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A Change Of Presidents



Benson



Ganus

By Virgil Lawyer
President of Alumni Association

Two days ago I saw a copy of a news release announcing the retirement of Dr. Benson and the appointment of Dr. Ganus as our new president at Harding. A mixture of emotions filled my heart. There was sadness because for twenty-nine years Dr. Benson has been "Mr. Harding College."

I came as a student to Harding early in his tenure as president. I saw him scooting swiftly across the campus to catch planes, trains, and automobiles for appointments that took him into all parts of our nation and to foreign countries. I have seen him return from some of the appointments successful and from others unsuccessful. The fact that he was generally successful is vividly evidenced by the beautiful campus we now occupy.

I have heard him tell of doors slammed in his face and curt treatment from those unsympathetic to his plea. Some seemed not to realize that he did not enjoy "begging" for Harding College. He did it because he believed in Harding and what she represents.

Perhaps no man in the church during our generation has had greater opportunities offered him for lucrative and prestige satisfying positions. Yet, to these offers Dr. Benson has turned deaf ears. A singleness of purpose in working for a greater Harding has characterized his years of service. His length of service as a college president is four times that of the national tenure average for college presidents.

Along with his unceasing labors for improving the physical plant and salaries, he was deeply concerned that Harding retain her emphasis on spiritual values, a tradition he had inherited from his predecessor, Brother J. N. Armstrong. No one has worked harder to encourage preaching and mission work than Brother Benson. Those serving in hard places throughout the world know George S. Benson is their friend and ally.

He has stoutly resisted pressure to make chapel and Bible work voluntary and over and over again has stressed these were distinctive features of Harding College and that if these were lost then Harding would have no real reason to exist.

I know Dr. Benson as a warm human being. I have heard him tell his mouse story on our outings. I have played games with him and seen the twinkle in his eye when a point was scored or a game won. I have played softball with him and remember his line drive singles and doubles as a batter. I have seen tears in his eyes when some student was broke and needed financial assistance that the ordinary channels of aid could not adequately solve. I have seen him give from his own pocket to these students and as a result

gripping critics became his strongest supporters. I have heard his chapel talks and sat in his Sunday Bible class. As a Bible teacher he has the ability to make the Bible live.

I am confident that the coming years will hear more and more of us saying with pride, "I was in Harding when Dr. Benson was President." I doubt that any would dispute the fact that Dr. Benson has done more for Christian education in our generation than any other one individual.

My feelings are mixed because while I knew it was inevitable that the president's mantle must soon be worn by another, yet, we are creatures of habit and when we get used to one thing we are reluctant to change.

I have confidence in and great respect for our new president. I have known him as a fellow student, a teammate and opponent in athletics, a colleague, as a faculty member, and as a friend and brother in Christ. I doubt Harding has ever produced a student better qualified to wear the title "Best All-Round" than Dr. Ganus.

In the case of an incoming president we again have a man who loves Harding. Most are acquainted with the fact that Dr. Ganus could have joined his father's successful business as a top executive. After gaining his Ph.D. degree he could have picked his college or university in which to teach. But his love for his alma mater brought him home and Cliff and Louise have now been a part of the Harding team for twenty years. This is home to their children.

Dr. Ganus is much in demand as a public speaker and preacher. His duties as an administrator have robbed the classroom of a born teacher.

Men like Dr. Benson and Dr. Ganus were chosen for their office as president of Harding because they stood out above the average. It is inevitable that they have and will leave their personality stamp on Harding. While one can have misgivings over dangers of personality impressions, I'm grateful that in these two men we see a faith in God combined with unselfish service to the great college they and all of us love so dearly.

I am confident the Alumni Association will continue to enjoy the services of Dr. Benson and to our new president we say — may God grant you wisdom, health, and long and useful service in your labors for Harding College.

Harding Athletes Win Outstanding Honors

Two of Harding's basketball players and one football player have recently received high honors of significance.

Porter Ragsdale, a senior tackle from Atlanta, Ga., who has been on the Bison football team for the past three years has signed a try-out contract with the Baltimore Colts. Porter, a 6-5, 240 pound rookie, will be given a chance at offensive tackle for the Colts.

Ned Boaz, of Sedalia, Ky., a 5-7 star of the Bison basketball team for the last two years was recently named the most valuable player in a tournament in which Jerry Rook, an All-American from Arkansas State, was also a participant. Harding fans have long been confident that Ned Boaz is one of the finest small men in basketball today.

Ernie Patton, class of '64 and Bison star on the basketball court for two years, was recently named the most valuable player in an industrial league in Flint, Mich. A writer for the Flint paper wrote "Patton, 22, a physical education instructor at Beecher High after an outstanding career at York Junior College, Neb., and Harding College, Searcy, Ark., was a big reason Manufacturer's Equipment and Supply made an early title run. It won its first eight games."

The alumni salute these fine representatives of our intercollegiate program.

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Schedule of Events for Graduation 1965

Sunday, May 30

Baccalaureate Service, College Auditorium

Tuesday, June 1

Board Meeting, Library Building
 Recognition Dinner for Dr. Benson
 Sponsored by the Board

Wednesday, June 2

8:30-10:00 a.m. Alumni Day Registration,
 Lobby American Heritage-Alumni Building
 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Alumni Chapel, Small Auditorium, Administration Building
 11:00 a.m. Dedication, American Heritage-Alumni Building
 12:30 p.m. Alumni Luncheon, Dining Hall,
 American Heritage-Alumni Building
 4:00 p.m. Alumni-varsity softball game on Benson field.
 7:00 p.m. Mid-week workshop service at the College Church.
 8:30 p.m. A Cappella Concert, College Auditorium

Thursday, June 3

10:00 a.m. Graduation Exercises, College Auditorium
 11:15 a.m. Official Retirement Ceremony for Dr. Benson
 and Official Policy Statement by Dr. Ganus

Rooms will be available in the new American Heritage and Alumni Center during the week of graduation. The hotel type rooms will accommodate 150 people and are priced within the approximate price range as other businesses in the area with a sizable discount rate for alumni.



Harding's new American Heritage and Alumni Center.

Associated Women For Harding College Organize Over State

More than 400 women throughout Arkansas have become members of Associated Women for Harding in the eight chapters which have been organized over the state. Chapters have been activated in Searcy, Little Rock, Newport, Wynne, Pine Bluff, Fort Smith, El Dorado and Benton, and plans are underway to organize chapters in other towns as well.

The first overall project of the association will be the compiling and publishing of a cookbook. Mrs. Guy Thompson, a member of the home economics faculty at Harding, will be general editor and the book will be ready for sale by fall.

The first local fund-raising project was held May 1 by the Pine Bluff chapter and the ladies cleared \$110 in a rummage sale. Mrs. Hershel Bryant, president of the chapter, reported.

"We are delighted over the enthusiasm being shown by all the members," Mrs. Lott Tucker Jr., Searcy chapter president said, "and we hope that alumni everywhere will start a chapter to further promote Christian Education." Further information may be obtained from Dr. C. L. Ganus, liaison for the college and the association.

Presidents of the other chapters are: Mrs. Darol Bell, Little Rock; Mrs. Theda Smith, Newport; Mrs. Carl Williams, El Dorado; Mrs. James Yingling, Wynne; Mrs. Doris Wear, Ft. Smith and Mrs. Faye Sheppard, Benton.

New Alumni Center To Be Dedicated Graduation Week

The greatest series of graduation week events in the history of Harding College is scheduled for this year.

Wednesday, June 2, is not only a big day for homecoming alumni who will have their special chapel gathering at 10 a.m., but also is the day of dedication for the new American Heritage and Alumni Center, with a one-hour dedication service in the College Auditorium.

A full schedule of events is listed on page 3.

J. D. Bales Writes Book 'Americanism Under Fire'

Dr. J. D. Bales, professor of Christian Doctrine at Harding, has recently completed a new book entitled "Americanism Under Fire," which



Bales

deals with the attacks made on Dr. Benson, president of Harding College and the National Education Program, by the Anti-Defamation League in a book entitled "Danger on the Right."

The ADL is a league affiliated with B'nai B'rith who have levied attacks on the program of the NEP which consists of faith in God, constitutional government, and free enterprise. The attackers have charged the NEP on specific aspects of Americanism while others have been hurting Americanism through misrepresentation and misconception, said Dr. Bales.

Bales' book deals with the varied motivations of the attacks and how the informed citizens can fight the attacks. Those who have noticed the attacks will be interested in the reply to the charges.

Dr. Bales said, "There is a difference between the mistakes made by an organization and an outright attack upon American policies."

70,000 Hear Jimmy Allen in Memphis

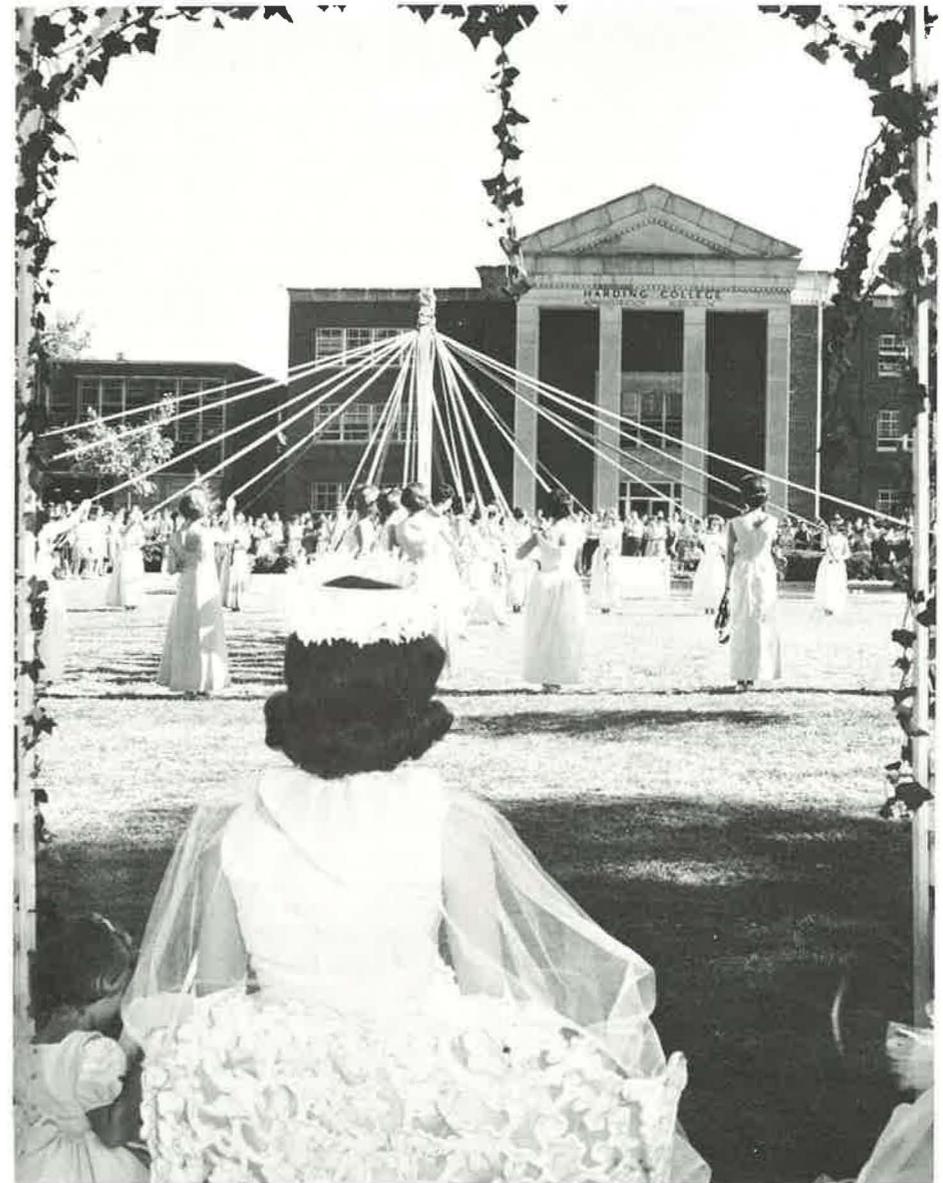
Jimmy Allen completed the Mid-South Campaign held in Memphis, Tenn., April 18 with a record audience of 11,000 at the final services.

The total attendance soared to 70,000, which was the largest non-paying group to attend any event since the Coliseum was completed last year.

Allen is a professor of Bible and religious education at Harding.

The 639 responses to the invitation included 263 baptisms and 376 restorations.

Coordinator for the eight-day revival was Clarence Dailey, minister for the Union Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis.



Harding's 1965 Queen of May, Carolyn Bonnell of Doniphan, Mo., watches the May Pole winders as they perform for her shortly after coronation May 1 on the front lawn of the campus. Miss Bonnell's attendants were Judy Daniel of Dallas and Vickie Mitchell of Memphis. The queen is also pictured at right.

★ ★ ★ From Here and There ★ ★ ★

Annabel Lee (Assoc.) has accepted a two-year appointment as principal of an American elementary school in Beirut, Lebanon and will go there in September.

Carroll Trent (BA'35) and his wife the former **Rachel Jackson** (BA'35) plan to join the staff of Crowley's Ridge Academy and College in July. Mrs. Trent will teach first grade in the academy and Mr. Trent will be teaching English and Bible in the college.

Since the first of September of 1952 Mr. Trent has served as preacher for the Sixth and Maple Streets church in North Little Rock. For the past ten years Mrs. Trent has taught first grade in North Heights Elementary School in North Little Rock.

Jay Byerley (BA'56) is now working for the county of Los Angeles with juvenile delinquents. He plans to enroll in the psychology department of Pepperdine College to do graduate work toward a master's degree. Jay's wife is the former **Lenore Felix** ('58).

Rosemary Pledger (BA'47), head of the Department of Business Administration at Lubbock Christian College, has received a Ford Foundation Fellowship for eight weeks study this summer at the Graduate School of Business at Indiana University.

The grants are intended to enhance the teaching effectiveness of the faculties of colleges and universities in the Midwest and South.

In addition to teaching courses in business administration, Miss Pledger also manages the college bookstore. She has done advanced work at the Universities of Arkansas and Colorado.

Jim City (BS'61) received his M.D. degree March 21 from the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis. He will intern one year at Wm. Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Tex. beginning in July. Jim is the son of Mrs. Charles L. Binns of Poteau, Okla. His wife is the former **Maralyn Bailey** ('62).

John Paul Vanderpool (BA'58) received his M.D. degree March 21 from the University of Tennessee Medical Units in

Memphis. He will intern one year at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis beginning in July. John is the son of Mrs. **Guy G. Vanderpool** (Grad.) of Lubbock, Tex.

James Williams ('61) who is with American Educational Life Ins. Co. of Nashville, Tenn. has made an outstanding record in placing more than \$2,000,000 of life insurance in force during 1964. Such demonstrated initiative and ability are deserving of special recognition. His wife is the former **Marilyn Davis** (BA'59).

Ray Hester ('59) has opened chiropractic offices in Concord, N. C. Dr. Hester took his professional training at Lincoln Chiropractic College, Indianapolis, Ind. He is married to the former **Doris Sue Jones** (BA'59). They have one child, a daughter, Junell, age 4. Mrs. Hester is an elementary school teacher, teaching fourth grade at Royal Oaks School.

Don Brown (BA'64) has accepted a traineeship to the University of Oklahoma to work on his master's degree in Public Health Sanitation. This grant will amount to between \$4,000 and \$5,000 and he will begin school in June.

Aquilla Fuchs (BA'54) is now preaching for the church in Rancho Cordova, Calif. and is also serving as vice-principal for the new Sierra Christian Academy of Sacramento, Calif.

IN SYMPATHY

To the family of Mrs. Pat Calhoun, the former **Mamie Sue Bright** ('49) who passed away of leukemia March 13 in Little Rock.

To the family of Mrs. Dona Brock who recently passed away. She is the sister of Mrs. Nelson James, **Georgia Webb** ('52), Mrs. Victor Broaddus, **Mae Webb** (BA'49) and Mrs. Meixner Clovis, **Joe Webb** ('50).

Mrs. T. R. Sparkman, **Lucille Wall**, (BS'47) in the death of her husband who passed away during heart surgery on Feb. 12.

To the family of **Dr. C. R. Montgomery** (Assoc.) who died of a heart attack April 2 on his farm near Searcy. Dr. Montgomery was professor of elementary education at Harding.

MARRIAGES

Linda Cogdell (BA'65) to Jerry Prats on April 15.

Donna Shipman (BA'64) to Charles Conley, Jr. on Feb. 14 at Memphis, Tenn.

Judith Maye Limburg ('65) to **Louis Dean Bond** ('66) on July 31 at Buffalo, N. Y.

Charlotte Myers ('66) to **Berkley Hackett** ('65) Jan. 28 at Searcy.

James H. Bailey, Jr. (BA'64) to Linda Jenkins on Mar. 27 in Vienna, W. Va.

Josephine Holt (BA'63) to James Robert Brodnax on May 11 in Barstow, Ark.

Sylvia Lemmons ('60) to Jess Harris Sept. 13, 1964 at Paragould, Ark.

Judith Ann Hall ('65) to Tommy Buffalo on April 15 at Abilene, Tex.

Chester Gail Russell (BA'64) to Guyanna Lynn Austin on April 23 in Little Rock.

Pat Vawter ('66) to **Jerry Morrison** ('65) on April 4 in Norman, Okla.

BIRTHS

Son, Kevin Lyn, to **Aquilla** (BA'54) and **Betty Fuchs** on Nov. 14, 1964 in Sacramento, Calif.

Daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to **Perry** (BS'59) and **Lynn Merrick** (BS'60) **Mason** on April 20 at Little Rock.

Daughter, Robin Gail, to **Larry** (BA'58) and **Sara Good** (BA'61) **Bills** on April 21 in Searcy.

Twin daughters, Meta Sybil and Misti Lynn, to **Nick** ('61) and **Judy Hastings** ('63) **Kefalopoulos** on March 2 in Little Rock.

Daughter, Betsy Lynne, to O'Neal and **Bessie May Quarles** (BA'45) Smelser on March 14.

Daughter, Susan Jeanette, to **Ed** (BA'60) and **Shirley Richardson** ('61) **Hightower** on March 24 in Austin, Tex.

Son, Jason Farley, to **Farley** ('59) and **Vera Heins** ('61) **Aiken** on Nov. 7, 1964 at Wichita, Kan.

Son, Mark Jerome, to **Steve** (BA'61) and **Margaret Kirkpatrick** ('64) **Mayfield** on July 25, 1964 in Atlanta, Ga.

Daughter, Monica Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. **Erwin Lee Davis** ('68) on Sept. 20, 1964.

Daughter, Pamela Kay, to **Vernon** (BA'62) and **Beatrice Arlene Ling** (Spec.) **Tyree** on June 6, 1964.

Son, Kevin Dean, to Carl and **Linda Joyce Riley** (BA'63) Simpson, Jr. on Feb. 27 in Texas City, Tex.

Son, Timothy Scott, to **Gene** ('56) and **Lois Norwood** (BA'62) **Elliott** on Jan. 12 in Los Angeles.

Daughter, Janet Gail, to Mr. and Mrs. **George W. Gregg** (BA'54) on Dec. 22, 1964 in Berwyn, Ill.

Son, Wallace, III, to Wallace G. and **Janet Pierce** (BA'61) Scott on March 15 in Wichita, Kan.

Daughter, Kimberly Kay, to **Gale** (BS'63) and **Brenda Speer** ('65) **Smith** on Feb. 24.

Daughter, Koni Lynn, to Jerry and **Linda Henderson** ('63) Parker on Sept. 20, 1964.

Daughter, Amy Louise, to **Ed** (BS'60) and **Loleta Meredith** (BS'64) **Higginbotham** on April 10 in Searcy.

Son, Geoffrey Neal, to **Eric** ('64) and **Avonell Davis** (BA'63) **Hiten** on April 27 in Searcy.

Daughter, Karen Lee, to Dan and **Carol Ann Hailey** ('61) Casey on Sept. 7, 1964 in St. Louis, Mo.

Son, John Edward, to **George Robert** (BS'62) and **Janice Mitchell** ('64) **Crosby** on April 21 in Ozark, Ala.

Son, Michael Scott, to Joseph and **Yvonne White** (BA'60) Whalen on April 15 in Chapel Hill, N. C.

Daughter, Susan Mary, to **Jim** (BA'60) and **Alice Orr** (Special) **Williams** on April 20 in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Son, Jon David, to **Fred** (BA'59) and **Peggy Robertson** (BA'59) **Massey** on April 30 in Alamogordo, N. M.

Daughter, Julie Joanne, to **Dean** (MA'59) and **Mary Alice Seay** ('54) **Freetly** on April 21 in Nashville, Tenn.

Many Alumni Bring Students To Harding's Senior Day

Many Harding alumni brought high school students to the annual Senior Day, May 1. Car loads came from many parts of the country and one alumnus brought a bus load from New Orleans.

Lester Balcom (BA'52), principal of the Clifton Ganus School in New Orleans was responsible for the bus load of students from New Orleans.

Over 300 juniors and seniors registered for the day with over 500 guests attending in all.

Christian Workers' Workshop

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