

# Local burger joint serves up classic favorites

By Hannah Watkins  
Staff reporter

A customer walks in one door, decides what they want off the straightforward, limited menu, pays for their meal, and walks out the other door. There are no tables, and the friendly customer service combined with the intoxicating smell of grease and french fries makes for a one-of-a-kind experience at the local favorite, Burger Station.

Driving through Winfield, tourists who might be visiting the Walnut Valley Festival, or taking Highway 77 south, probably wouldn't notice the small shack.

Some residents of Winfield even pass by the tiny structure without noticing. But to the people who know Burger Station, passing by without stopping would almost be a crime.

Located on Seventh Avenue, off Highway 77, Burger Station is a tiny establishment with no tables. The only option for customers is take-out. With barley enough standing room, customers are treated to a full view of the kitchen, where the magic takes place. The menu includes favorite classics such as hamburgers with mustard, pickles and fried onions.

The original owners, Elmer Van Hess and Bud Wiser, opened Burger Station on Jan. 1, 1952. Van Hess, who had been in the restaurant business for a few years, decided to start a business with his friend Wiser.



Korie Hawkins/ Collegian photographer

Top: Debbie Miller, cashier, helps a customer while husband Mike Miller, chef, prepares the order. Right: Burger Station is located at 113 E Seventh Ave. They are known for their juicy burgers and matchstick fries.



Samantha Gillis/ Collegian photographer

While much of the history of Burger Station has been lost, some of the traditions and the legacy still exist. The grease-stained floor and worn countertop are proof of the popularity and pride in the establishment.

Jeff Crow bought the business in 1992. He tries every day to keep up traditions started in the 50's. "We still grind our meat every day. We use fresh product and we work with it every morning," said Crow.

Burger Station has also kept "the fixings" the same as well, by providing customers with

fried onions, pickles and mustard.

"The fixings" are just what Barbara Kaiser, finance office assistant, likes on her Burger Station burgers. Kaiser, who has lived in Winfield for almost 50 years, had her first experience at Burger Station when she was 14.

"I remember my first hamburger at the Burger Station when I was a freshman in high school," said Kaiser, "I can't eat it anymore because I'm on a diet where I can't eat burgers and fries."

Keith Zerger, psychology sophomore, said, "They are delicious. I like eating there at least once a week."

That makes sense, because the hamburgers at Burger Station are the best sellers, said Crow. "We sell tons of hamburgers. We are continuing tradition, and it's working because a lot of people like them."

Stacy Townsley, registrar, has also been around Burger Station for much of her life, and continues eating there today. "I grew up here in Winfield, and then moved back in 2003. For me,

Burger Station was always a different alternative than the normal fast food in high school."

Marie Hart, secondary education sophomore, has also enjoyed Burger Station. "It was delicious. It's the kind of place where the white bag the food is in is see-through from the grease," said Hart, "It's awesome."

Burger Station is cheap and fast for college students and tourists looking for a quick bite to eat. However, some students, especially freshmen, haven't experienced the food yet.

Joey Tran, music performance freshman, said, "I haven't gotten to go yet, but I've heard so much about it," said Tran, "I can't wait to try it."

Crow, who bought the restaurant from his dad, Darryl Crow, isn't sure where the future of the Burger Station is headed. "I don't think any of my kids want to take over, but I think the restaurant will probably stay in the family."

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# Casino Night approaches, promising fun and prizes

By Erin Morris  
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Midterms are safely behind us and Thanksgiving is right around the corner, but the time in between is filled with assignments, exams, and stress. Some are already dreading finals and Christmas break. But, before

you go crazy thinking about everything you have to do, know that there is some fun looming in your future.

Casino Night is coming to you live from the cafeteria this Wednesday. Blackjack, slot machines, and the chance to win big are back.

This year, there will be not

only five big prizes, but also 10 small ones. The big prizes will range from \$50 dollars to the Moundbuilder Market or Java Jinx to an iPod. The small prizes will be less expensive and might include two DVDs and a bag of popcorn.

The same company is being used this year, for the third time

in a row. And as usual, the dealers will be Southwestern College alumni and faculty. "It's a time to relax and forget everything," said Erin Morton, elementary education sophomore.

This year's theme is Atlantic City and you are free to dress for the occasion. If you're not comfortable with that, you can come

as you are.

April Middleton, elementary education freshman, said, "I'm going because I've been to casinos before, but I've always lost money. So this is my chance to go with no chance of me losing."

Chandler Kirkhart, business junior, went last year. "You're going to have a good time, I bet

my bottom dollar," he said.

So if you're even considering it, Morton said, "Just go. Don't talk about it, just go."

Casino Night will begin at 8 p.m. on Nov. 10.

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# Discipleship will join Numana to feed starving refugees in Haiti

By Samantha Gillis  
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The \$1.50 you just bought a soda with could have fed six starving mouths and still had 20 cents to flip into the wishing well.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 20, at Strother Field everyone has the chance to save lives without even leaving the county. Discipleship and Numana have teamed up to package food for Haiti refugees. Each package consists of rice, soy, beans and vitamins. One package is equal to six meals and costs \$1.30.

Numana is a non-profit organization whose mission is to battle starvation. From Dec. 29, 2009, to July 30, 2010, about 20,414,000 meals were packaged at 45 Numana events around the country.

"Typically an organization raises the funds for Numana and we provide the supplies and organize the event," said Jennifer Conrady, elementary education junior and Numana volunteer. Conrady is helping Discipleship facilitate the event, but is not helping them raise funds.

However, Leadership has stepped up to raise funds with Discipleship. "We will be making the rounds through the resident halls to ask students to donate what little money they have," said Caitlin McCurdy, psychology junior. Leadership's goal is to have 50 percent of their team participate.

Conrady said volunteers can expect to feel a part of something outside of their world. "The event empowers people to save the starving," said Conrady. Although there is registra-

tion to participate in the event, Conrady said it isn't necessary. "The purpose of registration is to help Numana gauge how many people will be there so we can set up enough supplies and tables at a given time," she said.

"The thing I love about Numana is that anyone and everyone can be a part of the effort," Conrady said. She has seen children as young as one-year-old to adults too fragile to stand, but they will sit for hours to help package.

One thing Conrady values about Numana is the ability for the volunteer to connect to the people they are helping.

"Volunteers will write their names on the boxes, or write notes of encouragement. Volunteering is so much more than just writing a check," she said. Conrady sees how some stu-

dents may find it difficult to connect with someone halfway around the world, but thinks if they can get some perspective on what the Haitian people are going through, they will sympathize.

"To know what starving really means will change you. Look up the difference between starving and hunger. There is a huge difference," Conrady said.

McCurdy agrees that the project is worth students' time. "It is important to experience service," she said.

Conrady said, "Even for just 15 minutes, take time to do something bigger than yourself. It is important to realize there is more to life than just you."

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# Newspaper honored

The Southwestern College student newspaper, "The Collegian," received national recognition last week during the National College Media Convention in Louisville, Ky.

"The Collegian" was named a four-year non-weekly Best of Show winner. The Best of Show competition is held at all conventions and workshops sponsored by the Associated Collegiate Press.

Only publications and broadcast teams with students in attendance at the convention are eligible to enter the contest. Paige Carswell, editor-in-chief, and Lea Shores, managing editor, represented "The Collegian" during the convention. The Best of Show award signifies overall excellence among the attendees and entries.

Five other non-weekly student newspapers were also named Best of Show winners during the convention. According to Stacy

Sparks, advisor to "The Collegian" and associate professor of journalism at Southwestern, the number of entries and places awarded may change from year to year, usually corresponding with overall attendance.

Best of Show entries for print publications consist of one issue of a newspaper from the current school year.

Carswell, Shores, and Inger Furbolt, Moundbuilder yearbook delegate, heard keynote addresses by two Pulitzer Prize winners and attended in-depth sessions covering convergence, design, photography, and writing.

Sparks is the chairperson on College Media Advisers' adviser awards committee. She, along with her committee, presented awards to eight advisers during the convention's opening session Oct. 28. She also led a session Friday morning for yearbook staffs from small colleges.

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