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President's Corner

By Virgil Lawyer
BA '46

Perhaps I should begin this time with correcting a misunderstanding as to how funds contributed to the Alumni Association are used.

I have found quite a number of alumni who are under the impression that all contributions to the Alumni Association are administered by the officers of the Association, separate and apart from the college administration. This definitely is not so.

The Association has a yearly budget for salaries, office supplies, mail-outs, and all that is necessary for the carrying on of the work of an active Association. The college administration is most generous and cooperative in seeing that we have all that is needed for our work.

All funds, over and above our needs, go into the operational budget of the college. This is as it should be. We know that all who are alumni would prefer that as much of the funds as possible be used by the college for more facilities, better faculty salaries, and general upkeep of the present plant.

Naturally, a separate record is kept of all contributions to the Association in order to know just how many of our alumni contribute and how much is contributed.

Now, permit me to change the subject for the remainder of this editorial.

Harding's Aims

Harding was founded with the idea of providing an environment and atmosphere where academic pursuits would go hand in hand with an emphasis on Christian living and em-

phasizing moral values. I believe we are doing a good job in continuing these original aims.

Last October Harding hosted over six hundred young people to our Mission Workshop. These young people came from all over the United States. During the recent spring vacation period, many of our students were in personal work campaigns in various cities. Campaigns were held in Van Buren, Ark.; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Stuttgart, Arkansas; Sunny Slope, Iowa. The young people involved passed up the opportunity of spending a week at home with loved ones to go knock on doors, teach classes, and do whatever they were called upon to do to make the campaign a success. This is the spirit of Harding.

Two of our alumni, John Belasco and David Young, are spearheading the Exodus Rochester Movement. Others are in the exodus in Canada. Twenty-two are teaching in New York as a result of the Exodus Bay Shore.

Last summer several boys in one social club decided to go to Michigan in a spot where the church is weak, get jobs for the summer, and do church work in their free time. They were extremely successful. Twenty-nine people were baptized, members were strengthened, the boys grew spiritually and made money to return to school in the fall.

Quite a number of Harding faculty are people who served as missionaries on foreign soil. These people sponsor mission groups and share their experience gained knowledge with young men and women who will soon be going overseas.

We want our alumni to know that our number one goal is still to provide a learning situation where students can learn best how to serve God and their fellow man. We feel America's best hope is producing more young people whose strength is in the inward man. □

ALUMNI REPORT FROM HERE AND THERE

★ **J. R. Martin (BS'61)** has been transferred to sales department of the Wood Treating Chemicals Co. as District Sales Manager and will cover Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and East Texas. Martin joined Wood Treating as a laboratory technician in 1964.

Mrs. Martin is the former **Judy Watson ('61)**.

Ed Rockwell ('59) is now working with Pan American World Airways as co-pilot. Ed and his wife, the former **Myrna Morford ('60)** have three children: John Mark, 7, Rebekah Sue, 4, and Deborah Joy, 3.

David J. Smith (BA'65), now living in Anniston, Alabama, has taken a position with Physicians Investors Corp. of Birmingham. In five weeks he was promoted to District Manager in East Alabama. He has been the top producer for the company since starting with it. Several honors have already been bestowed upon Dave because of production efforts.

His wife is the former **Linda Kay Daniel ('63)**. The Smiths have two children: Robbin Daniel, 3, and Allison Lynn, 1.

Finis Jay Caldwell, Jr. (BA'57) has been promoted to Assistant Professor in Religion at the Bible Chair of Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

His wife is the former **Marilyn Lee Beal (BA'59)**.

Lindell Housley (BA'58) has been promoted to principal of the campus school at Southern Christian Home in Morrilton.

Clara Morgan (BS'66) who is from the Southern Christian Home in Morrilton has fulfilled a long-time ambition by returning to Southern Christian Home as a teacher in the elementary school.

★ **Richard Veteto (BA'51)** of Trotwood, Ohio, is employed as a project engineer in the research and development laboratory for Protective Treatments, Inc., a subsidiary of Helene Curtis, Inc.

His wife, the former **Ella Mae Lancaster (BA'52)**, besides being a housewife, is a substitute teacher in the Dayton Public Schools system. The Vetetos have two children; Donna Lynn, age 8 and Erwin Neal, age 6.

Olen Ray Fullerton ('56) has recently been promoted to ass't. superintendent of the campus school at Southern Christian Home in Morrilton. He will assist his father, Olen Fullerton, in the administrative duties of the home.

Dewey Brown (BA'57) is now living in Jackson, Miss. where he is an account executive for Godwin Advertising Agency. Dewey was formerly advertising manager of Terminix Div. of E. L. Bruce Co., Inc. in Memphis.

Jim D. Redding (BS'61) and family have recently moved to Nevada, Mo. where Jim is Hospital Administrator for the Nevada Hospital. He formerly was Administrator at Mono Medical Center at Bridgeport, Calif.

Jim and Beverlee have two children: David, 5, and Lisa, 2.

Airman **Frank M. Viser (BA'63)** has been assigned to Amarillo AFB, Tex., after completing Air Force basic training.

Airman Viser will be trained on the job as a personnel specialist with the Air Training Center.

Evert F. Maxwell (BS'44) was on the campus this spring — his first visit to the college and the United States since 1945. Maxwell resides in Germany where he remained following World War II. He is employed in Civil Service by the State Department of Education.

Faculty Alumni Defend the Faith

With the interest shown in recent months on the issue of "God Is Dead," "Evolution" and the ever presence of denial of faith, teachers at Harding have risen to the challenge to defend their faith in God and His Word.

J. D. Bales, Don England, R. T. Clark, Jack Lewis and Jack Wood Sears are recent examples.

"Somebody needs to stand up for faith in God," said Dr. Bales, (BA'37), Harding's professor of Christian doctrine, during the surge of publicity which exploded after Dr. J. J. Altizer of Emory University boldly declared 'God Is Dead' on nationwide TV. And, believing this, the professor has lectured across the country on the question. "If God is dead, can man live?" he asks.

Bales Challenges Altizer

Earlier in the year Dr. Bales challenged the outspoken theologian from Georgia to public debate. Altizer accepted, but later rescinded his decision at least for the while.

However, Bales has continued to plead his beliefs and has at least two series of speeches scheduled — one at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock on June 27-29 to explore the question with Brent Davis, a former member of the faculty at Arkansas A&M College at Monticello. Davis, an avid evolutionist, was released from his teaching duties by the Board of the college. Dr. Bales has also taped ten radio broadcasts for use in Atlanta. The speeches deal with analysis of Altizer's views.

Also during the school year Dr. England had published a series of three articles published in the "Viewpoint" column of the **Arkansas Gazette**. "To criticize the evolution hypothesis immediately puts one's reputation as a scientist in jeopardy," he began as he unwound and explained the scientist's view in proving

an hypothesis. Approaching the problem of evolution as fact from data available he asserted in the articles, "We must accept by faith that it occurred, and no amount of experimentation will permit one to say precisely by what mechanism life occurred. Science is limited in this respect."

Quoting a scientist as to why evolution has gained so much popularity, he concluded, "Overwhelmingly, biologists had been accepting evolution because there was nothing else for them to do, but they had not proved it to their own satisfaction."

Dr. Clark Lectures

Dr. Clark (BS'39), vice president in charge of research, has conducted a seminar for the church of Bossier City, La., and lectured at a seminar at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine in Little Rock on evolution. He has also addressed the student body in chapel.

Dr. Jack Lewis, professor of Bible at the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, and Dr. Jack Wood Sears, chairman of the department of biological sciences, held a two-day lectureship at Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos discussing "The Bible in the Modern World." Their addresses included the Biblical view toward science, morals, evolution and archaeology.

Dr. Sears has become perplexed at the trend of respected scientists who are turning from their fields of competence to predict the future. "It has always been the prerogative of men to try to look into the future, and until recently these insights have been expressed in careful terms," he feels, adding that "Predicting the future would be only amusing and no one would be disturbed if at the same time they did not use their prestige as

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Our Sympathy

To Mrs. Wade Ruby, **Pauline Greening** (BS'30), in the passing of her husband, **Wade Rudy** (BA'31) on March 19 in Los Angeles, Calif.

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To **Marguerite O'Banion** (BA'42), Mrs. Howard Cox, **Maxine O'Banion** (BA'46) and Mrs. Edmond Sharp, **Mildred O'Banion** ('43), in the passing of their mother, Mrs. J. W. O'Banion, on April 17 in Swifton.

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To Mrs. Carroll Wells, **Dicy Mae "Patsy" Smith** (BA'57), whose sister, Phyllis Martin, passed away Nov. 28 from injuries received in an automobile accident.

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To **Ellen Barfield** (Spec.) and the entire family of **Richard Barfield** ('50), her brother, who passed away April 11 in Memphis, Tenn.

To **Dr. Erle T. Moore** (Assoc.) and family in the passing of his mother on April 15 at Huntsville, Ala.

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To Mrs. Frank Carder, Jr., **Mary Jane Wright** ('47) and Mrs. Richard Tubbs, **Jane Waller** ('58) in the passing of their father and grandfather respectively, Mr. Edgar Wright, on April 30 in Judsonia.

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To **Robert Lee Hutcherson** (BS'64) whose father, Rupert Hutcherson, passed away May 12 in Walnut Ridge.

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To the family and friends of **Lula Mae Beasley** ('37) who recently passed away in Red Bay, Ala.

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To Mrs. Horace Baker, **Charleen Powell** ('38) whose son, **Don** ('64) passed away Jan. 25 from injuries received in an automobile accident.

☆ CHAPTER NEWS ☆

The Southeast Missouri Chapter of the Harding Alumni Association met Saturday May 7, at the Midtowner in Sikeston, Mo. There were 53 present. Dr. Jack Wood Sears spoke to the group. A mixed chorus composed of boys and girls from that area under the direction of **Carroll Eades** (BA'56) and **James Gurganus** (BA'62) sang several selections.

New officers for the coming year were elected. They are: President, Mrs. Jeff Wade, Jr., **Mable Richardson** ('51); Vice-President, **James O. Miller** (BA'62); and Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Ron Seal, **Jo Ann Price** (BA'60).

This chapter gives a scholarship each year to some graduating senior to help defray his expenses at Harding during their freshman year. Betty Price, the 1965 recipient and

Ralph Dixon, Jr., the 1966 recipient were both present and both gave talks to the group.

The next meeting will be in the fall of the year at Kennett, Mo.

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scientists to give substance to their dreams so that the public takes them as scientific truth."

At the Thanksgiving lectureship last fall all members of the science department spoke on Christ and Science. A Little Rock television station taped portions of the speeches which were later run unedited on the news programs.

And so these men, and others of the faculty, continue to "Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence." I Pet. 3:15



She Teaches Indians

Marilyn McElroy (BA'65) is 26 miles from the nearest shopping center, 55 miles from the nearest church, experiences blizzards and up to 100-mile winds that are sometimes fatal to both people and animals. She works among a strange people with a radically different cultural background from hers, yet Marilyn insists that she wholeheartedly loves her work.

Miss McElroy has been teaching high school this year on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, within easy driving distance of the western badlands and two hours from Mt. Rushmore. The reservation covers an area of three counties, and has been beautiful enough to attract Hollywood western filmers, including the producers of **How the West Was Won**.

"The people think it's terribly funny that everyone thinks they're still savages," Marilyn remarked with amusement. "But the lives they lead are still quite different from the average suburban American's," she added. "They have an excellent sense of humor, and play tricks all of the time," she said of her Indian high schoolers. "I walked in on April Fool's Day, and the entire classroom was turned around facing the wrong way."

Miss McElroy, who is one-fourth Seminole, teaches American history, dramatics and Spanish in the high school of about 300. She related one event she has vividly remembered: "About two weeks ago we did a one-act play, and at one of the last rehearsals my star wasn't there. I asked the kids, 'Where's Leonard,' and with straight faces they said he was in jail.

"I thought they were kidding because they do that a lot, but when I went down to investigate he really was there. I was so mad at that boy! I had told him to stay out of jail until after the play!"

The incident revealed in a humorous way some of the tragedy of wasted lives among the Indians on the reservation. Alcohol, which is technically not allowed, is a problem among some of the men. The unexplainable failures just don't want to do their work; their attitude is simply I-don't-care. Marilyn said that generally speaking, the people had not integrated the cultures of their ancestors and the whites.

"But some of the students," she quickly added, "are extremely brilliant and most of them are fairly intelligent." She cited the case of Charles Swich, a very capable boy who "excels in everything." The best student of Marilyn's history classes, he will be one of the discouragingly few students to attend college after graduation.

Despite physical disadvantages, Marilyn truly loves her work. It's some of the most beautiful country I've ever seen," she said. The excitement of teaching, of living and playing with her students makes even getting up early to attend church services 55 miles away worth the trouble.

Not even the overly inclement South Dakota weather has been able to deter her enthusiasm, she said. "I've never seen anything as horrifying as the

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☆ MARRIAGES ☆

Carolyn Webb ('67) to Joe L. Ponder on March 25 in Searcy.

Joyce Timberlake ('68) to James M. Corbin on March 19 at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

Charolette Johnson (BA'65) to **Max Carter** (BA'66) on March 18 in Searcy.

Nelda Jo Byrd (BA'66) to **Donald Ray Gettys** ('66) on March 24 in Searcy.

Robert Grissom (BA'65) to **Susan Luke** (BS'65) on January 14 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Michele Ann Vinson ('67) to William Benjamin Cushing on Dec. 26, 1965 at Phoenix, Ariz.

Dana Lindell ('69) to **Jimmy Joe Robinson** (Grad.) on March 26 in Searcy.

Sandra Ward (BA'65) to James Radford Little on Feb. 25 in North Little Rock.

Susan Craig (BS'65) to **Ronald Lee Castleman** (BA'66) on April 16 in Alton, Ill.

Donna Allen ('66) to **Lanny G. Wildman** ('66) on March 26 in Rochester, Mich.

Mary Helen Austin ('68) to Dennis Cole on March 20 in Trumann.

Sandra Tanner (BA'64) to Dennis Renner on April 2 in Houston, Tex.

Roy Deaver ('66) to Wanda Mitchell on Jan. 28 in Hurst, Tex.

Janet Hamaker (BA'65) to Phillip Thomason on April 2 at Dumas, Ark.

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blizzard we had in March. The winds were often 100 m.p.h., and several people froze to death. It was terrifying! And I've never seen anything so desolate-looking as that place in a rainstorm."

So far Marilyn has no plans to leave her post in the high school, but if her freshmen students succeed in "marrying her off," she might change her mind. □

☆ BIRTHS ☆

Son, Kirk Harrold, to James Harrold and **Betty Joy Olmstead** (BA'59) Simmons on March 28 at Torrance, Calif. The Simmons have another son, James Keith, four.

Son, William John, to **Don** (BS'59) and **Margaret Ann Hicks** (BA'63) Helms on April 18 in Danville, Ark.

Son, Todd Hogan, to **Jule** (BA'49) and **Judy Hogan** ('50) Miller on April 22 in Houston, Tex.

Son, Kirk Douglas, to **Doug** (BA'65) and **Kathie Rivers** ('66) Kostowski on April 19, in Paragould.

Son, Donald Scott, to **Don** ('59) and **Sue Lassiter** (BA'60) Stanley on April 9 in Searcy.

Son, William Thomas, to **Terry** ('60) and **Ruth Plank** (BA'61) Hutchison on April 8 at Fullerton, Calif.

Son, Todd Allen, to **Donald** (BA'62) and **Sharon Hollis** (BA'62) Blair on March 29 in Dayton, Ohio.

Son, Aaron Neal, to **Herbert** ('60) and **Pat Ennis** ('61) Smith, Jr. on Feb. 26 at Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Daughter, Jill Dianne, to Gordon and **Helen Poplin** (BA'50) Mackey on March 20 in Orland, Calif.

Son, Jonathan Ryan, to **Bob** (BA'54) and **Jeannette Black** (BS'53) Scott on April 5 in York, Neb.

Son, John Oliver, to **Dennie** (BA'56) and Ann Mathews Hall on Feb. 18 — adopted March 30 in Nashville, Tenn.

Son, Richard Varney, to Joe and **Noreen Coltson** (BS'52) Andrews on Feb. 10 in Buffalo, N. Y.

Son, Robert Allen, to **Bob** (BA'61) and **Mary Slinkard** ('63) Diles on April 29 in Memphis, Tenn.

These births were not reported to us until now.

Daughters — to Herbert and **Beverly Rochelle Stein** (BS'60) Stalans. They are Angela June — Oct. 8, 1961; Rosemary Beth — March 22, 1963; and Tammy Michele — July 11, 1965.

**Visiting in Iowa,
Baton Rouge,
Van Buren
and Stuttgart,
Students Found
Welcome Mats
At Most Doors;
So it all
Added up to a**



Fruitful Spring Vacation

The Harding students who conducted personal work campaigns in Van Buren and Stuttgart in Arkansas, Sunny Slope, Ia., and Baton Rouge sacrificed spring vacations with their families. But their efforts resulted in baptisms, restorations, issuing of Bible correspondence courses and home Bible study appointments. They were elated over the cordial reception they received in most homes.

The largest group of fifty worked in Baton Rouge. For six weeks they attended Hugh Groover's personal work class at the College Church of Christ, watching personal work movies produced by M. F. McKnight. There were a number of baptisms as a result of contacts. About 3,500 homes in the city were visited.

In the Stuttgart campaign where twenty-one students worked, ten were baptized during the week and five others shortly afterwards.

In Van Buren students set up 21 home Bible studies, signed 70 to correspondence courses and had 28 others ask for further study. The town of 7,000 was covered a hundred percent.

Eighteen Hardingites worked in Sunny Slope. Pamphlets were distributed prior to the campaign. Approximately 80-100 Bible studies were arranged and thirteen members were added to the Sunny Slope congregation of twenty-eight.

Plans are already being made for similar campaign efforts next spring.