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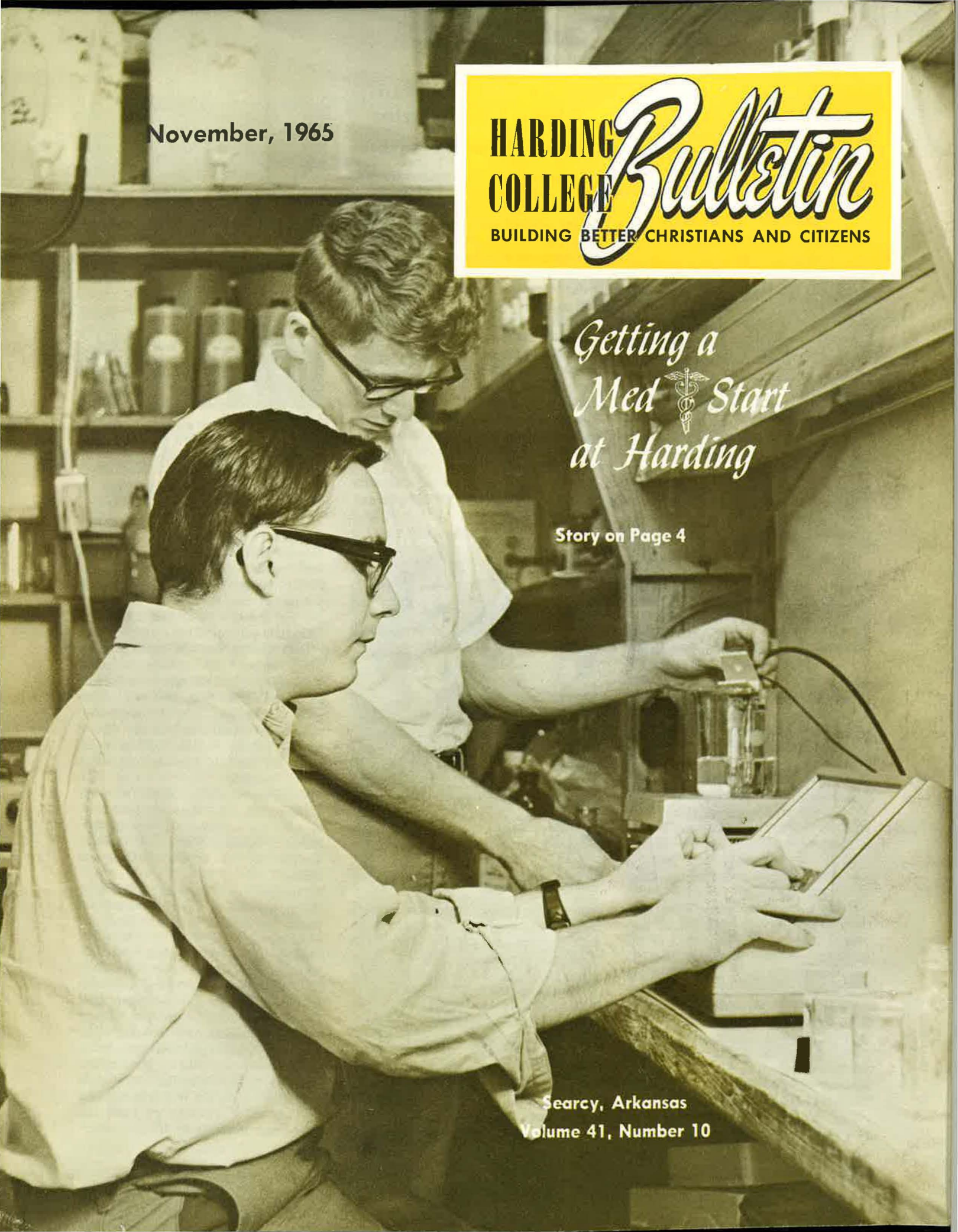
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BUILDING BETTER CHRISTIANS AND CITIZENS

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Med  Start
at Harding*

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Editorial

Academic Excellence Making an Aim a Fact

Hardly anyone who knows anything about Harding is unaware of the excellence of the Bible training received by all of its students.

But Harding's excellence does not end with its Bible program. Each year this college becomes more important in more academic fields. Last month we featured the teacher education program and gave a hint of its excellence.

This issue covers another of the fields in which Harding has an enviable record — the field of pre-medical and scientific training. Let us consider a few high spots here.

Life once said, "Trying to get into Johns Hopkins medical school is like shooting for the moon," giving an appraisal of the tight entrance requirements of the University. A few years ago, Harding had four graduates in doctoral work at Johns Hopkins at the same time — one in medicine and three in chemistry and related fields. All had excellent records at the University, with two being put on the Johns Hopkins payroll immediately after getting their Ph.D. degrees. One broke the speed record in getting the Ph.D. in three and a half years, only to have another of the Harding graduates set another record of three years. One of the four earned a year of post-doctoral work at Queen College in Belfast, Ireland, and is now a research chemist for the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh. The M.D. of the group is now interning at Duke University Hospital.

Every year many go on from Harding to similar graduate school successes. Even the simple telling of the facts sounds like bragging, because the facts are so good and are getting better every year.

How, then, can skeptics question the academic excellence of a Christian college with such a good record? How can Christian parents question whether they can afford the cost of sending their children to a good Christian college like Harding?

The only real question is, "can they afford the cost of NOT sending them?"

Alpha Chi Initiates Three New Members

Three seniors, Jacqueline Daniel, Paula Peacock and Carole Steckler, were initiated into Arkansas Eta chapter of Alpha Chi, national honorary scholastic society, in ceremonies at the Rendezvous restaurant.

Membership is limited to the top ten percent of the junior and senior classes.

Miss Daniel and Miss Peacock are mathematics majors. Miss Steckler is majoring in elementary education.

Miss Daniel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Daniel of Dallas. Miss Peacock is the daughter of Mrs. Harper Peacock of Tiptonville, Tenn., and Miss Steckler's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Steckler of Abilene, Tex.

Sponsors of the group are Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, Dr. James L. Atteberry and Dr. Clark Stevens.



Petit Jean Executives Named for 1966-67

Two psychology-sociology majors were selected by their junior class to edit and manage the 1967 **Petit Jean** Harding's yearbook. They are Judy Owens of North Little Rock and Max Lorenz, of Wichita, Kansas.

Miss Owens is a member of the Kappa Delta social club, a section editor of the yearbook staff and a member of Pi Kappa Delta, a national honorary forensic league.

Lorenz, in addition to being chosen business manager, is secretary of Mohican social club and is a member of the American Studies Program.



C. Floyd Daniel

Alabaman Added For Development

C. Floyd Daniel, former personnel manager of Southern Bell Telephone Company offices at Mobile, Ala., has been named director of development for Harding College. He assumed duties October 11 and will be traveling for the college in the interest of Christian education.

Both Daniel and his wife, the former Juanita Sullivan, are natives of Tuskegee, Ala. He graduated from Auburn University in 1953 with a degree in business administration, and served two years in the Air Force before joining the Bell System. He holds the rank of Captain in the Air Force Reserve.

The Daniels are the parents of three children, Dan, 13, Anita, 10 and John, 8, who are enrolled at Harding Elementary School. They are residing temporarily at Sewell Hall apartments.

The new position with Harding is the fulfillment of a dream of several years for Daniel, who has long desired to work in Christian education. "College years are critical years for young people, and, believing this, I know that the job of selling Christian education and convincing others that the return from investment in our youth is immeasurable is going to be a thrilling challenge," he commented.

"We were 90% sold on Harding before we came," the director said in summing up his six weeks at his new position, "but already we have adjusted our thinking to 125 per cent."

Twenty Seniors and Four Juniors Named to 'Who's Who'

Four Harding juniors and twenty seniors, have been selected for recognition in **Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities**, a national listing of outstanding college men and women. The scholarship requirement at Harding is a cumulative 2.40.

Jim Anderson, a psychology and Bible major from Watertown, S. D., is a SA representative, Beta Phi Kappa president, a club beau and a member of the A Cappella.

A junior English major, **Sherry Balthrop** is a cheerleader from Fort Worth, Tex. She is a club queen and a member of Ko Jo Kai social club, Campus Players and Belles and Beaux.

Senior class president **Tom Blucker** is a general science major from North Little Rock. He is a member of TNT social club and Pre-Med club.

Carol Bonnell is a home economics major from Doniphan, Mo. She was 1965 May Queen and is a member of MEA social club, La Bonnes du Christe, Latin American and British Columbia clubs, SNEA Interclub Council and Colhecon.

SA secretary **Linda Byrd** is a junior social science major from Little Rock and is a member of Regina social club, American Studies and Bison Boosters. She was sophomore class favorite and is a club queen.

Marilyn Cobb, an elementary education major from Springfield, Mo., is a member of A Cappella and Belles and Beaux. A member of Zeta Rho social club, she is president of Interclub Council and past chairman of Big Sisters. She is also a club queen.

Jacqueline Daniel, a math major from Dallas, Tex., is a member of Alpha Chi, Mu Sigma Gamma math club and is the dorm director for academy girls. She served as sophomore class secretary.

The Bison business manager, **Earl Davidson**, is a Bible and speech major from Montgomery, Ala. He is a member of TNT social club, Timothy Club and A Cappella Chorus. He is also a past member of Belles and Beaux.

Cliff Ganus III, Searcy music major, sings in A Cappella Chorus and Belles and Beaux and is a member of the band. He is a member of Sub-T social club, Alpha Chi and is treasurer of the SA.

Retta Martin, a Searcy general science major, is a member of Regina social club, Alpha Chi honor society and was 1965 Petit Jean honor student.

A member of the cross-country and track teams, **Phil Merrell** is a chemistry major from Barberton, Ohio. He is a member of Beta Phi Kappa social club, works as chemistry lab assistant and won a NSF summer undergraduate research grant this year.

Dennis Organ, Bison editor for two years, is a math major from Shreveport, La. He is a member of A Cappella Chorus, Belles and Beaux, Alpha Chi and Beta Phi Kappa social club. He is a past member of the SA and the intercollegiate bowling team.

Paula Peacock, recently crowned 1965 Homecoming queen, is a Tiptonville, Tenn., math major. She is a club queen, a member of the SA cabinet, Mu Sigma Gamma math club and Ju Go Ju social club. She holds membership in Alpha Chi.

A Bible major from Ft. Smith, **Pat Hile** is senior vice-president and a member of AEX, Timothy Club and the SA Cabinet.

Julie Huddleston, an English major from Nashville, Tenn., has participated in drama and is a member of Campus Players, Alpha Psi Omega

dramatics fraternity and American Collegiate Players. She is a past member of A Cappella Chorus and is in SMENC.

A junior math major from Marysville, Ohio, **Ben Huey**, is a member of A Cappella, Belles and Beaux and band. He belongs to Beta Phi Kappa social club and the Science Club.

Don Johnson, a junior accounting major, is from Shreveport, La. He is associate editor of the **Bison**, has been **Petit Jean** honor student for two years and is a member of American Studies and Beta Phi Kappa social club.

Ken Johnson, an accounting major from Leavenworth, Kan., is a member of TNT social club. He is on the Marketing Management Team, is in American Studies and Pi Gamma Psi accounting club and was vice-president of the freshman club.

An elementary education major from Nashville, Tenn., **Mollie LaFevor** is a member of the SA Cabinet, SNEA, Interclub Council and Tri-Kappa social club.

A business administration major from Imperial, Neb., **Merlin Prior** is president of Alpha Chi, a member of Beta Phi Kappa, A Cappella Chorus, Belles and Beaux and Bison Boosters. He received the Ganus Award scholarship, is an American Studies student and a member of the Marketing Management Team.

Bob Rader, SA vice-president is a history major from Yorkton, Ind. He is an intercollegiate debater, a Young Republican and a member of American Studies, Theta history society and Pi Kappa Delta speech society.

JoLee Thayer, a music education major from York, Neb., is a member of Belles and Beaux, A Cappella Chorus, and has received the outstanding music award for two years.

SA president **Dwayne Van Rheenen**, a Bible and speech major from Oskaloosa, Iowa, also served as co-chairman for the mission workshop. He is a member of Mohican social club, Campus Players, Timothy Club and is a club beau.

Jim Wilson, history and English major from Springfield, Mo., has served as SA treasurer and is presently on the cabinet. He is a member of A Cappella Chorus, American Studies, Chi Sigma Alpha social club and is on the **Bison** staff.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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| Nov. 20 | SW Mo. Baptist .. Bolivar, Mo. |
| Nov. 25 | LRU .. Searcy |
| Nov. 27 | Hendrix College .. Jonesboro |
| Dec. 1 | Henderson State .. Arkadelphia |
| Dec. 2 | Louisiana Tech .. Ruston, La. |
| Dec. 4 | Southern State .. Searcy |
| Dec. 7 | Arkansas A&M .. Searcy |
| Dec. 10 | Ark. State Teachers .. Conway |
| Dec. 10 | Arkansas Tech .. Searcy |
| Dec. 14 | Arkansas AM&N .. Pine Bluff |
| Dec. 16 | Arkansas College .. Batesville |
| Jan. 4 | Ouachita Baptist .. Searcy |
| Jan. 7 | Hendrix College .. Conway |
| Jan. 8 | Christian Brothers .. Searcy |
| Jan. 10 | College of Ozarks .. Clarksville |
| Jan. 14 | Henderson State .. Searcy |
| Jan. 22 | Southern State .. Magnolia |
| Jan. 25 | LRU .. Little Rock |
| Jan. 28 | Arkansas A&M .. Monticello |
| Feb. 1 | Ark. State Teachers .. Searcy |
| Feb. 4 | Arkansas Tech .. Russellville |
| Feb. 5 | Christian Brothers .. Memphis |
| Feb. 8 | Arkansas College .. Searcy |
| Feb. 11 | Ouachita Baptist .. Arkadelphia |
| Feb. 15 | Hendrix College .. Searcy |
| Feb. 18 | College of Ozarks .. Searcy |
| Dec. 28, 29, 30 | Tournament .. Conway |
| Feb. 21-26 | AIC Tournament .. Pine Bluff |

Remaining home games at 7:30 p.m.

Harding College Biology faculty, left to right, Dr. R. T. Clark, Dr. Clark Stevens, Dr. J. W. Sears, William Rushton and Dr. Norman Hughes have a discussion in one of the laboratories.



Harding students are regularly accepted by the noted medical schools of the United States



Joseph E. Pryor, Ph.D.
Professor of Physical Science,
Dean of the College



Jack Wood Sears, Ph.D.
Professor of Biological Science,
Chairman of the Department

They Direct the Program



David Pearce is absorbed in dissecting an earthworm. Students get practice in the anatomy of many types and sizes of plant and animal life, including small microscopic specimens.

That is why so many get their **MED** **START AT HARDING**



Don Wheeler and John Heard study a well-developed fetus.



David Smith, Mike Plummer and David Faulk study cat anatomy.

**By Ken Starr*

The "attempt to give a solid background in the basic sciences" is the secret of Harding's story of success in its pre-medical training programs, which annually produce outstanding students who gain admission to the top medical schools across the nation.

The program is headed by Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, Dean of the College, and Dr. Jack Wood Sears, head of the department of biological science, who serve as the pre-professional counselors in the fields of medicine, medical technology, nursing, optometry and pharmacy.

Designed to meet the requirements of the various professional schools, the programs combine training in the sciences with a liberal arts background. Dr. Sears comments, "Our philosophy is to give our students a good, broad education since doctors must be able to serve society. Then we ground them well in the technical fields for their future medical work."

Long List of Successes

Graduates of Harding's pre-medical program have been admitted to schools such as Johns Hopkins University, Emory University and the University of California.

Scores of such students have completed the program in recent years. Henry Farrar, a Harding alumnus who completed his medical training at the University of Tennessee, is presently in Nigeria where he serves as a medical missionary. Don Curtis McClarey, after completing his undergraduate work at Harding in 1961, graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas medical school and was named the most outstanding student in his class. Jack Poland, another alumnus, entered the University of Kansas medical school after completing his work at Harding and was graduated with honors from professional school. Stan Schwartz, who is now practicing in Searcy, was president of his class and was first in his graduating class at the University of Tennessee medical school. Other graduates who have completed their training

are John Vanderpool, Roy Vanderpool, Jack Baldwin, Jim City, Jim Borden, Norman Lee Dykes, Fred Massey, Knox Summitt, George Howell, James Hickman, Joe Mattox, Clyde Holloway, Terry Davis, Bill Tate and Travis Jenkins.

Four to Johns Hopkins

Several Harding graduates have been selected to attend Johns Hopkins University, which according to an article in *Life* magazine, "is like shooting for the moon."

Bob Jones, a 1961 alumnus, entered the University's highly-noted School of Medicine and achieved a notable record in obtaining his M.D. degree.

Other graduates who attended Johns Hopkins in medical fields are Gary Ackers and Lyndal York.

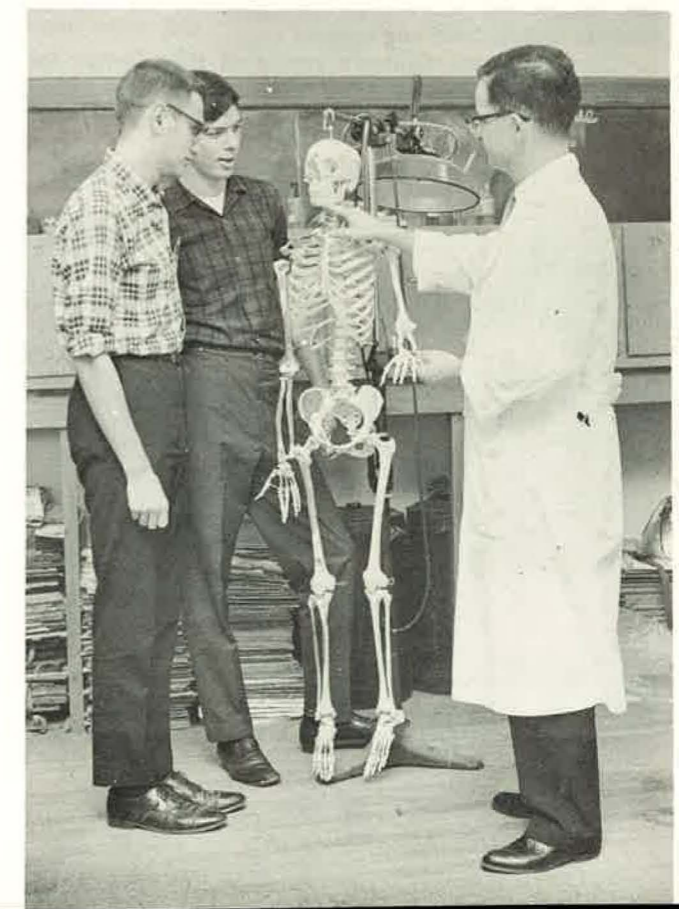
Ackers, a native of Berkeley, Calif., was graduated from the College in 1961 after a remarkable undergraduate record. Before coming to Harding where he worked on a research project in bacteriology with a grant from the Brown-Hazen Fund, Ackers achieved notoriety in high school by winning fourth place in the 1955 National Science Fair and first place in the Future Scientists of America contest. Ackers is presently working in the field of research.

Graduating in 1958, York received a B.S. degree in chemistry and entered Johns Hopkins with a full four-year research fellowship from the Public Health Service to complete his Ph.D. degree in biochemistry.

A non-medical major who made an outstanding record at the University is Joe W. Hightower, a 1959 graduate of Harding. He received a fellowship in chemistry provided by Johns Hopkins, and made such an outstanding record that he was sent to Queen's College, Belfast, Ireland, for a year's post-doctoral study. He is now employed in research by Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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**Ken Starr, a sophomore political science major from San Antonio, is a part-time reporter for the Harding Publicity Office.*



Peter Christy and David Bales get some pointers from Dr. Hughes on the upper vertebrae of a laboratory plastic skeleton. Other models and preserved specimens add greatly to anatomy knowledge.



Junior Kelley Geurin runs a solution through a separation flask as part of a required chemical laboratory experience.

Med Start at Harding

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Many Harding graduates have chosen to receive their training at the University of Arkansas Medical school in Little Rock, 60 miles from the Searcy campus. Ken O'Neal, a '64 Harding graduate, chose to head south and is presently studying at the University of Texas medical school in Galveston where he received a full-tuition scholarship. O'Neal carried a 4.0 average throughout his entire undergraduate work.

Other Medical Fields

Besides the outstanding pre-medical program, Harding has also developed a top-flight program for aspiring dentists, optometrists and nurses.

Concerning the College's record in these areas, Dr. Pryor states, "Our record has been quite good in getting into the appropriate schools." He continues, "If a student

has made a good record, there will be no problem in his being admitted."

Graduates of Harding's pre-dentistry program who have completed their work or are in dental school include Kirk Cone, Tom A. Evans, Joe James, David Kernodle, Richard Ousley, Ted Maple, James Mason, William W. Summitt and Lewis Walker. Harding exes have attended many of the top dental schools in the nation including Washington University, Baylor University, St. Louis University and the University of Tennessee.

Graduates of Harding's pre-pharmacy program have also achieved acclaim in professional school. Most Harding exes in the past have chosen to attend the pharmacy schools of either the University of Arkansas or the University of Tennessee. A '54 alumnus, Sammy Floyd, made an outstanding record in his work at Arkansas and was selected to represent the University at a national meeting. Other recent graduates of the program include Sammy Alexander, John Morris, Lewis Robertson, Ronnie Robertson, Mickey Twyford and Tom Warmack. The pre-pharmacy program itself is a two-year terminal course outline which emphasizes technical work in the sciences, especially in the field of chemistry.

The Southern College of Optometry in Memphis is the chosen "home" professionally-speaking of the majority of Harding's graduates in the program of pre-optometry. The undergraduate program is generally planned and designed to meet the overall common standards of the different schools of optometry.

C. L. Bradley Jr., Ken Cottrell, Howard Flippin, Terry Nelson, David Davidson and Bob Crosby completed their pre-optometry work at Harding and went on to achieve high records in professional school.

A recent graduate of nursing school is Alvin Hobby, '37 Harding graduate and last year's recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, who has been a Missionary in Africa since 1938. Mrs. Hobby, the former Georgia Pruett, and daughter, Anita, are currently in nursing school preparatory to returning to Africa. Other former Harding students in the nursing field are Nina Stanford and Sandra Stell.

New Facilities Coming

With success as the story of the past, a striving for continued success will be the guideline for the future in the College's pre-medical programs. New facilities in the form of a new \$1 million Science Building to begin construction in the near future will aid greatly in enhancing the opportunities in undergraduate work before the entering into professional school and the ultimate step of each individual into society.

THE COVER

Two senior pre-med students, Tim North (foreground) of Madison, Tenn., and Jerry Baker of Arlington, Va., are in the midst of special laboratory tests. Tim, who will finish at Harding in June, is looking forward to University of Tennessee Medical School, and Jerry who is to get his B.S. degree in August is planning to get his medical training at University of Virginia.



Grad Chris Dean Tells About Peace Corps

*By Margaret Ashton

"Every morning the world is created over again" in the smelly and unpicturesque coastal village in Colombia, South America, where Harding graduate Chris Dean lived and worked as a Peace Corps volunteer. "I loved it — I dearly did," he said as he reflected upon his time and experiences there.

"No place is as great as the U. S.," he continued, "but there are places down there that grasp the imagination — that's what I like."

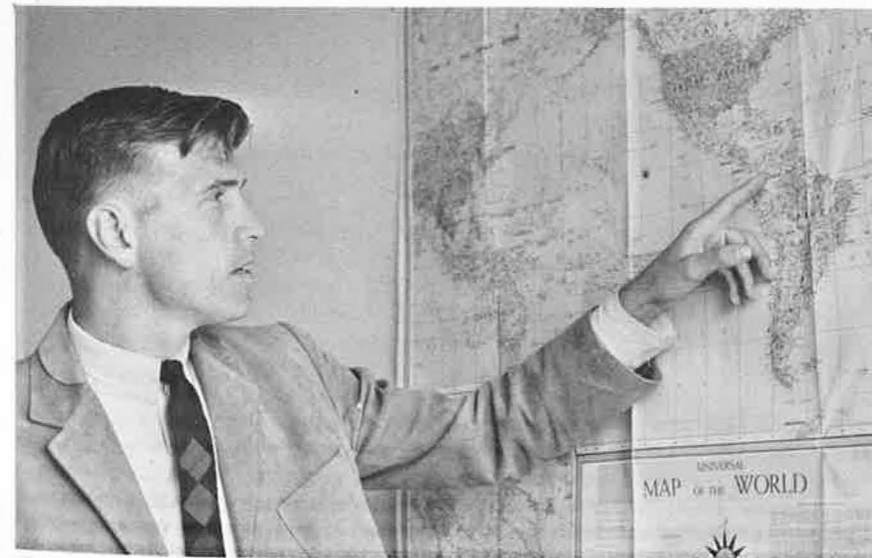
Chris lived near the swamps and on a lake in Cordoba for 21 months, from January 1964 until October this year.

Though we often link the Peace Corps worker with physical labor and material results, Chris went to great length to explain that the purpose in the division he belonged to was not at all physical; rather they hoped to implant theory which would ultimately produce overt improvements and achievements.

Theory is Taught

This theory, the theory of community development, entails entering a region, seeking out its natural leaders and training them to run their own community. The workers are to serve only as catalysts to action and as organizers of people who have never lived under a formal system of government.

Chris Dean points out the spot in Colombia where he served in the Peace Corps until last month. Chris values experience there as worth ten years of other experiences.



If the people need a school, they are encouraged to build it themselves, with their own money and under their own tribal leadership. If their work falls down, they will rebuild; if others support and build what is needed, it will have no personal value and will be allowed to ruin.

The last three months of a volunteer's service are the most rewarding and the most productive, Chris says, for by this time the worker has synthesized from his training that which his particular job requires and he has become closely connected with the region and its people. He knows what needs to be accomplished; simple definition of aims makes the fulfillment easier.

Training is Threefold

Preparation for Chris's period of service, undertaken at the University of New Mexico, including training in community development, intensive language study and physical fitness or "Outward Bound."

"Outward Bound" is the adaptation of an intensive English program which is designed to prove that one can exceed the point in physical stress beyond which he considers impossible.

Chris knew no Spanish when he entered the program, but concentrated study changed that; time spent in training was built up to five hours a



The back yard where Chris lived looked like this after a rain.

day with emphasis on grammar, reading skill and oral communication, accompanied by lab work. The quiet-spoken Searcian now speaks so fluently that he must stop to think before he can communicate in English.

Cordoba was opened up as a Peace Corps area by Chris and his partner. He knew nothing of the situation since there were no preceding workers to explain and less of what to expect. In this way he was presented with an extra challenge but because his branch worked with CARE, a firm and established organization whose workers know their jobs, Chris was able to meet it.

Happy Memories

Chris has very many happy memories of experiences, people and pets, including his parrot "Charlie," a very intelligent bird who provided him company and laughs. The average day was spent either working on a project or waiting for a native who never shows up to come to fulfill his obligation.

Chris, who graduated from Harding in 1963 with a BA in journalism, is finished as a Peace Corps volunteer, but not with Cordoba. After a year in graduate school, he plans to return to do some writing. "It's a new place with lots of room," he said, and then added with a smile, "I hope to be back for fishing season next November."

*Margaret Ashton, a junior English and journalism major from Ponca City, Okla., is a part-time reporter for the Harding Publicity Office.

Junior Jim Kee removes tray of specimens from autoclave as classmate Andy Saunders stands ready to assist him.



Homecoming Queen Paula Peacock of Tiptonville, Tenn. sits between runners - up Carol Prucha, left, and Ann Hedrick. Next are Martha Koger, junior representative and Carolyn Bonnell, senior representative. In front are Dianne Holder, sophomore representative and Mary Beth Parks, freshman representative.



HOMECOMING DAZE

There was no frost on the pumpkin, but the trees were aglow with various shades of brown, red and gold, and the smell of fall was in the air as loyal Hardingites swarmed back to the campus on October 23, Homecoming Day. After the parade in which the queen candidates and class representatives rode in classy convertibles, Queen Paula Peacock received a congratulatory kiss from her brother Loverd, one of last year's co-captains who happened, by coincidence, to draw the crowning job. In addition to a resounding victory by the Bisons who went on to post a 5-3-1 record for the season, the enthusiastic crowd was thrilled by the performance of the enlarged Bison Band.

It is between the halves. The Bison Band has completed its field performance except for the high spot of playing the "Alma Mater" while all stand and join in song. The experience is thrilling and impossible to duplicate vicariously. Those who have been a part of Harding can bring some of it back in their memories.



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