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## 'A Christmas Carol' returns to Perf Hall

HEIDI WILLARD

Last year, tickets for "A Christmas Carol" performances sold out in about an hour. This year, tickets were sold out before they even made it to the box office because so many people bought them online. In less than 15 minutes, all nine performances were sold out.

Why is this play so popular? Because this production of "A Christmas Carol" is original to BJU. Lydia Stewart, who graduated with her master's in May, wrote the play, and alumnus Paul Keew wrote the music. "It's authentic musical theater," said Mr. Cameron Pollock, a pastoral studies GA who is playing Bob Cratchit.

But "A Christmas Carol" is more than simply entertainment.

"It's a biblical theme in that we're supposed to show compassion to the needy," Mr. Pollock said. "When people leave, we want them to think about the fact that Christ gave to the poor and needy."

With such a theme, this play could be an evangelistic outreach. "Art reflects the nature of God because it's beautiful, and the world sees that," Mr. Pollock said.

The director, Mrs. Rebecca Kaser, agrees. "Theater is a work of art," she said. "I want [the audience] to enjoy it and also receive a message."

That message is more than simply finding the Christmas spirit. "A Christmas Carol" has moral tones, Mrs. Kaser said.

The fact that this performance was done last year has presented several challenges. "There's a lot of pressure because it was a success last year," Mrs. Kaser said.

She has made it her goal not to overlook any details but to carefully make every element of the play as good as it can possibly be.

Another challenge for Mrs. Kaser is working with both new and experienced cast members. From the beginning, Mrs. Kaser said she encouraged



Students rehearse for the upcoming Performance Hall productions of "A Christmas Carol." Photo: Stephanie Greenwood



Mr. Doug Young, a former BJU staff member, designed a new nativity scene for this year. Photo: Amy Roukes

## BJU greets Christmas season with carols, lights

KYLE SEISS

BJU will sparkle with lights and Christmas cheer tonight at the University's annual carol sing and lighting ceremony.

The event will take place mainly in front of Rodeheaver Auditorium and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Mr. David Orr, the event coordinator, recommends that people come around 6:15 to hear the University Singers' short concert, directed by Dr. Eli Yanson, before the ceremony.

The University Singers will also perform as the support choir during the carol sing.

Those unable to attend can share the experience via an online streaming of the event.

Dr. David Parker, who is in charge of

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## If you had your own Christmas parade float, what would be its theme?



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The Collegian Editorial

## TAYLOR ANDERSON

You can tell a lot about yourself by how you count.

It's "two" if you like a steady build-up over the whole semester and go by weeks. It's "13" if you go for the steady ticking off of each day as it passes. It's "nine" if you're a bit more impatient and want to skip all the unimportant week-ends in your mental summary. Or, if you really are a dreamer, it's only five more regular days of classes.

But no matter how you like to mark your excitement, everybody, consciously or subconsciously, is counting down toward Christmas break with eager anticipation. This creates a curious dichotomy in us when coupled with the need to finish all our final projects and then pass all our exams.

One second we are singing Christmas carols with loud abandon with our roommates as we eat overtly green and red goodies.

The next we are on the floor, papers spread out around us as we try to read three books at once for reports we should have done weeks ago while simultaneously running

Recently, accusations have been flying at President Barack Obama regarding his use of taxpayer money to campaign as he tours the country for his jobs plan.

While on these tours, the president has engaged in what Sen. John McCain says are clearly campaign activities. The entire trips are funded with government money, including the tour buses, charged to the taxpayers' dollars.

When complaints arose about the abuse of government funds, another bus was reportedly purchased for the Republican nominee's use, increasing the amount of government money spent even more.

With the state of the economy and the severe deficit our country is in, the government has no business spending extra money on unnecessary or personal expenses. At a time when Congress is trying to juggle an enormous national debt and cut back in every program possible, every expenditure counts.

And tour buses aren't exactly necessary.

Candidates don't really have a prayer of getting far in the election process without some sort of plan

to get the economy back on track and to reduce the national debt.

Common sense dictates that the government cannot continue to operate without some changes to its spending policies, so the American people expect the government to spend the money they pay on their taxes with care.

The wasteful spending of government money for a personal campaign draws a stark contrast to these expectations and smacks of hypocrisy. Our back-and-forth battles over whether to cut spending for this program or that program will yield few results if the officials entrusted with the money throw it away needlessly.

Cutting spending on bloated government programs is good. And maybe a campaign bus isn't a huge expense in the grand scheme of things.

But if they're going to truly reduce our debt, our officials need to take a close look at what they're spending our money on.

Because the little things add up.



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# BJU float featured in Greenville parade

JESSI HARGETT

The Bob Jones University Christmas float will be parading down the streets of downtown Greenville Saturday at 6 p.m., as people anxiously await the entourage of dazzling holiday displays.

The Greenville Poinsettia Christmas Parade showcases more than 80 different entries, one being a BJU creation.

Typically, the city of Greenville selects a theme for the parade, but this year each participating group can choose its own theme.

Creative Services manager Mr. David Lovegrove, along with other members of the float planning committee, wanted to take this opportunity to clearly incorporate the Gospel message into the float's design.

The University's float centers on the theme "Joy to the world, the Lord is come" and features a large nativity scene with a contemporary look.

BJU has participated in the Greenville Christmas parade since 2006 and has won awards for four of its five entries.

Last year's float, following the theme "The Twelve Days of Christmas," won best overall unit. Some BJU floats in years past showcased massive presents, a skyline of

Greenville, Christmas trees, snowmen and large geese. This year's float will exhibit its own special elements.

The Gothic arches and portrayal of the manger scene make this float distinct.

Also, Mr. Lovegrove said that more lights will be used on this float than on any previous BJU float—more than 800 yards of rope lights.

In preparation for this parade, the design team did some research and took some ideas from Walt Disney World's nighttime parade designs.

The planning process for a new float begins as soon as one parade ends.

According to Mr. Lovegrove, many people are involved in the float construction and decorating process, which starts the third or fourth week in November and continues until the night before the parade.

The actual process of construction begins when the facilities management assembles the trailer and the Creative Services production team builds the structure out of foam.

They then decorate the float with such elements as petal paper

and strands of lights.

Miss Joanie Pegram, a music teacher at the Bob Jones Academy Elementary School, is overseeing the music accompanying this year's float.

In most years past, different university choral groups have sung while riding on or walking beside the float, but this year academy students of all ages will be singing while riding and walking along with the float.

Miss Pegram said that this year around 40 people will be accompanying the float in the parade, which according to Mr. Lovegrove is double the number in previous years.

She said the songs featured will be "Joy to the World," "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Although the University enjoys the competition, they also have other reasons for BJU's entrance into the parade.

Internal Communications Supervisor Mr. Jason Little, who is overseeing and managing BJU's entry into the parade, said, "Our number one goal is to communicate the Christian faith and core values at Christmastime."

He also sees the parade as a

good opportunity to interact with the community and to feature Bob Jones Academy to the Greenville public.

Mr. Lovegrove said BJU's float is often one of the only entries in the parade with a religious element. "We are wanting to point people back to what Christmas is about," he said.

He also said that Bob Jones University's annual involvement in the Christmas parade has created a warm relationship between BJU and the Greenville mayor's office and city hall.

Last year, members of the Lyric Choir rode on or walked beside the float while singing Christmas carols.

One member of the Lyric Choir, sophomore Deleah Foster said, "My favorite thing about the parade was the festiveness, but also it was so exciting to walk down the street and wish all the little kids and their families a merry Christmas."

Senior Mackenzie Esch said she enjoyed getting to see all the holiday decorations in downtown Greenville.

She encourages students to come to the parade for the experience but also to reach out to the community around them.



## » This week in weird:

A man on a crab boat had to call for help when the boat ran out of gas in the Gulf of Mexico. The Coast Guard responded to help the man – who had stolen the boat he was on.

## » Notable News:

A bipartisan group of political moderates is hoping to offer an alternative presidential candidate to the Republican and Democrat in next year's election.

With attention focused on the Republican nominating process starting next month, the Americans Elect group has been working on securing general election ballot access in a handful of states.

The group plans to select their presidential ticket in an online nominating process.

## » This day in history:

1804 - Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned emperor of France.

## » They said it, not me:

"Don't be a Grinch. Don't vote to raise taxes on working Americans during the holidays." – President Barack Obama to GOP lawmakers, trying to convince them to extend a Social Security payroll tax cut.

"We want to gather millions of people and allow them to run authentically through the process," said Kahlil Byrd, chief executive of Americans Elect and a Republican strategist.

However, the plan is not to create a third party. Byrd said, "We are creating a credible process, a credible ticket and a nationwide organization that is not beholden to any special interests." Source: *The Washington Post*

## In the know:

### Society Officer Elections

Societies will elect officers for next semester today during their regular meetings.

### Christmas Carol Sing

The annual Christmas carol sing and lighting ceremony will be today at 6:30 p.m. The ceremony will be webcast on [www.bju.edu](http://www.bju.edu).

### UBA Christmas Dinner

The University Business Association will hold its annual Christmas dinner Monday at 6 p.m. in the Faculty Room of the dining common.

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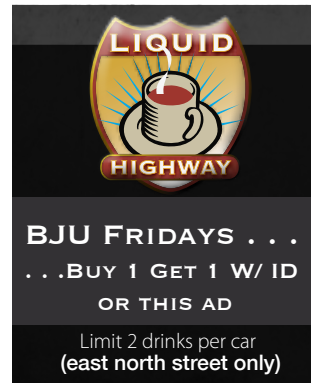
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# WBJU Christmas Special AddstoFestiveSpiritonCampus



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## DANIELLE NIFENECKER

Every year, the freshman journalism and mass communication majors host the live WBJU Christmas Special in the Snack Shop after the Christmas Carol Sing and Lighting Ceremony. The 2011 Christmas Special will be aired live from 7 to 10 p.m.

This three-hour program will include many contests, games, Christmas trivia and Christmas song requests, which will add to the festive feeling following the Lighting Ceremony. Contest prizes usually include Snack Shop gift certificates and coupons from Chick-Fil-A, Little Caesars and Papa John's Pizza.

Many people are able to participate in this program if they visit the Snack Shop between 7 and 10 p.m. Students' families, who are already on campus for the Lighting Ceremony, as well as the many families from the community who

visit campus during this time, enjoy the program as part of the beginning of the Christmas season.

Mrs. Kathryn Gamet, a faculty member in the journalism and mass communication department, said the program helps to boost spirits between Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. She said, "There seems to be a lull on campus between coming back from Thanksgiving and going back home, so the program helps to get spirits back up before [the students] go back home again."

In addition to being a fun way to start the Christmas season, the WBJU Christmas Special is an opportunity to teach the freshman journalism majors how to run a live show and communicate in front of others. Mrs. Gamet said the students learn all aspects of radio broadcast with live audience feedback that they do not usually have.

Three different groups of students

will host the program throughout the evening, each for an hour. This hosting experience teaches the freshmen how to organize and schedule an entire show while participating in a fun program.

WBJU staff members help with parts of the program, but the students choose the content as well as run the technical aspects of the special.

Mrs. Gamet hopes that other university students who listen to or see the stu-

dents broadcasting from the Snack Shop will continue to listen to the student radio broadcasts throughout the year.

While many students may go off-campus for coffee or hot chocolate after the Lighting Ceremony, Mrs. Gamet mentioned that, with the many specials the Snack Shop is running this evening, attending the Christmas Special is another fun way to conclude the evening of Christmas festivities.

## Wind Band concert to feature guest trumpeters

### STEFFANI RUSSELL

"Friday Night at the Opera: Carmen and Friends" is the theme of tonight's Symphonic Wind Band Concert, which will be performed at 7:30 in Rodeheaver Auditorium.

Guest trumpeters Barbara Butler and Charles Geyer, world-class performers and instructors at Northwestern University in Chicago, will perform solos in two pieces.

The husband-wife duo has performed with symphonies throughout the U.S. and Europe. Both Butler and Geyer are trumpet professors and have taught students, including several BJU grads, who now perform in the Chicago Symphony, the Boston Symphony and other prestigious groups.

Scott Hoster, a partner at the law firm of Dystrup, Hoster & Jarot from Illinois, heard the duo play in Chicago and proposed they perform at BJU. His firm even donated the

money need to bring them to the University.

The Symphonic Wind Band, directed by Dr. Dan Turner, is made up of 50 students, mostly upperclassmen and graduate students in the music department. The band has been working on the pieces for this concert since the middle of October.

"The pieces are delightful to the hearers and challenging for the players," Dr. Turner said. "It's sure to be a delightful evening of music."

The concert will open with the overture to Nabucco, by Verdi. Then the band will move to selections from Carmen, Rumpelstilzchen and others.

The pieces chosen are memorable, and some may be very familiar to students, Dr. Turner said. According to Dr. Turner, the encore especially is sure to be a pleasure. The band will finish up with a cheerful holiday number: "The Night Before Christmas."

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Omega holds off rally, beats Phi Kappa 30-22



Cody Lehman reels in a catch against the Phi Kappa Rams. Photo: Mark Cronemeyer

SCOTT JENNINGS

The Alpha Omega Lions held off the Phi Kappa Rams for a 30-22 flag football victory on Monday night before Thanksgiving break. Omega overcame a slow start and rallied behind receiver Cody Lehman. The team also had a strong defensive effort in the second half. The game featured a good showing of two freshman quarterbacks, Ben Unruh for Omega and Garrett Rushing for Phi Kappa. In the end, Omega managed to come up with one more defensive stop than Phi Kappa and stopped Phi Kappa with no time on the clock. The game began well for Phi Kappa as the team forced an incomplection on fourth down and followed with a touchdown pass. Omega wasted little time as Ben connected with Cody Lehman for a touchdown to tie the game 6-6 and cap the scoring in the first half.

The offense picked up in the second half as Rodney Woods hauled in a touchdown pass and Cody grabbed two more in the end zone to give Omega a 30-14 lead. Phi Kappa was not done yet. Jon Arbuckle beat the Omega defense for a long touchdown, and Phi Kappa scored on the two-point conversion to draw the score to 30-22. Phi Kappa then picked off Ben Unruh to give themselves a chance to win the game at the end. With little time left on the clock, Garrett heaved a pass downfield that fell well short of the end zone. Ben said the win gave Omega some confidence but also showed some weaknesses. "It shows us some things to work on but definitely gives us confidence, beating a Phi Kappa team that already played two games and won." This game could be a playoff preview as the two teams should be two of the best in the National League.

SPORTSPICKS

	Men's Flag Football Alpha vs. Basil	Women's Basketball Piratesvs.Colts	NFL Lionsvs.Saints
staff			
Scott Jennings (16-14)	Alpha	Colts	Saints
Abby Stanley (16-14)	Alpha	Pirates	Saints
Drew Mishler (15-15)	Alpha	Pirates	Saints
Caleb Davis (20-10)	Basil	Pirates	Lions
Allison Harrod (17-7)	Basil	Pirates	Saints
Jon Clute (16-8)	Alpha	Pirates	Saints
guests			
Mike Gorham male guest (16-14)	Alpha	Colts	Saints
Sarah Wilson female guest (19-11)	Alpha	Colts	Saints

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Pirates vs. Colts Saturday, 5:15 p.m., Main  
Classics vs. Kangas Saturday, 6:45 p.m., Main  
Cardinals vs. Gators Saturday, 8:15 p.m., Main



THE COLLEGIAN SPORTS POWER RANKINGS MEN'S FOOTBALL



Rankings as of Nov. 21.

1. OMEGA LIONS  
Omega owns two of the three flag football titles and looks like an early season favorite for another.

2. Z TORNADOES  
Z returns much of its core from last season and could win it all this year.

3. ALPHA RAZORBACKS  
Despite the loss of Cole Welby, Alpha remains confident in its chances to reach the championship.

4. PHI KAPPA RAMS  
Even with a loss to Omega, Phi Kappa showed the talent to make a deep playoff run.

5. CHI ALPHA CAVS  
Chi Alpha fights to repeat its A.L. championship win with a new quarterback.

ALSO RANKED: 6. Sigma 7. Basil 8. Pi Kappa 9. Pi Gamma 10. Beta



THE COLLEGIAN SPORTS POWER RANKINGS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Rankings as of Nov. 19.

1. CARDINALS  
The Cardinals are still rolling towards the championship with another dominant weekend.

2. CLASSICS  
The Classics' starting line-up continues to give the team the winning edge.

3. TIGERS  
A young team, the Tigers have a lot of potential proven through winning tough games.

4. COLTS  
The Colts have been able to pull out a lot of close games recently.

5. PIRATES  
If the Pirates stay healthy, they will have a championship shot.

ALSO RANKED: 6. Kangas 7. Flames 8. Bear Cubs 9. Wildcats 10. Bandits



## BETA CONTINUES DYNASTY



The Beta Gamma Patriots retained their grip on the BJU soccer world with a 2-0 victory over the Alpha Omega Lions in the 63rd Turkey Bowl. The match was incredibly competitive from start to finish. Omega did not lack opportunities to pull off an upset, which would have ended Beta's dynasty and Omega's own 14-year Turkey Bowl drought. In the end, Beta's athletic defense and talented offense prevailed for the team's 52nd consecutive game without a loss. Other than a tie with Omega during the 2008 season, Beta's seniors will graduate with four perfect years of soccer at BJU.

After the pregame ceremony and fanfare, the two teams took the field with anticipation mounting. Both teams played with incredible energy to begin the game. The first half proved extremely competitive with both teams pushing the ball downfield and Omega creating two great scoring chances early. One goal was called back by an offside call, similar to the regular season match between the two teams. Not long after, senior Tory Martin nearly put a shot into the net. After a cross-field pass from Will Keller, Tory sent a shot from around the 18-yard line, but keeper Joseph Wooster stopped the shot. Beta also nearly scored in the first half. After a handball call inside Omega's box, Beta's Eric Dickinson took a penalty shot, but keeper Andy Martin made an incredible diving save to preserve a scoreless tie in the first half. Despite a strong effort for most of the game, Omega's defense finally broke down in the second half for two Beta goals. A string of passes resulted in Caleb Franco taking a shot from well inside the 18-yard line that beat keeper Andrew Martin. Not long after, Jordan Allen created some space with a series of moves and placed a shot from the 18-yard line in the net. Omega did not shy away after falling behind. But even with an increase in pressure and urgency, Omega's comeback attempt fell short. Phillip Beardslee did have a decent shot late in the game that would have pulled Omega within a goal, but he sent the shot too high and over the crossbar.

The unsung heroes of Beta's season might have been the defense. Although Beta sported arguably the best offense in the University, its defense allowed just four goals all season and never more than one in a game. Nearly every player on both teams will return next season. Omega's biggest loss is probably Tory Martin, and Beta will seek to replace key defender Kyle McVey. Most of these players could see each other again in the Turkey Bowl next season.



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through speeches in our minds, complete with rough outlines.

It doesn't help that we just experienced a tiny morsel of a break, not enough to satisfy our hunger, but enough to tantalize us and make us crave more.

In my experience, these warring instincts can produce diverse and amusing reactions in students.

There are the Energizer Bunnies, who caught the Christmas spirit somewhere in the middle of October and are positively vibrating with the excitement of it all, completely unable to concentrate on anything.

The opposite of the Energizer Bunnies are the Social Rejecters. These are the ones who have decided that the thousand things left to do before break leave no time to waste on frivolous things like fun or excitement, so they focus all their attention solely on their studies.

Then there are the Window Dreamers, who have a similar mindset to the Bunnies, so ready for Christmas. The difference between the two is that the Bunnies externalize their excitement while the Dreamers internalize their longing for break. They often take to staring out the nearest window and sighing wistfully.

Lastly, the Pressure Deniers, who like to pretend that nothing is happening. Final projects? Piece of cake. Exams? Just another week. Christmas? Merely a blip

on the radar.

These are just a few of the many ways students react to the hustle and bustle of this time of the semester. Of course, the best response is to strike that indecipherable balance between giving sufficient effort to our studies (because we all want to have the satisfaction of a successful semester) and enjoying the end-of-the-year atmosphere and festivities.

But, alas, none of us is perfect, and tensions can sometimes mount among the different groups. We have to keep in mind that everyone handles the stress in his or her own way, and just because others handle it differently doesn't mean that they handle it wrongly.

As we journey toward Christmas break together, remember that we all are stressed; we all are struggling to strike that balance. And in all the busyness, let's not forget what we're celebrating in the first place—the incredible gift of Christ's coming to earth in the form of a babe as part of God's plan for our redemption. That's the most unifying story in the world, and we as Christians are a part of it.

So when your roommate's loud Christmas music gets in the way of your deep concentration over your studies or your friend gives a blasé "It'll be all right" when you describe the mounting workload you've been teetering under, cut them some slack.

It's Christmas, after all. Or it will be soon, however you count it.

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last year's cast members to recreate their characters with new interpretations instead of duplicating what had been done last year.

Mrs. Kaser has also been working closely with the many freshmen and new actors involved in the play. "I wanted the new cast members to feel welcome and also be able to go on the same journey," she said. "They're doing a great job. They're pushing through, and they're learning a lot."

This learning process involves much more than quoting lines. The cast is also responsible for moving props between scenes. "They're not only memorizing their parts, but they're also memorizing their crew responsibilities," Mrs. Kaser said.

It's a lot to learn, especially for a cast of mostly nonperformance majors.

"The cast has been chosen well," said Tabitha Hoyt, a junior human resource management major. "We fit our roles

very, very well, and we have great camaraderie and that shows on the stage. We're kind of a family."

Tabitha is playing Mrs. Cratchit, a major change from her role as a poor townspeople in last year's performance. "I like having a more major role," she said.

Some of the cast members are practicing for a major role that they may not have the opportunity to perform. Leighton Upton, a sophomore Bible major, is the understudy for Scrooge's nephew Fred, who will be played by performance studies GA Mr. Ben Toler. "In case he gets sick or can't do it, I'm the guy," Leighton said.

But just in case Leighton doesn't get to step into the role of Fred, his other role is a townspeople.

Leighton said being part of "A Christmas Carol" has been a great experience. "It just really puts you in the Christmas mood," he said. "It's a very familiar story, but it's just awesome to see it come alive."

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selecting the carols, said the Christmas lights will all turn on while the baritone trio of junior Ethan Simpson and graduate assistants Mr. Joey Hoelscher and Mr. Tim Renner reach the climactic high note in "O Holy Night."

"I look forward to when the lights turn on," Stephen Edwards, a senior, said. "That's what the whole thing is about—the change from darkness to light. That's pretty cool."

The more than 200,000 lights on campus have become one of the seasonal highlights in the Greenville community. And since 2004 BJU has held the Guinness world record for the largest group of Christmas carol singers in one place.

Mr. Jeff Vick of the grounds crew said the University is starting to replace old lights with LED lights to conserve energy.

Dr. Parker added, "We are hoping to have a few changes this year to spice up the ceremony just a little—but those are surprises."

But Dr. Parker would like the audience to be prepared for one new feature—"The Twelve Days of Christmas" sung in parts by different groups of the audience. "I think everyone will

love it," he said.

Although the ceremony doesn't have a specific theme per se, Mr. Orr said the purpose is for the BJU family to have a special time to come together to celebrate the Savior's birth.

Dr. Parker agreed. "It's a pivotal point of the Christmas festivities here," he said.

A significant change for this year, a new nativity scene will be displayed in front of the campus.

Mr. Doug Young, a local artist and former BJU staff member designed the set, and Mr. Dave Vierow and Mr. Randy Snively of the Stage Department are overseeing its construction and setup.

Mr. Young carved the larger-than-life figures out of foam. As an example of size, Joseph stands about seven feet tall.

Mr. Vierow said, "The artist is going lifelike for the facial features of the figures and what that time period may have looked like for the background."

Junior Christy Gombert said, "They always do a good job on it. I think that the lights make the whole campus happier."

Mr. Orr said, "It is always a special time for the university family, and we trust it will be a very unifying and fun-filled evening."

## "The Twelve Days of Christmas" Audience Parts

*Dr. Parker asks that the audience be aware of the different parts he would like everyone to sing for each stanza of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."*

Everyone	<b><i>A partridge in a pear tree</i></b>
People standing on bridge	<b><i>Two turtle doves</i></b>
Left side of fountain (War Memorial)	<b><i>Three French hens</i></b>
Right side of fountain (Alumni)	<b><i>Four calling birds</i></b>
Choir will sing by themselves	<b><i>Five gold rings</i></b>
Freshmen	<b><i>Six geese a-laying</i></b>
Sophomores	<b><i>Seven swans a-swimming</i></b>
Juniors	<b><i>Eight maids a-milking</i></b>
Seniors	<b><i>Nine ladies dancing</i></b>
All men	<b><i>Ten lords a-leaping</i></b>
All ladies	<b><i>Eleven pipers piping</i></b>
Everyone over 25 years of age	<b><i>Twelve drummers drumming</i></b>

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