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Dave Grundfest

Grundfest Speaks To 64 Graduates

Sixty-four candidates for degrees from Harding College in Searcy heard a commencement address August 13 by Dave Grundfest, president of Sterling Stores Company, Inc., Little Rock.

Diplomas were awarded to 11 graduates who received the Master of Arts in Teaching degree. Bachelor of Arts graduates numbered 41, and 12 received Bachelor of Science degrees.

Grundfest, a native of Mississippi, was associated with his brother in founding the Sterling Stores in 1922. The company expanded and moved from El Dorado, Ark., to Little Rock in 1924, at which time he had charge of the retail operations.

In 1941 he became president of Sterling Stores Company, Inc., which now operates some 90 units in six states. In 1941 he also became president of Cash Wholesale Company, a subsidiary of Sterling Stores, which serves some 700 independent merchants throughout the state of Arkansas.

Grundfest is a director of the Union National Bank of Little Rock, vice-president of the Arkansas Livestock Show and vice-president of the Leo N. Levi Memorial Hospital in Hot Springs. He has served in many civic capacities, as well as on two United States Department of Commerce Trade Missions to Europe in 1957 and 1959.

The speaker is listed in *Who's Who in Commerce and Industry*, *Who's Who in The South and Southwest* and *Who's Who in World Jewry*.

College, City Officials Break Ground July 30 For Harding's New \$500,000 Boys' Dormitory

The people of Searcy and White County were special guests of Harding College in activities July 30, including the ground breaking for a half-million-dollar men's dormitory and an open house of the new John Mabee American Heritage Center.

Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., president of Harding, presided at the ground breaking event for the three-story, air-conditioned dormitory. Assisting Ganus with the shovels were Mayor Leslie Carmichael of Searcy, Jasper Pyeatt, vice-

president of the Searcy Chamber of Commerce, and Elmer Yancey, president of the Searcy Industrial Development Commission.

Other featured guests at the ceremony were Wassell Turner, representing architect Bruce R. Anderson of Little Rock, and members of the Board of Trustees of Harding College.

Speaking to some 200 Searcians, faculty and students at the ground-breaking ceremony, Ganus told plans for the new structure to house 210 students and previewed other building

plans for the campus in the near future. As soon as possible, perhaps next year, said Ganus, a girls' residence hall would be constructed. With the addition of the two new facilities for housing, he said that in a few years Harding's capacity would be 1800 or 1900 students. The college expects over 1300 this fall.

To be built in an L-shape, the new boys' dormitory will complete the quadrangle bounded by Armstrong, Graduate and East Halls. The initial phase of the building will be completed on the west side of the quadrangle before East Hall is torn down to make room for the second section.

Building the dormitory in two sections will allow for capacity housing at all times during construction, with East's 60-student capacity to be used until phase one is ready to accommodate students.

The new structure will be Harding's first air-conditioned dormitory and will cost slightly over \$500,000. It will be of the same general exterior design as other residence halls here, but central

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Turning the first shovels full of earth to begin construction on the new \$500,000 boys' dormitory are from left, Jasper Pyeatt, vice-president of the Searcy Chamber of Commerce; Elmer Yancey, president of the Searcy Industrial Development Commission; Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., president of Harding College; and Mayor Leslie Carmichael of Searcy. The first phase of the half million dollar building is scheduled to be completed by September 1966. Following the spade-turning, guests numbering about 600 toured the 83,000 square foot structure of the \$1,250,000 John Mabee American Heritage Center.

College to Offer 14 New Courses, One New Major

Fourteen new courses and one new major will be offered by Harding College in the 1965-66 school year.

The new major added to the list of 34 will be violin, with new faculty member Vernal E. Richardson instructing. Private violin is one of the new courses offered, Violin 101-402, with credit given for one or two hours per semester.

Four new courses in English will be taught: 251, Introduction to English Literature, 3 hours, Spring; 381, Milton, 3 hours, Spring; 400, Restoration and Neo-Classic Literature, 3 hours, Spring; and 402, Romantic Poetry, 3 hours, Fall.

Three mathematics courses will be offered for the first time: 225, Mathematics in the Elementary School, 3 hours, Spring; 313, Linear Algebra, 3 hours, Fall; 331, Intermediate Analysis I, 3 hours, Fall.

Two courses will supplement the business and economics department: Economics 324, Life Insurance, 3 hours, Fall; and Economics 331, Property and Casualty Insurance, 3 hours, Spring.

Other courses to be added include Art 250, Commercial Art, 2 hours, Spring; Biology 530, Research, 1-4 hours, offered on demand; General Education 151, Personal Development, 3 hours, Fall; and Home Economics 431, Advanced Nutrition, 3 hours, Spring.

Concerning the addition of the violin major, Dean Joseph E. Pryor stated, "It certainly strengthens our music department and lays the foundation for the development of an orchestra, if not at Harding, at least in this area."

Dr. James Atteberry Receives Regional Post

Dr. James L. Atteberry, chairman of the English Department of Harding College, has been appointed a regional judge for the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards Program for 1965. Judging committees, composed of English teachers from both college and high schools, will evaluate writing skills and literary awareness of nearly 8,500 high school participants.

The Achievement Awards Program attempts to grant recognition to outstanding high school

Wanderlust Alumnus Travels World Five Months On \$1,200

A former Harding student, Stan Paher of Sacramento, Calif., has proved that extended travel can be interesting without being expensive. His proof is in the form of a five month trip by land, sea and air that began at Los Angeles and extended to Egypt and the Holy Land — all for less than \$1,200.

Stan, who entered Harding in the summer of 1960 fresh from the Navy, has clung to his wanderlust. But travel only for the sake of going is not a part of him; he likes to stop and see things and be among the people wherever he goes. Another hobby that relates to travel dates back to his youth while living in Las Vegas, Nev., when he became fascinated with ghost towns that were flourishing places back in the gold rush days. He has "jeeped" through thousands of barren acres searching out such towns.

Paher began his recent trip on February 7 in Los Angeles where he boarded the Dutch liner *Seven Seas* (which was recently in the news when it drifted helplessly in the Atlantic for several days after an engine room fire). The *Seven Seas* is noted as the floating campus called the *University of the Seven Seas*. In addition to the registered students, it also carries paying passengers.

Leaving the ship in Portugal after 29 days of travel, he spent three weeks in Spain, nine days in Athens and two weeks exploring tombs in Egypt before going to Israel by way of Arab Jordan. While in Israel, Stan visited three kibbutz (collective farms) and lived and worked on one for a few days. He was particularly thrilled by seeing sacred writings of the ancient past in the museums and by walking in Gethsemane.

En route to Luxembourg for

seniors for excellence in English. Finalists are announced in late November and are recommended for scholarship aid to all United States colleges and universities.

This competition is part of the comprehensive program of the National Council of Teachers of English to improve instructions in English language and literature at all levels throughout the nation's schools.



Stan Paher

his flight to New York he visited relatives in Yugoslavia for several days, taking along an interpreter he borrowed on the way.

Stan, who visited the campus before the last part of his trip home, said it is easy to travel over there for less than \$5.00 a day. He explained some of the economies like sleeping at youth hostels (30c-70c) or in inexpensive but adequate hotels or pensions at up to \$1.00. Other young travelers, he said, are always ready to pass on tips about bargains. Another item, of course, is hitch-hiking which covered many miles for him in Europe and the Middle East. He says it is not dangerous over there for hiker or driver, so getting picked up is easier.

His paid traveling included the \$240 ship fare from California, five other ship and ferry rides and five short train rides. He got an easy expense-sharing ride from New York to Searcy by learning at worship at West Islip that an old Harding acquaintance was almost ready to leave.

A clue to the last leg of his travel came the day after he left when a Little Rock wholesale auto dealer and shipper phoned the college to check his references and determine if he was a safe risk to drive one of their cars to California.

So, if you want to do a lot of traveling and meet a lot of interesting people, and are willing to settle for less than Hilton accommodations and food, just ask Stan — he knows how it is done.

College, Academy Revise Traditional Class Schedule

A time-honored tradition at Harding, Tuesday-through-Saturday classes, will be no more this fall as the class schedule has been changed to the conventional Monday-through-Friday basis.

Dean Joseph E. Pryor states that there were basically two reasons behind the decision to change the schedule, both of which have to do with conflicts with plans of other institutions.

A major factor was the necessity to change the Academy and elementary school schedule to fit with the schedules of other schools, as well as parents. Pressures from the state high school association and from parents who wanted their children out of school on Saturday were the basis for the Academy change. The new schedule will cause fewer absences from classes for students attending state meets of various kinds.

Since most of the college faculty have wives or children in the Academy system, complying with the change was almost a necessity for the college.

Fewer absences was also a major factor in the college switchover. With other colleges on a Monday-through-Friday basis, scheduling athletic and other events will be simplified and will cause less lost time due to out-of-town events on Saturday.

The college has operated on the Tuesday-Saturday plan regularly except for a period during World War II, when students could find off-campus jobs more easily on Saturdays. A primary reason for the old schedule was to accommodate faculty and student preachers. This factor has not been so great in recent years, noted Dean Pryor, with transportation much quicker, but the schedule had stood until now.

Dean Pryor sees two problems to be created by the change. One is the seemingly shorter weekend, which may result in less study and work by both faculty and students over the weekend. The other is the problem which may result in club outings being held on busy Saturdays, when public areas are more crowded than on the usual Monday date.

1,000 May Attend 'Operation Outreach'

Annual Student Mission Workshop Set For Oct. 9-11 At Harding



Rice



Gatewood



Benson



Young



Nichols



Gurganus

"OPERATION OUTREACH" has been chosen as the theme of the Sixth Annual Mission Workshop to be conducted Oct. 9-11 on the Harding campus in Searcy.

The workshop, a yearly event hosted by the various Christian colleges, returns this year to Searcy, where it was begun five years ago. Included in the Saturday-through-Monday program are forums, lectures, classes, area group meetings and symposiums on a wide variety of mission topics centered around the "OUTREACH" theme.

An impressive list of featured speakers are scheduled to appear on the program, including leaders in the field of mission work and mission education.

Some of these are Ira Rice, Otis Gatewood, James Walter Nichols, George Gurganus, George Benson, Glover Shipp, Dwain Evans, M. Norvel Young, Mrs. Becky Tilotta and Mrs. Burney Bawcom.

The stated purpose of this workshop is "to present to each Christian through a personal knowledge of Christ the challenge of his part in reaching out

to the contemporary world." Immediate goals will be to inspire motives and attitudes and to instruct in mission methods and opportunities.

Previous workshops have been held at Freed-Hardeman, Michigan Christian, Oklahoma Christian and Abilene Christian. "These have been a great influence in motivating Christians to consider 'all the world,'" states a workshop committee-

man. The workshop steering committee, consisting of five students, is anticipating perhaps 1,000 in attendance for the meeting. Invitations are made to all Christian college students, all Bible chair students, preachers, missionaries, elders and deacons.

A special invitation is being extended to high school students to attend a high school day program on Saturday, Oct. 9. The program that day is designed for both college and high school students.

Because of the student nature of the workshop, speakers are donating their time and travel, which this year will amount to around \$5,000.

Nightly devotionals under the stars will be a highlight of the workshop. Various college delegations are responsible for these devotionals.

Sessions exclusively for women are being planned in conjunction with the mission theme, and an area is being set aside for special displays on mission work. A professionally produced film on missions, "The Savage Flame," will be shown on Saturday.

The student steering committee includes Dwayne Van Rheen and Ralph McCluggage, co-chairmen, and Pat Hile, Sonny Guild and Earl Davidson. These students have worked closely with Joe Hacker and Conard Hays of the Harding Bible faculty, and with Dr. George Gurganus and Phil Elkins, workshop advisors from the Harding Graduate School in Memphis.

Working under the student committee are nine committees concerned with various phases of the workshop.

Additional information about the workshop may be obtained by writing the following address: Mission Workshop Committee, Box 1021, Harding College, Searcy, Ark. 72144.

Freshman Scholarship Winner Carries Piece Of Steel In Brain

A most unusual freshman will enroll at Harding this September, a young man in whose brain is embedded a piece of steel wire an inch and a quarter long.

Struck just two years ago in a mowing accident, Paul Gabler of Longview, Tex., survived an injury which should have been fatal through a recovery both doctors and parents termed "miraculous."

Today Paul leads a normal, healthy life, with memories of a small inch-long scar on his right cheekbone the only reminders of the near tragedy.

On June 27, 1963, Paul was atop a tractor mowing a pasture near his home in Hawkins, Tex., when a sharp, piercing pain hit his head and blood began dripping into his lap. The startled youngster hurried home and phoned his father two blocks away before unconsciousness set in.

When his father reached home, Paul was babbling incoherently into the telephone, and it was five days before he regained consciousness in a Tyler, Tex., hospital. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gabler, remained with him the entire time. One month later Paul was released from the hospital and enrolled his junior year in high school.

Doctors said that the wire, apparently flung from the mower blades, entered through the temple near the right eye and lodged itself in the front left portion of the brain. The wire barely missed the optic nerve, physicians say, but has not im-

paired the brain in any way.

Paul's academic record upholds the above opinion, for he graduated at the head of his class in May, and he enters Harding this fall with an \$800 academic scholarship. He plans to major in math.

As the top-ranking male student in his class he was offered a large scholarship applicable at a number of colleges in Texas. But he chose Harding, saying that he likes the "college's outstanding Americanism program."

Paul will be accompanied to Harding this fall by his brother Jim, a graduate of Tyler Junior College, who will enroll as a junior.



Paul Gabler

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bathrooms on each wing will replace the suite plan used in most of the other dormitories. No single rooms are included in the plans.

Three stories high, the building will contain 42,660 square feet of floor space. A large, carpeted reception room will be located near the southwest entrance, with small study lounges on each floor. A game room will also be located on first floor.

Individual rooms will feature all built-in furniture, closets and cabinets, except for two chairs. Each room will have a lavatory and medicine cabinet, two built-in beds, two desks, storage bins, a double dresser, two wardrobe closets and a linen cabinet.

The first section, the larger of the two, will extend north and south between Graduate and East Halls. The east-west portion will lie between Armstrong and West Halls and should be completed within two years.

The new residence hall will provide for a total of about 150 more men students than can now be accommodated.

Work-Study Plan Allows 77 Students To Continue Education

A work-study program was enjoyed this summer by 77 Harding students participating in a plan which gave them either part-time or full-time jobs on the Searcy campus or at the college-owned Camp Tahkodah.

Begun at Harding during the spring semester under the federal Economic Opportunity Act, the program allows the school to expand financial opportunities to students through grants for employment. The government pays nine-tenths of the payroll to the student workers, with the colleges on the program supplying the remaining one-tenth.

At the same time the participating college must spend as much on its own student work program as has been spent on an average of the last three years. It means more jobs available for more students.

Full-time workers, numbering about 32, worked this summer for 40 hours a week at \$1.25 per hour. These students must have been enrolled at Harding for the coming semester. The remaining workers were enrolled in summer school and, limited to 15 hours a week, made the average student wage of \$.75 per hour.



A polio victim since the age of two, Harding College freshman Delbert Lewis from Kensett, Ark., works full time during the summer on the work-study program at the nearby campus in Searcy. Confined to a wheel chair, Delbert efficiently carries out his duties as monitor in the message center of the American Studies building.



Carrying a full time summer job as landscaper on the work-study program at Harding, Steve Dunn works at a man-sized job with competence. The DeQueen, Ark., native lost his right hand in a meat grinder at the age of 16, but continued to lead an active life afterward by playing football for four years and holding down several jobs. A junior at Harding, he has worked for the college on waxing crews and has preached part-time as well.



Over 600 Searcians attended the recent open house for the new John Mabee American Heritage Center. This night view captures the splendor of the fountains and lights on the night of the open house.

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