Holiday lights generate spirit of Christmas among students

by Emily McManus
Bison staff writer

As students came back from Thanksgiving break, many had only one thing in their mind—Christmas vacation. However, some students decided to get into the Christmas spirit before the break by stringing lights on their windows or by putting up a miniature tree in their dorm rooms. After all, what would the Christmas season be without the glow of brightly colored lights?

In keeping with this tradition, Harding is again participating in the Holiday of Lights festivities in conjunction with the city of Searcy. According to Laura White, director of the campus lights, the decorations for this year are a little bit different from the past seasons, but they are just as exciting. "Although we still have decorations on the front lawn, this year we placed more focus on the McInteer Center and the pedestrian mall," White said. The lighted trees in front of the pedestrian mall are the newest addition to the decorations on campus.

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by Carol Birth
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A female perspective on the Men's Leadership Conference

by Jeffrey R. Baker

There is a problem with our government. The people feel that the government is moving away from the interests of its constituents, if it is not interfering with their lives at all. We perceive our representatives in Washington as distant, isolated from the realities faced by the population at large. Incumbents are stagnant in careerism and therefore less prone to changing the law and government. Proposals of term limits will tell you that a level playing field does not exist between incumbents and their challengers seeking office, and they are right. They tell you that the only effective and fair way to make life fair to all is to limit the tenure of officials in order to remove the incentive of interest groups from financing incumbents' campaign efforts, thus making sure everyone has an equal shot during an election. Here, their noble idea fails. Term limits will only worsen problems.

Political historians are already portraying 1994 as "The Year of the Elephant." Sweeping political reform has been initiated all across the board. What will they do in 1995? The year the reforms initiated in 1994 come into fruition? 1995 is the year Republicans will finally put "up or shut up." They cannot carry through on their promises with a 50 percent Congressional majority, they never will. Political campaigns have always been based on promises of change and reform. This year's Republican campaign appears to be void of leadership and experience. Those against term limits will prove to create a greater problem. The problems do exist, but term limits will only worsen them. Term limits are clear-cut and well defined. Those against term limits, mostly career politicians and their political patrons, contend that limiting the time one could hold political office would be the same thing as robbing any other major business of experience, which is essential for success. Term limits would be a disservice, depriving the American people of the most effective and well-run government possible.

Corruption in D.C. demands term limits

by Bradley T. Hayes

"Four of five voters disapprove of the way Congress operates and many say their leaders have become disconnected from the lives of ordinary Americans." U.S. News & World Report

More ideological voters see it differently. First of all, term limits would not necessarily deprive Washington of its pool of experienced lawmakers. Just because an office holder could serve only a certain amount of time in any one given role does not mean he could not serve the same amount of time in another. By imposing term limits on the government, we would only make it less prone to developing destructive power blocs and establishing zones of influence. The two opposing viewpoints on the issue are clear-cut and well defined. Those against term limits, mostly career politicians and their political patrons, contend that limiting the time one could hold political office would be the same thing as robbing any other major business of experience, which is essential for success. Term limits would be a disservice, depriving the American people of the most effective and well-run government possible.
by Shannon Smith

Bring me some figgy pudding?!

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Bison columnist

In this bustling of pre-Christmas vacation exams and activities, many of us find ourselves humming cheer-bringing tunes in the spirit of the season. Bars of "Deck the Halls" and "Jingle Bells" can be heard throughout the classrooms and dorms on campus. These Christmas carols are contagious; their warmth has endured through generations.

"Yuletide carols was not interesting merely because he was able to represent a major party and seek political office. Kooky individuals from all political persuasions run for office, and occasionally even win races. The more interesting aspect of the 1989 race for Arkansas Second District concerned the vote of Harding's student body which cast to vote at Box 4A in the American Heritage. Typically, about 90 percent of the votes at Box 4A are students, and in that year they gave only victory of the race in White County. Box 4A went to Carpenter 56 percent to 44 percent over Robinson.

This brings us to 1994. A great year for Bill Clinton but a bad year for Attorney General candidate Dan Ivy. Ivy is a Fayetteville attorney whose specialty is personal injury lawsuits. Some of my lawyer friends have described him as an "ambulance chaser" but, as a non-lawyer, I do not feel qualified to make that observation myself. Like Warren Carpenter, Ivy is fond of conspiracies. At one point during the election, ivy published a plot involving his Democratic opponent, the Mena Airport, the Contras, Oliver North, cocaine, and C.O.D. Ski Chairperson A.A. Hutchinson, Bill Clinton and everyone associated with the Whitewater Development Corporation. Ivy let his candidate to the incumbent, Winston Bryant, by the widest margin of any state-wide race in Arkansas, 50 percent to 20 percent. The good news for Ivy is that he did carry one ballot box in White County, and you're probably guessed which one. Of the 118 votes cast in the Attorney General's race in Box 4A, Ivy received 71, giving him 60 percent of the vote. And, as you've also guessed, there's more to Dan Ivy than meets the eye, and it's more than just being a little kooky. Dan Ivy makes Warren Carpenter look like...
Under the Balcony is apparently attempting to fulfill a variety of roles. This new restaurant comes as an excellent (and much needed) addition to Searcy.

The interior welcomes customers with a cozy, almost homey atmosphere. Deep red walls with green and cream trim offer a hospitable introduction. The decorative furnishings convey a hybrid persona of Southern-Victorian updated with modern-sleekness paired with emulations of European romance. Similarly, the music varies from monumental to restrained classical to mellow symphonic to restrained classical to mellow 70s.

Presently, the chef sticks to a simple menu. Choices include a variety of salads, sandwiches, soups and potatoes. After three visits, I have yet to be disappointed. Salads are fresh and crisp. The Chicken Fajita, Caesar and Chicken Stir-Fry Salads proved outstanding. Likewise, with the soups, the Cream of Asparagus, Black Bean and Rice, and Wisconsin Cheese all boast well-seasoned flavors – neither bland nor over-powering.

The desserts, made fresh daily, should not be missed. There is a good selection of cheesecake, including the traditional New York as well as innovative variations like Peanut Butter Chocolate. Ranging from $1.95 to $4.95, food prices are quite reasonable.

The coffee selection is good, and at least some place in Searcy now serves espresso and cafe latte. Yet, coffee-shop connoisseurs should not expect too much. This is Arkansas – not Paris nor Portland. I assume that slightly steep prices for java result from scarcity. Here in the rural South, these specialties remain luxuries, not standard fare.

Under the Balcony now struggles to find its persona. Upon opening, it offered breakfast but recently scaled down to only lunch and dinner. Naturally, the management continues to work out the kinks of the initial opening. At times the staff seems awkward, and the service – although very genial – is not always smooth.) The food is excellent though choice is limited. The menu reads like a deli-board, while the atmosphere seems more like a full-scale restaurant (there are plans to expand the menu).

The establishment has done a great job overall of filling a variety of roles: sandwich shop, Victorian cafe, coffee house and fairly nice restaurant. It is difficult to imagine one establishment successfully wearing so many hats, and at times the stack does waiver. Yet fortunately, balance seems to be the house specialty.

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Students express appreciation for mentors

by Audie O'Farrell

Students expressed appreciation to four faculty members and a campus minister by deeming them 'mentors' Wednesday in chapel. Barbara Barnes, Paul Haynie, Karen McLarty, Ken.Weber and Barb Smith were presented plaques in recognition of their dedication to "humbly going about doing God's will," according to Rich Little, who helped coordinate this week's chapel program.

Michelle Browne presented women's intramural director Barbara Barnes a mentor plaque based on Barnes' "genuine concern for people." "The first time I saw that smile, I knew she cared," Browne said. "That's how I want to be." Joseph Walker said the same about his mentor, Dr. Paul Haynie. He said that Haynie's Civil War class taught him to appreciate those who spent their lives to buy freedom. "Every time he talked about Civil War battles, he teared up," Walker said. "That kind of compassion says a lot about his character." Stephanie Neff said that four words describe her mentor and teacher, Karen McLarty: "nicely and be glad." According to Neff, McLarty "can always be recognized by a smile and a wave that makes you feel special."

Matt Brent said his mentor, Ken Neller, "teaches the true meaning of heart religion." Brent said worship means more to him because of his friendship with Neller. "I've learned it's OK to be expressive..."

Barby Smith is a mentor for Denise Pierce, who said Smith "treats everyone she comes in contact with like family." Though Smith's family and her campus ministry take up much of her time, Pierce said she "always has time to listen."
Club induction process criticized by students

by Cecely Savage
Bison staff writer

Harding's seven-week social club induction process came to a much anticipated close Dec. 2. The process has undergone many mandatory changes this year, due to anti-hazing laws and changes within the university itself. The goal was for the new system to integrate students into the club system in a positive way. Inductees and pledges worked for a seven-week period, committed to the Club induction process criticized by students.

The process came to a much shorter time than it was this year, due to anti-hazing laws and the pendulum was a positive thing. Most people who were involved with this process, however, did not feel it was a positive thing. Some expressed feelings that, in the future, the process needs to be much shorter than it was this year. "The commitment phase was just too long. It dragged on and on," Matt Mathis, a newly inducted member of Kappa Sigma Rho, said. "It could make one change, it would be to make the process shorter."

"Everyone has gotten tired of it," Sarah McJunkins, president of Zeta Rho, said. "The new system doesn't allow us to get to know each other. With the old system, we would go out of our way to talk to, and get to know, each other. With the new system, there's not that pressure to get to know the members." The president of Regina, Kirsten Jones, stressed that, "This was the first year for this system, and it wasn't good. No one knew what was going on, and there were some post facto rulings made at Induction Review Committee meetings that complicated things. The old system was bad, but the new system is too. We haven't found the center of the pendulum yet." New rules associated with the new system (such as staying on campus for inductions) caused Regina to modify their inductions.

Not all feedback on the new induction process was negative, however. "I got to know the members pretty well during the process. It worked well in that way," Jay Harden, a new member of TNT, said.

Christmas storytelling. Mike Jones reads a Dr. Seuss story at Regina's Christmas party. Last weekend's functions were the first chance for many members to enjoy the privileges of Class I membership. Photo by Nathan Ironside.

Events

at a Glance

• The traveling exhibition, "Homage to Quevedo: 34 Lithographs by Cuevas" will be on display in the Benson Auditorium through Dec. 16.

• "Clear and Present Danger" will be showing tonight in Benson Auditorium as a fund raiser for the Associated Women for Harding. Admission is $1.

• "Prancer" will also be shown tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in Benson Auditorium. The 9:30 movie will be "A Muppet Christmas Carol." Admission to each of these movies is $1.

• MADD will be holding a candlelight vigil to remember victims of drunk driving Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Carnichael Community Center. Anyone who has lost someone to drunk driving and is interested in having their loved one remembered by name should contact Denise Miller at 4006 or call 1-800-228-7762.

• This Sunday, the Arkansas Arts Center will be having a Holiday Open House from 1 to 9 p.m. In addition to the exhibitions currently on display, several choral groups will be performing; there will be "hands-on" art projects for children and punch and cookies will be served.
What do you want for Christmas?

by Tracy Evans
Bison editor

About this time every year, Harding students take on a dazed look. The all-night study sessions are beginning to have visible effects. The stress from all the projects and papers due during the week before finals is enough to drive some to near insanity. Luckily, this torture is over in a few weeks, and the minds of students are free to do some Christmas wishing.

What do college students, particularly those at Harding, want for Christmas? Unlike most children from the age of four to 10 who are all asking for Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, there isn’t one particular item that is in demand by everyone. Listed below, however, is a sampling of those items Santa will be hearing about.

- A big, warm mummy sleeping bag
- A 4-wheel drive blue Blazer
- World peace
- A job
- A diploma
- A wife
- A date with Kevin Cosner
- A Power Mac
- A life-sized poster of Joe Montana
- A CD player
- Clothes
- Money
- Tires
- Indiglo Watch
- A new president

Farrar urges men to take leadership roles

by Kathryn George
Bison staff writer

Dr. Steve Farrar, author of Samling Tall and Point Mare, conducted a Men’s Leadership Seminar on the Harding campus last weekend. More than 1000 men, 800 of whom were Harding students, attended the sessions emphasizing the importance of male leadership within the home, church and nation.

The seminar, which was formerly known as the Point Man Seminar, is based on the idea that the man should be the spiritual leader of his family. During the Vietnam War, the point man was the one sent into the field first to scout out the situation and make sure it was safe for the rest of the platoon to follow. Farrar says men need to take that position in their families and become responsible for the well-being of their wives and children.

Farrar also addressed the topic of the erosion of character and morals in the United States. Using examples from our forefather’s writings, Farrar argued that separation of church and state as we have it now is not what was originally planned.

Men of all ages from various states traveled to Harding to attend the seminar. Scholarships for financial assistance to Harding students were provided by the College Church of Christ and the Downtown Church of Christ.

Reactions to the conference were positive. “The conference really lit a fire in every man there. It was really motivational, but now it is up to us and our personal relationship to God to keep the fire burning.” Jason Sheehy, a junior management major, said. This was the first conference of its kind held on the Harding campus.

Farrar, president of the Point Man Leadership Ministries in Dallas, Texas, speaks several times each year at similar conferences which are designed to help men become more qualified to lead the church and nation in the face of present-day challenges.

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Students named to Who’s Who

by Alice Bishop
Bison staff writer

Sixty-three Harding students have been named to the prestigious Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1994. The annual directory of outstanding students of higher education, in publication since 1934, represents 1800 colleges and universities from 56 states, Washington, D.C. and other countries.

Students selected to the list are first nominated by their respective college or university and are then chosen by the editors of Who’s Who on the basis of their academic achievement, community service, leadership in extra-curricular activities and potential for future success.

Harding’s selections are:

Baine Bishop
Boyce Arnett
Penny Mayberry
Amanda Richey
Jennifer Ruzica
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**Bisons earn tough win over Williams Baptist**

**by Matthew Morningstar**

The Bisons took their pressure defense to the floor Monday and came up with a win against Williams Baptist University in a hard-fought game 89-75.

"The game was actually closer than the 14-point margin," Coach Jeff Morgan said. "We expected them to play well and they made some runs at us, but our guys hung in there and made it a tough win for us."

The Bisons got off to a slow start on offense and Williams Baptist was up only when the wake up call came for the Bisons. They began to execute some of their defensive pressure and their offense followed and brought them back into the game.

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Bison Sports Challenge

Faculty Picker for this week: Kevin Klein

- Central Michigan vs UNLV
- Boston College vs Kansas St.
- Arizona vs Utah
- BYU vs Oklahoma
- North Carolina vs Texas
- Colorado St. vs Michigan
- Illinois vs East Carolina
- Washington St. vs Baylor
- N.C. State vs Mississippi St.
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Winner: Shawn Cutts 24 of 27

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One Medium Pizza
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Lady Bisons win conference opener
by D.J. Harris

The Lady Bisons got the conference season off to a good start Monday with an impressive win over Williams Baptist. The Bisons improved their record to 7-4 overall and 1-0 in AIC action.

That record becomes even more impressive when you look at the sched­ule the Bisons had to start the year, a fact not lost on Coach Greg Hamden.

"Our tough early season schedule is paying off," Hamden said. "We played nine ranked teams in our first 10 games, and all but one have winning records."

The conference opener was the Lady Bisons' third game on the road in five days, but there was no fatigue in the team. The Bisons applied out­standing defensive pressure and converted many of them into easy scores on the offensive end. Hamden said the early stages of the game pretty much set the tone. "We came out strong and played really tough at first. The game was over in the first eight minutes because we were ready to play."

"Our half-court pressure hurt them, and we pushed the ball up the court. We were able to grab any defense they threw at us," Hamden added. "Basically, we just played well and got the conference season started off right."

Bridget Benson led the Lady Bisons with 25 points. Angie Fouts added 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Cindy Camp chipped in 14 points and 9 boards. Benson is averaging 18 points per game on the young season, and Fouts is close behind with 16.

Going to the basket. Angie Fouts forces her way through the Bethel University defense. The Lady Bisons defeated Bethel 89-62 when the two teams met last week. Photo by Nathan Ironsides.

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