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Survey reveals 170 neglect church

by Nancy Jo Perry

About 170 students are not attending worship services on a regular basis, according to the spiritual life survey taken in chapel last month, Ross Cochran, chairman of the spiritual life committee, said.

The poll showed that 94 percent of the students responding attend frequently or all the time, according to the survey. Eighty-five percent felt that they benefit from the services moderately or very much.

"From the comments we received, the survey provoked thought and opened the eyes of a lot of people who have neglected going to church," Cochran said.

He also feels that the students are not taking advantage of the Sunday Bible classes offered at the College Church. "There is such a wide variety that each student should find the class right for him," Cochran stated.

Seventy-four percent attend the classes frequently or all the time. Ninety percent of the students enjoy their Bible courses, according to the survey. Cochran attributed this to the qualified men on the Bible faculty.

Religious lectureships and gospel meetings are attended by the students fairly well, Cochran said. However, only about half of the student body ever attends a lily pool devotional.

"The students expressed that they wanted more spontaneous singing devotions," he said. The lily pool devotions are being moved back to their original time at 9:30 p.m. They had been at 10:30 because of library hours, but since the library is now open until curfew, there is no need to have them so late, said Cochran.

Dorm devotions are also an area that need improvement. "Apparently they are lacking in several of the dorms," he said.

We want to get them started on a regular basis," he said.

While the Sunday night fellowship is not for everyone, it does fulfill a need, according to Cochran. All who answered a class that students attend the fellowship.

Thirty percent of the students (continued on page three)

Bookstore bargains

Approximately 2,000 students visited the Harding Bookstore on their student appreciation sale Tuesday, according to William Bridges, manager. With 90 percent of the general stock at a 25 percent discount, Bridges estimates sales increased 1,000 percent. Below, students line up to make purchases. At right, Larry Slabey (front) and Larry Deal (back) view the book selection.

The conference rules enabled the delegates to vote to limit debate on issues. Dissenters were stifled this way numerous times.

NWC chairwoman Ruth Chasen, president of the National League of Women Voters, stopped the convention with her gavel when the Mississippi delegation was booted.

C. Delores Tucker, secretary of state of Pennsylvania, said the delegation violated the spirit of the law that was the mandate because the delegation members were all white.

She said that white women composed only 25 percent of the women in Mississippi. She claimed that five of the delegates were men and members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Chasen responded by saying there would be no discrimination on the basis of race, sex or religion.

The conference also passed a resolution calling for aid to disabled women and united on a resolution to enforce the Federal Credit Opportunity Act of 1974.

The anti-ERA delegates were not successful in getting a resolution report before the conference because NWC said the report did not "speak to the
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ERA — shotgun for files

Equal Rights Amendment supporters had their big fling in Houston a couple of weeks ago at the taxpayers’ expense and it is time to reflect on what they accomplished.

And despite much hoopla and publicity — the fact is that the whole fliasco appears to have been pretty much of a waste.

Political strategist Jim Guy Tucker summed it up best when he replied to an inquiry here by saying the proposal passed at the Convention would have virtually no effect on his decisions or, to his knowledge, any other Congressmen’s decision.

Most of our representatives realize now with “20-20 hindsight,” as Tucker termed it, that the conference was not representative of the entire spectrum of female thought in the country.

In addition, it seems odd that only a reported 12,000 showed up for the NWC conference at the government’s expense while 20,000 turned out for the Pro-Family rally at their own expense.

Certainly ERA supporters are not all radicals and have many valid complaints. Presently women receive only 58 cents on every dollar a man receives for the same amount of work. Oddly enough, things have gotten worse in the last ten years despite the women’s rights movement. Ten years ago they received 64 cents on the dollar.

And to say there are enough laws on the books to protect equal pay for equal work is totally ignoring a serious injustice still alive and well in our society.

As Tucker pointed out, there were laws against segregation before the Civil Rights Act also, but we still had segregation and something needed to be done. But proposing an amendment which would totally ignore sexual distinctions in this country is reminiscent of killing flies with a shotgun.

Even several ERA proponents have admitted this amendment will not assure equal pay for equal work to women.

A law is one thing but an amendment to the constitution which a very anxious and bored bureaucracy is waiting to turn it into all sorts of imaginative rules and regulations to force upon the Americans, is entirely different.

According to the theory of having the government put its fingers into every facet of their public and private lives.

Passing an amendment like this would take the power of self-rule farther from the hands of the individual citizen than ever before and would be sheer folly.

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The materialism of the world is firming its grip on the Harding College students. No where is this more evident than on the campus.

Of the $10,000 goal only $3,000 was realized. At $10 per student this means that only about 11 percent of the student body bothered to sacrifice either a little of their time or possessions to a very significant part of the Lord’s work.

Many of the student body shed tears at a cost of $1.50 at the suppression by the Nazis exhibited in the movie “The Hiding Place.” We fail to realize, however, many more Jews and Christians probably have been imprisoned or executed in Russia.

But proposing an amendment is not an opportunity to put our faith to work — and we failed miserably.

by Gary Hanes

Foreign policy is a really funny animal; no matter how much you consider the various implications of a particular policy course, there’s always going to be some country or group of countries that is hurt because of your position.

With 164-plus nation-states crowding to control the limited area of this ever-shrinking world, it is becoming increasingly difficult for the United States to maintain a foreign policy that accomplishes our goals and looks out for our interests, yet does not antagonize some needed friend or ally.

A classic example of this conflict of interest is the present Arab-Israeli situation in the Middle East. Ever since the end of World War II, tensions have risen and fallen like a turbulent storm-driven sea that has crashed down in warfare four times.

Without rebuffing the particularists of the crisis, let’s look at a few conclusions that can be drawn.

First and foremost, there can be no permanent peace in the Middle East without both an Arab-Israeli settlement and a formalized homeland for the nationalist Palestinians. They both have land claims in the area dating back hundreds of years (the exact measurement of who was there first is really academic), so they both have a legal and moral right to the territory. Third, the fact to a lasting settlement must not be debated anymore.

Second, there is at the present time much talk and hope for a Geneva peace conference to be held in the near future, but as long as either of the conflicting interests fail to recognize the other’s right to exist, the U.S. has no business getting involved in such formal peace negotiations because they would be doomed to failure.

Third, America must continue to walk the tightrope between Israel and the Arab world. The Israelis can look to sentimental ties, historical precedence and Jewish influence on American politics as assurance of our support while the Arabs remain essential to the continued smooth operation of our industrial machine because of their oil reserves. This is a complex problem indeed, but one that can be solved with compromise and realistic thinking.

Finally, even though the situation looks brighter right now than it has any time in the past, the Great Powers (Russia and the U.S.) specifically must remain careful in their handling of the crisis, or they may even find themselves setting off another powder-keg like the one in the Balkans that resulted in World War I.

Crisis like the Middle East problem cannot be settled by rational decision-making and international-minded leadership must be present.

Fifth Column

by Steve Leavell

I wonder if anybody besides me still makes new year’s resolutions?

I still follow this custom faithfully, although I have been foolish enough to put them in writing. I mean, life is depressing enough without rubbing your nose in your own fallibility.

New year’s resolutions derive from an old Celtic custom of self-mortification. In these rites, the Celts would list for their pagan priests their various shortcomings which they pledged to try and correct during the coming year. After the winter solstice, the priest kept a close eye on his people and would, if he caught them reneging on their pledges, beat them soundly about the head and shoulders with a pig’s bladder — much to the distress of the pig. Needless to say, this custom died out relatively rapidly as, incidently, did the Celtic priesthood and pigs.

Mankind lived in peace for quite some time until the court of Louis XIV of France, in order to vitiate their jailed tastes for decadent pleasure, revived the custom of new year’s resolutions. The aristocrats used their power to force the peasants to give up late hours, carousing and deep, frothy wine. In later years, this was cited as being a major cause of the French revolution.

The custom of new year’s resolutions was smuggled into the United States late in the 19th century. Exactly how this happened remains shrouded in mystery, but rumor has it that the deed was accomplished by sneaking the custom past the customs inspectors along the Mexican border. One under a wagon load of hand-made Indian pottery.

Since then, the habit has taken an unfortunate hold on our society. Like many years, though, it seems the trend has diminished or at least become limited to convenient and temporary aspects of their own homes.

FINAL NOTE: Those of you with keen memories will recall that the Locust column promised that this Fifth Column would feature the first part of our truly wonderful Greatest Hits serial.

It didn’t, however, it was decided after mature reflection on the part of several of those concerned, that it would be best to save the opening installment until a later date so the story could flow, as it were, without undue confusion. (Did I say that all right, Vito? Please don’t hit me again, Vito.)
Students give $3,000

Three thousand dollars have been contributed to the Mission of Love campaign.

The goal of the project, which was announced before Thanksgiving recess, is to be able to donate $10,000 to the printing ministry in Vienna, Austria. Bibles are printed in Vienna on a Heidelberg press in several different languages and taken by Christians into the iron curtain countries.

According to Ross Cochran, coordinator of the project, the money will be turned in at the beginning of next semester. However, money can be contributed at any time to the Bammel Road Church in Houston, Tex. They will take over the sponsorship of the printing ministry from the church in Quanah, Tex., on Jan. 1, 1978.

Even though the $10,000 goal was not met Cochran says that he is not disappointed. He feels that the attitude that was spread about and the interest that was developed is more important than the monetary goal.

How to convince
Mom and Dad to buy you
a pre-paid Trailways ticket home

Check boxes, clip out, mail to parents.

Dear Mom and Dad,

Things are swell here at college except, of course, the food, which is so bad that I'm down to 91 lbs. living on salted water. I am notified by the nearest Trailways terminal to pick the ticket up here. I hope you'll buy me a prepaid Trailways ticket home to get a decent meal.

I sure could go for some of Mom's good ol' apple pie:
  - Riz de Veau à la Financière
  - blood transfusions
  - Trailways tickets paid for at your local station and picked up at mine.

Dad, next time we get together, I want to tell you:
  - about my part-time job
  - how I suddenly realized what a truly wise and magnificent fellow you are
  - where I left your car last New Year's Eve
  - thanks for making this trip possible with a prepaid Trailways ticket.

I also need some advice on:
  - a personal matter
  - my backhand
  - where one can hire decent servants these days
  - how to separate you from a few bucks for a prepaid Trailways ticket.

Got to sign off now and go:
  - to class
  - to pieces
  - drop three or four courses
  - to the Trailways station to see if anyone sent me a prepaid ticket to get out of here for the weekend.

Love,

P.S. Just go to the Trailways station and pay for my ticket, tell them who it's for and where I am. I pick the ticket up here when I go to catch the bus.

Pro-family assembly releases platforms

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The purpose of the NWC, the removal of the barriers of equality.

However, the text was released to the news media.

According to The Houston Post, the report asked for a limit on taxation and non-essential government spending, and a return to the "primary function of the federal government," which is the proper defense measure to "assure peace for our children."

The report called for a return of power to local government, legislation ensuring parents' rights of caring for their children, and cessation of child abuse and the use of children for "degenerate pornographic materials."

The report also called for the rejection of the "unisex" ERA and the sanctity of innocent life from conception to natural death.

The dissenters, lead by Joan Gubbins of Indiana, had a walk-out as the NWC conference was being adjourned. Gubbins helped plan the rally in the Astrodome.

The purpose of the IVY was to decide what the women of America want and to make recommendations to the President and Congress.

The NWC chairwoman was Bella Abzug of New York. On the rostrum with her were former first ladies Lady Bird Johnson and Betty Ford and first lady Rosalyn Carter.

At the Pro-Family, Pro-Life meeting, there were signs reading "Abortion Kills Babies" and "God Destroyed the Iron Curtain."

There was a filmed message of support by Anita Bryant and a speech by Phyllis Schlafly, president of Stop-Era. Speakers included Texas State Representative Clay Smithers, as well as a "reformed" homosexual and a Green Beret who spoke on the military impact of ERA.

Survey...

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say they get little or no benefit from chapel. Cochran feels that it would help if everyone would make an effort to get to chapel on time. "As little as it sounds, it does have an influence," he said.

Some new spiritual activities being planned for next semester are a one-day student lecture, campus-wide singings, and visits to old folks homes, said Cochran.

One out of every 11 students said that Harding was different than they had expected. The majority who said this were disappointed in the college and critical of the faculty, Cochran said.

"Because Harding is made up of people, it's not going to be perfect," he said. "Everyone will have to look at his own life and give an answer for it."

Any student who has a suggestion to improve the spiritual life on Harding campus may put it in the SA box in the student center.

Joy fellowship

"Self-worth" will be the theme of the next Joy Fellowship, to be held in the American Heritage Auditorium on January 28.

Mrs. Louisa Brown, Mrs. Louise Woodroof, Loleta Higginbotham, and Sherry Organ will speak on the topic, "I'm Not Much But... I AM."

The presentation is tentatively slated from 10:00 until 2:30 p.m.
Willard Collins, newly appointed president of David Lipscomb College, will deliver the commencement address to the December graduating class of 1977.

At that time, Collins will be awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Harding College. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. in the Administration Auditorium.

Collins, who served as vice-president of Lipscomb since 1966, was selected to succeed Athens Clay Pullias as president. Collins was aware of the unique purpose of training better Christians and to put forth a tremendous influence on building the Christian family. It has been a thrill to work at Lipscomb.

Oliver-Bonner

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Reynolds of Auberry, Calif., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sheri Renee Oliver, to Robert Leslie Bonner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bonner of Little Rock.

The bride-elect is a junior in the nursing program and a member of Sigma Tau Sigma social club. The prospective groom is a senior in the nursing program and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He will graduate this semester with a B.A. in Biology.

The wedding will be Jan. 7, 1978, at 2:30 p.m. at the Downtown Church of Christ. Avon Malone will officiate at the ceremony.

Key to unemployment:

Brimmer emphasizes private sector

by Jim Warren

Legislators would concentrate on increasing jobs in the private sector rather than in the public sector to solve the nation's unemployment problems, said American economist Allan Brimmer.

Brimmer, president of Brimmer and Company Inc., a Washington-based financial consulting firm, is considered by many a candidate for nomination to replace Arthur Burns as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

"I'm convinced it is far better to concentrate on the private sector rather than in the public sector if we are in fact to make any real dent in the unemployment situation in this country," he said.

Brimmer suggested a key to expanding private sector jobs would be government subsidies granted to private industry to hire and train unskilled workers. "I would rather take a good part of the money we are spending ($6 billion per year for public jobs) to provide subsidies to the private sector to train people and give them the opportunity to move ahead," he said.

In this way we would not be simply "warehousing" people but instead be giving them "marketable skills.

Brimmer suggested grants of $10,000 per person over a three-year period could produce a skilled worker in "on-the-job training.

He noted precedent had already been set for such a program in the form of the G.I. Bill. Brimmer expressed reservation on the proposed Humphrey-Hawkins amendment to the 1961 act which would set targets of four percent total unemployment and three percent unemployment among adults by 1981.

"I would have to create jobs at a rate that's one and one-half times what the country is doing on its own," he said.

"Let me assure you — to get that much action would require a substantial effort," he added.

"The Humphrey-Hawkins bill won't do it."

Brimmer warned that getting down to five percent unemployment would put more inflationary pressure on prices.

"We have to be careful, he said. We can get down below five percent, but we shouldn't do it by 'pumping up' the economy. It has to be done slowly."

Brimmer noted that the U.S. has a built-in inflation rate of about six percent and added if this is maintained "year-in and year-out," it could be very detrimental to savings.

Brimmer said one of the major causes of inflation was an average annual wage increase in the United States of about 10 percent while overall productivity rose only about three percent.

"The relationship between inflation and wages cannot be pushed under the rug," he said, adding one solution might be to put a check on wages in respect to productivity.

Brimmer cited the minimum wage as a determining force in the high unemployment problems among youth and unskilled workers. The wage has exceeded the productivity of the worker on the fringe and the present minimum wage for young people should remain the same rather than be increased as has been proposed, he said.

In response to questions from the audience Brimmer had mixed emotions concerning the increased influx of foreign immigrants to the U.S. as a "brain drain" on the rest of the world.

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Holidays offer driving hazards

by Karen Davis

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Conference foes bounce past basketball Bisons

The two Bison bowling teams captured second and third places and Southwest Baptist University team one took first in a bowling meet held Saturday at the Bison Lanes. The number one team from SWB, who took second in the NAIA last year, accumulated 5398 to edge past Harding number one with 5302. Harding’s second team had 5389.

Following the teams were UCA with 5128, ASU with 5109, OBU number one with 4885, SWB number two with 4846, and OBU number two with 4818.

In the singles competition, Ken Bowman of UCA had the highest number of pins with 1156. He was followed by Kyle Thomas of OBU (54), Williams 13, Gilbert 13, Jenkins 14, Taylor 8, Greer 2, Floyd 2, and Hall 2. College of the Ozarks seniors Sam Scott and Carl Johnson combined for 41 to lead the Mountaineers over the Bisons 75-61 in Monday night’s game.

Coach Jess Bucy’s squad, trailing by only three, 33-36, at halftime, were outscored 17-11 over the first seven minutes of the second half and were never able to overcome the cold spell. The Mountaineers did a superb job in cutting off David Baker to score underneath the basket. After his 22-point performance against OBU, Baker was held to only one field goal before going to the bench with five fouls midway in the second half.

Baker also had nine rebounds. Also scoring in double figures for the Bisons was Tim Pitt with 10. The ballgame was nip-and-tuck throughout the first half as the lead see-sawed back and forth. At the half, OBU held a slim two-point lead.

In the second half, the Bisons could not keep up with the Tigers as OBU rebounded and shot their way to victory and their first AIC win.

HARDING (63)-Binkley 3, Treadway 6, Thrasher 2, Baker 22, Paxton 4, Eckwood 6, Platt 10. OBU (54)-Williams 13, Gilbert 13, Jenkins 24, Taylor 8, Greer 2, Floyd 2, Hall 2, Sall 2.

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Bison field events prove strong

Harriers fare well in indoor meet

The Harding College Bison harriers posted five first place finishes in the first indoor track meet of the season Saturday at the new gymnasium.

Since the meet was for all comers, official team totals were not kept, but unofficially, Coachita Baptista finished 2½ points in front of Harding.

For the Bison, Steve Platt put the shot 53-6 to take first place honors. Matt Grate took the two-mile run with a time of 9:37.5 and Darryl Bassett, who has never run an indoor 440 before, was clocked at 53.3 to take first place.

Don Thurman took the triple jump with a jump of 46-7 and John MaCAlster won the mile run with a time of 4:29.

Head Coach Ted Lloyd said the most outstanding participant in the meet was Gerald Masterson from OBU. Masterson set two floor records in the 600-yd. run and the 1000-yd. run and was a member of the two-mile relay team which also set a new Harding indoor record.

Coach Lloyd said that he was pleased with the effort displayed by the harriers. He was most impressed with the men in the field events. "Everyone did well. The men that participated in the field events showed good effort and we are looking forward to a great indoor track season."

The next meet for the Bisons will be Jan. 21 when they will host UAPB, Lipscomb and Louisiana Tech.

The results of each event are as follows:

Mile Relay (1:39.5): Steve Platt, Harding; Harmonstead, OBU; McAllster, OBU; and Brown, Harding.

Three Harriers fare well in indoor meet

For the Harriers fare well in indoor meet, the new gymnasium.

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Marshall Grant, Harding; Jobri McAllster, Harding; and Nick Ross, Harding.

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Diffine presents guide to Searcy Chamber

Dr. Don Diffine presented a 150-page statistical guide compiled by his economics classes to the Searcy Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 30 at the annual banquet held in the Heritage Cafeteria.

The book, entitled Locating in Searcy, Arkansas - Facts on Business and Industry, was an extensive update of Searcy's 1964 80-page guide. It was designed as an informational guide to be given to prospective industries wishing to locate in the Searcy area.

The book represented approximately 1,000 man hours of work by 120 Harding students, according to Diffine.

"I think it is one of the finest publications the Searcy Chamber of Commerce has ever had," said Billy Roy Floyd, outgoing chamber president.

In appreciation, the Chamber presented Diffine and his classes a plaque.

System's slight revisions to improve registration

by Martha Collar

The success of the new registration system, designed to speed up the process and shorten lines, will depend largely upon the cooperation of the students, according to Virgil Beckett, registrar.

"The system is basically the same as it was last semester but it has been slightly revised," he said.

Each of the 2,400 students who preregistered was allowed to decide upon a time slot in which he would come back and complete registration. Beckett estimates that 100 students per hour are scheduled to register on Jan. 9 and Jan. 10. Only students who are scheduled will be able to register at these times.

"In the past, we tried registering students alphabetically by last names or by classification, but this was inefficient," said Beckett, noting it also gave the student less choice as to when to register.

"Whether or not this new system works depends on how well the students cooperate. If they have preregistered and come back at the specified time, and if their account for this semester is cleared and the one for next semester is already fed into the computer, then all they will have to do in January is pick up their meal tickets and get a chapel seat," he said.