Inauguration competes with class

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Students throughout campus have mixed feelings about today’s inauguration of President-elect Bill Clinton.

“If I have to leave class early to see it, I will,” political science sophomore Wendy Powell said. “I plan on typing it up to watch again later with my roommate.”

Some students had no plans to watch Clinton become the 42nd president of the United States.

“I refuse to watch the event and do not support ‘Hillary-whatcha-whatchamacallit,’” political science senior Stephanie Jackson said. “I worked in Washington for Bush, and the only positive thing I see in the inauguration is that it effectively replaces Clinton with Bush.”

International studies junior Amy Rofft, who is from Washington, D.C., said, “I am sick of reading articles about the Arkansas sex--competing about moving to D.C., and the inauguration has been a real downer.”

Clinton will give his inaugural address at 12:05 p.m., and those who have been waiting for the return of a Democratic president are anticipating a successful speech.

“Will it be a great day in American history as well as youth history?” chemistry sophomore John Daunt said.

“I did not vote for Clinton, and do not agree with his viewpoints, but I have to see him because he will be the next president, and I need the job market to improve,” criminal justice senior Ema Vipera said. “I only plan on watching the inauguration in curiously.”

Whether or not many students plan on watching the event, many say comments and excitement are sure to follow Clinton in 1993.

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According to Burns, the power has failed and been restored by half staff on many other occasions this academic year.

McMahan said, “You’re not always sure of the cause (of the failure), but you are investigating to make sure.”

UHS Manager Shondra McCoy, who handles UHS insurance issues told a small group of students Monday evening that the personal declarations are not covered by any of UHS insurance policy.

“Tell them to check with their insurance company, and they didn’t want to hear that,” Burns said.

Burns said the group of students were insulated when McCoy attempted to hide a small laugh directed at the reaction of the student.

She said the students became engaged and ordered him to leave. “I was proud of those students for standing up for themselves,” Burns said.

McCoy said, “I was not meaning to snicker. I have a nervous habit and so many people were frowning on me. I get nervous, and I cracked a little bit. I know it was inappropriate, but I meant no disrespect to their situation.”

Burns said the refrigerators moved to students by housing cannot be plugged directly into the wall sockets in Columbia Hall because the cords are too short.

As a result, many students are forced to place the appliances on their desks or purchase extension cords or power strips or surge protectors similar to the one which caught fire, she said.

“The university should rent refrigerators with cords that will be long enough, rather than leaving it up to the students to buy extension cords,” Burns said.

Andrews said, “Students need to know the difference between normal power bars and circuit breakers. The circuit breakers are on a line long as they do not create an ‘outage effect’ by plugging too many things in.”

Housing services Tuesday afternoon offered a room in URC’s NANDA apartments for the four weeks from units 228. Burns said, “I think there is real value in keeping them together.”

McMahon said, “We are in the process of reviewing the installation of sprinklers in the dorms, but the cost of such is very high. We might also have to close down whole buildings, so it is a big issue.”

McMahon said. “A speaker system would probably significantly reduce the amount of fire damage.” Andrews said, Sunday.

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basketball program could have been maintained in a better way.

In the search for a new coach, Palmer said he would look for someone with the same character traits and values of Newton and Burns. He also said the head coach could not be held responsible for the recruiting violations.

“The university runs on trust,” Palmer said. “You can’t put enough checks and balances to ensure proper behavior.”

Newton said his athletics department as an assistant athletic director fell in line with his career goals, and he would be willing to help UIC’s athletic department in any way the administration sought fit.

The duties of his new position were announced, but Newton’s said he would “move away from basketball” in his new role.

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