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Pursuing Excellence

A big problem in editing the Harding College Bulletin is containing enthusiasm when reporting outstanding achievements of the college, its faculty, staff and students.

Many elements of a Christian college tend to produce more than its numeric share of honors. One of these was mentioned last month—a purposeful life. Another prime element, we believe, is that students at a Christian college are more likely to find their niche in life in this kind of fertile environment.

Furthermore, teachers at Harding frequently inspire students to find latent abilities within themselves which they had never realized existed. Through encouragement and guidance of interested faculty members, students grow in important values.

Under such conditions, it is only natural that we can continue to report outstanding achievements in academics, athletics, leadership and improvements of facilities.

Watch next month for our list of this year's graduates being recognized in a tangible way through scholarships, fellowships and assistantships. It is an impressive percentage!

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Two Board Members are Speakers For Baccalaureate and Graduation

Jim Bill McInteer and W. L. (Jack) Howard, both members of the Board of Trustees, have been named graduation speakers for the 210 seniors. McInteer will deliver the Baccalaureate address on Sunday, May 28, at 8 p.m. in the College Auditorium. Howard will speak at the Commencement exercises on Thursday, June 1 at 10 a.m. in the same auditorium.

The seniors represent the largest graduating class in the school's history, according to Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, academic dean.

McInteer has preached over 800 sermons at the West End Church of Christ in Nashville where he is minister. Harding's distinguished alumnus of 1964, he is business manager of 20th Century Christian and is a popular speaker for meetings all over the United States.

Howard, a native of Farmersville, La., is an elder in Forsythe Avenue Church of Christ in Monroe where he



McInteer

Howard

has lived for 21 years. He was elected in 1956 as Mayor of Monroe, an office he still holds, and has been nominated as Mayor of the Year of Louisiana Municipal Association for achievements in bringing Monroe from a city so broke it could not even buy gasoline on credit to its present status in an \$11¼ million capital improvement bond issue. He is married to the former LaRue Jones and they have three children; Gene, Jim, a senior at Harding, and Judy.

Six-Week Annual Mission Workshop Opens on Searcy Campus on June 5

Three special one week courses in missions methods and principles have been planned for elders, preachers and other church workers at the Annual Mission workshop June 5-July 14 on the Harding College campus.

Dr. George S. Benson will teach three classes, designed to increase the mission outreach of congregations. The former president of Harding College is Chancellor of Oklahoma Christian College and past missionary to China for eleven years. Coordinating the workshop is George Gurganus, dean of the Harding Graduate School in Memphis.

Through special course subjects on "Evangelism of the Early Church," June 26-30; "Home Missions," July 3-4; and "Home Church and Missions,"

July 10-14 participants will be informed on the most effective mission methods. Elders will be instructed in how to give more adequate oversight to their mission programs, while the need for overseeing more missionary preparation will be emphasized.

In American Heritage Center

The seminar will be conducted in the American Heritage building on the Searcy campus.

Reuel Lemmons, evangelist, says, "I believe that one of the most profitable things being done today in the field of world evangelism is the Harding Missions Seminar. It does more to prepare men for foreign service in the Lord's kingdom in a short time than anything we have been able to do before."



ELDERS: Want To Increase Your Mission Outreach?

PREACH THE GOSPEL
 UNTO ALL THE WORLD



Jerry Muir Cuts Way to Prize, Cartooning with a Sharp Knife

By Sandra James

Getting college students to chuckle is more than a wish for Jerry Muir, Harding College sophomore.

Muir is cartoonist for the student newspaper, the **Bison**, and his unusual work has brought acclaim not only to his own name but also to the newspaper. He was recently awarded 1st place in the Arkansas College Publications Association for the best cartoon through the past school year.

The talented and busy student, who averages 20 hours a week in the audio-visual department, uses a special-type process to produce the fine-quality cartoon seen in the **Bison** each week. The cartoon is cut on a linoleum block, a process which takes anywhere from two to five hours. Although it is a rather tedious and patience-trying work, Muir prefers to take the extra time in order to attain a better finished product.

"The contrast of black against white is much greater when the linoleum is used," said Muir. "The first cartoons I drew for the **Bison** weren't half as plain and easy to read."

Using linoleum cutters on a wooden block with rubber coating, Muir etches out the general outline of the cartoon from a rough copy. What is not to be printed is cut out while the rest is left raised on the block. Any lettering, which proves one of the most difficult tasks according to Muir, is done in black ink. When an abundance of lettering especially small lettering, is included, the cartoonist may spend five hours on one cartoon.

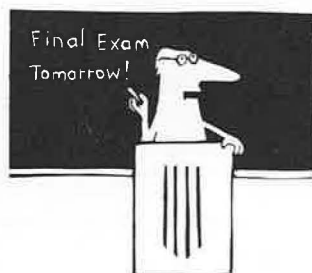
Gathering material from people and their habits, Muir confesses that most of his cartoon ideas are basically his own. "A lot of times the kids themselves give me ideas; and I've gotten several ideas from chapel announcements."

These chapel announcements, of course, reflect the everyday activity of the Harding student body, and that's what Muir wants as the basis for his cartoons.

The art major began drawing cartoons in high school, just for his own pleasure. He experimented with historical cartoons at that time and has captured almost every important event in history with line drawings. Two certificates of merit in art contests testify to his novice ability in high school. He also won 2nd place in a design contest for an ambulance company in his hometown of Cedar Grove, N. J.

"That was the only time I ever won any money — \$15, I think," smiled Muir.

Muir hopes to continue his art work as a free lance artist after graduation from Harding. And if the confidence placed in him by many faculty and staff members is any indication, he may well be just as successful in this field as he has been in cartooning. Said one staff member, "This boy has a refreshing and brilliant talent and outlook — and his patient, accurate work is really outstanding."



1966-67

Another Good Year!



A college owes so much to so many people. Harding is no exception. To the students who are the reason for its existence, to the faculty who teach them, to the staff who work behind the scenes and to the friends who contribute morally and materially to make it all possible we give our sincere appreciation. Working together they have made 1966-67 a wonderful school year of growth and accomplishment. Seventeen hundred and forty undergraduates, one hundred and forty graduate Bible students, nine hundred and forty academy students and four hundred and eighty-eight full time employees comprise the largest Harding family ever.

As the student body grows so does the campus. During this year we have completed a wonderful new science building costing approximately \$1,100,000 and a \$600,000 men's dormitory which will house 210 students. Construction was begun on a women's dormitory which should be completed by the end of the calendar year. These new facilities will make it possible to increase our student body to approximately 2,100 students.

Eight lighted tennis courts and six four wall handball courts have been constructed behind the gymnasium. These will add greatly to the intramural and intercollegiate facilities. An additional seven-hundred seats were added to alumni field as the academy football field was abandoned and the bleachers were moved. Another concession stand is also under construction at the east end of the football bleachers.

New equipment also has been added. Two new movie projectors have been purchased for the large auditorium and new recording equipment makes it possible to make very accurate recordings. Reproduction equipment has been secured and Harding will now reproduce the tapes sent weekly to some 195 radio stations which carry "Hymns from the Harding Campus."

A new psychology laboratory is being constructed in the area vacated by the Research Center. Perhaps one of the most interesting and most beneficial additions to the campus is the very fine IBM center in the basement of the Administration building. At the present time it is used mainly for the registrar's office but soon the personnel office and business office will utilize the facilities.

In Memphis a new auditorium is being constructed at the cost of \$450,000. It will seat over 1,500 people and will be utilized by the academy, the graduate school and the churches of Memphis.

It has been a good year and many honors have been won by the students and faculty. The spirit is good and we are looking forward to the future with confidence and appreciation.

Clyde L. James, Jr.

ROOM TO LEARN

A stranger could probably pick out faculty members of Harding's various science departments by the happy glow they have in their faces over the space and facilities now available in the new Science Building dedicated in May.

The 42,000 square foot structure, built at a cost above \$1,100,000, contains five classrooms with a total capacity of 322 students, four laboratories each for Chemistry, Biology and Physics, each accommodating 24 students.

The Department of Research, formerly cramped in a wing of the Health Center, runs along the entire length of the south side of the new building. It contains, in addition to modern equipment moved from the old quarters, some special additions for research being done for NASA.

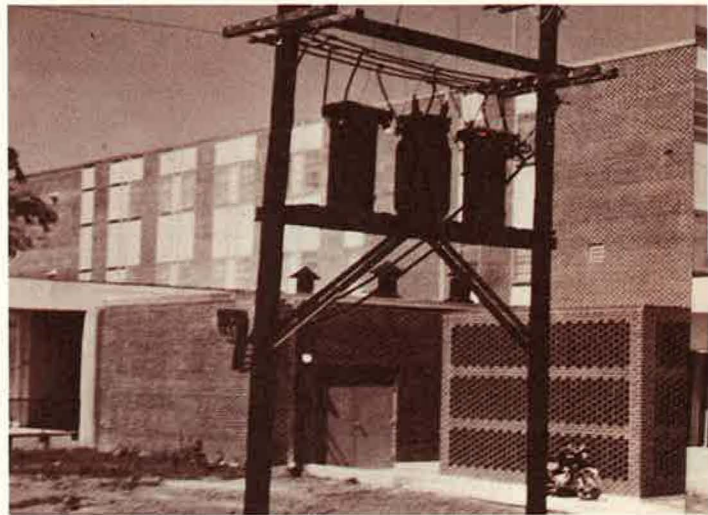
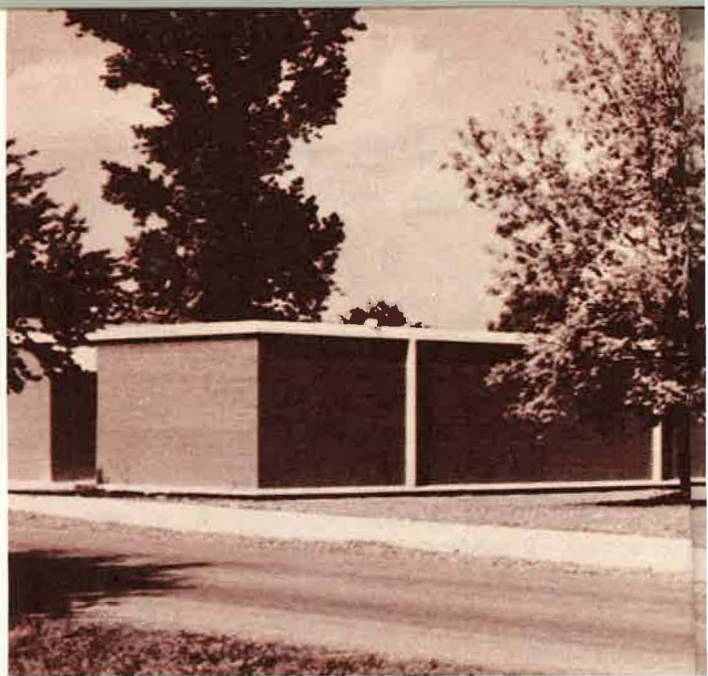
All of this may sound like extravagance, but is instead the necessary filling of some drastic needs. In simplest terms it amounts to **room to learn**.

Dr. Jack Wood Sears, chairman of the Department of Biological Science, says, "The biggest advantage to us is the expansion of laboratory facilities." Students who have been rubbing elbows in the old (1926) Science Building add a quick second to that statement.

"The old labs," Sears adds, "didn't even have room for the students half of the time. Now we have four labs each with individual work areas for 24 students."

Dr. Don England of the Department of Chemistry was glad to get out of the old Science Annex, a small frame building where his labs used to be. It had a drainage problem. "I had to bail water out of the windows the last day we were there," he laughed, "because the drains couldn't handle the water we were using."

Associate Professor of Physics Maurice Lawson was thrilled with his advanced labs. "We now have them for work in optics, electricity and magnetism, and modern (nuclear) physics, while we formerly had just one lab. We also have a general lab for 24 students, while the old one held just 16."





ROOM TO LIVE

The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe must have been an ancestor of Harding College, because for the last 20 years Harding has had her kind of housing problem.

At one time, it is a shortage of living space for men; at another time it is sardine packing for women, but now and for several years both have been patient victims of the big housing squeeze. The recently completed men's dormitory has eased but not removed their housing problem. Next fall will find a continuation of doubling-up.

Present schedules call for the new women's dormitory to be completed before the second semester of 1967-68, but with expected increases in enrollment no one can be sure that the "shoe" will not be pinching again by then. Growing pains will still be with us.

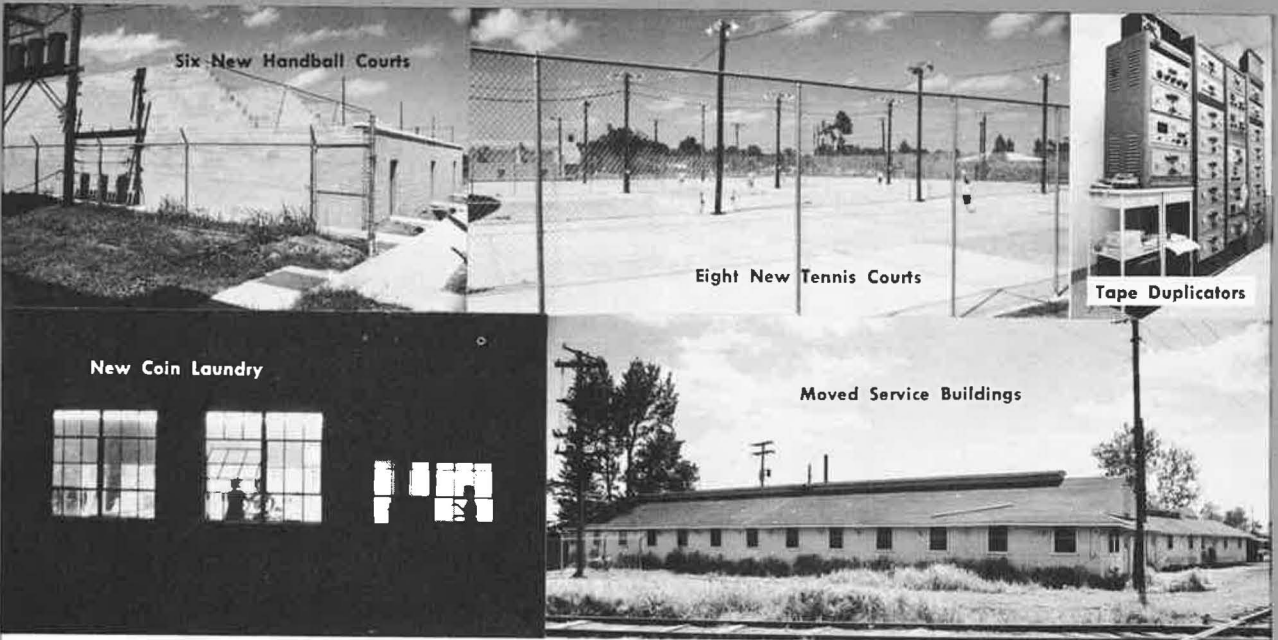
The recently completed men's dormitory, one half of which was opened to students last fall, contains 42,260 square feet, cost \$650,000, and houses 210 students. It is the first fully air-conditioned dormitory on the campus. All rooms are doubles, with built-in furniture. The L-shaped residence hall was completed barely in time for men from visiting choruses for the Second Annual Christian College Choral Festival to be housed in April.

The new women's dormitory, designed to house 258 students, will contain 53,250 square feet and is being built at a cost of \$930,000 by Cone-Huddleston, Inc. Located west of Cathcart Hall on land formerly occupied by the old infirmary, carpenter shop and science annex, the new residence hall for women will face South Turner and will have an auto entrance for all-weather unloading.

Construction is progressing at a good pace, in spite of some bad weather during foundation borings. By the time this issue of the Bulletin reaches you the superstructure of the south wing will be completed. After this, weather is not likely to be much of a delaying factor because plenty of work will be available for the men under cover.

At present it appears that this new facility will be available for the second semester next January. This should relieve the extreme housing pressure Harding women students are now facing, but it appears that crowding will again be in evidence soon afterward and that our architect, Bruce Anderson, will have to get back on those drawing boards and prepare some more dormitory plans for both men and women to go along with other buildings that Harding has planned for the near future.





ROOM TO GROW

Harding has been wonderfully blessed by the Lord and by a multitude of friends who have made possible its growth and development. We have reached a plateau of excellence and achievement but cannot afford to stand still. Christian education is like climbing a mountain. When effort and forward progress cease there is a tendency to slide downward again. It is heartening to see the increased interest in Christian education and to hear students knocking on the door for admission. We are dedicated to the task of being ready for them and appreciate the interest and support of the many who help us make it possible.

Enrollment in the undergraduate program for 1967-68 should be approximately 1900-2000. We will be crowded but will make room for them. This is the kind of problem we like to face — not because of numbers alone but because they represent minds and souls that need growth and direction. The women's dormitory will be completed before the second semester which will help greatly. Withing a year or two, however, we will need to build another men's and another women's dormitory.

We are fortunate in having enough general academic space for the present, but certain areas must be strengthened. The Art Department has been housed in the rear of the Academy building, but this space is needed and it is badly located. Plans are now being completed to build an art center on the front area of the campus north of the old Science Building. The Home Economics department will occupy most of the old Science Building which will be renovated and adapted to its need. The Audio Visual Center must be enlarged and new equipment added to make it more effective.

Our library of over 80,000 volumes is growing at the rate of approximately 3,500 volumes each year. The stack capacity of 100,000 volumes will soon be surpassed. Even more critical is the space for study and work. We can seat 400 at the present time — a little less than twenty percent of our students. Our library is well used and within a year we need to add additional seating and stack capacity on the north side of the present building.

Auditorium capacity has already become a problem. Our largest one seats a little less than 1,300 and we must have two chapel services each day. Two or three more years of growth will necessitate three assemblies to accommodate our students and faculty. This would be very difficult to administer. By next fall we will have outgrown our gymnasium and badly need another one now. We are hoping, therefore, in a couple of years to have a campaign to raise the funds for a coliseum which would serve as an auditorium and a gymnasium. This would seat about 4,000 to 4,500 and would accomodate our Lectureship crowds and special events.

There are so many needs in a growing institution. Endowment funds must be increased, chairs should be endowed, scholarship funds are needed, salaries must be raised and building and general operational funds must continue to come. Harding College has a great purpose and is doing a wonderful job today. Tomorrow's achievements will depend upon the good students you send us, your prayers and your material support. Make regular gifts, and include the institution in your will and help to interest others in Harding College. This will insure a continued growth in quantity and quality and make possible a fine Christian education for many thousands of young people.

Clyton L. Gamm, Jr.

Harding Bowler Wins NAIA Title



Charles Burt, freshman from Batesville, came from behind in a sudden death rolloff to win the NAIA National Bowling title as the Bisons took fourth place in tournament competition in Kansas City. Burt teamed with another freshman, Charles Webb of Norborne, Mo., to place second in doubles competition.

Burt, a season-long mainstay for the Bisons, forced Jack Connaughton of LaCrosse (Wis.) State in a winner-take-all playoff after compiling a 202 plus average through fifteen games of team competition.

Getting off to a slow start, Burt was down at the fifth frame when Connaughton rolled a split and Burt came back with three consecutive strikes to take the decision.

In doubles competition, Burt and Webb, who finished eighth in individual standings, placed second in a one-game rolloff.

Harding's team total of 13,432 earned a fourth place finish behind LaCross, 14,098. The Bisons had their share of misfortune, however, dropping five games by a margin of less than 20 pins, two of them by only one pin.

Pomona (Calif.) College finished second and Gannon (Pa.) College placed third with Rockhurt, Mo., West Virginia State, Quincy, Ill. and Christian Brothers of Memphis trailing the Bisons.

Harding's third trip to the national tourney was nearly the "charmed" one, bettering last year's sixth place finish.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Two summer workshops scheduled for the summer will enable elementary school teachers to advance in the areas of speech and mathematics.

An elementary speech workshop, taught by Dr. Richard W. Walker, Harding associate professor of speech, is set for June 19-July 8. Bill W. Oldham, assistant mathematics professor, will teach an elementary mathematics workshop July 10-28.

Registration fee for each course is \$63, and both courses may be taken for college credit. Enrollment forms are now being taken by Dr. Edward G. Sewell, Chairman, Education Department.



Plummer Pitches Consecutive No-Hitters in AIC Competition

A brilliant college career is coming to a close for Harding College hurler Mike Plummer of Massillon, Ohio. Plummer, the top Bison pitcher for three years, will graduate in June and go on to graduate school at the University of Utah where he has an assistantship.

As a freshman he led the Bisons on the hill with a 3-5 mark but in his sophomore year he reversed the trend with a 5-3 record and won unanimous All-conference acclaim. In the same season he even won a doubleheader against Arkansas A&M, who was then ranked first in the league.

Last year a knee operation forced the star to the bench for most of the year, but he still garnered second team All-AIC honors. In three contests he had a 2-1 record.

After getting off to a slow start in the '67 season, Plummer has come on strong. He lost his first two outings and then pitched back-to-back no-hitters. Philander Smith was the first victim. Only two runners reached base in the contest — one on an error and one on a walk. Henderson managed to get a run off the right-hander but wasn't able to get a base hit.

"All the boys did extremely well," Coach Joe Stout said. "I'm proud of the fine job they did. Charles bowled some remarkable rounds and really earned the singles title. Then, considering he's only a freshman, it becomes all the more remarkable."

An unusually good control pitcher, Plummer's best pitch is a side-arm fast ball. He delivers all of his pitches side-arm, making it impossible for the batter to tell what pitch is being thrown.

Each summer, the fireballer plays with a semi-pro club in Ohio. He wants to play pro ball after graduation from graduate school if the pros make him an offer.

Plummer has just a few weeks of competition left. The Bisons will play in the annual AIC tournament May 9-13 and on Plummer's success hinges a great deal of Harding's chances.

BISON SWEEPS AGAIN

For the third straight year Harding's student newspaper, **The Bison** has been named the top winner in the Arkansas College Publications Association. The announcement was made by Association sponsor Gerald Edgar at the annual awards luncheon held at Harding College.

Besides attaining first place for General Excellence, **The Bison** won the Sweepstakes Award, which is based on points earned in all contests.

Individual awards went to two Harding students in different newspaper categories. Jerry Muir won first place in cartoons and Tom Simmons was awarded first place in sports column writing. Harding placed first in Editorial Page Handling.

Margaret Ashton, **Bison** editor, presided over the meeting.

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Showers of **MUSIC** in April

April brought a shower of musical blessings to Harding College. On the eighth and ninth the Arkansas Symphony, with eight guest artists from University of Indiana, presented concerts which included the premiere of a dual piano concerto composed by guest conductor Thomas Beversdorf.

On the following week end Harding was host to the Second Annual Christian College Choral Festival, with choral composer George Lynn of Westminster Choir College as guest conductor. The climax of this event was a joint concert in Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock which featured choral groups from the eight participating Christian colleges, with each singing a few numbers in addition to three program sections featuring them all.

A refreshing prelude to the orchestra and choral experiences was on the night of April 7 when baritone Gordon Myers sang historical ballads.

