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Harding Reflector & Alumni News

Spring 1948

Commencement Edition

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BACCALAUREATE—COMMENCEMENT

A cordial invitation is extended to all alumni and ex-students to be present at the spring homecoming. The series of events begins with the baccalaureate program on Sunday evening, May 30th, at 8:00 p. m. Melvin Wise, minister of the Sears and Summit church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, will deliver the address. Lamar Fleming, president of Anderson, Clayton and Co., of Houston, Texas, will deliver the class address at the commencement exercise the following Thursday morning, June 3rd, at 10 a. m. when approximately 70 seniors will receive their degrees. Both of these programs will be in the Searcy High School auditorium.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE ALUMNI

The last chapel of the present school year will be Wednesday morning, June 2nd, at 10 a. m. in the college auditorium. This program will be designed especially for the alumni. The class of 1928 will be in charge of the program and classes of 1928, 1933, 1938 and 1943 will be featured.

For those interested in sports, there will be the annual alumni college softball game at 3 p. m. on Wednesday. All former softball players should arrange to be here to help the alumni win that game.

The annual Alpha Honor Society banquet will be held at the Roberson Rendezvous at 6:30 p. m. the same evening. The chief speaker will be Mr. Jaques Kneusi, Swiss consul from New Orleans, Louisiana. Tickets for this banquet are \$1.25.

To climax the activities of this day, "Seven Keys to Baldpate" will be presented at 8:30 p. m. in the college auditorium by the Eta Omega cast of Alpha Psi Omega. Dr. Jack Wood Sears is directing this production and alumni appearing in the cast are Dr. Ray Stapleton, Dr. Kern Sears, Eva Thompson, Leslie Burke, and Dr. Joe Pryor. Alumni can get complimentary tickets by coming to the alumni office before 6 p. m. Wednesday.

ALUMNI BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING

Immediately following the commencement program Thursday morning, all alumni are invited to attend the alumni banquet in the college dining hall. An outstanding feature of this banquet is the Harding College strawberry shortcake. At this meeting, the graduates are inducted into the Alumni Association.

An important feature of the business meeting this year will be the election of officers for the next two years. Alumni members should give this proper consideration and be present to participate in this election as well as the other business of the association.

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

At the time this bulletin went to press, \$21,000 had been contributed to the building fund through the efforts of faculty, alumni, staff members, students and the personal contribution of one board member. James Ganus is leading the alumni in the amount raised while Marguerite O'Banion is second. Among the students, the sophomore class leads with Lois Benson the individual leader and Miriam Larsen following. The freshman class is second among the classes with Lavonda Fielder the individual leader and Jardine

McKerlie, Jr., runner-up. Clifton Ganus, Jr., leads the faculty and Annie Mae Alston is second. Those in the lead for the trip to Guatemala are Lois Benson, Lavonda Fielder, Marguerite O'Banion, James Ganus, and Annie Mae Alston. Although the Guatemala contest closes Sunday night, May 23, all alumni are encouraged to make a personal contribution even though it may be from necessity very small.

DR. BENSON HONORED

Students and faculty members honored Dr. Benson Saturday morning, May 22, with a special program in chapel. Following the devotional period, Hugh Rhodes gave a speech on the life and character of our president. Dean L. C. Sears followed with a speech on the valuable service Dr. Benson has rendered Harding College. Clifton Ganus, Jr., then made a report on the fund raised by students, faculty and alumni. He reported that all faculty members had personally taken part in the campaign. On behalf of the students, Madge McCluggage then presented Dr. Benson with some luggage, straw hat and shirts in appreciation for his efforts to make Harding College the school we want it to be.

Dr. Benson continues his untiring efforts and is well pleased with the results he is having. This week he has been working in Pittsburgh. Other cities in which he has held luncheons and conducted a campaign are New York City, Chicago, Tulsa, Houston and Cleveland. Luncheons are scheduled for St. Louis, Detroit, Milwaukee and other cities.

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

The formal inauguration of construction on new buildings at Harding took place March 29 at 3:00 p. m. An impressive ceremony was arranged which was attended by more than 1200 people. Dr. Benson broke the ground for the new boys' dormitory. Actual construction on this dormitory will begin in a few weeks, pending the arrival of materials, and its completion is expected by early winter. In the meantime, construction has proceeded on the industrial arts building. The steel super-structure is up and construction on the walls has begun.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The 1948 PETIT JEAN was dedicated Friday evening, May 21st, at 5 p. m. on the front lawn of the campus. Mabel Perry was crowned queen and Maury Logue was crowned king by Dr. Joe Pryor. The attendants were Grace Johnson, LaVera Novak, Morgan Bufington and Richard Taylor. Edna Hodge and Norman Starling were best all round students, Elizabeth Ware and Richard Smith were favorites and Catherine Root and Nathan Lamb were honor students. The annual was dedicated to Brother John Lee Dykes. The editor of the 1949 PETIT JEAN is Francis Bornschlegel and the business manager is Norman Starling.

Weather conditions permitted the beautiful May day program to take place as scheduled on the afternoon of May 1st. Elizabeth Langston was crowned queen of May by Dr. Benson. Her attendants were Madge McCluggage and Gena Dell Chesshir.

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IMPORTANT

If the address below is not correct or will soon be changed; please drop a card to Alumni Association, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, giving the correct information. Or, if you know an alumnus or an ex-student with whom we have lost contact, please send us the correct address of such a one. We want to keep in touch with all, but we need your help.

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