Looking Back at 50 Years of The Harbinger

by Jesse Iman

December 1964. The first issue of The Harbinger was published. In our final issue for this semester, we will be looking back, in broad strokes, fifty years of Jefferson College’s student newspaper. In this issue, present day members of The Harbinger staff will be revisiting previous articles and events in past issues of The Harbinger throughout the decades. In the immortal words of William Faulkner, “The past is not dead. It’s not even past.” And hopefully, in this issue you will experience the timeless presence and sustainment of The Harbinger. Throughout 50 years of students coming and going across the Jeff Co campus. Throughout 50 years of lives, pursuits of education and destinies, of us after leaving?

And of course, change. Change to the physical structure of our school. Change in the society outside the boundaries of Jeff Co. Change in our clothes. But the motivation of the students and the hunt for education remains unaltered. Suffice to say, The Harbinger has evolved in format, issue color, and content over its history. Will there be an issue fifty years from now looking back on this generation? Will future staffers of The Harbinger and students of Jefferson look back on us? Will they wonder who we were, what we were like, what became of all of us after leaving?

This is what one could keep in mind when examining our current students as we survey then and now, leading up to this point. For those who came before us. From all of the members of The Harbinger team, we sincerely hope you enjoy. Thank you. See you in fifty years!

Grant Will Help Students Pursue High-Demand Fields

by Korey Johnson

Jefferson College has received $1,257 million as part of a $19.7 million federal grant awarded to the state’s community college consortium through the Missouri Community College Association to educate 1,900 Missourians in (STEM) science, technology, engineering, and math fields and expand the state’s capacity to collect student data enrolled in workforce programs. “Statewide the grant will focus its efforts many opportunities to focus its efforts on many opportunities to reduce the number of students who complete their courses and degrees and are expected to have more students placed in jobs, yet our funding continues to be reduced to do that. These grants are our way of leveraging the resources of accomplishing our goals.”

Named MoSTEMWINS, the initiative specifically targets adult learners who are seeking new industry skill sets and career opportunities, especially those who have lost jobs because of foreign trade and other negative economic trends. It will train Missourians for jobs in transportation, manufacturing, information technology, health services/health sciences, and science support industry clusters.

The consortium chose to focus on STEM related industries because of those jobs importance to the state’s strategic plan for economic growth and positive long-term employment prospects. Jefferson College will focus its efforts in four areas. First they will be offering a one-year Certificate training program in Electronics Technology, with multiple pathways to move forward to an Associate of Applied Science degree and Bachelor of Science degree. The proposed coursework offers many opportunities to gain additional skill sets and

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War that Never Ends

By Nathan Imlay

In my search of The Harbinger archives I came across several articles about the Vietnam War, and I found it interesting how little has changed. After reading students opinions on Vietnam, the recent political debates over the United States role in the Middle East feel like a rerun.

During the Vietnam war, the country was polarized between the pro-war and anti-war camps. Demonstrations were common on college campuses as young people protested the draft. Conscription was ended in 1973 in favor of the all volunteer army, but beyond that, little has changed.

The political climate during the recent war in Iraq had all of the hallmarks of the Vietnam Era: protests, vitriol, and a voting base that appears to be divided down the middle. Even the terms of the debate don’t seem to have changed. The pro-war crowd criticizes the anti-war crowd for not supporting the troops, while the anti-war camp accuses the war hawks of throwing away troopers for little or no gain.

Sound familiar? It should, because we have been having this exact debate for at least 50 years. Whether the discussion is over Vietnam, the Gulf War, or operation Iraqi Freedom the narrative remains the same, only the names are changed. Every decade or so, the United States becomes involved in regional power struggles, that are ostensibly threatening to U.S. interests.

Each time, we attempt to use our military might to enforce our political and economic ideologies, despite extensive history of failure. The U.S. has actually pursued this policy in the past, with equally poor results. The U.S. military spent much of the 1920’s and 30’s fighting, and re-fighting, small wars across Central and South America. The United States attempted to use its military might to set up governments that were more friendly towards U.S. interests.

This policy only seemed to work as long as U.S. troops remained deployed to support the government that they set up. When these troops were removed, local uprisings deposited the governments that were put in place through force.

After a couple of decades, in which we fought multiple wars that seemed to spring back up the minute we looked away, the phenomenon of small wars was studied for the first time. It was found that in a guerrilla war, such as Vietnam or the operations in Iraq, political and economic factors were more important than military might.

We have faced a similar situation over the last 50 years. The Vietnam war began with a large scale war mentality, large numbers of troops deployed to eradicate the communist threat. This strategy failed largely due to the guerrilla nature of the combat. Without large targets, such as military installations or war material factories to target, the U.S. forces had difficulty dealing with the Viet Cong. Even wars that were ostensibly won, such as Desert Storm, end up being re-fought within a decade or so.

The “hearts and minds” strategy of the surge in Iraq, was an attempt to build goodwill among the people and create support for the U.S. inspired government. The current ISIS situation seems to indicate a failure of this strategy, but it is also possible it was applied too late. Perhaps if we had not spent about four years refusing to protect the populace, it would have been easier to build goodwill.

Hopefully, we will not forget this lesson again. In a world that seems increasingly unlikely to host a large scale war due to economic ties, it will be even more important to remember how to fight guerrilla wars. Let’s not spend the next 50 years re-learning this lesson over and over.

Robotics through the Years

By Jordan Freeman

October 21, 1985. “Robotics program has eye on future job market.” Back then there was high hopes for the robotics industry. Although not all of the predictions have come true, America certainly has made many advances in the field of robotics.

Many factories today do use factories for most of their production, and as the 85’ article says robots have taken away jobs but have they created them as well?

One of the points was robots would take away jobs manufacturing but would increase jobs in “sales, management and office jobs.” Robots have certainly taken over many manufacturing jobs and productivity as increased exponentially.

So with more output from factories and manufacturers, jobs in sales departments and cashiers should be in higher demand right? Well as technology has increased even more; automated checkout stations have stolen jobs away from potential workers. While it saves money it denies a job to someone who could really use it. In that way robotics has decreased the number of jobs.

Robotics is not limited to factories and manufacturers, jobs in sales departments and cashiers. With remote controlled robots bomb squads and EOD’s in the military can safely disarm or dispose of explosives. Despite controversy, drones have made a big difference in reconnaissance and search and destroy. Whether that is a good thing or bad thing depends on who you ask.

Robotics today has changed drastically from the robotics of 1985. How far will robotics take us from here? They’re in our sinks, our paper towel dispensers, even toilets. Is it a bad thing? Not necessarily. Still we used automated systems for banking. Amazon uses drones to make short distance deliveries and Google even has a car that drives itself. What’s the next big thing to come out of the robotics industry? While a future like Robot may still be a long way off, we already depend a great deal on robots for everyday life.

Back in 1985, robotics was big here at Jefferson College. It has since been replaced by automation and electrical control systems. There was much potential in the field and there still is today. If you are an up and coming robotic technician or are looking for a career in the field, the new program at Jefferson College is still a great two year degree and can prepare you for what challenges lie ahead.

The college still had men’s basketball in 1984

Energy costs and conservation were concerns in 1975
U.S. and Iran - 34 Years Later
by Jesse Inman

He was easier on the eyes than his predecessor. Whereas the former Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, was a smirking, weaselly, and slit-eyed hardliner, his successor Hassan Rouhani exuded a much more benign and tranquil demeanor. With his face neatly framed by a silvery beard and a serene gaze behind a set of wire-framed glasses, Rouhani had the air of a sagacious Persian grandfather.

Rouhani, a former Shi’ite cleric and economic trade negotiator, was elected as the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran on June 15, 2013 as a self-described moderate. And as an act of solidarity with the former Iranian president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, was a

The Iran Hostage Crisis

November 4 will mark the 34th anniversary of when Iran captured the American embassy in Tehran, taking 51 hostages. The Iran hostage crisis, which erupted on November 2, 1979, in the Iranian capital, Tehran, amidst the apex of the Iranian Revolution, a group of students belonging to the Muslim Student Followers of the Imam’s Line were furiously protesting outside the U.S. embassy. The outrage stemmed from the U.S. granting safe haven to the deposed Shah of Iran, whom the Iranians emphatically wanted returned to answer for crimes under his regime. Eventually, the student protesters breached the embassy gates and stormed the building, taking fifty-two Americans and citizens hostages. The Iranians demanded that the hostages be exchanged for the Shah.

The hostage standoff lasted for 444 days, with every last hostage being released unharmed into American custody. But throughout the crisis, the impact inside the U.S. was a tale of two countries.

Here at Jefferies, the October 28, 1980 issue of The Harbinger ran with a headline story of the student senate at the time endorsing a student demonstration march for the anniversary of the crisis. And as an act of solidarity with the hostages.

The article, written by Kathy Vaugn stated: “On Monday, November 3, the student Senate is planning an Iranian hostage demonstration march to start at the courthouse in Hillsboro. November 4 will be the anniversary of the Iranian takeover of the U.S. embassy in Iran. The 51 American hostages are approaching one year in their captivity. All marchers to meet at the American flag on campus at 12:30. The Senate is asking for 51 volunteers to represent each of the hostages in Iran. They will march with their hands tied in bondage.”

Initially, November 24, 2014 was the deadline for the definitive agreement between the Western world and Iran over the development of the Iranian nuclear program. The idea, from the point-of-view of the West, was to curtail Iran’s program, or to slow it down enough for the country’s ambitions and intentions with nuclear energy to be carefully monitored and regulated.

However, persistent gaps in agreement caused the talks to be prolonged with a different deadline, now set for March 2015. The points of discussion halting progress have been over fully lifting the sanctions against the Iranian economy, with both sides failing to agree on the extent of the lift.

With control of Congress going to the Republican Party in January, and they have threatened fresh sanctions for Iran if an agreement has not been reached. President Rouhani faces similar domestic pressure over the nuke program.

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Late Night With Seth Meyers, Fallon Tonight Show (Monday, February 24, 2014) and (February 17, 2014) 2014 Winter Olympics (7–23 February 2014)

The 20th FIFA World Cup (12 June – 13 July 2014)

Death of Robin Williams (August 11, 2014)

Ebola Virus Outbreak (19 November 2014, this outbreak has 15,351 reported cases resulting in 5,790 deaths)

Loss of Oscar Tavera (October 26, 2014)

Pap’s “Gangnam Style” becomes the first video to reach 2 billion views on YouTube (May 31st)

Happy by Pharrell Williams remains the biggest selling single of 2014, at #1 on the charts for 10 weeks and 5.6 million digital downloads. (March 2 – May 10 2014)

Ed Sheeran’s album X named highest selling album with more than 634,000 copies sold.

General Motors recalls 780,000 vehicles due to faulty ignition switches. (Feb 14)

Ferguson Protests (August 9, 2014 to now)

2014 Year in Review
by Angelica Fletcher

2014 has brought many ups and downs. From an outbreak of a deadly virus, to protests and riots, to musical success, 2014 has been a year not to forget. On January 17th, President Barack Obama announced changes to the National Security Agency and its surveillance programs.

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Top Songs
by Janis Francis

The first issue of this paper began in Dec 1964. So I decided to take a look at how things have changed in the last fifty years. The biggest thing that has changed is the popular music. Here is how much music changed between 1964, 1998, and 2014.

1964
1. I Feel Fine: The Beatles
2. Come See About Me: The Supremes
3. Mr. Lonely: Bobby Vinton
4. She a Woman: The Beatles
5. She’s Not There: The Zombies

1998
1. I’m Your Angel: R. Kelly
2. Nobody’s Supposed To Be Here: Deborah Cox
3. Lately: Divine
4. From This Moment On: Shania Twain
5. I Got You More Time: Britney Spears

2014
1. Blakk Space: Taylor Swift
2. All About The Bass: Meghan Trainor
3. Shake It Off: Taylor Swift
4. Animals: Maroon 5
5. Habits (Stay High): Tove Lo
10 Best Things about December
by Angelica Fletcher

1. Christmas Eve/Day
   - Christmas Eve is a night of anticipation. You spend the entire night trying to get to sleep because you know the morning is just around the corner. But if Santa could bring you Christmas, you’d be able to enjoy the excitement of opening presents with your loved ones. Christmas Eve is the day where all your shopping, preparation, and stressing over everything to be perfect finally pays off, and after it’s all over, you feel as though a load has been taken off your shoulders.

2. Christmas Movies and TV Shows (ABC Family’s 25 Days Of Christmas)
   - Christmas Vacation, A Christmas Story, It’s a Wonderful Life, Elf, How The Grinch Stole Christmas: each movie is a must see every Christmas season. Each family can relate to the Griswold’s as they struggle to get along with the family and pull off the best Christmas yet. Others can’t resist Elf and all the classic lines in it such as: ‘SANTA! OH MY GOD! SANTA’S COMING! I KNOW HIM! I KNOW HIM!’. The worst way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear’; ‘We elves try to stick to the four main food groups: candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup;’ and my personal favorite, ‘You sit on a throne of lies!’

   Along with the movies, you also have the Rankin/Bass Christmas specials that are impossible to resist. It wouldn’t be Christmas if you didn’t see The Miser Brothers feud against each other in The Year Without A Santa Claus, learn the origin of Santa in Santa in Santa Clause or miss any other classics such as Frosty the Snowman, Jack Frost, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, The Little Drummer Boy, and T was the Night Before Christmas. These movies and specials of December are the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit.

3. Christmas Songs
   - Christmas music adds to the atmosphere of the joyful holiday season. Whether you’re out Christmas shopping, decorating the tree, or just cozying up by the fireplace, Christmas music is sure to spark excitement and happiness as we prepare for December 25th.

4. Family Time
   - Sure they may drive you crazy at times, but part of Christmas is about coming together with family and spending time together. It may be the one time of year in which certain members of family wish to come visit, and every second together is precious.

5. Best Month For Job Hunting
   - It’s the best time to seek seasonal or temporary work. Many companies hire extra help to fill in for workers on vacation or because the holidays are especially busy. You’ll also have less competition. With so many others being too busy for the holidays, there will be fewer people competing for openings. It increases the odds that your application will get noticed.

6. Snow
   - Because it always means one thing: snow day. Children pray for enough accumulation to get them out of school and when it does, it’s the greatest relief ever. The possibilities are endless when it snows: Sledding, snowball fights, building snowmen, making snow angels, or in my case, tying a sled to a four-wheeler and going crazy. Snow also makes everything so much more beautiful and clean. It transforms any regular old yard into a winter wonderland.

7. Peppermint Everything/Baking
   - Peppermint adds holiday cheer to everything. Peppermint red velvet cake, peppermint swirl fudge, peppermint biscotti, peppermint cookies, and chocolate peppermint cupcakes are just a few of many recipes that are sure to make your mouth water this holiday season. December is also an excuse to just bake all the time. From gingerbread to fudge to cupcakes, every holiday season is bound to be a sweet one.

8. Seasonal Drinks
   - There’s nothing better than a hot, sweet beverage to warm you up from the harsh winter weather. If you’re looking for a tasty treat this Christmas season, now is the perfect time to visit Starbucks to try their new Chestnut Praline Latte and returning favorites such as the Peppermint Mocha Latte, Caramel Brûlé Latte, Egg nog Latte, and Gingerbread Latte. If that’s not quite up to your liking, you can never go wrong with a traditional cup of hot chocolate.

9. Christmas Decorations/Lights
   - Everywhere you go, Christmas lights flood every store, house, and building all around the world. Walking around and seeing all the beautiful, colorful lights can make anyone smile. Everything glimmers more during this season and makes everything lively and bright. Decorating the tree is one of the most exciting moments of December because it livens up the Christmas spirit. There is nothing better than going to pick out a tree, or putting up an artificial one, and gathering around with people you love to add all the lights and ornaments.

10. New Years
    - Once all the stress of Christmas is over, New Year’s Eve is the time to take a load off and just cut loose. It’s also the time to reflect of the past events of the year and look forward to what next year has to offer. And there’s no better way to ring in the New Year than with friends, family, and the people you love.

If Santa Could Bring You One Gift, What Would It Be?
by Hayley Richardson

“A new car.” – Jake Amsden
“Free tuition to Mizzou.” – Ashley Davis
“Money because I’m a broke college kid.” – Amanda Davis
“A new car.” – Kayla Swearingam
“A baby cheetah or an Elantra.” – Demi Neubrand
“A long board.” – Ivana Starkey
“A new watch.” – Jake Brooks
“A laptop.” – Kristin Politte
“A new car.” – Jessie Fasun
“Money”. - Janis Franis
“New phone.” – Morgan Partney
“New computer” – Nathan Imlay
“Blues season tickets” – Jordan Freeman
“Cheddar pretzels” – Hayley Richardson
“Hayley Richardson” – John Crabtree
“Word peace, end of world hunger, and equality for all women.” – Jesse Iman

Gamme Sigma Supports “Logan’s Toy Drive”

The Radiologic Technology Program’s Student Club, Gamma Sigma, is helping to support “Logan’s Toy Drive”. Logan is a six year old boy who started this project last year to help bring toys to ALL children at Christmas. This year he is donating the toys collected to Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital.

Please drop off new unwrapped toys to one of the following locations: 
HOP Secretary’s Office; CTE166D
RAD TECH Classroom; CTE179, or the Program Director’s Office; CTE172A

Donated toys will be accepted through December 12th.
History of Santa Claus
by Jesse Inman

Santa Claus. Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas. Kris Kringle. Sinterklaas. These are the names that the iconic, sleigh-riding, gift-giving Christmas patron has gone by throughout human history. Like many fictional pop culture figures of our society, Santa Claus is one woven together of various characters across time and place, rooted both in human folklore and in actual individuals.

For example, Saint Nicholas of Myra. A 4th-century Greek Christian bishop of Myria, Ly-cia, a province of the Byzantine Anatolia (modern day Turkey). Famous for his generous gifts to the poor, and usually depicted in artist renderings as an elderly man with a snowy white beard. Or, prior to the rise of Christmas as a Christian holiday, Odin was believed to enter homes through the midwinter sky, visiting his people of Midgard and bringing them gifts while they slept. He is portrayed by modern depictions as an old man with a flowing white beard. In actual individuals.

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Every culture has their own version or spin to this tradition. The fun is in the seemingly mun-dane differences. Here in the U.S. and in Canada, we give our Santa milk and cookies to welcome his annual visits. In Britain, he is treated with sherry, mince pies, and even beer. For Sweden and Norway, it is rice portidge. The Irish prefer plum pudding. A sumptuous range of choices for Santa to gorge himself on as he trots the globe on Christmas Eve.

No matter where we live, we all dearly have our own ways of celebrating and acknowledging Christmas. Much of that speaks to our abilities to continuously re-craft and structure our own mythologies. As well as specific senses of cultural identities and individualities. And Santa is one of the more persistent, recyclable figures of human lore. A cy-pher who is repeatedly reshaped and re-created by our societ-ies, always as the overseer and safeguard of our winter holiday celebrations. No matter which of these personas you believe will come down your chimney this Christmas, enjoy the holiday knowing that Santa is what we are saying about ourselves during Christmas. And more importantly, what we would like it to rep-resent for us as a whole.

Best and Worst Christmas Gifts
by Morgan Parney

The best and worst Christmas gifts are all a matter of opinion. What someone may not like may be a great gift for someone else. It is said that one gift is better than no gift at all, but if the gift is terrible, it may be necessary to think twice about that statement. It is important to be appreciative no matter what, although the thought of returning the gift may be more exciting than the gift itself. In other cases, the thought of returning the gift may never occur because it is impec-cable. Regardless, presents are given to bring others joy, and it goes along with the spirit of Christmas time.

Students were asked about their best and worst Christmas presents they have received, and they did not take long to remem-ber what they have gotten.

First, Jake Brooks was asked and he said his worst was, “Prob-ably the big wool sweater I got from a penguin I got one year from my grandmother.”

Next, Kaitlyn Nickelson shared her excitement about her present she will be receiving this year. She said, “I’m getting a Teacup Yorkie for Christmas this year! So that’s going to be the best!”

Logan Jaskiewicz stated that the best Christmas gift he has ever gotten was an “AR-15. It was something I had been wanting for a while and it’s something that holds sentimental value now.”

Matt Cheney said that the worst Christmas gift he ever got was, “A VHS movie that didn’t even work from my grandpa.”

Manda Davis then ex-claimed, “My best Christmas present ever was getting my dog!”

Erin Parney said that her best present Christmas present she has ever received “would have to be the big Barbie doll house I got when I was younger. I remember how excited I was because Barbie dolls were my obsession, so, a big mansion for them to live in was great.”

Kelsie Wehmermann remem-bers both her best and worst gifts, describing her best as “a handmade Santa Claus from my great grandma” and stated that her worst was “when I was fifteen and my little brother was 13, our great aunt got me crayons and him a coloring book.”

Erin Reese stated, “I can’t think of one any one specific thing. I think the best Christmas gift is just the getting to spend time with my family and being off school.”

Though it is always said that it is the thought that counts when someone gives a gift, there are some that may have been thought about a little bit more. Sometimes, we even cannot help but to wonder, “what were they thinking when shopping for a gift for me?” However, it cannot be denied that the thought especially counts when the giver goes above and beyond on a present. Receiv-ing and giving gifts are enjoyable either way, and it is a Christmas tradition that cannot be broken.

DIY Gifts
by Hayley Richardson

No money for Christmas presents? Do It Yourself gifts provide a personal touch while helping you save a few bucks.

Hot Cocoa Kit: Use a mason jar and fill it with all the neces-sities to make a great cup of hot cocoa. Decorate the mason jar with green, red, and white ribbon.

Cinnamon Vanilla Yankee Candle: Buy a plane vanilla yankee candle and glue cinn-a-mon rods along the outside, then tie a ribbon color of your choice around the cinnamon and you got yourself a handmade gift.

Jewelry: There are many pieces of jewelry you can hand make for your friends. Many crafts supply stores have all kinds of things you can use to make them. There are different strings you can use for necklaces and bracelets, and a ton of beads and things you can put on the strings.

Framed Picture: Everyone enjoys seeing pictures of them with their friends. You can buy a cheap frame from a craft store and decorate it however you want.

Ornaments: There are all kinds of different ornament ideas all over the internet. Get creative and make an ornament that will make your friends and family smile when they open it.

No sew fleece blanket: This easy to make blanket is the perfect gift for boys and girls. All you need is two pieces of fleece and place them on top of each other. Cut the corners off like squares. Then cut a slit about an inch apart and three inches down towards the center of the blanket, all the way around the blanket. Last all you have to do is tie the slits in tow knots and you got yourself a homemade blanket.

Happy Holidays from the Harbinger writers
Jordan Freeman, Jesse Inman, Hayley Richardson, John Crabtree (7th back row)
Janis Francis, Angelica Fletcher, Nathan Inlay, Morgan Parney (6th front row)
(Kohey Johnson, not pictured)
holiday desserts

Recipes compiled by Hayley Richardson

No-Bake Chocolate Eclair Cake:

**Ingredients**
- Filling:
  - 2 (3.5 oz.) boxes vanilla instant pudding
  - 3 c. milk
  - 1 (8 oz.) container Cool Whip
  - Graham crackers

- Topping:
  - 1/3 c. cocoa
  - 1 c. sugar
  - 1/4 c. milk
  - 1 stick (1/2 c.) butter (or margarine)
  - 1 tsp. vanilla

**Instructions for the filling:**
Combine pudding mix and milk; beat. Stir in Cool Whip. Place a layer of graham crackers in the bottom of a 9x13” dish. Spread 1/2 of the pudding mixture over the graham crackers. Repeat with another layer of graham crackers and pudding; then top with a final layer of graham crackers.

For the topping:
Bring cocoa, milk, and sugar to a full rolling boil; boil about 1 minute, stirring very frequently. Remove from heat and cool one minute. Add butter and vanilla; stir until butter is melted. Pour chocolate topping over the top layer of graham crackers. Refrigerate overnight.

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No Bake Oreo Cake:

**Ingredients**
- One package of Oreos
- One cup of milk

**Directions**
Dunk every cookie in milk. Just give the cookie a simple dunk. Not too long that it breaks, a second or two will do. Layer the cookies on the bottom of a 9x13” pan. Spread half of the cool whip over the top of the cookies. Layer another layer of cookies on top of the cool whip. Spread the rest of the cool whip on the top. Any leftover cookies, crumble and sprinkle them on top of the cake.

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Confetti Cake Chocolate Chip Cookies

**Ingredients:**
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup cake mix
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup sprinkles
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup butter

**Directions:**
In a bowl of your stand mixer cream butter and sugar together for about a minutes until light and fluffy. Add in eggs and vanilla and beat until smooth. With mixer on low add in baking soda, salt, flour and cake mix, stirring until mixture just comes together. With mixer still on low add in sprinkles, chocolate chips, and chopped Oreos. Stir until evenly incorporated. Chill dough for at least 2 hours, an overnight is better. When ready to bake preheat oven to 350º. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and form dough into round balls, placing them 2 inches apart on baking sheet. Bake cookies for 8-10 minutes until edges are slightly golden. Allow to cool on baking sheet for 3 minutes and then transfer to wire rack to continue cooling.

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Salted Caramel Chocolate Chip mini Cheesecakes

**Ingredients:**
- Oreo Cookie Crust
  - 18 whole Oreos (Double Stuf or regular)
  - 1/4 cup (60g) unsalted butter, melted
- Cheesecake Filling
  - 16 oz (448g) full-fat cream cheese, softened to room temperature
  - 3/4 cup (150g) granulated sugar
  - 1/4 cup (60g) yogurt*
  - 2 large eggs
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1 cup (180g) mini semi-sweet chocolate chips (or regular size)

**Homemade salted caramel sauce**
Preheat oven to 350F degrees. Line two 12-count cupcake pans with 18 liners. For the crust: In a food processor or blender, pulse the whole Oreos into a fine crumb. Stir the cookie crumbs and melted butter together in a medium sized bowl. Press 1 heaping Tablespoon of mixture into the bottom of each liner, see picture above for a visual. You should have enough for 16-18 cups.

Bake in batches for 5 minutes and allow to slightly cool as you prepare the filling. For the filling: In a large bowl using a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the cream cheese on medium speed until completely smooth, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat until smooth. With mixer on low add in baking soda, salt, flour and cake mix, stirring until mixture just comes together. With mixer still on low add in sprinkles, chocolate chips, and chopped Oreos. Stir until evenly incorporated. Chill dough for at least 2 hours, an overnight is better. When ready to bake preheat oven to 350º. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and form dough into round balls, placing them 2 inches apart on baking sheet. Bake cookies for 8-10 minutes until edges are slightly golden. Allow to cool on baking sheet for 3 minutes and then transfer to wire rack to continue cooling.

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Confetti Cake Chocolate Chip Cookies

**Ingredients:**
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup cake mix
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup sprinkles
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup butter

**Directions:**
In a bowl of your stand mixer cream butter and sugar together for about a minutes until light and fluffy. Add in eggs and vanilla and beat until smooth. With mixer on low add in baking soda, salt, flour and cake mix, stirring until mixture just comes together. With mixer still on low add in sprinkles, chocolate chips, and chopped Oreos. Stir until evenly incorporated. Chill dough for at least 2 hours, an overnight is better. When ready to bake preheat oven to 350º. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and form dough into round balls, placing them 2 inches apart on baking sheet. Bake cookies for 8-10 minutes until edges are slightly golden. Allow to cool on baking sheet for 3 minutes and then transfer to wire rack to continue cooling.

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Salted Caramel Chocolate Chip mini Cheesecakes

**Ingredients:**
- Oreo Cookie Crust
  - 18 whole Oreos (Double Stuf or regular)
  - 1/4 cup (60g) unsalted butter, melted
- Cheesecake Filling
  - 16 oz (448g) full-fat cream cheese, softened to room temperature
  - 3/4 cup (150g) granulated sugar
  - 1/4 cup (60g) yogurt*
  - 2 large eggs
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 1 cup (180g) mini semi-sweet chocolate chips (or regular size)

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Spoon batter into the crusts until nearly full. Bake each pan for 20-23 minutes. The centers will still be slightly jiggly, that’s OK. The centers may also have risen up quite a bit, but they will deflate as the cheesecakes cool. Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely at room temperature, at least 1 hour. Transfer to the refrigerator and allow to chill for at least two hours.

Right before serving, top each cheesecake with salted caramel and additional chocolate chips, if desired. Cover cheesecakes tightly and store in the refrigerator for up to 5 days. Store cheesecakes (without caramel) in the freezer for up to 2 months.
College Prep for Winter Weather

by Korey Johnson

Jefferson College is preparing for the winter season and the many inches of snow that come with it. College building and grounds personnel had to deal with the snowfall and icy spots across campus a little bit earlier than expected this year after a pre-storm weather system dropped close to an inch or two of snow Nov. 15-16.

The beginning of the snow accumulation on campus was rather insignificant compared to past winter weather events. However, Marty Brand, assistant director of Buildings and Grounds at Jefferson College said they treated the situation like any other on the morning of Nov. 17.

“Ground workers all went out that morning and took a John Deere with a brush and cleared out the parking lots and sidewalks,” said Brand. “We also took a couple of trucks with calcium spreaders and treated the roads and lots throughout campus. We had some people on foot doing areas of shoveling and putting ice melt down so we can take care of all the slick spots.”

According to Brand, normally if the forecast calls for a more significant amount of snow or it there is actually an abundance of snow on the ground, ground crews will start their day at 5 a.m. to begin plowing the roads and parking lots as well as clearing off sidewalks.

“We all have our assigned duties,” said Brand. “We have a dump truck with a blade; we have a flat bed with a blade; we have a tail gate spreader on the dump truck and several small spreaders on the back of our pickup trucks. I have all the assignments listed and signed out so everybody knows what parking lot to plow.”

If the school happens to open campus later during the day due to inclement weather, the building and grounds crew members come in early to try and take care of everything before the late opening time.

“There hasn’t really been a time where we haven’t been ready,” said Brand. “The biggest thing that prevents us from being ready on campus is if the roads on the outside of campus coming in are not completed and it can’t allow people to come in. As far as our campus, we really try to work hard at coming in at 5 a.m. and having everything ready for even a late opening day.”

In the event of snow or ice accumulation on campus and even after ground crews plow the parking lots and clear the sidewalks, Brand still reminds people to be mindful of their environment. If there is still snow on the ground be sure to leave earlier and give a few more minutes to reach any destination on campus.

“We try our best to have everything clear and have ice melted down. However, if you see a spot that has a glaze to it, try to go around it,” said Brand. “If it has a glaze or skim look to it, it’s probably slick because it’s something that refroze over.”

Building and ground crews will also operate during the evening on campus. At this time point their services are focused on the main entrances when temperatures start dropping and anything that was melted from the daylight sun will begin to refreeze in the form of “black ice” at night.

Brand said they conduct all the preparation they can to make it a “non-slip” environment.

Jefferson College President Dr. Raymond Cummiskey said they have precautionary steps in place in case of a winter weather event.

“We always have a plan in place when we hear inclement weather is coming,” said Cummiskey. “We are not like a school district; we don’t have young children who can’t make decisions on their own. We don’t bust people for not coming in.”

Cummiskey said they look at preparing for winter weather in three standpoint. First they make sure the heating system is working properly so all the buildings can be warmed appropriately. Second, they look at how access to the college is fairing. They cover roads, parking lots and sidewalks to make sure that vehicle traffic can get in and out since most people who attend the college at any campus site are commuters.

Last but certainly not least, they look at pedestrian traffic on campus and if people can safely and securely get from building to building.

“It’s kind of a checklist that we go through all the time,” said Cummiskey. “On school days when we have heavy snowfall we are generally beginning in the middle of the night to look at the roads and conditions. Unfortunately, the weather doesn’t always cooperate. We’ve had a couple of instances where the weather moved in after we had out deliberations. Because we have people arrive on campus as early as 6 a.m. we try to make the call as early as we can.”

With only two weeks left in the fall semester, it seems unlikely classes will be called off due to any winter weather. However, returning students, faculty and staff for the spring semester may have to endure such situations.

When a decision is made to cancel classes, information will be communicated via the Jefferson College automated telephone system, the college website, select radio/television stations, MyJeffco (internal web portal), and the Viking Text Message Service (registration required within MyJeffco).

Separate announcements will be made for both day and evening class cancellations. The decision to cancel evening classes will be announced as early as possible (in most cases no later than 4 p.m.) as weather conditions change.

Check local TV and radio stations and the college website for announcements about campus closings.

Grant Will Help Students Pursue High-Demand Fields

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... credentials, while allowing par-ticipants the flexibility to jump into industry related work and or continue on their educational pathway.

"By funding our faculty and development through this grant, this electronic certificate will be offered with no cost tuition to our students," said DeGeare. "So students interested in this will be able to attend for the cost of supplies and fees but no tuition."

Second, there will be de-velopment of a Student Success Plan, incorporating MAP (My Academic Plan), with an early warning system, attendance track- ing, recommendations through program advising/navigators, and access to campus and community resources to assist in retention and completion initiatives. Intentional advising will be used to ensure that participants are provided support/avenues-to-support to aid in removing barriers to success.

Third, creating of a Health Sciences Tutoring and Resource Lab offering targeted assistance within Health Occupations pro-grams, specifically prerequisite Anatomy and Physiology course-work, usage of the Anatomage table and online applications, open education resources, and use of gamified content to improve student engagement with subject matter.

"If we can provide additional tutorial services and resources for these students to help them be successful we can ultimately retain them here, help them see through to completion," said DeGeare. It’s a major initiative that will bring on a faculty profes-sional tutor to staff a lab dedicated to not only Anatomy and Physiology but the key hold ups in the health profession preventing the students from succeeding."n
"From a health profession side, those foundational sciences are critical in moving on in a ca-reer path," said Kenneth Wilson, division chair of Health Occupa-tion at Jefferson College. "If the students don’t get through those foundational science courses they can’t go to be a nurse, they can’t go to be a physical therapist assistant they can’t go to ‘med school’. If we can see those stu-dents that might be struggling in those foundational sciences early we can impart tutoring services, studying groups and things like that for the student earlier to help them get through that process.”

Last but certainly not least, there will be the development of a MoSTEMWINs online portal for information and communication as an extension of the Jefferson College website.

"The Jefferson College pro-grams are designed to promote student success in growing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineer-ing and Math) areas," said Cummiskey. "The one-year certificate in Electronic Technology can lead immediately to employment or roll into a related associate's degree; the student success plan and advising will help create a clear pathway and intrusive advising to help student stay on course with their degree plan.

"The creation of a Health Science lab will support students as they meet the academic chal-lenges often found in STEM fields; and the MoSTEMWINs online portal will make it easier for students to access their course materials and other support infor-mation," he said. "In short, this grant will make a real difference for students interested in STEM fields of study."

This marks the third time that Missouri has received the grant (MoHealthWINs in 2011 and MoManufacturingWINs in 2012) where some 6,200 Missourians have received training through those programs to date. Almost half of all participants were un-employed when they enrolled and over 40 percent of participants are from minority populations.
The New “N Word”

By Nathan Inlay

In the recent debate over the shooting of Michael Brown, a disturbing pattern has appeared that is difficult to ignore. The word thugs has begun to take on new meaning in the debate as it has been repeatedly used to justify the killings of several young men by police officers. If the suspects in question threatened police officers, the officers have a right to defend themselves, but we should wait for grand juries to decide whether the suspects behavior warranted lethal force.

The issue with the way the word thugs has been used, stems from its use as an umbrella term for many different crimes and behaviors. We should judge crimes based upon what actually happened, not nebulous terms that appear to describe basically any deviant behavior.

The most alarming aspect of the current use of the word thugs is in the attempt to dehumanize the slain and avoid the unpleasant feeling that a human being is dead. Those who wish to can define the word thugs, hence call those who commit those behaviors thugs, giving to themselves the rights of judge and jury.

What exactly is thugs behavior? It appears to range from repeat felony offenders to teenagers who should have ten dollars worth of merchandise. While I certainly do not condone shoplifting, it can think of many instances of acquaintances committing similar crimes when I was a teenager. Again, while I do not condone this behavior, I don’t remember any of my friends being killed over it either.

Teenagers commit petty crimes. This is a fact of life that should not be ignored. While every effort must be made to protect the community from such crimes, it is extremely important to remember that one crime doesn’t negate the positive value of a person’s life. Referring to someone only as a thug, implies that their life had no value and that we as a people have lost nothing by their death, when nothing could be further from the truth.

The word thugs has been so overused, that we seem to think twice about it being applied to someone like Michael Brown, who as far as we know, only committed crimes in one short period of one day. While it is possible that Michael Brown did have a history of criminal behavior, we must not assume that this is the case without evidence. Perhaps he was having a really bad day and made some serious mistakes. The point is, we don’t know and shouldn’t treat him as if we did.

Another issue with the current usage of thugs is that it can be applied to those who associate with other supposed thugs. This makes thugs a catch-all for anyone who live in a poor or underprivileged neighborhood, as we all know that crime rates are much higher among the poor. This makes it basically impossible for a person in an underprivileged neighborhood to avoid associating with those who have committed a crime at some point in their lives. Even should they choose not to spend time with those who are most likely to break the law, they still must interact with them on a regular basis. Thus, if the term thugs can be applied to those who associate with thugs, no one in certain areas can escape this appellation.

When the word thugs is used in this manner, it is little different from using a racial slur to define an entire group of people. When the word thugs is defined in such a way as to be insupportable for certain people, it basically becomes a hate word used to dehumanize people. This not only adds nothing constructive to the debate, it also adds to the anger level of both sides. One side is angry because they feel they are being unfairly maligned, while the other side of the debate is angry because these supposed inhuman monsters are upset that one of their number was rightly put down to protect society.

While the difficulty in differentiating between committed lawbreakers and young people who simply made a mistake is extremely difficult, we must make the effort, even when it only rewards us with a feeling of sadness that a human being is dead.

Took Much Christmas

by Jordan Freeman

November has finally come to a close, Christmas is over and Black Friday shopping done. What would be the start of the Holiday season has now turned into another period of overex- tended Christmas theme. What happened to the days were Christmas time started when Thanksgiving was good and done and people fighting each other killer savings on everything?

In today’s world the Holiday season starts smack dab in the middle of November, except for the one day people pretend to care about the pilgrims. The popular St. Louis radio station 103.3 KLOU starts playing Christmas songs before your turkey is in the deep fryer. What’s up with that?

I like listening KLOU but the day they start playing Christmas music, my annual hiatus from the station. Not because I don’t enjoy Christmas music, but by the time Christmas rolls around the songs are so overplayed I’m ready to rip out my car’s radio.

Not to say KLOU is the only station constantly berating its listeners ears with excessive Christmas tunes. 102.5 has their airway full of holiday spirit. Christmas isn’t going anywhere, yet every year the music is played like it’s the last year Christmas will be here.

It really is baffling that some people can tolerate Christmas music for two months. For others, myself included, have to exclude a station from the line up until it’s an appropriate time.

It’s one thing for radios to play Christmas music too early, but when stores decide it’s a good time to ruin the magic of Christ- mas music for all of its shoppers. My assistant manager at my job was so pumped about the Holiday season he put up Christmas deco- rations up already, and this was back in mid-November mind you. A popular expression used these days “we have to go back.” In this case I agree. We need to back to the time before the Holi- day season didn’t start until after we gathered with our families and gave thanks for the plentiful amounts of food at the table.

So hearing Christmas music way too early can get really old. But what about seeing it every- where too? It’s one thing to put up Christmas decorations when it should be Thanksgiving decora- tions going up. However setting out displays of everything Christ- mas at stores for customers to buy is ridiculous. Of course the main goal for corporations these days seems to be profits, profits and more profits. Rather than selling items to help prepare for winter such as rock salt, snow shovels and ice scrapers; displays of in- flatable Santa’s and other decor fill the front isles.

There is a time and place for everything they say. As for Christ- mas? It belongs in December.

Issues of 1994 Still Resonate

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Harbinger writers addressed issues in 1994 that still concern students today.

An article in october of ‘94 discussed teachers’ policies on students who skip classes, which we covered earlier this semester. Another article the same year was about Jefferson College students and voting, a topic this year’s writers have also discussed.

Students in 1994 were dealing with parking problems on campus and preparing for finals, just as they are today.

Other relevant articles in 1994 dealt with issues of racial conflict, as students examined the O.J. Simpson story and controversy over comments made by radio DJs Steve and DC.

One article in 1994 addressed cause for concern that no longer exists of more students backing off of political boarded.

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