Students prepare for stress of finals with snacks, preparation for home

by Julie C. Carey
Bison staff writer

Finals Week — a time for studying, excitement and stress.

Finals week brings out many different reactions from Harding students. Some feel as if the semester began only yesterday, and others feel like the semester has been too long. Some prepare physically by stocking up on food and setting up a schedule by which they can study. Others mentally prepare for themselves.

Some mark finals week as not only an end, but a beginning also.

Sophomore Shannon Black of Benton, Ark., does both. She said, "You work so hard and it all comes together." She also prepares to go home during finals week. Because she gets so excited about going home, she said, "I don't call home during finals week."

Black said that if she calls home, she puts more emphasis on that, rather than studying.

One common answer when asked what is most liked about finals week is that there are no classes. Sophomore Sherry Orr from Lawton, Okla., and Rob Kernodle from Harrison, Ark., both feel that without classes, there is time to study as one should.

Paul Hillier, a sophomore from Ringold, La., says, "I like the fact of only having to study for tests (as opposed to studying for classes and tests)."

Something that seems to play a big role in finals week is food. Hillier and Leilynn Rose, a sophomore from Bowie, Md., both stock up on food. Hillier even makes sure that he has enough money in his checking account for pizza during finals. Orr and her roommate Cindy Grout, a sophomore from Lansing, Mich., have Moms who send care packages for finals week.

To some, the end is hard to conceive. "It seems so hard that they are here. The semester has gone so fast," said sophomore Karen Adams from Fort Worth, Texas. Kernodle said, "It signifies the end of the semester, and you have to leave your friends here."

Rose likes the idea of being able to lean on friends during this time.

Hollin said, "Everyone pulls together." He also said it is a relieving feeling when finals are over.

There is no doubt that finals play a big part in the "college scene." Even if one sees it as stressful, vacation is just around the corner. And for those who feel like the end is near, a new semester is just around the next corner.

Happenings

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Christmas favorites make holiday special

I love Christmas. Call me crazy, call me commercial, call me Ishmael, and call me at 503, but I just love Christmastime.

I am not sure why I love it, but it seems so magical with all the lights, the carols, the sales and the snow. Well, cancel the snow. Since I am from Dallas, we never get snow, so I must substitute “cold rain” for snow.

Anyway, things are much more lively and happy at Christmastime; most people’s moods reflect this holiday. Long lines in department stores which elicit grumbling from customers at other times of the year are quietly tolerated. There is a sense of cheer in the usual hustle and bustle of the crowds, and even traffic becomes merry — well, almost. But the Scrooge-to-Santa attitude change is definitely present.

Which brings me to another favorite part of Christmas: presents. I truly enjoy shopping for the perfect gift for someone and wrapping the gift, with matching bows, in pretty Christmas paper. You always match the paper design to the personality of the person. Dad gets “Manly Christmas.” Mom gets “Country Christmas” and Kimberley gets “Kid Christmas.”

Probably my favorite part of Christmas is the songs. Everyone knows the tune and the words to all of those favorite Christmas carols and the worst singer feels comfortable belting them out to contribute to holiday spirit. Also, no one can beat Elvis’ version of “I’ll Have a Blue Christmas Without You.” Those backup singers who croon “who-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo” are the best. And Barry Manilow can really jam out a jazzy “Jingle Bells.”

The only problem about Christmas is that it ends far too soon. That sinking, let-down feeling begins to hit at 11:00 on Christmas morning. All of the pretty wrapping paper has been ripped off and sorted into the bin marked “recycled paper.” The tree looks empty, the Christmas ham has been picked over and the toy that required hours of assembly is already broken.

But the lights are still up, the halls are still decked and you can still sing “I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas” for good eight hours. So enjoy your Christmas, spend time with your family and get plenty of rest over the short break. Because Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year.

— K.E.

Merry Christmas

from the Bison staff

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LETTERS

Student expresses support for Cope’s message, ministry

Dear Editor,

I just want to write and publicly thank Mike Cope for what he has done for me. I saw him at Western Sizzlin’ last week, and though I don’t know him on a personal basis, I felt like going up to him as if we were best friends. He has helped me so much in bringing Christ into all aspects of my life. When he preaches, he brings the Word right to the heart. He challenges me to bring my beliefs of Christianity to reality.

Having grown up in “the church,” I had built paradigms about the Bible. My religion had become one of rigid rights and wrongs without concern for the principles behind them. Don’t get me wrong, I know the difference between the message and the one delivering it. Mike just has a talent for relating it to those of my generation. I am sure I don’t speak for myself alone. Mr. Cope, if you have ever wondered that you are reaching someone, you are. Keep up the good work.

— Allen Busby

Harding friendships too valuable to waste

I like to think of us — all of us — standing around the Baggage Claim of Life, choosing our destinations and planning itineraries for our lives.

The other day I was thinking that I would be glad when the day came when I would no longer be missing anyone. Now, I miss my parents while I’m here at school, and my friends while I’m at home. You know the routine. But then I realized that it would never be possible not to be missing someone, because our lives are inextricably intertwined. And the one delivering it. Mike just has a talent for relating it to those of my generation. I am sure I don’t speak for myself alone. Mr. Cope, if you have ever wondered that you are reaching someone, you are. Keep up the good work.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

C.P.
Campus View

by Conni Clutter
Fine Bluff, AR

Materialistically speaking, what do you want for Christmas?
Beth Heffington, Sophomore
Pine Bluff, AR

"I want clothing, CD's, house, a car, a trampoline."

Tracy Brown, Sophomore
Winslow, AR

"Jewelry, clothes and cash."

Carrie Butler, Sophomore
Lindsay, CA

"Lots of clothes, a watch, money and a pet Bison."

Katrina Deys, Sophomore
Portland, OR

"A limousine, a pig, etc."

Sarah Folkerts, Sophomore
Rochester, MI

"Jewelry, perfume, clothes and cash for spring break."

Shannon Gore, Senior
Newport, AR

"Jewelry and lots of money for all those sales."

Krista Neidig, Sophomore
Houston, TX

"A car and cash."

Wendy Howard, Sophomore
Longview, TX

"CD's, cash and clothes."

Johnny Scott, Junior
Germantown, TN

"For Christmas I just want time to relax."

Charlie Jarrett, Sophomore
Memphis, TN

"For Christmas, I want to finally figure out what I want to do with my life."

Bart Roberts, Junior
Houston, TX

"I want to go to Hollywood and be discovered."

Dawn Dunn, Junior
Indianapolis, IN

"I want money for a plane ticket for my boyfriend to spend New Year's Eve with me."

Lance Clark, Junior
Anaheim, CA

"I want clothes."

Rob Mellilo, Sophomore
Danbury, CT

"For Christmas I would like to spend time with my family and also get all the stuff I need to get ready for HUF next semester."

Matt Miller, Sophomore
St. Louis, MO

"I want a C.D. player."

Freshman places first in sewing competition

Harding University freshman Juanita Campbell of Texarkana, Ark., has won first place in the recent White County Farm Bureau "Sew with Cotton" contest. Campbell placed in the junior division, school wear category.

Campbell altered a Laura Ashley pattern for a romper suit, redesigning the sleeves and collar and dropping the gathered waistline to suit her personal tastes. The romper has a completely lined bodice with button loops on the fitted wrist bands to complement the total look. The award also included a $50 cash prize, and she will enter state competition in December.

A vocational home economics major, Campbell is the daughter of Lynn and Allie Campbell of Texarkana.

Pied Pipers present Christmas production

The Pied Pipers, a children's theatre troupe at Harding University, will present a Christmas show Saturday, Dec. 15, at 11 a.m. at Benson Auditorium. Admission is free.

Under the direction of Dottie Frye, the students will perform special skills in the season's theme, with audience participation as a part of the show. The group has performed at area schools during the fall semester and has presented shows on the campus. Described as "entertainment for children of all ages," the material varies from presentation to presentation with variety being a key word.

The performance will last about an hour, and parents are encouraged to bring their children for the production.

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It's Home We Go

Frenzied students find time to decorate dorms

by Greg Harrington

In the midst of all the projects and the frenzy of final exams, it's hard to even think about Christmas. Besides, there'll be plenty of time for that while you're driving home on Christmas Eve. But even so, there are a few survivors who have managed to keep the Christmas spirit alive.

There are a few decorations, save the traditional white lights bordering the buildings on Harding's campus. I guess that's why it is such a thrill to see a decorated dorm room door or to catch a glimpse of a room full of flashing colored lights. It sort of reminds us what this season is all about.

A few of the girls this year came up with some creative ways to show their spirit.

Nicole Warren, a junior from O'Fallon, Mo., put up Christmas lights in her window.

Kristy Oldach hung stockings on her door.

Arlene Gibson, a junior from Longview, Texas, even put up a tree with fake gifts underneath it.

If the girls went to this much trouble, I bet you're wondering what kind of things the guys did. George Pitcher, a Portland, Ore., junior, who covered his door with wrapping paper and his room with flashing lights, said, "Decorating my room puts everyone who comes by in a festive mood."

Will Glade, a junior from Prospect Heights, Ill., sprayed his windows with fake snow and kept his room cold.

Even the off-campus students got in on the action. Stan Bennett, a senior from Columbus, Miss., got a very small tree, reminiscent of the Polo's, and named it Ed.

SA tradition continues once again brighten

by Angie Treat

Dreaming of a white Christmas? Today one can only imagine snow flurries in Arkansas; however, the Christmas spirit has managed to envelop the Harding campus once again this year.

Because of the efforts on the part of the Student Association and its Christmas Lights Committee, Harding is basking in the white glow of — no, not snow — but Christmas lights.

"The whole purpose in decorating the campus is to help everyone get excited about Christmas," Jim Hobby, committee chairman, said. "This lets them look forward to the holidays and getting out of school."

The Christmas light tradition originated when 1988-89 S.A. president Mark Moore illuminated the campus for the first time. "Not much was done with the campus before Mark started the decorating," Hobby said. "His success really began a tradition."

S.A. officers and student volunteers began to string lights two weeks ago. Although weather and technical difficulties slowed their progress, the students maintained a
Grinch fails as defender of capitalism

by Marc Anderson

"'Tis the season of Christmas specials, and although I am a connoisseur, I think it is my duty to point out the obvious analogy in one of the most-loved Christmas shows — 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas.'"

Now, I personally enjoy the half-hour of entertainment provided me by the Grinch's story, but I think it is imperative that we all realize the story is fictional and not an accurate portrayal of the real world.

To begin with, let's discuss the Grinch. He is a capitalist, truly a believer in the free market economic system. At the beginning of the show, the camera briefly pans to the Grinch's library where, among other books, we see Adam Smith's The Wealth of Nations, Milton Friedman's Free to Choose, and Michael Novack's The Spirit of Democratic Capitalism.

The Grinch's goal is also revealed early in the show. He wants to eradicate socialism from the nearby village. A very noble goal, but one that ends up costing the Grinch his ideals.

His fall takes place toward the end of the show. While returning home from plundering Whoville, he hears the Who's joining together in song, happy even though they have had everything taken from them. The Grinch is deceived. He thinks they are singing because they still have each other. In reality they're singing because the show's producer had just paid them in cold, convertible American dollars, and not in the worthless currency of the Who's, the Festa.

Although most will spend Christmas at home, enjoying the holidays at school brings students closer. Whether one is walking down a softly lit sidewalk or sitting in an "electrical" swing, a little bit of Christmas is being celebrated uniquely in each heart at Harding.

Jim Moffet to speak during graduation ceremonies on Dec. 22

by Leann Morrow

Many seniors will reach a milestone in their lives next Saturday when they receive a diploma and become a Harding graduate.

Senior can get their caps and gowns Monday, Dec. 17, and Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Linderman House at 9:30 a.m. The Those who can't get their caps and gowns at that time can pick them up Saturday at the Linderman House from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 19, the line of march for all graduates will be posted in front of Dr. Neale Pryor's office in the Administration building.

Graduation practice will be held on Friday, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium.

On December 22, graduates should assemble at 9:30 a.m. in the Benson Auditorium for the graduation exercises at 10 a.m. The commencement speaker will be Jim Moffet from Memphis, Tenn. Approximately 137 seniors will be graduating this semester. That night at 7 there will be a reception for parents, graduates and faculty in the Heritage banquet room.
By Dr. Mike Justus

**Doctor suggests calorie-conscious gifts**

Christmas...a season which blends the aroma of roasting chestnuts with the fumes of overheated Mastercards. And while some may be satisfied with only visions of sugarplums, the rest of us would prefer to gorge on them.

For shoppers searching for the ideal holiday gift, may we suggest a few items which are light in calories and may be appropriate for those who enjoy a healthier lifestyle.

Choosing a gift which combines culinary talent with healthy eating can be a valuable gift for individuals with diabetes mellitus or hypercholesterolemia. If your gift list includes those who enjoy gardening, you might consider a gift certificate from one of the horticulture catalogues. Not only does the individual appreciate your gift at Christmas, but he or she is able to experience the fun of choosing vegetable seeds or fruit trees and the pleasure that comes from planting them in the early spring.

Gifts which emphasize activity can be equally healthy. For the "it's too much trouble to exercise" relative, an exercise video can be enjoyed without having to leave home. If the budget is limited, a jump rope can be equally effective. A month's paid membership to a local health club can often provide incentive for the procrastinating athlete. And for those who enjoy a more relaxed exercise outing, passes to a local skating rink offer a less obvious expenditure of calories.

With the festivities of the holidays upon us, may your days be merry and bright, and may all your calories be light.

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**Spring registration schedule announced; lines to open Jan. 7**

by Mary McWilliams

After Christmas dinner is served and New Year's has been celebrated, Harding students will be welcomed back to the registration lines.

Registration will begin on Monday, Jan. 7, at 9 a.m. in the Gunnus Athletic Center and will close at 5 p.m. The lines will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Students will also have the opportunity at this time to purchase options such as voice mail and the concert series pass.

New students not pre-registered should contact the Student Affairs office after the break.

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**New policy affects posting of grades; signature required**

by Stacy Scott

Harding has a new policy for posting grades, according to Dr. Neale Pryor, vice president of academic affairs.

At a recent faculty meeting, Joann Underwood, Harding's legal counsel, pointed out that under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, faculty members are libel for lawsuits if they post grades.

In the past, Harding teachers have posted grades by social security number, but this caused problems because social security numbers are in alphabetical order. Foreign students' social security numbers are also easily recognizable because of extra zeroes.

Pryor said he does not believe that students will bring lawsuits on the school, so instead of ending the posting of grades, students will just be required to sign a release at the beginning of the semester.

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Yeakley named society vice president

Dr. Flavil Yeakley, a professor of Bible and communication, was elected 2nd Vice President of the North American Society for Church Growth at the group's annual meeting in Los Angeles Nov. 16. Yeakley, director of Harding's Center for Church Growth and the author of Why Churches Grow, will serve as president of the society in 1990.

The society is an organization of church growth teachers, researchers, writers and consultants from religious groups. The organization publishes Church Growth Journal, co-sponsors Global Church Growth, a magazine founded by Donald McGavran and co-sponsors the publication of Church Growth Today, a newsletter. A charter member of the society, Yeakley joins a group of officers who are among the best-known writers in the church growth field. Through the years, he has chaired a committee to draft the group's constitution and has served on the editorial boards of the three publications.

Yeakley joined the Harding faculty last fall. He and his wife, Maydell, live in Stonybrook.

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Programming teams take first, tenth place

A team of Harding students received first place in the Association of Computing Machinery South Central Regional Scholastic Programming Contest, Division 2. The team tied a student team from Angelo State to take the honor.

Another team from Harding placed 10th in Division 2 in the contest.

The team of seniors Philip DeYoung of Williston, N.D.; Jeremy Green of Richardson, Texas; and Myca Hagood of Cleveland, Tenn.; and sophomore Tyler Cuthshall of Houston, Texas, competed among schools with undergraduate programs. The team solved two problems in five hours and 52 minutes.

The other team of sophomores Chris Pillary of Jacksonville, Ark., and Christopher Robinson of Columbia, Tenn.; and freshmen Brad Christie of Winona, Miss., and Brian Jones of Crowley, Texas, completed one problem in four hours, 54 minutes.

Overall, ranked among the 18 teams that included graduate as well as undergraduate students, Harding finished fifth and 20th, respectively.

Harding teams have finished in the top two places in three of the last four years and have finished no lower than 10th since entering the competition in 1986.

In the overall standings, teams from the University of Texas in Austin finished first and second. UNL took third and Texas Tech of Lubbock placed fourth. The UT teams each solved three problems in just over 11 hours.
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