SA survey reveals problem

Students chide college food

by Nancy Jo Perry

Lack of representation for better food services may be the biggest complaint the student body has against the Student Association, according to the S.A. survey taken in chapel last week.

The evaluation showed that 62 percent of the students who filled out the questionnaire rated the S.A. from fair to unacceptable in regards to the food services.

Students commented about the food more than any other subject in the discussion section.

"It's got to be something in the way they prepare it," said Mark Miller, chairman of the food services committee.

A survey will be taken in chapel to find out what the students think is wrong with the food. "We have done everything we can to make the cafeterias more convenient and comfortable. It all boils down to quality," Miller said.

The committee has written to four other Christian colleges to find out about their food services. As soon as the results of the food survey are tallied and the comparisons of the colleges are made, the committee will present their suggestions to Lott Tucker, vice-president of finance.

"We can never get it as good as mother's home cooking, but we can make definite improvements by learning from the other colleges," Miller said.

The biggest complaint next to the food services was in relation to student representation before the faculty. Forty percent thought that the representation in that area was from fair to unacceptable. Representation of the spiritual life on campus and the administration was rated 36 percent in the same category, and 34 percent felt the same way about the building and grounds.

The S.A. received their highest rating from the students in social activities. Eighty percent of the students who took the poll believed that the S.A. is doing a good or superior job.

Seventy-eight percent felt the same way about the movie program and 71 percent about the lyrics. Although 74 percent thought that the S.A. is doing a good or superior job in leading the student body, many commented that they had little contact with the S.A.

"We have always been hesitant to be in the limelight but it might be better for us to stand out more than we have," said Susan Drady, president of the S.A. An S.A. slide show is being planned to let the students know more about it.

A few comments mentioned black inequality and lack of black teachers on the faculty. Susan feels that there is a need for black teachers but that the students' complaint about no black entertainers was not legitimate.

"When we schedule a lupectum, we don't check to see if they are black performers or white performers," Susan said.

Roughly 95 percent of the students who answered the survey are aware of the eight major activities that the Student Association sponsors. However, only 41 percent read the minutes regularly.

"There is a lot of room for improvement but our biggest problem is how to present the minutes so that the students will read it," said Susan.

Fifty-one percent of the students receive the majority of their information about the S.A. from the minutes, 40 percent get it from the Bluen, 36 percent from hearay, seven percent from the bulletin boards, and six percent from the campus radio station.

A few basic changes are taking place according to Susan. Fifty-four percent of the students who took the poll said they would attend a suggestion and complaint session. These, along with other surveys, are being planned for the future.

"We have a lot of the comments to heart, and we look for a lot of good to come from the survey," Susan said.

Snow Bowl

Knights and Phi Delta welcomed last week's snowfall with a football game on the front lawn. Approximately 6 inches of snow had fallen in the Searcy area as of Wednesday with more expected.
SA needs student support

Long before a student government can be expected to deliver effective representation, a faith or belief must be placed in that government by the student body. Perhaps one of the greatest problems facing our Student Association as indicated by their recent survey, is that no such faith in the S.A. exists among Harding students.

Of the 2,800 captive students in chapel last semester, only 750 filled out the survey — indicating many people thought it was a waste of time.

This is unfortunate, because the survey represents one of the first major student-led attempts by the S.A. to get student input. Now that such annual duties as Homecoming are past, the problem obviously exists.

Despite the student apathy, some clear concerns of the students were vividly brought out in the results.

The first is that the Student Association must concentrate on getting in front of the student body. Amazingly, only 65 percent of the respondents know the S.A. president with less than 50 percent knowing the rest of the S.A. cabinet. This would demand much greater exposure via chapel appearances and Bloon and KHCA interviews.

Secondly, the greatest complaint among students was overall effectiveness directed at the college food services. Despite denouncements from people about campus, certain things can be said about simple constructive criticism when a major problem obviously exists.

Mark Miller, chairman of the food services committee, warns that the S.A. has no real authority to invoke major changes in the food services, but undoubtedly the administration will not ignore a greater exposure via chapel appearances and Bloon and KHCA interviews.

Despite great concern over whether the campus will host a major winter sports competition and how to alleviate the burden of responsibility must fall on our administrators and the S.A. executive council.

Until the role of the S.A. is clarified, students have no government to believe in and the S.A. role remains largely one of a party organizer.

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Winter tips

by Gary Hanes

Every morning countless scores of American school children recite the phrase "Liberty and justice for all," words that many of us almost worship with patriotic devotion. Yet, can we really claim such a universal adherence to these principles?

Is every man or woman guaranteeing the just execution of our massive body of laws? Does each person have the freedom to determine the course of his or her life?

America lies today as a vast sea of paradox. Our farmers cannot receive enough money to live on because they produce too much food and yet thousands, perhaps millions, of our own citizens go to bed hungry every night. We claim to be a nation based on Christian principles like compassion and sympathy, but many people favor the idea that we withdraw all aid to "ungrateful" foreigners.

Minority groups remain locked up in self-perpetuating slums while we build multi-million dollar arenas to watch men bang each other's heads in. The right to a speedy trial has largely become a joke and plea bargaining, out of necessity, has replaced true justice.

However, most of these problems have been repeated over and over again for many years, and it is still necessary for them to be re-stated because they remain largely unchanged.

The social activism that ignited during the 1960's has faded into a mood of political indifference that has permeated the late 1970's.

So, it's not because the government doesn't reflect the mood and feelings of a majority of the people; the problem is that it does. Compliant, middle-class America has justified the existence of poverty and injustice largely out of their sphere of influence.

Sure, there's always going to be suffering and inequality; these are facts of life and human nature. But we have no right to sit contented while there remains something that we can do to correct the present situation.

The solution to the problem lies first and foremost within the heart of each person that reads this. The problem is essentially people and their inhumanity toward one another. Maybe if we who care were willing to play a more active role in the government, those school children wouldn't have to be liars. 
SA fall budget shows $1075 surplus
by Kandy Nancy
The Student Association's budget for the fall semester realized a $1,075.70 surplus, according to treasurer Mark Miller. Miller noted that some expenses may still be outstanding but said that allocated funds totaling $4,925, expenditures totaling only $3,853.73, and a revenue surplus of $34.43 produced a considerable amount left over.

The budget outlined for the 1977 fall semester:
- In administrative outlays $1,086 was allocated; $899.79 was actually spent, with a surplus of $186.21.
- Total social outlays resulted in $1,141.20 (of the allocated $1,460) actually being spent, which caused a deficit of $318.80.
- Total conference outlays resulted in $757.00 actually being spent, leaving a small surplus of $575.00.

Money actually spent by the various committees of the S.A. ($808.54) was considerably less than the allocated figure ($1,175.00), which resulted in a $366.46 surplus.

In conference outlays $757.00 was allocated while $686.86 was actually spent, leaving a small deficit of $70.14.

A surplus of $397.50 in miscellaneous outlays resulted because $277.46 of the allocated $675.00 was actually spent.

The total amount of revenue allocated was $4,775.00, with $4,608.43 actually being collected, thus differing a total of $34.43 in surplus revenue.

"I was very pleased with the last semester. We weren't too extravagant in our spending, but didn't pinch, either. The surplus will be carried over to this semester for the Spiritual Life Committee, the Leadership Conference, and social activities for the students."

We're accepting applications for our February session... preferably yours!

The challenge of this generation is to plant the flag of King Jesus in every nation in the world. Young men and women are rallying around the flag, dedicating their lives to the war. We are in a war whether we like it or not. In war, material things become less important. Lost souls scream out, and the young cannot cover their ears any longer.

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Memphis seminar begins

Getting to know Jesus in relation to His disciples will be the focus of the annual Memphis State Seminar on the campus of Memphis State University beginning today and ending Sunday.

Approximately 200 Harding students are registered for the seminar, according to Terry Smith, campus minister at Harding. While a majority are providing their own transportation, the College church bus will be available for those without a ride to Memphis.

Registration runs smoothly

Of the 2,500 students who preregistered for classes, "most of them completed registration in 10 or 15 minutes," according to Virgil Beckett, registrar.

"I haven't talked to a student who wasn't pleased with the efficiency of registration this semester, of those who preregistered in the fall," said Beckett.

The new system features predetermined time slots during the three-day registration period. Each student chooses which time slot he wishes to register in and must register only during that time period. In this way students could be evenly divided, thus avoiding long lines.

Monday, 883 students registered with 84 registering Tuesday and 77 Wednesday. About 50 more students were expected to arrive later in the week, including the A Cappella chorus and Chorale.

"The only students who had problems in registration were those who hadn't preregistered and it just took them longer to get through," said Beckett.

"Some students didn't make it back by the time they were scheduled to register, but we had set aside some time slots for new students and we had enough of those left over to use them for the late students," he said.

The next goal on the agenda of the registration officials is to speed up the preregistration process, particularly for freshmen, "because they come in masses to preregister as a result of the way the system is now set up," said Beckett.
Water Buffaloes to undergo rebuilding season

by Doug Henneman

Junior diver Brad Watson was standing around in Arnold Pylkas' office offering Kellogg's standing around in Arnold warming up. It seemed to keep on ringing. In the midst of answering a phone that was already in the water warming up, Arnold Pylkas himself was in the midst of answering a phone that seemed to keep on ringing. In the midst of answering a phone that was already in the water warming up, it was a pretty informal and hectic atmosphere. The Bisons, led by veteran John Charles and rookie Ken Ellis will shoulder the distance events.

Second-half problems continue to trouble Bisons

With seven minutes to go, Hendrix went into a four corner offense to maintain ball control. The Bisons, with Stan Eckwood and Haze McClary coming up with a couple of steals, tried to stay in reaching distance, but the Ken Ellis will shoulder the distance events.

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The Harding College Basketball Bisons kept up with the Hendrix College Warriors throughout the first half but could not cope with Hendrix's awesome depth in the second and fell short by an 81-67 margin.

The loss lowered the Bisons' overall record to 6-9 and 5-1 in AIC action. Hendrix, one game back of league leader Ouachita Baptist, is now 12-3 and 5-1 in conference play.

The Bisons, led by David Baker, who poured through 21 points, shot a hot 63.6 percent from the field and out-rebounded the Warriors by a 37-35 margin.

In the second half, Hendrix alternated their backcourt men regularly and wore down the Bisons with a pair of three-point plays.

Junior Brad Watson captains the diving team with senior lettermen Rick Haveme and Dale "Goober" McCoy and sophomore Eddie Blackshear rounding out the squad.

Academics have hurt the squad in addition to the lack of experience. Co-captain Tim Boyd is on probation and speedster Norman Kasha is not even out for the team in order to spend more time with the books. Several others have also quit the team for the sake of studies.

Fate has not been kind to this year's team. Of the 42 that originally came out, only about 25 were left by Christmas, and the squad now is down to about 14. But it's not really all that bad. The team is close, spirits are high and next year promises to be one of the best in the team's history. Besides, what other sport has Cracklin' Bran on its trading table?

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