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Alumni Name Hobby Distinguished Alumnus; Many Highlights Brighten Graduation Week



Alvin Hobby

It was June 3 and graduating seniors had received their diplomas. Special awards of recognition were being given and the name of Alvin Hobby was announced from the platform. Not until then did he know that he had been named the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

Serving as a missionary in Africa since 1938, he has taught and baptized hundreds of natives. He has been instrumental in establishing a teaching program of excellence. He has done most of the work in translating the New Testament into the native language.

Currently the Hobbys are living in Little Rock. Back in this country for a second furlough in 27 years, both Alvin and Georgia, his wife, formerly Georgia Pruett, are completing courses in nurses training before returning to Africa.

Anita Joyce Hobby, a junior and George Alvin Hobby a senior, are attending Harding College.

Other Highlights

Commencement was one week later this year and many returned, especially teachers, who in previous years were involved in year-end activities themselves. Others returned who had not visited since they were in school. A number of alumni returned to be present for the graduation of their own son or daughter.

Alumni Day

On Alumni Day, the class of '40 celebrated their 25th anniversary. Class president, LaMar Baker, presided at alumni chapel and introduced all those from other 5-year classes. Members of the class of '40 present were Mrs. R. T. Clark (Charlene Bergner), LaMar Baker, Lillie Huddleston (Lillie Shofner), Mrs. Guy Petway (Loudine Guthrie), Mrs. Jess Rhodes (Pauline Moser), Roy Roe, Mrs. Hollis Scott (Leah Barr), William Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stokes (Alice Jo Bryant), Murray Wilson, and Eva Thompson. Chairman Baker presented a check to President Benson as a class contribution to furnish two rooms in the new alumni house.

Dedication

Following chapel, dedication of the American Heritage and Alumni Center was held in the auditorium of the new building. President Benson and Dr. Ganus were among those expressing appreciation for the new facilities. A tour of the building followed the dedication program.

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President's Corner

By Virgil Lawyer
BA '46

Nearly five weeks have passed since we changed presidents, had alumni day and graduated another class. While it was an extremely busy and emotion-packed week, it was most interesting and enjoyable.

I rejoice to write that I heard only words of sincere appreciation for all Dr. Benson has done for Harding and genuine best wishes and loyal support for Dr. Ganus in his new post.

I have also heard many comment on the ideal representative Alvin Hobby makes as "Alumnus of the Year." Thanks to the wonderful cooperation of his wife and daughter. I believe the award was a complete surprise to Bro. Hobby. I only wish that we had a thousand more like him scattered throughout the world.

Every person who visited the new American Heritage and Alumni Center was thrilled over this beautiful addition to our physical plant. The meal served on Wednesday noon to our visiting alumni and guests was the finest meal I have ever eaten at Harding College. We all appreciate Mrs. Hart and her staff and the imports from the Ganus restaurant chain in New Orleans for making the meal possible.

I hope all of you will visit the Alumni Association's new office which are located to your immediate left is you enter the new building. Mr. Tucker and his secretary have already moved into the new office. Although there is an article in this edition describing the new office, you will have to see our new home to appreciate its spaciousness and beauty. We owe much to Dr. Evan Ulrey, our past president, for the excellent planning.

By the way, I need to apologize to many of you who were disappointed in not being able to reserve rooms. In spite of heroic efforts to get the entire building ready we were only able to have access to guest rooms on the fourth

floor. This meant approximately two-thirds of our guests had to seek accommodations elsewhere.

The class of 1940 and our 1965 graduating class are deserving of special mention. The 1940 class contributed nearly \$1,100 as a cash gift to the College on Alumni Day.

The 1965 Seniors are signing pledges agreeing to contribute \$10 per year for ten years to the Alumni Association. Over one-hundred seniors have already signed and others are signing. If each alumnus gave an average of this much per year, we would be getting over \$75,000 per year from our alumni.

We commend the 1965 class and hope this will be a tradition other classes will follow.

I must not forget to mention ten social clubs, each of which has agreed to raise funds for furnishing a room in the new building as a permanent reminder of their support of Harding College.

Yes, we have much for which to be grateful. I am encouraged as we begin another year of service with you, the Alumni of Harding College.

Nominating Committee Chosen

Association bylaws call for the election of a president and three vice-presidents every two years. Current terms expire June 1, 1966.

Virgil Lawyer has appointed a committee and asked them to recommend a slate of candidates for your consideration by October 1. Their report will be given in the November bulletin.

Those serving on the nominating committee are Mrs. Guy Petway ('40) nee Loudine Guthrie, Mrs. E. A. Hanks (BA'45) nee Polly Box, Leon Gibson (BA'48) and Jim Howard (BA'62).

ALUMNI OFFICERS

VIRGIL LAWYER, President

DR. R. T. CLARK, 1st Vice President

DR. NORMAN HUGHES, 2nd Vice President

JIM HOWARD, 3rd Vice President

BUFORD TUCKER, Executive Secretary

DORIS COWARD, Office Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Evan Ulrey, Dr. Joe Pryor, Dr. R. T. Clark, Dr. Norman Hughes, Virgil Lawyer, Lott Tucker, Buford Tucker and Jim Howard.

Highlights . . .

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Tribute To Benson

On Tuesday evening before commencement, a dinner honoring President Benson was given in the new dining room with more than 500 attending. Alumni and friends from far and near attended. Governor Orval Faubus and C. Hamilton Moses, retired chairman of the Board of Arkansas Power and Light Company were among those paying tribute to Dr. Benson. Gifts to Dr. Benson included a portable TV, a large portrait of himself, several sets of books, the title to the College's 1964 Cadillac, a set of matched luggage, and a bronze plaque in recognition of his service to the college.

Class Reunion

The alumni class reunion at noon Wednesday brought 227 together for a fine meal, entertainment, and lots of visiting time. The annual alumni varsity softball game brought exciting moments. Many of the ladies attended a tea given by Mrs. R. T. Clark in honor of Mrs. Benson. Alumnus and well-known minister of Nashville, Tenn., Jim Bill McInteer, was the guest speaker at the 7:00 o'clock worship hour. Following the worship service, the Harding chorus gave its final program of the year and left the next day for a tour of the Northeast.

Largest Commencement

Thursday brought the largest commencement attendance in history. Following the regular program Dr. Benson gave his retirement address.

When he became president in 1936, the school had under 33 students and a debt of more than \$70,000. Buildings and equipment were inadequate. Two years later the school was clear of debt. Now Harding has assets of \$25 million with half of that amount in endowment.

President Clifton L. Ganus Jr. accepted his new responsibilities with quite fear and great courage. His aim, he said, would be to pursue academic, moral, physical and spiritual excellence, to continue a steady and healthy growth pattern, and to have the continued moral and financial support from the thousands of friends and alumni who have been so

loyal over the years. He asked for wisdom and guidance from God, for patience, understanding, and the prayers of Christians.

The luncheon following graduation tested the full facilities of the new dining room. Five hundred sixty-two graduating seniors and parents, returning alumni, faculty, and friends enjoyed the occasion. Truly this 43rd commencement was a great occasion and our thanks to everyone who attended and helped to make it so successful.

Chapter News

Southern California Chapter

About 45 Harding College alumni gathered March 13 at Pepperdine College for a reunion meeting. The chapter invited Andy Ritchie as guest speaker. A question and answer period was followed by visiting over refreshments.

Brother Ritchie taught a class throughout the Pepperdine lectureship and was awarded the Christian Service Award from Pepperdine College.

The fall meeting of this chapter will be at Irvin Park, east of Orange in Orange County.

IN SYMPATHY

To Lester (BA'49) and Ruth Roberson (BA'58) Starling for the death of their youngest daughter, Deborah Anna who drown June 1 while swimming in a lake with the other members of her 6th grade class of the Christian Home and Bible School at Mount Dora, Fla.

To Don ('62) and Wanda Shannon ('64) Stringer for the death of their infant daughter who died Saturday, May 8.

Tell Us About You and Yours

One purpose of the Alumni News is to disseminate news by and for as many alumni as possible. You can help make this publication more interesting by sending us information about yourself, your family, and your alumni friends. Give us dates, places, and names of marriages and births. Give us information on advanced degrees received, job advancements, honors received, and other news of general interest.

Alumni Association Staff Moves Across Campus To New Six-Room Facilities In New Building

It's almost unbelievable to alumni Executive Secretary Buford Tucker and Office Secretary Doris Coward that they now have about 1,200 square feet of space all their own in which to work.

The new six-room office space for the Alumni Office in the new John Mabee American Heritage Center is quite different from the one room above the Ganus Student Center.

The area contains two private offices with wall-to-wall carpeting, a large secretary's office with a large counter dividing it from the reception area, one large filing room, two storage-work offices, and a private rest room and drinking fountain.

The offices are equipped with walnut cabinets and book shelves, vertical blinds, desks — some of which are new, and chairs.

The office entrance is from the main lobby of the new building.



Buford Tucker, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, sits in his private carpeted office behind a new desk. Bookcases and cabinets line the wall in the background.



Tucker and Doris Coward, office secretary, stand behind the long counter which divides the secretary's office from the reception area. The counter is decorated in front with walnut paneling and contains spacious cabinets and drawers in the back.

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Mrs. James Arnold, **Karen Parsons** (BA'64) has received a fellowship in sociology at Vanderbilt University for the coming year.

Gary Ackers (BS'61) has been appointed an instructor in physiological chemistry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine beginning July 1. Gary completed the Ph.D. degree in biochemistry at Johns Hopkins University in Nov., 1964. He made an outstanding record there, completing his doctorate in three years. His research dealt with the diffusion of micro molecules.

Jerald Manion (BS'62) is completing the Ph.D. degree in physical chemistry at the University of Mississippi and has just recently been appointed chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Arkansas State Teachers College. Jerald attended the University of Mississippi on an NDEA Fellowship.

Kenneth Wilkey O'Neal (BA'65) is one of the 20 highest ranking college graduates in Arkansas. His major was bio-

logy. His grade point average was 4.00. Honors and activities include: Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges; Alpha Chi, president of Arkansas ETA Chapter; senior representative to Student Council. He holds a scholarship to the University of Texas.

B. Wayne Johnson (BA'50) who for the past four years has been Superintendent of Schools at Fordland, Mo. will assume his new duties on July 1 as Superintendent of Schools at Crocker, Mo.

Lloyd Gentry (BA'61) has received his Master of Science in Education degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Ill. This will be his fourth year to teach biology in Collinsville, Ill.

His wife is the former **Donna Henman** ('62).

Max D. Mowrer (BA'50) has just received his Master of Arts degree in education from Chapman College, Orange, Calif. In September he will begin teach-

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Located adjacent to the secretary's office is this large work room with desk, tables and book shelves. Alice Karnes, a student worker, is working with the alumni picture file. This is one of two large work offices.

ing math and Bible and directing the chorus at Western Christian College.

His wife, the former **Mildred Minor** ('47) has received her A.A. degree from Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif. and has also earned her certificate as a Licensed Vocational Nurse at the same college. Beginning in September she will be dean of women at Western Christian College.

Mike Canoy (BA'60) has received a summer research grant in marine science to the Institute of Marine Science in Port Aransas, Tex. The Marine Institute is part of the University of Texas. Also for the following 12 months through his M.S. he has received a Water Resources Traineeship at the University of Texas in Austin. Mike will major in zoology with emphasis in marine science.

His wife is the former **Kirsten Christensen** (BS'63).

Costos Caretsos ('64) recently received his B.S. degree from Columbia University in New York. After a trip home to Athens, Greece this summer he will return in September to enroll in Stanford University where he will work for a master's degree in Latin American history. He has received a \$2,500 Latin American Studies Fellowship from Stanford.

Ron Goodman ('65) is now serving as minister of the Texline, Tex. church. He graduated May 24, from A.C.C. with a B.A. degree.

His wife is the former **Becky Meisch** ('67).

Marion Cawood (Academy) who is now at Indiana University will be Jeannie in "The Stephen Foster Story" which will open in the J. Dan Talbott Amphitheatre in Bardstown, Ky.

Miss Cawood, a soprano from Harlan, Ky. has appeared at Indiana University in many operas.

She has won the Junior Philharmonic auditions in New Orleans and placed third in the regional division of the Metropolitan Opera Auditions in Bloomington, Ky.

Some of her future engagements are at Madison Square Garden, at the United States Pavilion at the World's Fair, and with the Kingsport Symphony in the Kingsport, Tenn. Community Concert Series.

Curtis Walker ('44) has recently been named manager of the Searcy plant of the Remington Office Machines division of Sperry Rand Corporation.

Wayne Kellar ('51) has recently been promoted to manager of Employee Relations with the Searcy plant of the Remington Office Machines division of Sperry Rand Corporation.

His wife is the former **Alice Ann Hawkins** ('52).

Mildred Hickingbottom (BA'61) will be leaving the States Aug. 17 for the Azores where she will be teaching children of American airmen based there. The Azores is in the mid-atlantic and made up of nine islands, of which Treceira Island is the third largest and where Mildred will be teaching.

As a teacher, Mildred will be permitted to participate in the Air Force isolated area leave program, which allows one free trip to Europe and back each year on a military plane.

At Christmas it is usually arranged to fly the teachers to Lisbon Portugal at no cost to them, and for a week or ten days they are on their own to travel to other parts of Europe if they wish.

Bill Ray Smith (BA'60) is now teaching biology at Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N. Y.

Bill and his wife, Betty Ann, have a daughter, Melinda Gail, who is 21 months old.

1st/Lt. Jerry M. Figgins (BS'60) has entered U. S. Air Force pilot training at Reese AFB, Tex.

Lt. Figgins will fly the newest Air Force jet trainers and receive special academic and military training during the year-long course. He will be awarded silver pilot wings upon completion of the Air Training Command flying program.

His wife is the former **Maribeth Ballard** ('66).

Clyde Hall ('37) is Promotional Representative of the Shoe Products Division of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio.

Virginia Borden (BS'62), freshman math teacher at Klamath Union High School, Klamath Falls, Ore., has been selected to participate in an academic year Institute starting this fall at Oregon State University.

The institutes are part of the National Science Foundation program aimed at upgrading science and mathematics teaching in the United States and increasing the number of top-quality teachers and scientists.

At KUHS, Miss Borden teaches freshman classes in elementary algebra and

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BIRTHS

Daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, to **Larry** (BS'61) and **Miriam McReynolds** ('62) Hand on June 14 in Birmingham, Ala.

Daughter, Dusta Rose, to **Bob** (BA'54) and **Grace McReynolds** (BA'54) Coburn on June 9 in Sherman, Tex.

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intermediate and advanced algebra. She has taught there for the past two years. The Klamath Union High School Board of Directors, in a recent meeting, granted Miss Borden a one year's leave of absence for next year so that she could attend the institute.

Marvin Allison ('53) is in Christchurch, New Zealand now doing missionary work supported by the Union Avenue church in Memphis, Tenn. His family is with him including his daughter, **Lynn** ('67), who is now attending Canterbury University.

John A. Croom ('45) has opened an office to engage in the general practice of law in Oklahoma City, Okla.

His wife is the former **Jonnie Reese** ('48).

Elmo J. Robison, Jr. ('59) has been elected president of the junior class at the University of Oklahoma Medical School for the year 1965-66.

Robison has received an internship in surgery to work this summer at Mount Sinai Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisc.

His wife, the former **Marilyn Dodd** (BA'59), is an elementary teacher in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Richard Riley (BA'60) who is a vice principal in the school system in Ft. Worth, Tex., has been elected president of the Texas State Teachers Association.

His wife is the former **Paula Rickard** ('59).

Lowell B. Davis (BA'39) of Moab, Utah was elected president of the Utah State Education Association for next year.

His wife is the former **Odessa White** ('40).

Richard Anderson (BS'61) completed work on his Ph.D. degree in organic chemistry at the University of Colo. in June. He has accepted work with Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Mich. in the Special Assignments Program.

His wife is the former **Dot Garrett** (BS'62).

Daughter, Suzanne Denise, to **Glenn** ('58) and **Sue Paxson** (BA'58) Davis on June 1 in Lubbock, Tex.

Daughter, Ellen Kaye, to **Morgan** (BS'55) and **Andee King** (BA'57) Richardson on June 5 in Memphis, Tenn.

Son, David Kent, to **David** (BA'57) and **Zena Louise Street** ('58) Richards on May 19 at Baytown, Tex.

Daughter, Karen Ashley, to **Chuck** ('64) and **Judi Baker** ('64) Keeth on May 24 in West Monroe, La.

Daughter, Lannee Danell, to **Darwin** ('65) and **Lynn Chandler** on May 27 in Casa Grande, Ariz.

Twin daughters, Andrea Dawn and Sandra Beth, to Tillman and **Martha French** ('60) Bradley on May 2 — adopted June 3 in Guymon, Okla.

Daughter, Dawn Elizabeth, to **Richard** (BA'60) and **Paula Rickard** ('59) Riley on March 31 in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Daughter, Karen Ray, to **Dale** (BA'60) and **Lylan Starr** on May 6.

Daughter, Lorie Suzanne, to **James** ('48) and **Loretta Smith** (BS'48) DeHoff on April 25.

Daughter, Marilyn Lee, to Melvin R. and **Hilda Coleman** ('55) Carlock on Aug. 21, 1964.

Son, William Todd, to **Bill** ('63) and **Mary Jane Turner** ('63) Hunter on Dec. 30, 1964.

Daughter, Jill Kristin, to **Joe** (BS'55) and **Margaret Carter** ('58) Mattox on April 5 at Searcy.

Daughter, Heidi Lynette, to **Lynn** ('64) and **Evelyn Cole** (BA'63) Nelson on July 13, 1964.

Son, Bobby Lynn, to Bill and **Ann Cooper** ('57) Moore on March 31 in Memphis, Tenn.

Daughter, Leah Jean, to **U. G.** ('50) and **Dollie Word** on June 26 in Little Rock.

Daughter, Sue Ann, to **Roy** ('60) and **Hilda Porter** ('62) Vanderpool on June 15 in Wichita, Kan.

MARRIAGES

Mary Ellen Baskin (BA'65) to **Loverd Peacock** (BS'65) on June 4 in Searcy.

Pat Watson (BA'65) to **Sam Keichline** (BA'64) on June 18 in Campbell, Mo.

Linda Jo Risinger (BA'65) to **Jim Ernest Stanley** (BA'65) on June 3 in Searcy.

Shirley Ann Johnson (BA'65) to Robert Edward Shankle on June 20 in Jonesboro.

Hope Shutts (BA'65) to **Glenn Hawkins** (BA'65) on June 27 in Parkersburg, W. Va.

Sharon Wilson (BA'65) to **Billy Joe Baker** ('67) on June 3 in Searcy.

Floriece Genell Adams ('59) to **Charles Jenkins** on Feb. 8 in Memphis, Tenn.

Anna Jo George ('58) to **Ralph S. Crump** on May 15 in Houston, Tex.

Charlene Babb (BA'63) to **Richard T. Knadle, Jr.** on June 27 in West Islip, L. I., N. Y.

Jean Ramsey ('67) to **Lindle Barnard** ('66) on June 11 at Judsonia.

Judy Epperson (BA'64) to **Joseph L. Pate** (BS'63) on May 29 in Haleyville, Ala.

Susan Helenschmidt ('67) to **James Howard Johnson** on Jan. 25 in Searcy.

Rebekah Ann Wunnenberg to **Thomas Dean Bryant** ('64) on June 27 in Bald Knob.

Linda Lee (BA'64) to **Bob Brewer** (BA'64) on June 19 in Nashville, Tenn.

Margie Chisholm ('66) to **Charles Buck** ('66) on June 18 in Plains, Tex.

Anita Smith ('65) to **Harding Burton** ('65) on June 18 in Memphis, Tenn.

Retta Fay Marteney ('66) to **Brian Altmiller** (BA'65) on June 6.

Cheryl Kinman ('67) to **Herbert Ryan Touchton** (BA'65) on June 13 in Clarksville, Ark.

Brenda Penn (BS'65) to **Lee Goatley** (BA'65) on June 4 in Lynn, Ark.

Carol Ann Pitman ('67) to **Roger Eugene Boyd** ('66) on June 26 in Red Bank, N. J.

Janetkay Gurganus ('66) to **David Jones** on June 22 in Memphis, Tenn.

Ruth Ellen Jones ('66) to **Charles M. Clark** ('66) on June 12 in Searcy.

Harold George Becker Jr. ('63) to **Barbara Engle** on May 22 in Floydsburg, Ky.

Karen Mayhall ('68) to **Dennie Hilton** ('68) on June 12 in Lisle, Ill.

Sharon Bray ('69) to **Gary Sizemore** ('68) on June 3 in Searcy.

Naita Jean Berryhill (BS'64) to **Sid Tate** (BS'63) on June 4 at Searcy.

Cathy Peters ('67) and **Bob Jones** (BS'61) on June 2 at Searcy.

Sharon Berry (BA'63) to **Bob Lane** (BS'65) on July 2 in Little Rock.

Linda Chisam (BA'64) to **Dale Pickens** ('68) on June 12.

Correction

Judith Limburg (BA'65) was not married July 31, but will be married to **Louis Dean Bond** ('66) on July 31, 1965 at Buffalo, N. Y.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Staring of Fort Worth visit with friends during the alumni luncheon June 2.

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