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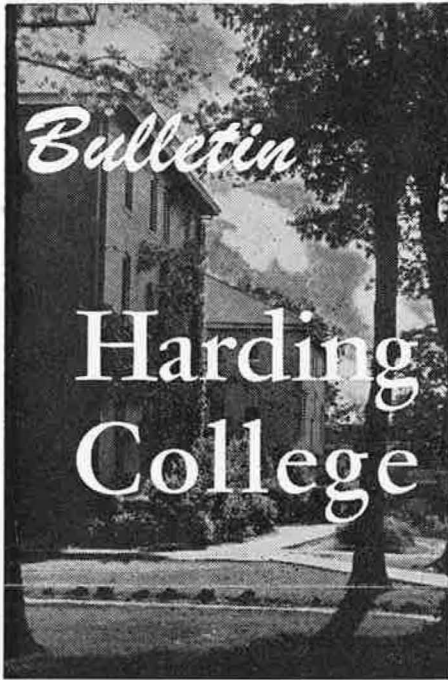
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Building Campaign Shows Progress

Harding College's financial campaign for buildings has passed the million dollar mark, Dr. George S. Benson announced during commencement week.

Scheduled to end officially on June 30, the drive needs nearly \$500,000 to reach the goal. Individual contributions and pledges are still being received from friends of the college all over the nation.

Nearly \$25,000 was raised directly by students and alumni for the Harding College building program, in an intensified but quiet campaign that ran from March 1 to May 23.

Most of this money was raised by students who wrote home to friends and relatives. Alumni also made contacts and sent in donations to the building fund. This phase of the campaign was directed by Prof. Cliff Ganus, president of the Alumni Association.

Seven buildings are being planned, to be constructed during the next three years. These include an auditorium-administration building, library, student center, girls' dormitory, boys' dormitory, gymnasium, and training school.

Construction of the new L-shaped dormitory for 200 men will proceed rapidly as soon as manpower and construction equipment is released from the Industrial Arts project.

The Industrial Arts Building is the main construction project now under way on the campus. Concrete floors are being poured in its two 200-foot wings, and asbestos-cement roofing is being applied. The building is expected to be ready for use by September.

As funds become available through the building campaign, the college will construct the facilities called for in the seven-building program.

Student Publications

Select Staff Heads

Frances Bornschlegel and Norman Starling will head the 1949 Petit Jean staff as editor and business manager, according to an announcement by Jule Miller, president of the junior class. The Petit Jean, the annual student yearbook of the college, is a project of each senior class.

Election of staff heads for next year's publication was held early so that the officials could have the assistance of the present staff in making preliminary plans for the 1949 publication.

Harold Hougey and Paul Clark have been chosen to head the staff of the 1948-49 Bison, student weekly, as editor and business manager, according to announcement by the Press Club. The new staff heads take over responsibilities of the student publication with the final issue of the current school year.

The Bison staff selections are based on journalistic ability, experience, scholarship, leadership, character and personality.

The executive committee of the Press Club included the 1947-48 editor and business manager, Josephine Connell and Paul Clark, and the faculty adviser, Neil B. Cope.

Miss Bornschlegel, who will edit the 1949 yearbook, is an English major from Denver, Colorado. Starling is a Bible and physical education major from Imboden, Arkansas.

Hougey, an English and Bible major, from San Francisco, California, will be a sophomore next year. He has been active on the Bison staff this year as reporter, editorial writer, and copy reader. Clark is a music major from Louisville, Kentucky, ranking as a senior next year. He served as business manager of the Bison this year.



Dr. Benson, right, congratulates Mr. Pearson. Behind Pearson is Col. Barton, who next received a degree.

Honor Degrees Given to Drew Pearson, Col. Barton in "Freedoms Day" Ceremony

Two distinguished Americans were given honorary degrees on May 1. They were Drew Pearson, nationally known newspaperman and columnist, and Colonel T. H. Barton, chairman of Lion Oil Company, El Dorado, Ark. They are now honorary doctors of law from Harding College.

The occasion was celebration of Arkansas' first "Freedoms Day," held on the courthouse lawn in Searcy. Dr. George S. Benson, president of the college, was master of ceremonies, and Mr. Pearson made the chief address. Col. Barton is chairman of the State Livestock Show, which sponsored the show jointly with the Arkansas Press Association.

The celebration was held in Searcy this year for presentation of an award to the Searcy Daily Citizen for community service. M. P. Jones, publisher of the Citizen, received the award.

Queen of May Reigns At Traditional Fete

Elizabeth Langston, junior from Oakland, Miss., was crowned Queen of the May by Pres. George S. Benson at Harding's annual May Day Fete, held on the front lawn of the campus, May 1.

Festivities began at 5 o'clock. Three heralds from the Searcy High School Band called to the attention of the spectators two processions of pastel-clad maids walking toward the center of the front lawn from the Administration



Dr. Benson here crowns the 1948 Queen of May.

building on the east and from the home of Dean Sears on the west. Meeting in the center, the girls formed a turning wheel, their pastel dresses making multi-colored spokes.

The girls then formed a semi-circle in front of the improvised throne near the rose garden on north campus to await the Queen and her Court.

Entering from the south of the lawn



The Queen proceeds to her throne as maids look on.

with their escorts, the Queen's ladies carried bouquets of gladiolas.

Next came the Queen's maids of honor, Madge McCluggage and Gena Dell Chessir, in white gowns; Carlton Burke, crown bearer; the Queen, attired in a fitted white gown with full train; and trainbearer, Bobby Cope.

Homage was paid the Queen by all the girls, and Mrs. Florence Jewell directed the girls' glee club in two old English folk tunes about May Day.

Following the crowning, the girls wound the Maypoles.



Miss Langston views festivities of May from white throne. Beside her are Maids of Honor Madge McCluggage (left) and Gena Dell Chessir.

Fleming Challenges Harding's Graduates To Accept Responsibilities of Leadership

Seventy Harding seniors received their college degrees on June 3. It was the largest graduating class in the school's 24-year history.

The graduates heard Lamar Fleming, Jr., president of Anderson, Clayton and Company, Houston, Texas, commencement speaker, tell them that America has a new responsibility to lead the world away from present tendencies which hold human liberties in contempt.

Mr. Fleming called for a "profound spiritual revival, in us and in all men and women of good will." After his address, Mr. Fleming was awarded an honorary degree of doctor of laws by Dr. George S. Benson on behalf of the institution.

Melvin Wise, minister of the Sears and Summitt Street church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, preached the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 30.

The highest honor award, the Alpha Honor Key, was given to Carl Kitzmiller. This is annually given to the graduating senior who has made the highest scholastic average during his college career. The award was presented by Dr. W. K. Summitt for the Alpha Honor Society.



Mr. Fleming made a noteworthy and thoughtful address. Note-taker is C. L. Ganus, Sr., president of the Harding Board of Trustees.

Two Harding Students Win Prizes for Essays

Two Harding College students won prizes in an essay contest sponsored recently by the Arkansas Free Enterprise Association. Out of more than 100 entries submitted, Miss Dorothy Welch won first prize of \$500 in the college division and Tommy Thompson tied for second place, winning \$125. They also were given air trips to Washington, D. C.

The essays were on comparative government. Students were asked to contrast the American way of life with other systems, such as Communism, Fascism, and Socialism. Students from



Tommy Thompson and Miss Dorothy Welch, the winners.

most of the colleges in the state entered the contest, but Harding was the only school besides the University of Arkansas to have more than one student among the ten finalists.

Miss Welch is a junior from Chilli-cothe, Texas. She says that she will use her \$500 to help complete her college course at Harding. Thompson, a sophomore, lives in Searcy.

Swiss Consul Speaks To Alpha Honor Group

Mr. Jacques Knuesi, Swiss consul from New Orleans, was speaker this year at the annual Alpha Honor Society dinner in Searcy on June 2.

Mr. Knuesi described the secret of Swiss prosperity as "a wise government in a true democracy, effective education, and hard work." He said favorable publicity about his country by former GI's had helped to improve the tourist industry in Switzerland.

The dinner is sponsored yearly by the Harding honors group as a public service and as a means of bringing cultural programs to the community.

Brodie Crouch, president of the society, was master of ceremonies. Eight other graduating seniors were elected to membership in the organization.



Greg Rhodes, laundry manager, showed talent as after-dinner speaker. Here he tells of losing pair of pants Dr. Benson didn't take to the laundry.

Faculty and Staff Dine Out Together, Report On Year's Progress, Talk Shop

An "all-staff" dinner that brought faculty members and other employees of the college together for an evening of entertainment, will henceforth be an annual occasion, according to Dr. George S. Benson, president.

College employees "got together" upon the invitation of Dr. Benson to talk shop and to report on progress. Those directing the various academic divisions and those in charge of the school's "auxiliary enterprises" (farm, laundry, power plant, etc.) gave summaries of their activities for the year.

The dinner was held in the banquet hall of the Rendezvous, in downtown Searcy. Musical entertainment was supplied by a student soloist, Bob Morris, the girls' sextette, and the boys' quartet.

More than 100 persons attended, including approximately 50 members of the teaching staff plus other employees of the institution and their wives.



Dr. Benson tells one this time. Photographer missed the story, but got the general effect.

MY LITTLE GIRL went to sleep this afternoon with her hands folded—with no troubles or cares, and little concern for the things she would do when she opened her eyes again. "Wouldn't it be wonderful," we say, "if we could do that—if we could fall into a sleep undisturbed, refreshing, and restful?" But no, we must be burdened down with innumerable burdens and cares, and go through a night of restlessness encumbered with dreams of great abysses into which we are likely to fall at any time.

And yet, if we would but trust in our Father, we could gain from our sleep a rest and strength that would prepare us for all the troubles of life. It is not necessary to sleep in order to gain rest and strength, however. We can gain rest for the body, of course, by sleeping, but during our waking hours, and, perhaps while we are thinking more deeply than at any other time, we can gain a strength far more overpowering, and a rest far more invigorating than the body has ever experienced. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." So Paul exhorted the Philippians in the 4th chapter of his epistle to them, and so we have an assurance of the help of the Almighty Father.

Remember the words of the Friend of man in His sermon on the Mount of Olives—"but seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things (food, raiment, shelter—the necessities of life) shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Certainly when we have the words of Jesus himself, we can *know* that the morrow will take care of itself—or, that the Lord will take care of tomorrow. "Why can't we fall into a sleep refreshing, undisturbed, and restful?" Because we don't trust in God—because we don't have a faith in God which is deep-seated—which is born of the conviction that Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, is the Son of God.

Childlike Faith

By MAX D. MOWRER



Even the devils believe and tremble (James 2:19), but we, the children of God, believe to such a degree that we—no, we don't tremble—we worry about how we are going to live, where our food will come from, where we will get the money for our next suit of clothes—in effect, where God, our Father, is. How foolish we are! With a promise unsurpassed in the world we falter—we wonder. But the answer comes back to us when we calm down enough to reflect upon the Word of God—"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God." Indeed, when we renew our spirits by meditation upon the Word of God, and build again a childlike faith of unquestioning trust, we, too, can sleep without worry, and without fear of the morrow, and gain for ourselves a rest for body and mind that a child experiences.

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