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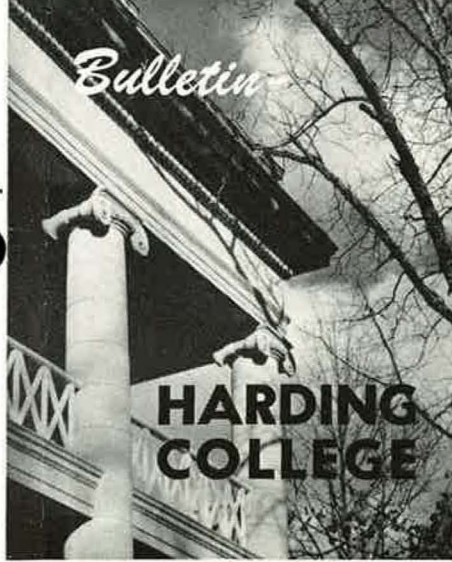
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## Plans Announced For Homecoming

Plans for Homecoming Day and the 26th annual commencement program at Harding College have been announced by Pres. George S. Benson and Charles Morris, president of the senior class.

Baccalaureate services for the 1950 graduating class will be held May 28, at 8:00 p.m. Carl Spain, former Harding faculty member who now occupies the Bible Chair at Texas Tech, Lubbock, will give the baccalaureate address.

Graduation exercises will be held June 1.

Both the baccalaureate and commencement programs will be held in Rhodes Memorial Field House.

Homecoming Day, May 31, will be the 25th anniversary of the graduating class of 1926. The annual alumni chapel program will be in charge of the graduates of that year. Dr. Benson, who is an alumnus of '25, said that the six members of his class are expected to be present. One of them, A. B. Reese, will come from Africa, to attend the program.

Following the graduation exercises, June 1, visiting alumni and the graduates will attend a luncheon-business meeting in the college Dining Hall.

One hundred twenty-seven seniors will be candidates for degrees at the commencement exercises. The 1950 class is only five less than the record graduating class of 132 in 1949. Sixty of the seniors are from Arkansas and the remaining 67 represent 20 states and Canada. Forty-six of the graduates are married. There are 57 veterans in the class.

More than half the graduates plan to enter the teaching profession. Thirty-five will enter the ministry and four plan to do foreign mission work. Several plan to do post-graduate study.



*Morgan Richardson (right) and Ray Herren (center) show their room at "open house." Guests are (left to right) Audrey McGuire, Margaret Chaffin, Carolyn Hovey, and Mayor B. L. Oliver.*

# New Dormitory Shown At First Open House

Several hundred visitors, in addition to students and staff members, gave Harding's new dormitory for men, Armstrong Hall, a thorough going over May 16, at the first open house to be held during the college's building and expansion period.

Visitors were privileged to go to any or all rooms in the building as well as reception rooms, guest rooms and caretaker's apartment. Punch and cookies were served in the front hallway facing the reception rooms, which were decorated with flowers.

Professor Jess Rhodes of the business administration department, who resides in the building as director of the hall, said guests were very enthusiastic in their comments about the new building and that most of them considered it the finest college dormitory they had seen.

Rooms are arranged on the suite plan, with a bathroom connecting each two rooms. Color combinations of dove green and grey and terra cotta are carried out in the walls and steel furniture. Furnishings for each room include two single beds, equipped with box springs and Beauty-rest mattresses, two vanity-desk combinations, two desk chairs, a leather upholstered lounge chair, bookshelves and venetian blinds.

Visitors also saw Rhodes Memorial Field House, completed last fall. It houses

the gymnasium, skating rink, and several other play and recreational areas, and complete facilities for the physical education program, headed by M. E. Berryhill.

Buildings now in progress in the expansion program are Beaumont Memorial Library, which will be ready for use in the summer session, a student center and a dormitory for women.

## Summer School

This year summer school starts on June 5. College students may enroll for either or both semesters of the ten-weeks session. High school students must enroll for the entire term.

Thirty teachers will make up the summer faculty. Courses will be offered in most departments, with the curriculum planned especially for teacher trainees and beginning freshmen.

Modern, convenient rooms will be available in campus dormitories. Apartments will be available for married students.

For information about enrolling, write: Dr. F. W. Mattox, Director of Admissions, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas.



Othello surveys his sleeping bride, Desdemona, toward the climax of the drama.

## Campus Players Stage Shakespeare's "Othello"

Production of a Shakespearean play was a project of the Campus Players recently. The play, "Othello, the Moor of Venice," was presented April 21 and 22, in celebration of the 386th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth.

Directed by Professor Bill Skillman, of the speech department, "Othello" was staged in authentic Elizabethan style, with three areas of the stage arranged for the action. The original dialogue was cut to allow for stage and time limitations.

In leading roles were Betty Thornton, sophomore student of Sheridan; Patti Mattox, freshman of Searcy; Richard Walker, senior of Memphis, and Keith Thompson, senior of Toronto, Canada. Misses Thornton and Mattox played the roles of Desdemona and Emilia, respectively. Thompson was cast as Othello and Walker as Iago.

Others in the cast were: Bill Williams, Cliff Seawel, Ray Ussery, Victory Broadus, and Jeannine Haltom.

The production was a joint class and extra-curricular activity, with college credit being given for work in some of the roles.



## Chorus Returns From Denver

Forty Harding College chorus members and their director, Professor Andy T. Ritchie, returned to the campus May 8, completing the longest chorus tour of the year. They had been to Denver, Colorado.

Fifteen concerts were given on the ten-day trip. Points on the itinerary included: Glenwood, Nashville, Morrilton and Alma, Arkansas; Sherman, Wichita Falls and Amarillo, Texas; Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado; Dodge City, Kansas; Frederick, Tipton, Pauls Valley and Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Chorus activities this year add up to 6,000 miles traveled and 45 off-campus appearances. (The chorus has 90 members. This allows a rotation of personnel for the many programs.)

In addition to the Denver trip and programs for schools and churches near Searcy, they have made two tours to Paducah, Kentucky, and Houston, Texas. Concerts for special events on campus were frequent, and a radio program each week, called "Hymns from the Harding Campus," is part of their schedule. Highlight of their radio activities this year was a concert for Mutual Broadcasting System's college choir series.

One more off-campus appointment is scheduled; May 21 they will go to Rector, Arkansas, for a concert at the church.

## May Queen Reigns At Spring Fete

Miss Gena Dell Chesshir, senior of Nashville, was crowned Queen of the May by Dr. F. W. Mattox, dean of men, at the annual May Day Fete held at Harding, April 27.

The front lawn of the campus was the setting of the traditional spring pageant. The queen marched to the throne down an aisle formed by two lines of pastel-clad maids. At the foot of the throne she knelt and the crown was placed on her head. Seated on the throne, her two maids of honor, Misses Linda Skinner and Robbe McCaleb, on either side, she received the homage of the maids and viewed the festivities.

The identity of the queen was not revealed until the coronation ceremonies began. Miss Chesshir, a nominee of the W.H.C. social club, was elected by the student body.

More than 100 students participated in the Fete, which is an annual project of the Ju Go Ju social club. Miss Lois Benson, president of the club, and Mrs. L. C. Sears, sponsor, directed the May Day program.

Left to right: Misses Robbe McCaleb, Sandra Laas, Gena Dell Chesshir, and Linda Skinner.

## Intramural Fans Enjoy the Games

By Lin Wright  
of the Bison Staff

Intramural basketball at Harding has come to a successful close and hundreds of enthusiastic sports fans are both participating in and observing an excellent brand of baseball during these spring months.

More than one hundred basket-minded students took part in the 1950 cage race and from this group sixteen of the most outstanding hardwood men were selected to play in the Annual All-Star basketball game.

The two teams chosen to play in the affair were picked by the Bison (official student newspaper) sports writers to represent both major leagues, the Celtic and Maygar, and the game drew a large crowd to Rhodes Memorial Field House.

In addition to the two major leagues, a third league, composed of students not familiar with the finer points of the sport played a double round robin tournament. This minor league is designed to aid the student in gaining playing experience. Competition and team spirit were high both in the major and minor brackets.

Baseball intramurals, organized on the same pattern as basketball, are reaching the half-way mark as six major teams and four minor squads battle for the coveted pennant. The names of teams are chosen from the various major leagues; the majors represented by the National League organizations while the minors have borrowed American League titles.

Harding's spacious diamond is used by the six major clubs three days a week while the minors take over for two thereby allowing all the teams to see action at least once a week.

Any student, regardless of size and ability has the opportunity to make his way in the sports world at Harding. All types of athletics are popular with Harding students, both for the enjoyment and the development of a sound mind and a sound body.



Les Perrin (left) and Jimmy Allen (right) vie for the ball in one of the intramural basketball games.



Interest in baseball is high these days, both with the fans and the players.

## Dr. Benson Gets Freedoms Medal

A gold medal was given to Pres. George S. Benson and two Harding College staff members received certificates of merit from Freedoms Foundation, Inc., March 7.

Dr. Benson's medal, presented at a dinner meeting of the Arkansas Public Expenditures Council in Little Rock, was for his 1949 lectures in 32 states before 73,000 people.

Certificates of merit were presented to Glenn A. Green and Miss Dorothy Welsh of the national education program staff in a chapel program at the college. Green was honored for a speech, "The Siren's Song," and Miss Welsh's award was for her essay, "Communism, Social, Fascism, or Free Enterprise."

The awards were presented by Dick Foltz, a 1949 Harding graduate, who is



Medals presented to the college by Freedoms Foundation, Inc.

assistant to the executive vice president of the Foundation. Previously the college was honored at the Foundation's general awards program in Valley Forge, Penna.,

in November, 1949. A cash prize of \$750 and a gold medal were given for the college's national education program activities.

IF MAN would be successful, contented, happy and victorious, he must attain, to a reasonable extent, physical strength, accurate knowledge, dependable wisdom, sane emotions and a strong will, with a moral and spiritual character equipped to direct, control and restrain in the functioning of each and all. He must live in the midst of the good and evil, the light and the darkness, the beautiful and the ugly, the energy and laziness, the progress and inaction, as they exist in the world about him.

It is the aim of Harding College to assist each student to develop the powers of body, keenness of intellect, strength of wisdom, sanity of emotion and vitality of will, which will enable him, under the direction of a living, searching moral and spiritual character, to find the good, the light, the beautiful, the constructive and progressive, and to so live in their midst as to achieve success, satisfaction, happiness and victory.

Harding College believes that God has placed in his word that which is needed to make it possible for man to successfully meet every experience of life. Hence, Harding College believes that no man is educated in such a manner as to be able to most successfully meet the experiences of life until he is well educated in the Bible.

Harding College offers rather extensive education in the arts and sciences. Each year it broadens and strengthens its work in these fields. Along with all this its facilities for education in the Bible are being constantly broadened and strengthened.

Of this book Dr. James L. Gordon has said:

"The best use of the human reason has produced the best civilization.

"The world's last and best civilization has in its possession, of necessity, absolutely all the literature of the world, ancient and modern, past and present.

"In the universal literature of the world there must be one book which is the world's Best Book.

"The world's Best Book must be a religious book—for the highest realm of literature is in the spiritual realm.

"The Bible is the only book which answers the description. . . . The Bible has produced the civilization which crowns it, and crowns the civilization which has produced it."

Edwin H. Hughes has said: "The Bible is a book of power. It is today the book of the strongest nations. If the strongest nations selected it from their inspiration and guidance, that fact is significant. If, on the other hand, the Bible has trained the strongest nations, that fact is



## My Views About Harding College

By Jesse P. Sewell  
Special Lecturer

more significant. In either case power is lodged in the Holy Scriptures."

Harding College believes that the Bible lends strength, force and vigor to education in all fields of human learning. Because its faith is strong in this proposition, its first and constant effort is to provide the best possible courses in Bible to go along with all the other courses offered. Each student, from the youngest to the oldest, from the day he enrolls to the day he leaves, is constantly taking a course in Bible.

As Harding's academic departments are growing the entire college plant is expanding. New and better facilities implement the college's academic program. Armstrong Hall, the \$250,000 dormitory for men is complete and in use. It is the best and most convenient home for men I have seen on any campus.

The new gymnasium, Rhodes Memorial Field House, is finished and is constantly in use. More than 85 per cent of all the students participate in the college's excellent program of physical education.

The Industrial Arts Building is finished and equipped with excellent machinery for its work.

The new air-conditioned library will be ready for summer school this year. It is a gem of beauty and service.

The student center and the new dormitory for women are under construction and will be ready for use early in the fall.

These will be followed by the auditorium and administration buildings and last by the new high school and training school building. These, with the excellent buildings already on the campus will give Harding College facilities equal to the very best. I do not know a place where life is more wholesome or where there is more contentment and happiness.



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