2010 season. *Ashel Parsons*

On Oct. 23, sophomore Joe Calvin bows his head and prays before leaving the locker room. Calvin joined the football team late in the spring of 2010. *Ashel Parsons*

Junior running back Kale Gelles blows through the defender in the game against Henderson State University on Oct. 23. Gelles led the Gulf South Conference in rushing at 109.9 yards per game. *Ashel Parsons*



Leadership **COUNCIL**

From the outside looking in, it may have seemed as if football came easily to the men on the football team. But regardless of how hard they played or how many wins they brought home, fans never really saw what went on in the inner circle of the team.

Each year, the football team as a unit chose a select group of members to act as the voice of the players. This group was referred to as the leadership council. The support and spirit of the leadership council kept the team unified and encouraged the men to strive toward greatness on and off the field. As leaders on the squad, the men were required to listen to the concerns of the other players and either taking the issues to the coaches or handling them themselves.

There were six members on the council during the 2010 season, all of whom were seniors: Kurt Adams, Jordan Watson, Marcus Jones, Eddie Russ, Jason Thomasson and Jermaine Blanchard. Together these men encouraged, supported, boosted up and prayed for their team in hopes of making it the best it could be.

"Being on the leadership council allows us to speak for the team," Adams said. "If they come up to us for anything, we can go back and tell Coach Huck what's on the team's mind and talk about things we can change for the better."

Watson agreed the main goal of the council was to keep the team positive and uplifted.

"Really we just try and stay positive because nobody likes negative criticism," Watson said. "Whenever we see them slacking off or doing something wrong we try positive criticism and tell them that we have to work hard throughout the week if we want to win on Saturday."

The seniors agreed that being in a leadership position meant

having responsibility as role models for the younger men on the team.

"It means a lot to me to know that I have younger guys under me who look to me for guidance," Russ said. "It makes me walk a more straight and narrow road. It makes me want to work harder because it's not just me that I'm playing for or who I'm working hard for. I'm preparing for those under me who are looking up to me and taking things that I do and putting it into their routine or their regimen to meet the standards of a great player."

Before each game, the leadership council members arrived at the locker room early to prepare mentally and physically for the game. Each member had his own pre-game routine, which helped put him in the appropriate state of mind for game night.

"I normally get to the locker room about two hours early," Watson said. "The first hour I get my uniform ready and take my time and listen to a little bit of music. The second hour I go over the calls and plays for the game and get stressed out and get loose."

Russ liked that the team got to put on their shiny clean uniforms on after a week long of practicing in their dirty ones.

"I look around the locker room and see my brothers padding up and it's basically like we are going to war," Russ said.

The leadership council, although separate individuals, had similar goals for their futures concerning football. After graduation, they all planned to pursue the sport as far as possible.

"I would love to go train and get ready for a combine," Blanchard said. "The UFL, NFL and Canadian League are all out there as an option."

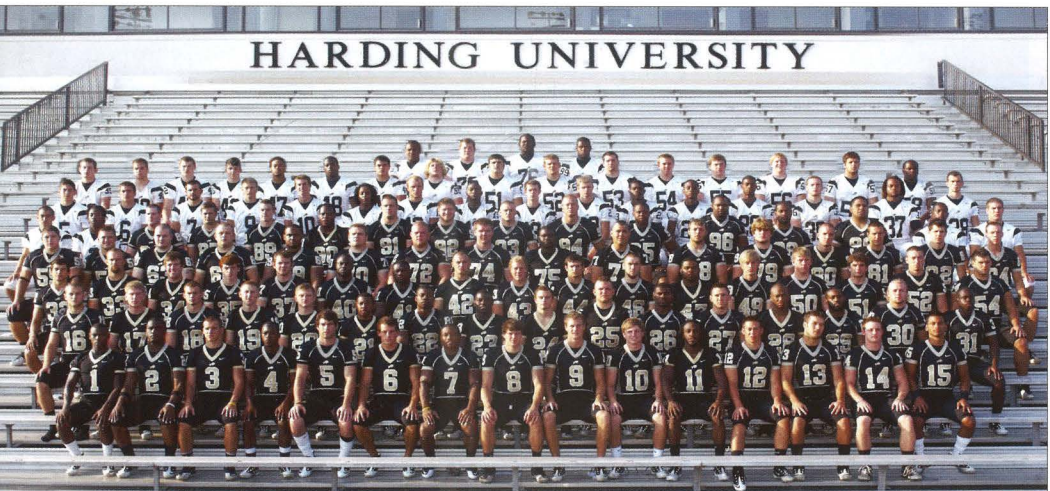
No matter what plans the future held for them individually, the leadership council knew their positive influences and dedication were steps in the right direction.

Elumba Ebenja

score BOARD

Southern Arkansas University	20 - 0
University of West Georgia	21 - 28
Ouachita Baptist University	34 - 37
Lambuth University	27 - 0
University of West Alabama	17 - 22
Delta State University	38 - 35
Henderson State University	28 - 33
University of Ark. - Monticello	33 - 26
Arkansas Tech University	42 - 7
University of North Alabama	29 - 28

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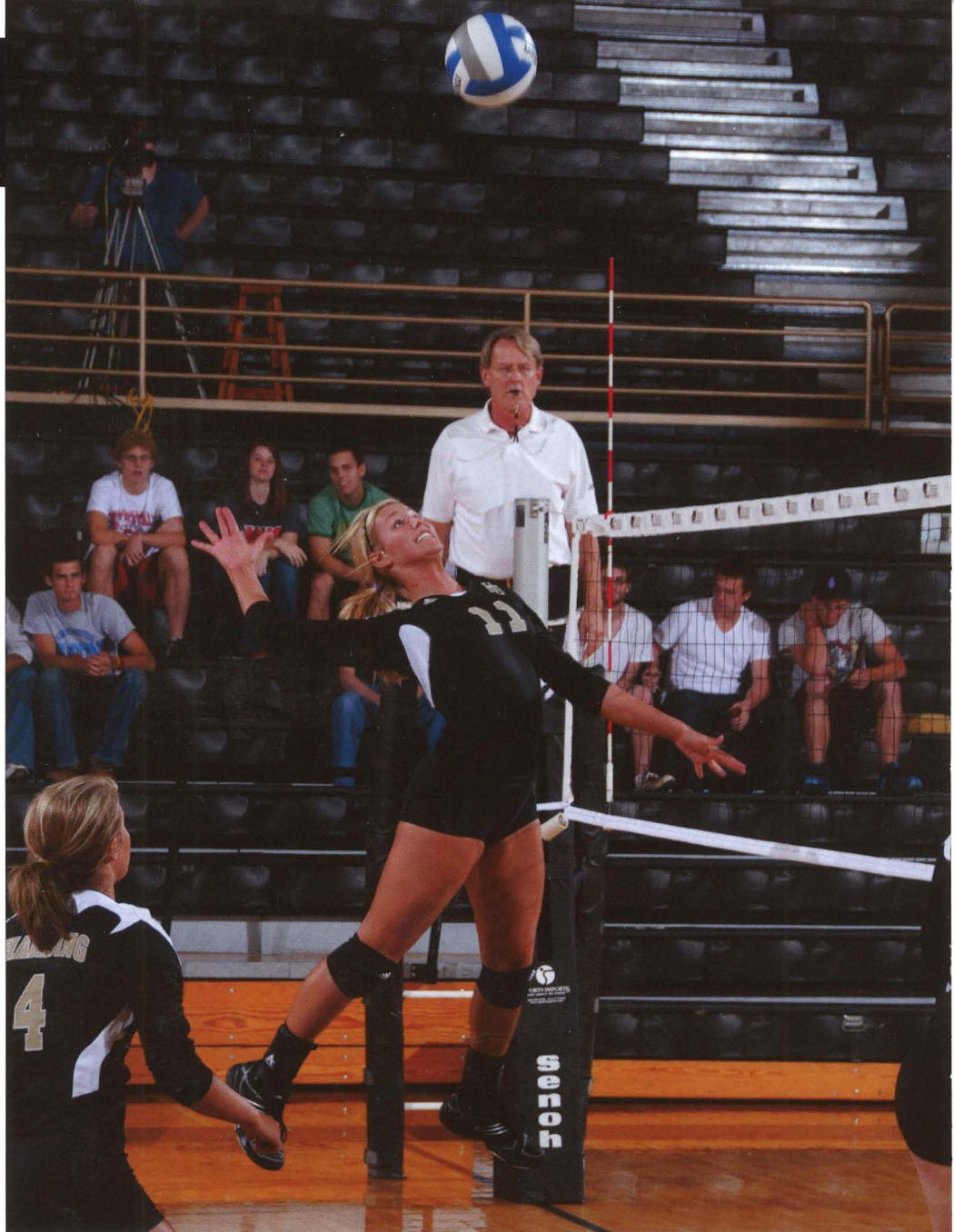


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score BOARD

E. Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	3 - 0
Northwest Nazarene University	3 - 0
Texas A&M International University	3 - 0
Texas Women's University	3 - 1
University of Missouri - St. Louis	1 - 3
Washburn University	0 - 3
University of Illinois at Springfield	3 - 0
University of Southern Indiana	1 - 3
The University of Alabama in Huntsville	0 - 3
University of Tampa	0 - 3
University of North Alabama	0 - 3
University of West Florida	0 - 3
Southern Arkansas University	3 - 0
Arkansas Tech University	2 - 3
Christian Brothers University	3 - 0
University of Arkansas-Monticello	3 - 0
Henderson State University	3 - 1
Ouachita Baptist University	3 - 2
Southern Arkansas University	3 - 2
Lyon College (Ark.)	3 - 0
Arkansas Tech University	0 - 3
The University of Alabama in Huntsville	3 - 1
University of North Alabama	1 - 3
Christian Brothers University	3 - 0
University of Arkansas-Monticello	3 - 0
Henderson State University	3 - 1
Ouachita Baptist University	3 - 0
Valdosta State University	3 - 0
University of West Florida	1 - 3



Freshman Mollie Arnold from Bono, Ark. jumps for a return on Oct. 22. Arnold was a three-time Arkansas Class 4A All-State honoree. *Ashel Parsons*

Freshman Weslynn Williams makes a diving dig on Oct. 22. Williams signed with Harding after helping lead her high school team to the state finals in 2009. *Ashel Parsons*

The team celebrates after a successful spike against Southern Arkansas University on Sept. 21. The Bisons swept the game 3-0. *Ashel Parsons*

On Oct. 21, freshman Alyssa Short and senior Samantha Anderson make a block at the net against Arkansas-Monticello. This block led to Harding's 15-9 win in their first match. *Ashel Parsons*



Stepping up in a **TIME** of need

Age was not everything when it came to athletics, at least that's what the volleyball team was determined to prove. In the middle of their 2010 season, the Lady Bisons were 7-1 in conference, their only loss coming from Arkansas Tech. With such a promising winning streak, the team was looking to make a strong finish.

According to sophomore Jordan Smith, the team was very young, with five freshmen in the lineup. At one point in a game against Arkansas Monticello, there were four freshman and two sophomores on the court at the same time, and Harding still won handily.

Junior Alex Smith commented on what a great asset the younger girls were to the team.

"They're young and their energy is great for us as a team," Smith said. "From day one we knew they were fun, and we knew that we would love hanging around them."

Senior Emily Tate agreed.

"They're great," Tate said. "They make bus rides fun and most importantly, they help us win games."

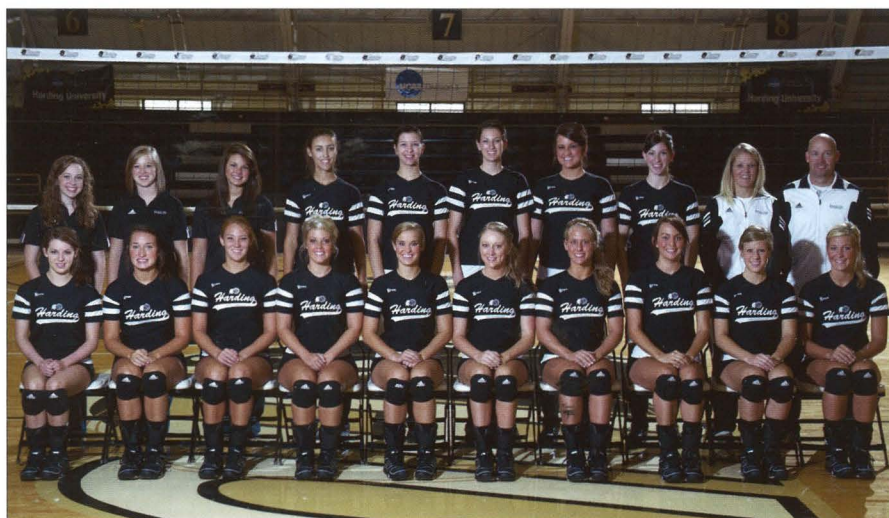
The game that best represented the true fighting spirit and

teamwork of the team was an away game against Oachita Baptist. On the second play of the game after going up for a spike, sophomore Reagan Smith, the team's leader in kills at that point, fell and tore her anterior cruciate ligament in her knee. This would end Smith's season, but it also sparked a fire in the rest of the team and forced them to step up their game.

Freshman Lisa Copeland stepped in for Smith and played an amazing game, according to Coach Keith Giboney. Senior Sam Anderson chipped in with a career high in kills, and Smith had an outstanding .420 hit percentage that helped carry the team. Ultimately, Harding won in five games.

When the season was said and done, the team went 18-11 overall, but 10-2 in conference. Losing Smith hurt the team's advantage, but young players such as Mollie Arnold, named Freshman of the Year in the GSC, stepped up and made a good season out of what could have potentially been a very bad situation. The team showed its resilience and willingness to fight through any obstacle. They were set up to be a top contender in 2011.

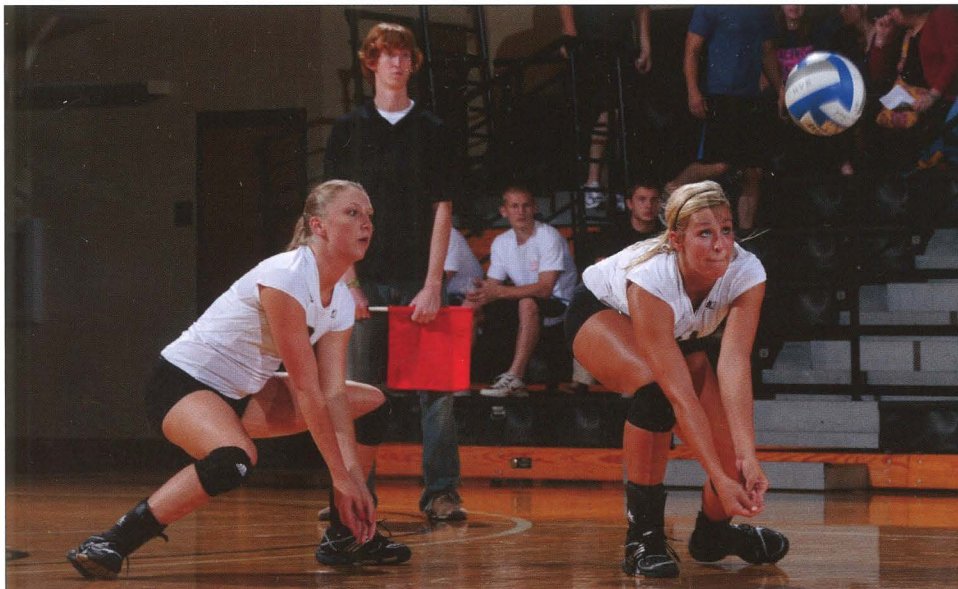
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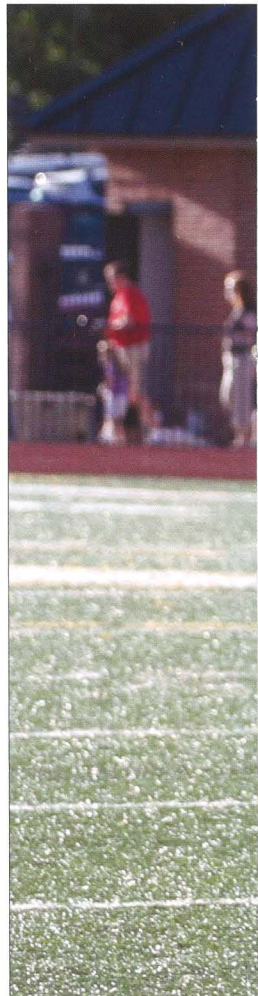
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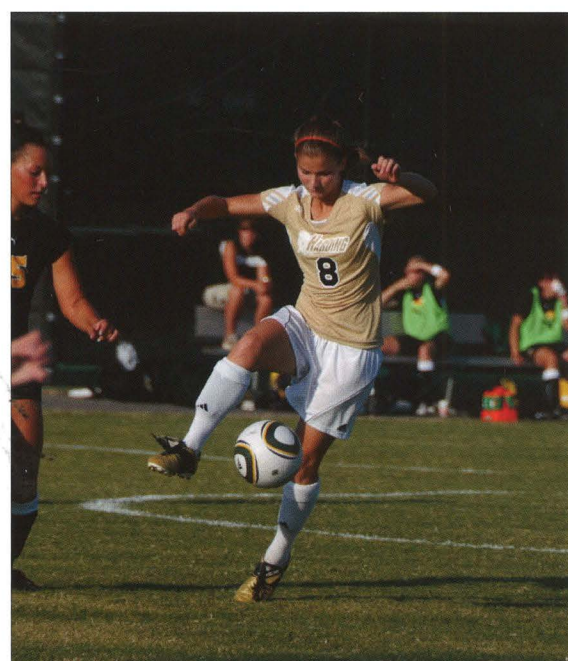
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women's soccer



On Sept. 19, sophomore Adriana Lucar makes a quick save with a bicycle kick. Lucar, a native of Peru, was a huge asset to the team in her first two seasons. *Ashel Parsons*

Senior Paola Eusse deflects a ball headed toward the Bison goal on Oct. 8. Eusse had been a starter for the soccer team in 21 out of 28 games since her freshman year. *Ashel Parsons*

A cross field kick by senior Hayley Withrow breaks the defense during the Oct. 8 game. Withrow had started all of her games since she was a freshman and was awarded 2nd Team All-CSC in the 2009 season. *Ashel Parsons*



A FIGHT until the end

Milledgeville, Georgia.

It was halftime, and the Lady Bisons were down 0-2 against Anderson University.

"At halftime I was pretty upset about how we were playing," team captain and senior Hayley Withrow said. "We've had a hard past two years, and that first half just brought up all of those bad memories because our talent far exceeded them, but we were just giving zero heart."

In the locker room the team was dejected.

"One of the girls kept saying, 'It's alright, it's alright,' and I was just sitting there so frustrated," senior Paola Eusse said. "I said, 'No! It's not alright! We should be winning. We need to play like we really want this game.' Then Coach [Greg Harris] pulled the defense aside and told them to get it together, and then he pulled us out and said, 'Do your job.'"

When they returned to the field, the Lady Bisons made an incredible comeback to tie the game 2-2 in the second half. Freshman forward Adriana Lucar passed to Eusse, who made the goal, scoring the first point for the Bisons. Then, with only 50 seconds left in the game, sophomore midfielder Lauren Scharf passed off to freshman midfielder Jenna Taylor, scoring the game-tying goal.

"After halftime, every single person on the field picked it

up and we made an incredible comeback," Withrow said. "I was so proud of every person on the field."

A total of six cards were given during the game. Five yellow cards were handed out and one red card was given to the Trojans' coach.

"The opposing team was really aggressive and catty," Eusse said. "They were particularly verbally aggressive."

An intense battle began during overtime, but the Lady Bisons kept the ball on the Trojans' side. In the last 10 seconds of overtime, Scharf narrowly missed scoring a goal at "an impossible angle," according to Eusse.

"Even though it ended in a tie, it was our first big game that showed that we could overcome adversity and fight through 110 minutes of hard soccer," Withrow said.

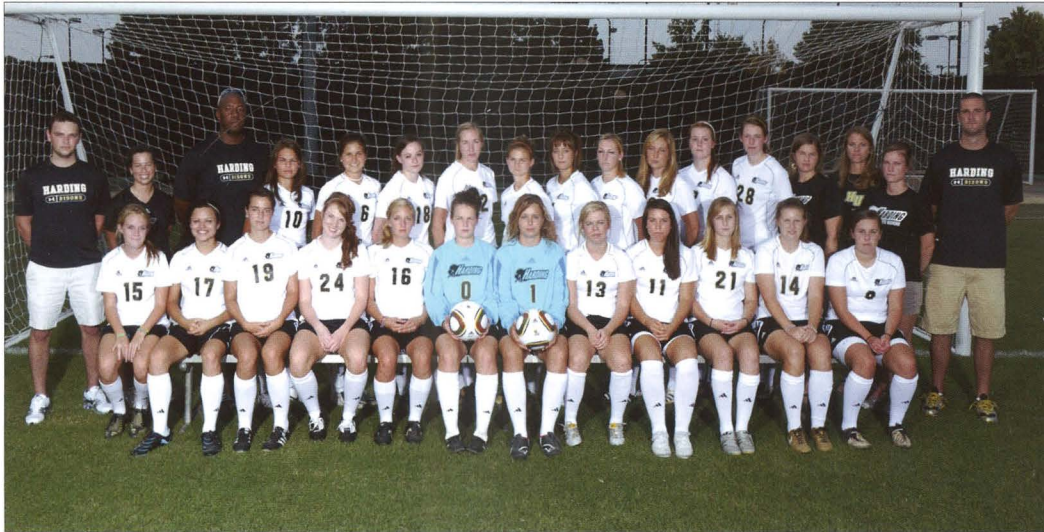
The Lady Bisons led the game in both shots (27) and shots on goal (14), and goalkeeper and senior Chelsea Hornbeck made nine saves during the game.

"Even though we didn't win that game, we won the game," Eusse said. "To make a comeback and tie the game after being down at halftime and having just come back from a 4-0 loss a couple days before says a lot about our team and the way we fight back."

Nicole Guillo



score BOARD



Palm Beach Atlantic University	3-1
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	0-4
Florida Institute of Technology	0-4
Anderson University (SC)	2-2
Texas A&M University - Commerce	0-2
Faulkner University (Ala.)	1-2
Northeastern State University	1-2
The University of Alabama in Huntsville	2-1
Delta State University	3-0
Lambuth University	3-1
University of West Florida	0-3
Belhaven University (Miss.)	5-0
University of North Alabama	0-6
University of West Georgia	3-2
Lyon College (Ark.)	0-2
Drury University	1-0
Ouachita Baptist University	1-0

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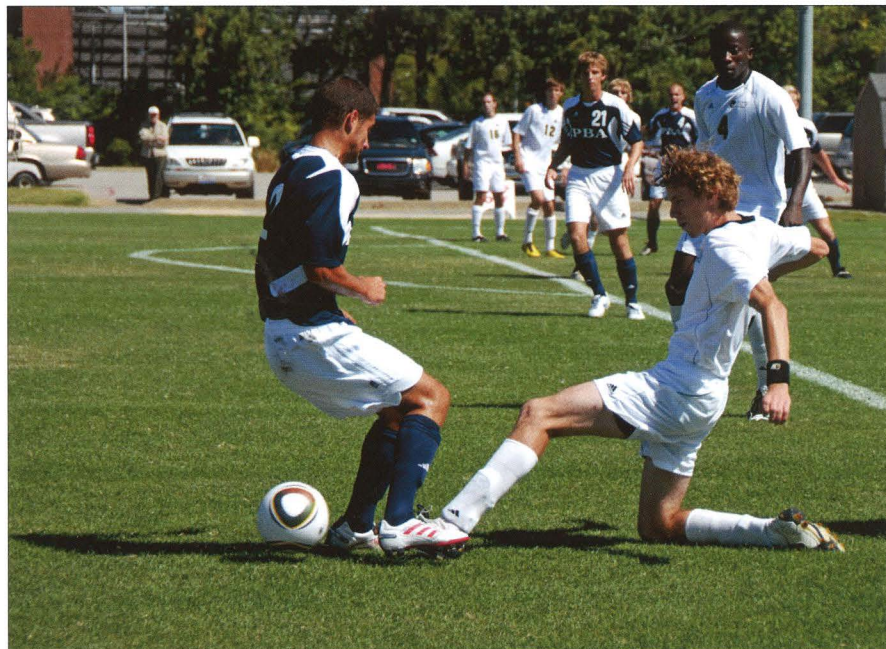
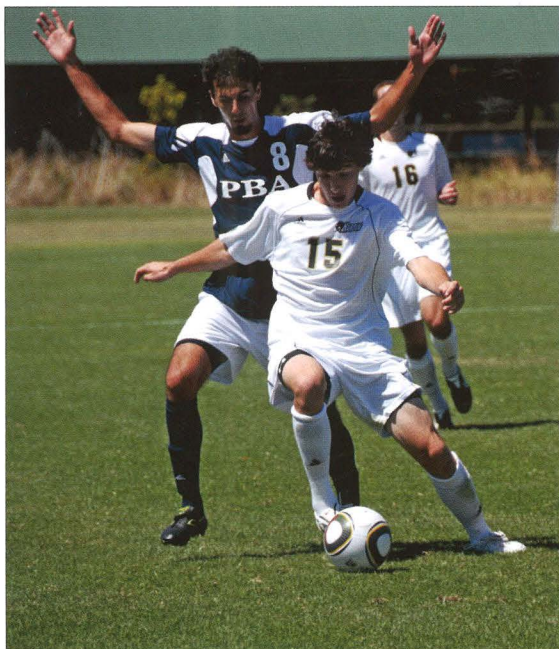
Palm Beach Atlantic University	0-2
Williams Baptist College (Ark.)	2-3
Ouachita Baptist University	1-4
Northeastern State University	2-5
University of Alabama Huntsville	0-1
Delta State University	1-0
University of West Florida	0-2
Christian Brothers University	0-2
Lambuth University	1-2
Hendrix College	1-0
Central Baptist College	0-2
Southwestern Christian	0-4
Lyon College (Ark.)	0-3
Drury University	0-1
Ouachita Baptist University	0-2
Christian Brothers University	1-5

On Sept. 4, senior Connor Galloway jumps to redirect the ball downfield. Galloway left the men's team with 13 goals and seven assists. *Ashel Parsons*

Sophomore Richard Glenn defends the ball on his way to the goal on Sept. 4. Glenn was a Harding athlete who played for both the soccer and track teams. *Ashel Parsons*

Sophomore Josh Ireland slides to stop the Palm Beach Atlantic defender on Sept. 4. Ireland came into the 2010 season with two goals and two assists made in the 2009 season. *Ashel Parsons*

Senior forward Glen Stewart makes his way downfield for a shot attempt on Sept. 4. Stewart, from Jamaica, was one of Harding's international athletes. *Ashel Parsons*



a BROTHERHOOD of teammates

A good soccer season did not just fall into place by coincidence. The men's soccer team, with the leadership of Coach Gregory Harris, spent a large amount of time preparing for the upcoming 2010-2011 season. This included working out together, setting goals for the season and bonding as a team.

One key pre-season event for the team that had the potential to determine the outcome of their season was the All-Gulf South Conference nominations. These nominations were given to two senior members of the team, Connor Galloway and Gabe Alexander, allowing them to serve in leadership roles to the younger members on and off the field.

"I hope to help the younger kids be confident and take pride in helping the team accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves," Galloway said.

The team also focused heavily on pre-season athletic training time. "We practiced all spring and worked out over the summer," Galloway said. "These practices involved running, lifting weights and playing small side games."

Since there were several new members on the team, bonding was an important part of pre-season training. The guys had to transition from viewing themselves as 22 individuals to a functioning, single unit.

"We need to function together and get along," Harris said. "When we come into pre-season, the team learns to become instant family. We want to have that type of community and family in which everyone would be involved."

Sophomore Jackson Savage said that one of his favorite team bonding activities was their annual dinner together on the final

night of pre-season.

"We all go to the coach's house for some poppy seed chicken made by Coach Harris' wife, and after that the guys' and girls' teams get together for some karaoke. It is a little ridiculous, but nevertheless, it is an experience that never fails to bring us closer together."

One of the team leaders' goals was to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each member individually in order to help the team work to its full potential.

"We want to try and see how we can utilize the talents of every single person," Harris said. "We are trying to find out the best types of leaders and who can help the team in what areas."

Even though Galloway was injured and unable to play halfway through the season, the seniors helped motivate the younger players.

"We worked extremely hard and that's all that you can do," Alexander said. "You're going to mess up; that's a given, so you always have to be sure to work hard."

In retrospect, the members of the team all agreed that, while certain aspects of the season did not turn out the way they had predicted, it was a very successful year, and they were already planning for next year's pre-season.

"I will go ahead and speak for the team when I say we all have some growing to do," Savage said. "I am determined to improve my game and focus, and I know the rest of my teammates are reassuring themselves as well. If we all have that attitude, I know that next season will be a success."

Mackenzie Lee



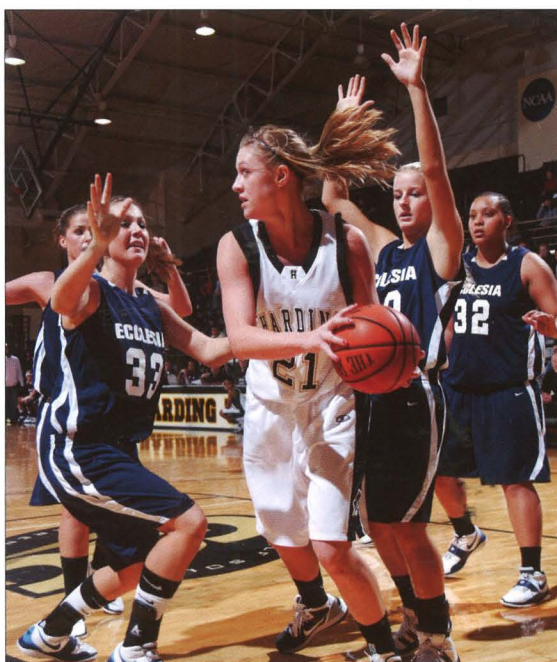
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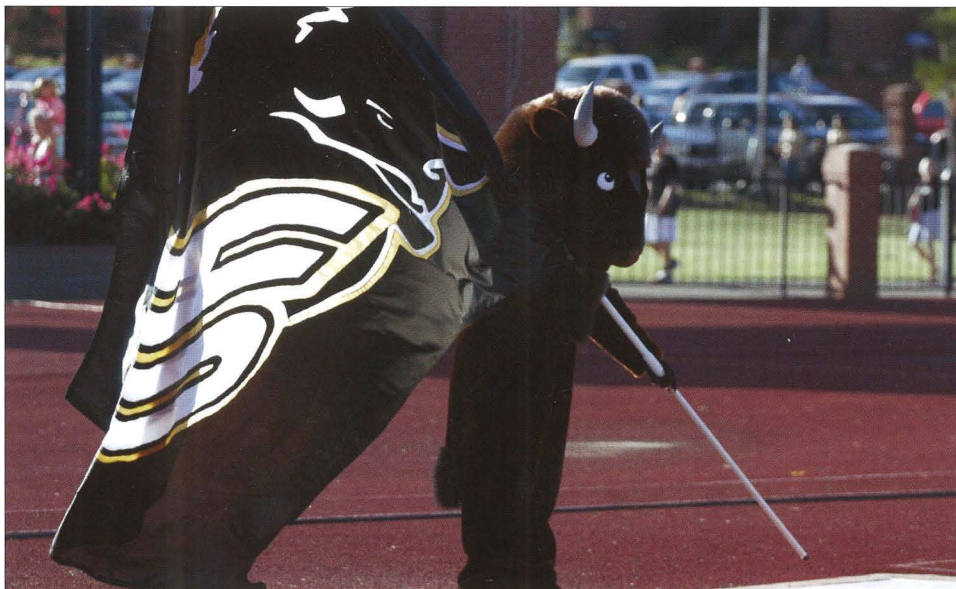
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basketball

Senior Bailey St. Clair takes the ball up over her Alabama Huntsville opponent on Dec. 17. St. Clair started every game during her four years and averaged 13.8 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. *Ashel Parsons*

On Jan. 15, coach Tim Kirby encourages the team during the last few moments of the game against Delta State. Kirby had been the women's coach since 2005. *Ashel Parsons*

Driving into the lane for two points on Dec. 7, junior Sierra Rollins contributes 13 points to the 80-56 win against Alabama Huntsville. Rollins was named 1st-team all conference for the 2011 season. *Ashel Parsons*



Born **FOR** the game

When it came to college sports, many athletes knew they would require hours on end of practices, games and traveling, not to mention talent and discipline. For the new Lady Bisons point guard, freshman Michaela Brown, all of these things were well-known qualities and came naturally in the game of basketball.

"I felt like I was born in a gym," Brown said.

Brown began playing basketball in the first grade and had never stopped since then. She described herself as "the kid whose dad was always the coach."

Brown had always played the position of point guard well, having started for four years on a high school team that played in three straight state championship games. When she began looking at Harding as a potential college choice, Coach Tim Kirby saw her talents on the court and realized her strengths, recruiting her for the Lady Bisons.

"She is extremely quick, very intelligent and a great young lady," Kirby said. "Michaela fits our program and university perfectly."

Kirby said that during the fall of 2010, Harding wanted to sign on two new point guards and needed someone that could join immediately. He believed Brown had the "basketball IQ" and the athletic ability to do that as a freshman.

Brown admitted that she had considered coming to Harding earlier, but having the opportunity to play basketball made the decision much easier. Aside from basketball, she felt Harding still had much to offer her, and her favorite aspect was the people. According to Brown, Harding had "a great campus life," and she made friends easily. Of course, she grew especially close to her teammates and loved traveling with the team.

Looking at Brown as a player, Kirby said her strengths were

quickness and mentality, but he recognized that she "always does the right thing" as well. He described her as "a very hard worker, respected and loved by her teammates."

Sophomore guard Katie Dunn said Brown never let the competition get the best of her.

"Michaela is unusual in the fact that she is a freshman point guard who really steps up for us," Dunn said. "She is always calm and never responds in the wrong way to her team, her coaches or the officials. She works as hard as anybody on our team, and that is huge to have a freshman putting in that effort."

When she was not on the court, Brown could have been found studying or simply hanging out with her teammates for fun. However, Brown knew how to balance having fun with the pressures of school and basketball, which could be demanding and time-consuming. She was an important contributor to the Lady Bisons, and Kirby agreed.

"We have a team that gets along extremely well and works hard," Kirby said.

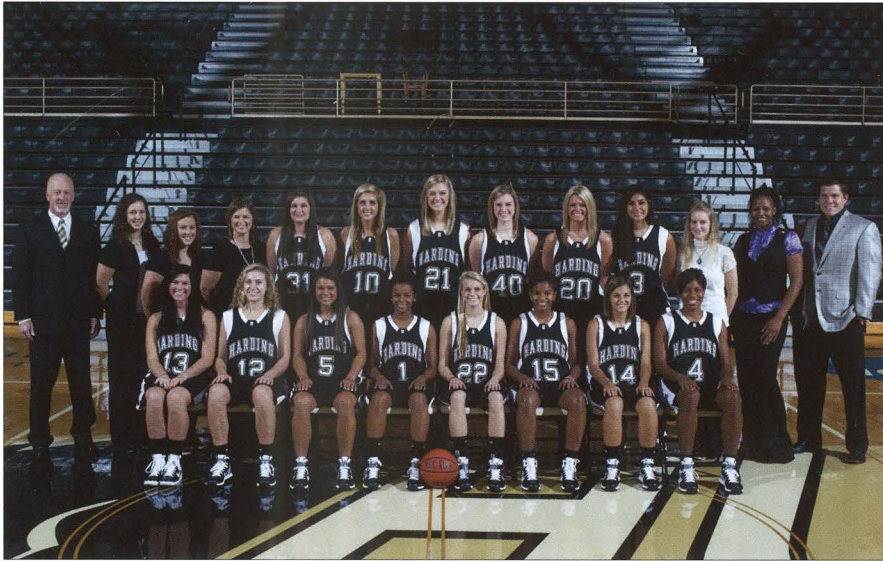
Kirby had high goals for Brown and the rest of the team during the 2010-2011 season, and he described the Gulf South Conference as a beneficial challenge that made for a competitive season, demanding on the players while improving their skills. Kirby felt confident in his players, having signed four freshmen for the 2010-2011 season. He expected each of them, including Brown, to get significant playing time.

Brown found her college experience to be great and continued loving the game of basketball while simultaneously representing her school. She stayed dedicated to her passion and focused on her goal.

"I learned that taking a break is never [an] option," Brown said.

Gabrielle Pruitt

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Lipscomb University	67-72
Central Baptist College	81-46
Lambuth University	82-39
Benedict College	40-41
University of West Georgia	66-46
University of West Alabama	58-64
Lambuth University	82-56
Ecclesia College	83-40
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University of North Alabama	46-50
Univ. District of Columbia	57-54
University of West Florida	75-54
University of North Alabama	65-59
Ouachita Baptist University	61-76
Southern Arkansas University	78-65
Delta State University	69-66
Christian Brothers University	55-48
Univ. of Arkansas-Monticello	52-40
Arkansas Tech University	67-77
Henderson State University	83-74
Ouachita Baptist University	73-83
Delta State University	53-70
Southern Arkansas	63-46
Univ. of Arkansas-Monticello	64-58
Christian Brothers University	50-44
Arkansas Tech University	58-74
Henderson State University	79-80



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LeMoyne-Owen College	86-81
Lane College	79-62
Lambuth University	82-69
Northeastern State University	80-82
University of West Georgia	79-65
University of West Alabama	69-68
Champion Baptist College	90-33
Central Baptist College	69-54
University of North Alabama	89-87
Missouri S & T	79-53
Univ. of Alabama in Huntsville	72-74
University of North Alabama	88-71
Ouachita Baptist University	59-55
Southern Arkansas University	72-58
Delta State University	88-80
Christian Brothers University	68-58
Univ. of Arkansas-Monticello	80-75
Arkansas Tech	55-85
Henderson State University	79-69
Ouachita Baptist University	89-82
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Southern Arkansas University	97-79
University of Arkansas-Monticello	91-71
Christian Brothers University	62-43
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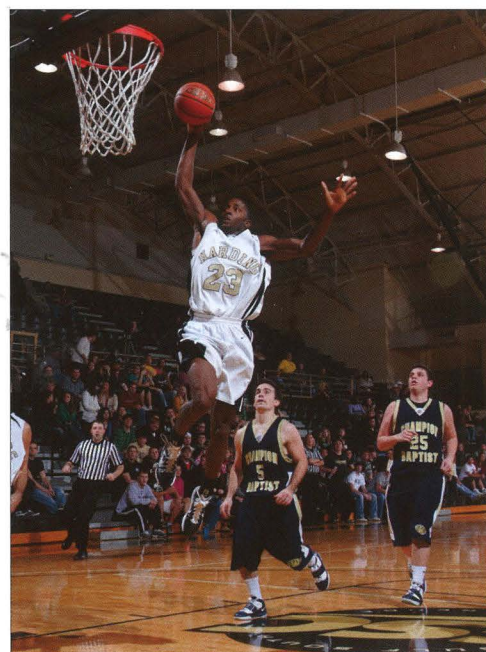
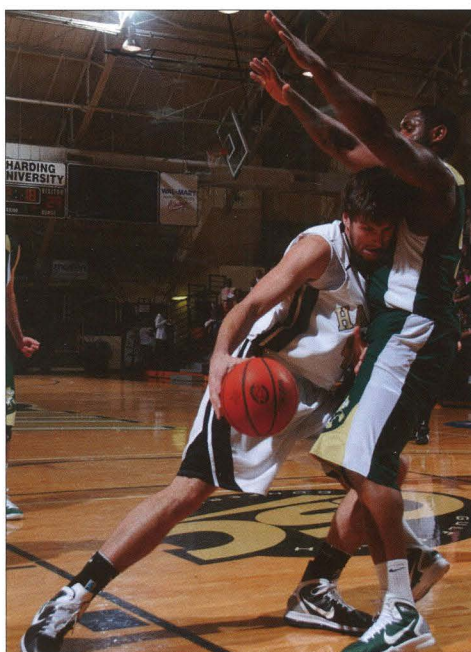


Junior Kirk Porter fights his way past the Alabama-Huntsville opponent to make a lay up. On Dec. 17 Porter scored 12 points in the two-point loss. *Ashel Parsons*

Making a move toward the basket, sophomore center Zach Roddenberry prepares to score. Roddenberry contributed several rebounds to the 80-75 win over Arkansas-Monticello on Jan. 24. *Ashel Parsons*

Junior Kevin Brown flies toward the basket for a one-handed dunk. Brown led the team to victory over Champion Baptist on Dec. 2 with 13 points and nine rebounds. *Ashel Parsons*

The Bisons bring it in before the big game against Christian Brothers on Feb. 19. The men won the playoff-clinching game 62-43. *Ashel Parsons*



The hard **WORK** finally pays off

Winter meant the beginning of the "rowdiest" sport on campus, with hundreds of spectators crowding into the Rhodes Field House to see fast-paced, high-action competition in one of its most popular sports: basketball.

Though the Bisons' men's basketball team lost a few key seniors the previous year, nothing would slow down the stamina of the 2010-11 team.

With 2010 graduates Trent Morgan and Matt Garner no longer on the team, other players were quick to step in to fill their shoes and help contribute to the team's early successes. The Bisons were 5-1, their only loss by two points at an away game against Northeastern State University in Oklahoma.

Though conference play had not yet begun, sophomore guard Bradley Spencer and senior guard Stephen Blake were on top of their games and playing strongly, according to their teammates. Senior power forwards Kevin Brown and Sam Brown also seemed very confident in their abilities this year. Blake led the team in scoring early in the season.

The Bisons' success did not come overnight, however; training began long before they ever stepped out on the court.

"We've been getting ready for this for a long time," Brown said. "We've been working our tails off all off-season, running, lifting weights, watching film and working on our individual as well as our team game."

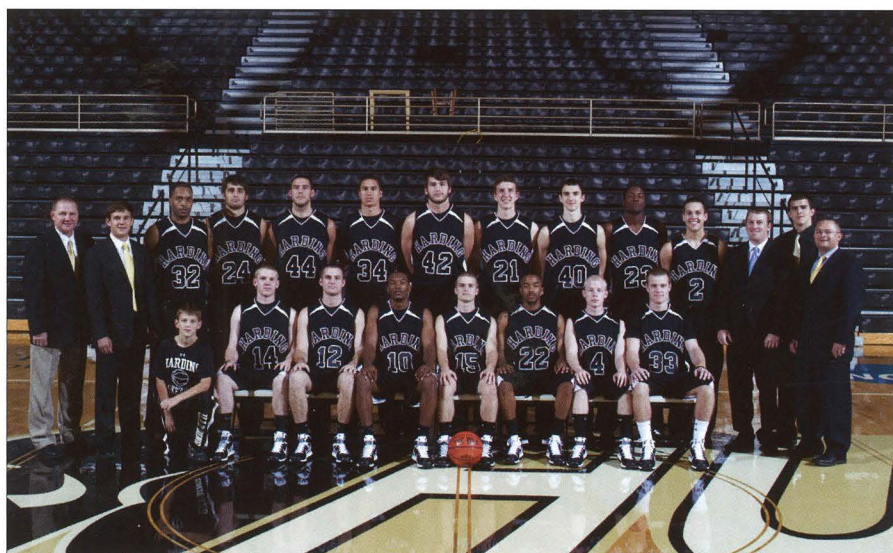
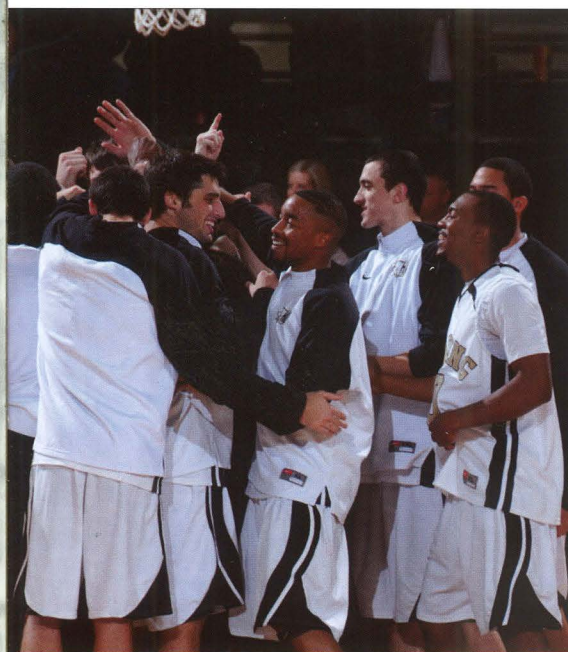
The hard work paid off. With the team's concentration on endurance, they were known for pulling ahead of their opponents in the fourth quarter of the game.

Of course, the men realized that in order to achieve their potential, they must not be too confident too soon.

"We're doing good up to this point, but we're not going to let up at all," Spencer said. "We have a long way to go, and we haven't even started conference play yet. I think the thing that will ultimately separate us from the competition this year, though, is how bad we want it. I know everybody wants to win, but we want it bad."

Coach Jeff Morgan agreed with Spencer, saying that, through losing a few leaders on the court, other players had stepped up to make the team stronger as a whole. Morgan said he had high hopes for the season, and the players had really been working hard for it. They all believed it would pay off in the long run, giving the Bisons their famous reputation and a place in the record books.

James Taylor



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