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BULLETIN — Harding College Spring Alumni News

NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT YOUR COLLEGE AND YOU



Sawyer is speaker at spring meeting

Harding alumnus Wyatt Sawyer, '45, minister for the Pecan Park Church of Christ, Houston, Texas, returned to the campus March 10-17 as visiting evangelist for the spring meeting at the College Church of Christ.

Services were conducted nightly at the College Church building and daily at the regular college chapel hour in the college auditorium. There were 152 responses to the invitation during the week. In addition to preaching twice daily, Sawyer held informal conferences with students each day and couseled with them.

Sawyer has been very effective in working with young people. He has written a book depicting problems of teen-agers entitled, *Must the Young Die Too?*

Sawyer was accompanied by his wife, the former Christine Neal, '45. The Sawyers have two sons.

(On page five of the Bulletin, Wyatt Sawyer gives some of his impressions of Harding following his recent visit after an absence of several years.)

Chapter news

KANSAS CITY

March 29, the alumni in the Kansas City area met and elected officers for a new chapter. Ray Miller was elected president; Willie O'Banion was elected vice-president; Sue Poland was elected secretarytreasurer. Another meeting was set for Friday, April 12 to make plans for an active program of work.

A color film, "Assignment Harding," was shown by Buford Tucker, Executive Secretary of the alumni association. the chapter proposes to get every graduate and ex-student in the area active in the local work.

WICHITA

March 1, the Wichita chapter held its meeting at the Maude Carpenter Childrens' Home. A pot-luck dinner was served, and, as usual, enough was left over to feed many more. Ralph Noffsinger, president, presided.

After a few remarks by the president, a sound film in color was shown, and a short talk on Harding was given by Buford Tucker followed by a period of questions and answers for the high school students. The Wichita chapter is active in contacting high school seniors so that they may learn of the advantages Harding has to offer.

SHREVEPORT

March 9, the college quartet — Ed Ritchie, Bob Scott, Jerry Martin, and Pat Teague — gave a program at the Lakeshore Church of Christ. The Shreveport alumni chapter had arranged the meeting and invited high school students from the area to attend. After the program was finished, refreshments were served and a fine period of fellowship was enjoyed.

Stanley Heiserman, president, expressed a feeling of new effort on the part of the alumni in Shreveport to work harder in the interest of Harding and Christian education. All alumni in the area are urged to join in this activity.

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Ruby will emcee '57 Alumni chapel

Sidney Ruby, Atkins, will have charge of arrangements for Alumni Day chapel for the class of '32, May 29, A. B. Henderson, class president, has announced. In keeping with tradition the 25-year class will have charge of chapel that day.

Ruby, who received his M.A. from the University of Arkansas in 1947, is superintendent of Schools at Atkins. His wife is the former Nelle Haynes, ex '35. They have two daughters, Robbie Jean, who attended Harding in 1952-54, and Mary Sidney, who is a senior in high school.

Notice

Members of five-year classes planning to attend the reunion luncheon at Roberson's Rendezvous, Alumni Day, May 29, must make reservations by May 27.

The classes of '27, '32, '37, '42, and '52 are scheduled for reunions, and members of the classes are requested to contact the Alumni Office by the above date if they plan to attend the luncheon.



Secretary's Desk

By Buford Tucker

As I finish the fourth month of activity with the Harding Alumni Association, I am just beginning to

understand a little about the work connected with this important phase of college development. It is my purpose to work with the association, for the good of both the college and the alumni.

You will recall in the last issue of the Alumni News Bulletin that Dr. Pryor called your attention to a statement made by the president of the Alumni Association of Northwestern University. He pointed out that Northwestern had recently received a special grant from the Ford Foundation because "so many Northwestern alumni were taking action on their own initiative to support the annual giving program of the Alumni Fund."

In the light of this example, it is evident how important it is for each member of the alumni association to have a part in contributing, because the number who participate is about as important as the amount given.

Another item of interest in this connection recently came to my attention. Many large companies place high regard on employees who support the institution that trained them. Their support is a manifestation of loyalty, and employers recognize this attribute as being very important. In keeping with this principle a number of companies have established the policy of matching any gift one of their employees makes to his Alma Mater. As an example, when one gives a hundred dollars in support of the school where he attended, the company will match it with another hundred dollars. Rarely does one have the opportunity to do so much good in support of alumni activities.

If you are employed by one of the following companies, you can make that kind of investment in Harding College. There may be other companies that have adopted this plan, so check with your employers and see if they follow this policy.

The following companies are reported to be supporters of this method of giving.

Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp.	Smith Kline & French Labora-
Bonwit Teller	tories
Geoffrey L. Cabot, Inc.	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
Bank of New York	Draper Corp.
Burlington Industries	B. F. Goodrich Co.
Campbell Soup Co.	Hill Acme Co.
Deering Milliken & Co., Inc.	S. C. Johnson & Sons, Inc.
General Electric Co.	Kaiser Steel Corp.
Hewlett-Packard Co.	Lehigh Portland Cement Corp.
J. M. Huber Corp.	National Distillers Products
Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.	Corp.
Walter Kidde & Co., Inc.	Scott Paper Co.
Manufacturers Trust Co.	Tektronix, Inc.
O'Sullivan Rubber Corp.	Warner Brothers Co.
Wallingford Steel Co.	Young & Rubicam, Inc.

But, you say, I do not work for a big company and I cannot give in that manner. Very few can, but each of us can do his share so that the percentage of participation will be increased. Whether your gift is large or small, the spirit behind the giving is what counts. If you have already sent in your contribution for this year, we are very grateful. If you have not contributed this year, do it today. Help raise the percentage of contributors from 13.5% to a level that will enable all of us to be justly glad.



From here and there . . .

B. H. Willoughby ('26) is elementary principal in Amarillo, Texas, and operates a summer camp for boys and girls in New Mexico.

Darwin C. Gruver ('28) is employed in the Oklahoma State Health Department and lives at Edmond, Okla.

Maurine L. Kingsley ('28) is teaching in the high school at Penalosa, Kans.

Lonnie T. Vanderveer ('28) is head of the education department at George Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, Calif.

Luke Priba ('29) is employed by the Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company of Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. Lynwood B. Jones ('29) is district medical director for the Arkansas State Health Department.

W. T. Henry ('29) is high school principal at Smithon, Texas.

George W. Christopher ('30) is now a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Blytheville, where he is a jet aircraft pilot and wing staff officer.

A. B. Henderson ('32) is superintendent of schools in Pleasant Plains.

Gus M. Meuli ('35) is employed by the Gill Tractor Company, McGehee, and works with small congregations in helping them get started.

John R. Stewart ('36) is now in his eighth year in Oklahoma City as minister of the gospel.

Woodrow Rice ('36) is claims supervisor of the Rocky Mountain Area for State Auto Association, Des Moines, Iowa. He also announces a thirty-minute church TV program.

Clariece Kelly Kellams ('36) is teaching in elementary school in Garden Grove, Calif.

James C. Huddleston ('36) is a commander in the U.S. Navy (Aviation) with the Continental Aid Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Elizabeth Travis Johnson ('37) is teaching at Watkins Institute for Adults in Nashville, Tenn.

Lowell B. Davis ('39) is preaching for the church in Crowley, Texas. He is planning additional studies in Fort Worth.

R. Carroll Cannon ('39) is dean of students at Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, Calif.

James A. Martin ('40) is superintendent of schools in Beedeville.

Constance Ford ('41) is assistant technical librarian for the Union Electric Company, St. Louis, Mo.

Lena Melville Scott ('41) is with the U.S. Corps of Engineers in Little Rock doing accounting work.

Virginia Stewart Holland ('42) is secretary to the postmaster, Memphis, Tenn.

Jack Nadeau ('43) is doing foreign mission work in Germany.

Ermyl McFadden Pearle ('43) is teaching in the Beedeville High School.

Lowell D. Farmer ('43) is employed by the Air Training Command, U.S. Air Force as budget officer and lives in Belleville, Ill.

Dennis L. Allen ('43) is operating a Christian Training School for Christian workers in his foreign mission work at Manila, Philippine Islands.

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Placement Office

The Placement Office has information on positions listed below. Details may be obtained from Dr. Roy Wellborne, director.

In teaching:

- Two language arts Vidor, Texas teachers, social studies, science (male). Beginning salary with no experience, \$2805.
- Dexter, Mo. Mathematics, mathematics and science combination, counselor. Beginning salary \$3,000.
- Belle Plaine, Kans. Woman to teach English and speech. This position will require some dramatics and play production. Salary, \$3,500 to \$4,800. Hulbert-West Memphis, Ark. —
- Openings in all elementary grades. Seventh and eighth grade physical education teacher (male). Salary with no experience, \$3,000.
- Sikeston, Mo. Girls' physical education, science and mathematics, business education, languages, preferably foreign Spanish, social studies-assistant coach combination for football, basketball, and/or baseball. Beginning salary, \$3,200.
- Mangum, Okla. -- Man to teach vocal music and English, \$4,000 and up; woman to teach English, speech, and dramatics, \$3,850 and up; Spanish, English, and girls' physical education teacher, \$3,-850 and up; first grade teacher, \$3,600.
- Jefferson County Schools, Denver, Colo. - High school and elementary teachers needed. Salary for BA, beginning \$3,720.
- Decatur, Ill. Elementary teachers needed in all elementary grades and kindergarten. High school: English, mathematics, social studies, biology, general science, industrial arts, German-mathematics or English-German combination, and librarian. Salary for beginning teachers, \$3,900.
- Parma, Mo. English and science teacher. Beginning salary, \$3,000.
- Taft, Texas Homemaking, music (choral work with some music classes), elementary teachers. Spanish.
- Madison County Bible School, Huntsville, Ala. - Two elementary teachers, commercial, home economics, English or mathematics. Men's salary, \$125; women's, 150.

Schedule of events for May 26-30

Sunday — May	26	
8:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate Service	College Church Auditorium
Wednesday — I	May 29	
10:00 a.m.	Alumni Chapel Class of '32 in charge	College Auditorium
12:15 p.m.	Five-year Class Luncheons Classes of '27, '32, '37, '42, '47, '52	Roberson's Rendezvous
3:45 p.m.	Alumni-Varsity Softball Game	Benson Field .
• 7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Worship Service	College Church Auditorium
8:30 p.m.	Choral Music Program	College Campus
Thursday — Ma	ay 30	
10:00 a.m.	Commencement Exercises	College Auditorium
12:00 noon	Annual Alumni Luncheon and	
	Business Meeting	College Dining Hall
The date a	nd time of special social club and o	other group functions will be

posted in the Alumni Office.

- Baltimore, Md. Need teachers for the coming school year. Anyone interested write to Director of Personnel, 2 E. 25th Street, Baltimore 18, Md.
- Koshkonong, Mo. Music (high school and grade school), home economics, and physical education. Beginning salary, \$2,800.
- San Diego, Calif. Beginning salary, \$4,200.
- Vanndale, Ark. Grades 3, 4, and 6. Junior high English and librarian, social science, sciencesocial science combination. Beginning salary, \$2,700.
- Flint, Mich. Estimated need in Flint is for 47 additional teachers for the 1957-58 school year. Beginning salary, \$4,265.
- Kennett, Mo. Band, choral (elementary level), home economics, elementary teachers, speech (in-cluding debate and English or journalism).
- Lordsburg, N. Mex. English, science and mathematics, com-merce, girls' physical education and mathematics or social science, mathematics. Junior high: sixth grade, home economics, physical education and English, vocal music and English. One first grade teacher needed.
- Concordia, Kans. Elementary; female, sixth grade; male, sixth grade. Junior high: coach-mathematics or social science combination (male); social science or mathematics; English (female). Senior high school: science (chemistry, physics, and general

science, male); science (biology and junior high science, male); combination basketball coach, physical education, and junior high science (male); coach (golf and tennis); commerce (short-hand, typing, bookkeeping, fe-male). Salaries above average.

- Steeville, Mo. Vacancies in elementary school. High school; modern language (Spanish, French, or German), art, girls' physical education, boys' physical education, mathematics, science. Salary, \$2,750.
- Muscatine, Iowa Openings in elementary school, and in high school for a commercial teacher and a mathematics teacher.
- Martinsville, Va. Elementary teachers needed. High school: art, chemistry, commercial education, English, general science, home economics, industrial arts, mathematics, music, physica education, physics, and social studies. Beginning salary, \$2,800.
- Mountain View, Miss English and speech and athletic coach needed. English and speech salary, \$3,300; coach \$4,000.
- Bland, Miss. Home economics and an industrial arts teacher.
- The American School, Finca Las Conchas, Guatemala, Guatemala - Elementary teachers, art teacher for elementary and secondary. Salary ranges from \$2,300 to \$3,-
- 600 plus \$300 travel allowance.
- Itasca, Ill. Elementary teachers and high school English. Salary, \$3,750.

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OKLAHOMA CITY

The local alumni chapter held a dinner meeting at the new Dodson Cafeteria on April 8. Between 85 and 90 attended. After dinner was served, a girls quartet furnished the music, several alumni gave short talks on Harding, a color film of college activity was shown, and short talks were made by Dr. Joe Pryor and Buford Tucker.

Reese Bryant, president of the Oklahoma City chapter presided. Letters were mailed in advance to all alumni and high school students in the area inviting them to the meeting and asking that each one call in his reservation. The results were outstanding.

NEW ORLEANS-BATON ROUGE

At a meeting held March 29, some 24 alumni met to elect officers for the coming year. After a dinner and fellowship, Joe Mitchen was elected president, Gene Robinson, vice-president, and Peggy West, secretary-treasurer. After the election of officers, Dr. Cliff Ganus showed a film and talked to the group. Another meeting is scheduled for the first of June.

One of the plans of this group of alumni is to set up a fund to help worthy boys and girls to further their education. This is one of several worthy projects a chapter can sponsor that will be worthwhile and keep the alumni active and interested.

OTHER CHAPTER ACTIVITY

Word has been received from Denver, Morrilton, Florence, Little Rock, Tulsa, Detroit, Memphis and other places of plans for and interest in chapter activity. It is the purpose of your alumni office to be of help in every possible way in helping the alumni anywhere in their efforts to work for Harding College. You in turn can help by sending in news items, announcements of births, marriages, changes of address, or anything of interest to alumni. Feel free to write the office and make

any suggestions or request any help. There are a number of places where chapters could be organized. It may not be generally known but more students become interested in Harding College through its alumni than through any other means. You can be of invaluable service by taking part in alumni activity in your community.



Drs. Clark Stevens, R. T. Clark and Jack Wood Sears check over equipment in the biology laboratory and talk over their student days at Harding.

Clark is outstanding research scientist; addresses students on recent advances

In the fall of 1935, a fleet-footed, blond-headed, pre-medical student from Union City, Tenn., enrolled at Harding College. Four years later he graduated with a B.S. in biology. During those four years he chalked up an excellent academic record, ran the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds, and wooed a charming Kansas lass who transferred to Harding as a junior from Friends University his senior year.

The young man in question, R. T. Clark, has continued to make records since leaving Harding. He is now Chief of the Department of Physiology-Biophysics at the School of Aviation Medicine, USAF, Randolph Field, Texas.

April 24, R. T. and his wife, the former Charline Bergner, were visitors on the campus. While here he conducted two seminars for Harding science majors on "Research in Aviation Medicine" and "Exploration of Space," spoke on Christian evidences at the mid-week church service, and spoke in chapel on "The Man of the Andes," a non-technical address on high altitude research, which was accompanied by slides and moving pictures. After graduating from Harding, R. T. received a graduate assistantship in physiology at the University of Tennessee, receiving the M. S. in 1942. During World War II he was engaged in physiological research for the Navy. He received the Ph.D. in physiology and biochemistry from the University of Rochester Medical School in 1949. Before entering his present work, R. T. taught at Abilene Christian College.

In 1950 he received the National Research Award given by the federated Societies of Experimental Medicine and was sent to Copenhagen. Denmark, to present a paper. R. T. is currently president-elect of the Southwestern Section of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine. He is guest lecturer for several medical schools and a member of the Air Force Research Council for granting money to colleges for medical research.

The Clarks have three children— Robert T., III., 13, Ann Charline, 11, and Nancy Sue, 6. They live in New Braunfels, Texas, where R. T. is one of the leaders in the church, preaching occassionally, and both he and his wife teach Bible classes.

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Married

Judith Ann Owens, 56, to Robert L. Redford on August 25, 1956, at St. Louis, Mo.

Sue Margaret Dougherty, '57, to Paul H. Cebulski on June 22, 1956, at Detroit, Mich.

Mary A. Matthews, '56, to Gary D. Blake, '59, on November 21, 1956, at Searcy.

Betty Sue Elkins, '57, to Robert M. Brown, '55, on January 8, 1957, at Pocahontas.

Susie Bryant, '57, to William Kirk Floyd, '58, on November 19, 1956, at Searcy.

Carole June Jarrard, '57, to Richard Hawkins, '59, on December 16, 1956, at West Plains, Mo.

Lavera Novak, '49, to Kenneth Childs, '53, on January 26, 1957, at Wichita, Kans.

Frances Gould, '58, to Byron Futrell, '57, on March 30, 1957, at Corinth, Miss.

Lenore Felix, '58, to Jay Byerley, '56, on April 14, 1957, at Searcy.

Born

Daughter, Paula Rae, to Homer R. and Blanche Rickman Horsman on March 13, 1957, at Sheffield, Ala.

Daughter, Sharla Kay, to *Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burks* on March 14, 1957, at Wolfforth, Texas.

Son, Carl Ray, Jr., to Carl and Carol Stubbelfield Russell on March 22, 1957, at Tullahoma, Tenn.

Son, Russell Davis, to Robert L. and Jeannette Black Scott on March 26, 1957, at Green Bay, Wis.

Son, David Thomas, to Bill and Vivian Greer Wallace on March 6, 1957, at Harlan, Ky.

Daughter, Janet Kay, to Dewitt and Wilma Rogers Garrett, Jr., on March 31, 1957, at Champaign, Ill.

Son, Charles Robert, to Joe and Jane Zazzi Mitchen, on January 17, 1957, at Baton Rouge, La.

Daughter, Pamela Dawn, to Bill and Freddie Rogers Path on March 24, 1957, at Richmond, Mich.

Son, Danny Joe, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Younger on January 29, 1957, at Effingham, Ill.

Daughter, Leslie Kim, to Jerry and Sue Richardson Pearson on January 20, 1957, at Wichita Falls, Texas.

Son, Joe Emery, Jr., to Joe and Mary Ruth Herren Lewis on February 22, 1957, at Lawrence, Kans.

Daughter, Judith Ann, to Jimmy and Jo Ann Pickens Garner on February 22, 1957, at Walnut Creek, Calif.

Daughter, Rebecca Lea, to Jim and Ruth Maddox Son, Richard Lee, to Richard and Lois Benson McEuen on February 12, 1957, at Little Rock.

Daughter, Janet Lynne, to Maurice and Joyce Stuckuish Hopkins on February 17, 1957, at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Son, Robert Wood, Jr., to Robert Wood and Pegay Crutcher Turnbow on July 16, 1956, at Brownsville, Tenn.

Son, Joe Allen, to Dick and Lorrina Ann Allen Justus on January 26, 1957, at Alicia.

Daughter, Laura Lynn, to Donald Gene and Nancy Hickman Wilkerson on March 2, 1957, at Midland Mich.

Daughter, Roxanne, to Nelson Dewey and *Georgie* Webb James on January 5, 1957, at Searcy.

Son, Timothy Kent, to Kent and Norma Lou Hamilton Rollmann on March 29, 1957, at Bartlesville, Okla.

Harding impressions

By Wyatt Sawyer, '45

Our visit on the campus at Harding during our recent gospel meeting there was very full of delightful experiences. Of course our primary mission was to preach the Word in a series of evangelistic services at the chapel hour each morning and each evening at the church building. Being with the students and faculty at these services was invigorating. Eleven hundred Christians singing together was one of the major thrills of each service. Such wonderful singing we seldom are privileged to hear.

The results of the meeting were testimony of the devotion to God and His way which lives in the hearts of these students. The fine reaction to the preaching of the high standards of living in Christ spoke complimentary of the families from whence these students came. Their understanding of deep spiritual and paradoxical Christian truths spoke well of the training they are receiving under the guidance of the Bible faculty.

One of the highlights of our visit on the campus was my privilege to meet with and talk to numerous students of every grade classification and from all around the world. Each student had much in common with the others. He was concerned about his own welfare spiritually and the welfare of someone else. Some were more concerned about their influence spiritually on others. Whatever problems were presented, Christ had the answer. Somewhere in the great spiritual truths of the Scriptures the answer was found for every perplexing situation.

It was like spring the entire week we were at Harding though it had rained much the weeks before the meeting and again after it closed. The campus was regaining its annual beauty of greenness in shrubs and trees. And of course couples were to be seen everywhere on the benches and in the swings. It was enjoyable to again meet the various faculty members on the walks between buildings with a cherry greeting. The usual warm greetings among students and between students and visitors was outstanding. Such friendliness and cordiality can only be found on the campus of a Christian school. Three years on a nearby university campus never provided me with instances of friendliness such as is found year after year on the campuses of our Christian institutions.

We went to Harding hoping to help spread the good news of Christ's gospel and to help more to see the blessings which are gained through Christ's Way. We hope we succeeded just a little, anyway. One thing is sure: Our visit back to Harding was stimulating, refreshing and was a great blessing to us.

Daughter, Julia Lynn, to Paul and Nona Williams Summitt on April 16, 1957, at Virginia Beach, Va.

Son, Michael Jay, to J. W. and Mary Ella Russell Collins on January 13, 1957, at Little Rock.

Daughter, Debra Kay, to Bobby Joe and Bertha Mae Tidwell Martin on April 12, 1957, at Memphis, Tenn.

Son, Peter Lloyd, to Walter and Eileen Snure Dale on April 23, 1957, at St. Catherine's, Ontario, Canada.

Daughter, Laura Elizabeth, to Bill and Jane Sutherlin Hefley on April 29, 1957, at Little Rock.

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Daughter, Cindy Lou, to O'Neal and Bessie Mae Quarles Smelser on December 30, 1956, at Florence, Ala.

Daughter, Lonna Marie, to Jim and June Snell Shurbet on December 1, 1956, at Searcy.

Daughter, Kathryn Frances, to *Francis* and *Charline Dodd Fagone* on September 5, 1956, at Brunswick, Me.

Son, Richard Darrell, to *Mr.* and Mrs. Shirley H. Smith on October 14, 1956, at Fairfield, Calif.

Son, Tona Frank, to Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Hontz on December 23, 1956, at Winchester, Ky.

Daughter, Janice Gail, to Mr. and Mrs. Furman Kearley on December 28, 1956, at Montgomery, Ala.

Daughter, Irene Zouella, to Robert and Kathryn Mattox Silvey on December 13, 1956, at Grand Island, Nebr.

Son, Aubrey Raye, to Aubrey and Sue Hart Smith on December 16, 1956, at Vidor, Texas.

Son, Ronald Joel, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams on January 17, 1957, at Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada.

Son, Ivan Vincent, to David Albert and Jamie Stanford Voss on January 8, 1957, at Tucson, Ariz.

Daughter, Judy Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. John Kenneth Harris on December 18, 1956, at Lake Zurich, Ill.

Son, James Mark, to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Rheudasil on November 3, 1956, at Shreveport, La.

Daughter, Corretta Lynett, to Benny and Gwendolyn Shaw Bristow on November 28, 1956, at Winnsboro, Texas.

Daughter, Nancy Kaye, to George N. and Nancy Stokes Helm, Jr., on November 2, 1956, at New London, Conn.

Son, Bruce Wayne, to William E. and Naomi Howard Blansett on April 13, 1956, at Louisville, Ky.

Son, Stanley Gill, to Mr. and Mrs. David S. Brown on March 14, 1956, at Brandon, Fla.

Daughter, Marsha Ruth, to Woodrow and Ruth Ramsey Grant on March 23, 1956, at Baton Rouge, La.

Daughter, Virginia Lee, to George and Dixie Lee Dillard Pettigrew on March 13, 1956, at Camerson, N. Mex.

Harding's return to intercollegiate sports

By Dr. Geo. S. Benson, President

Upon considering a recommendation from the faculty and from the student body the Board of Harding College approved a return to intercollegiate athletics beginning with the fall of 1957.

Eleven members of the Board were present for the meeting. All except two favored a return to intercollegiate athletics.

Two points, however, should be made clear. In the first place, it is definitely understood that there will be no subsidizing of athletics at Harding College. No scholarships will be given directly or indirectly. No financial aid of any other kind will be given, either directly or indirectly, to players. Athletic bums are generally the result of liberal subsidies. Our policy of no subsidies should avoid them.

In the second place, it is not our intention to enter intercollegiate football in the immediate future nor do we forsee the time when we shall enter intercollegiate football competition. That can, of course, be considered on its merits at any future time, but we would like to make clear that it is not included in the present program. We will enter intercollegiate competition in baseball, basketball, track, and field.

Harding discontinued intercollegiate athletics in 1938 because the institution was definitely not strong enough to support an intramural program and an intercollegiate program. We considered the intramural was far more suitable under the circumstances.

At the present time we believe the institution is strong enough and the student body large enough to support both. We expect no detraction from intramural interest. We do expect an effective intercollegiate program.

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