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Presidents Ganus and Sears at Class Anniversary Luncheon



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President's Corner

By Jack Wood Sears
BS'40



In the last few weeks a number of students have expressed the idea that to be an alumnus of Harding one must have been graduated from Harding. Anyone who has officially enrolled as a regular student in Harding College is an alumnus whether he has graduated or not. But really this is one of the least important of the criteria for determining an alumnus.

What is an alumnus? In the first place, an alumnus of Harding College must be an interpreter of the institution and of higher Christian education to the general public. The responsibility of each alumnus is to act as an ambassador for the college to the rest of the world, to interpret the significance of its contributions and the importance of its actions to the people with whom he comes in contact.

There is so much misunderstanding. I am constantly finding people who do not know that Harding has a strong pre-med program, for instance, or that we have a strong program in the various fields of science and mathematics as well as in other areas. Since we are a Christian school they expect us to have a strong program in Bible but ignore or in some way seem oblivious to the information we send out concerning our other programs.

If every alumnus made it his responsibility to let people know the kind of school and the quality of work Harding provides, our advertising department would have less to do.

There is also the need to help orient properly the public as to the values and the purposes of the Christian higher education and the importance of the unique purpose for which Harding exists, the spiritual emphasis and the religious nature that is so valuable to every one of us. I am happy to say that many of us are fulfilling this responsibility very well.

A second important function of an alumnus is to be an informed critic of his Alma Mater. No human institution should hold itself above criticism. All humanity is subject to error. We can only become better and more effective by heeding enlightened criticism. I believe an alumnus must inform himself concerning the activities of his Alma Mater and

then make constructive criticism to those in positions of responsibility.

I recently read in a religious journal an article critical of Christian colleges. The criticisms were rather serious and yet they were delivered in such a general way as to give one the impression that these faults were characteristic of all of our Christian colleges. I do not believe they are.

I think an alumnus has an important function to inform himself about his Alma Mater and then make his criticism to the particular person or persons involved, where it can do the most to correct the fault.

We at Harding want to know what the alumni think of Harding. We like to know, of course, when you think we are doing well, but it is also important that you tell us when you believe we have made a mistake, but please get the information first.

Thirdly, I believe an alumnus of Harding College should be a staunch defender of the college. I believe that this is a responsibility because of the debt we owe to the college. Harding has done so much for each of us who have attended.

We have not really paid the cost of our education if we have paid every penny of our tuition fees, board and room while we are in college. We haven't paid for the sacrifices of the teachers and administrators. We haven't paid for the buildings and the equipment which have been given through the generosity of friends and have been made possible through the great effort of those who must get out and raise money. The least we can do is defend our Alma Mater.

I would never urge anyone to defend any person or institution that is in error. I do not want to be placed in a position where I have to defend something that I feel to be wrong. This I am not suggesting at all. I am suggesting that instead of being timid about our Alma Mater we should stand up for her before others.

There is so much good here. Sometimes we slip into a trap. Somebody becomes critical or makes a critical statement concerning our Alma Mater and we begin to remember the things that we didn't like, so we join in and develop a gripe session often saying much more than we really mean. This is not constructive. It doesn't help the image of Harding before others, it doesn't help the people we are talking to, and it doesn't help Harding.

If we have some criticism let's make it to those who can do something about it, the administration of Harding College, and if we hear others criticizing let's do our best to defend Harding in those many things where she can be defended. Let us all be real alumni.

★ HERE AND THERE ★

Mrs. Malcolm Murray, **Fayette Coleman** (BA'46), who teaches English in Searcy Junior High School, has been chosen as a participant in the NDEA Institute for Advanced Study in English. It will be held at the State College of Arkansas, Conway, July 10-August 18.

As a participant in the English Institute, Mrs. Murray will attend classes in linguistics, composition and literature, and will have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with new curricula and materials for teaching.

Elmo J. Robinson Jr. ('59) was graduated from the University of Oklahoma Medical School on June 11. He began his internship at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla., July 1. Mrs. Robinson is the former **Marilyn Dodd** (BA'59).

Jim Eckerberg (BS'59) is now chief chemist for Krause Milling Company in St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. Eckerberg is the former **Mary Jane Everhard** ('58).

John Belasco ('65) and family are now living in Rochester, N. Y. The Belascos left Houston, Tex., March 28. They are participating in the Exodus movement to Rochester.

Mrs. Belasco is the former **Judy Blackburn** ('67). The couple has three children.

Lavon Carter ('67) has been awarded the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award. A senior business administration major from Valdosta, Ga., he will receive a silver medal and a year's subscription to the Journal.

Marie Laird (BA'66) has been named recipient of a National Defense Education Association Doctoral Fellowship. Now teaching in Worcester, Mass., she will begin advanced work in physical education at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., in September.

Ed Higginbotham (BA'60) was named Outstanding Young Educator by the Searcy Jaycees at their annual banquet Thursday, June 1. He is a coach and teacher of physical education at Harding Academy.

Sammy Brooks ('61) is now living at 11129 Jefferson Highway 64, New Orleans, Louisiana 70133. He is Sales Representative with the American Sugar Company.

Sammy's wife is the former Ann Hughes. They have two children: Scott 6 and Susan, 4.

Our Sympathy

To Mrs. Bill Hefley, **Jane Sutherlin** (BA'55), and Mrs. Marshall McRee, **Pat Sutherlin** (BS'60), in the sudden passing of their father, Leonard Sutherlin, June 4 in Searcy.

To Mrs. Bill Dold, **Imogene Maynard** (BA'51) whose father, Earl E. Maynard, of West Plains, Mo., passed away May 29.

To **Clyde** ('53) and **Ruth Barker** ('46) New in the passing of their son, Clyde Wayne Jr., on July 16, 1966. He was killed in an industrial accident in Corpus Christi, Tex.

To Mrs. Paul E. Miller, **Alyene Yocum** ('44), whose father, Arthur Yocum, passed away of a heart attack at his home on May 15 in Bradford.

Mr. Yocum was the grandfather of **Paul R. Miller** ('64).

To **Leon McQueen** (BA'60) and **Kay McQueen** ('62) whose mother, Mrs. Charlotte McQueen, of Geary, Okla., passed away early in May.

To **Foy White** ('68) whose wife and baby were killed May 7 in an automobile accident at Rogers, Ark. Foy is in serious condition.

CLASS OF 42

25th Anniversary

By Jim Bill McInteer

The Class of '42 celebrating the 25th anniversary of its graduation from Harding, not only made but recalled a little history!

In the making of the history the permanent president of the class Louis Green, and a member of the Board of Trustees, presented to Clifton Ganus, the president, a check stating the Class of '42 had given \$1,200 to Harding. (This is quite an increase over the class project of 1942 when it sought to install fluorescent lights in the library and paint the old ceiling in Godden Hall.) So far as records go this is the largest monetary contribution any 25 year class has given to Harding so far. '43rs — set your sights!!

By consultation with the 1942 annual, which class member Ann French Bentley edited and Louis Green "business managed," it was found that the 17 men of the 37 total who graduated from that class were still in style! Pictured in the **Petit Jean**, three of the 17 men wore **vests** and 8 of them were wearing **double-breasted suits** — 25 years ago! The girls were not much behind in style either — their hair was long, the skirts were short, and the figures made them look like they belonged to the Diet-Rite generation!



From the class six marriages came: Cora and Troy Blue; John and Marie Dillingham; Bibbo and Louis Green; Margaret and Bob Reeves; Wayne and Annie Lee Hemingway; and Jim and Nell Maple.

One hundred thirty-one people during those four years were a part of the class at one time or another. These folks themselves have furnished the following things to Harding College:

(1) The Class of '42 provides the first lady of Harding in the person of Louise Nicholas Ganus.

(2) It also provides one of the teachers as Troy Blue this fall returns to teach math.

(3) Similarly from the class came two Board members, Louis Green with 12 years of service on the Board, and Jim Bill McInteer with 17. Jim Maple is on President Ganus' Development Council and is also a Board member of Oklahoma Christian College.

(4) Marguerite O'Banion for 21 years has been on the campus of Harding serving as secretary to Dr. George Benson, formerly president of the college, and now head of the National Education Program.

(5) Dr. Kenneth Davis, director of the Belles and Beaux and director of the A Cappella Chorus, was a former

member of that class as well as another teacher at Harding, Elsie Mae Keeton Lynn, currently teaching English in the Academy.

In other distinctions from the Class of '42, several men have been made elders: Kern Sears, Cliff Ganus, Larry Buffaloe, Ken Davis, Jim Maple and Earle Priest. Two are deacons — Bill Alexander and Alvis Brown in their home congregations. Wayne Saunders, Aubrey Miller, Louis Tandy and Jim Bill McInteer are preachers that come from the class.

The alumnus that reported the most children of the Class of '42 was Jack Lay, having six children and one grandchild. There were several that tied for second: Don Healy with five children; Aubrey Miller with five; Vernon and Kathy Boyd with five; and the Lowell Blands with five children. Three from the Class of '42 have continued their education obtaining the PhD degree — John Sands of Florida, Kern Sears of Missouri and Kenneth Davis of Arkansas. The class has provided one missionary, Sister Ken

(Iris Merritt) Elder of Africa. Four of the class currently live in Searcy: Elsie Lynn, Louise Ganus, Ken Davis and Marguerite O'Banion.

Those Harding alumni whose children have been or are currently being educated at Harding are: Lorraine Heberd Haines; the Vernon Boyds; the Troy Blues; the Jim Maples; the Quentin Gateleys; the Aubrey Millers; the Ernest Salners; the Wayne Hemingways; the Louis Greens; and the Clifton Ganus'.

While students at Harding a play was produced entitled "Death Takes No Holiday." This has proven true for the class. Those who have quit the walks of men are: Orvid Mason, Wilela Knapple, Bernice Burford Whidden, and Gorman Wilkes.

Of the 37 who graduated from Harding 25 years ago, (two of the graduates have been removed by death,) from the possible 35, 15 returned to be on the campus for their special 25th reunion. May God continue to grant His favor to those who seek to walk in His ways.

Louis Green conducted the 25th Anniversary Chapel for Class of '42.





Paulette Joslin ('64) to **Charles M. Berger Jr.** on Sept. 3, 1966, in Little Rock.

Pat Jones (BA'66) to **Dale Brewer** ('68) on Dec. 19, 1966, in New Albany, Miss.

Kitty Krause ('67) to **Richard E. Amen** ('67) on May 5 in Searcy.

Janice McClurg ('64) to **Thomas E. Doyle** on March 30 in Fukuoka, Japan.

Carol Willis ('66) to **Terrence Michael Coleman** on March 25 in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Marilyn Griffin (BA'67) to **Jake Vincent** (BA'67) on June 1 in Searcy.

Oleta Garner ('55) to **Joe della Sorte** on May 7 in New York, N. Y.

Barbara Ruth Hornbuckle (BA'62) to **John W. Faules** (BS'62) on May 30 in Little Rock.

Jewell McMillin ('63) to **Royal D. Gauthier Jr.** on Jan. 21 at Flint, Mich.

Marjorie Chambers (BA'67) to **Randy Robinette** (BS'66) on March 18 in Carbondale, Ill.

Joy Woolard ('67) to **Larry French** (BA'66) on May 28 in Searcy.

Mike Lamb ('69) to **Mary Linville** on June 2 at Delight.

Patsy Huskey ('70) to **James Johns** ('70) on June 12 at Tuckerman.

Donna Neal (BS'65) to **Lowell Ralph Kirkbride** ('69) on May 6 at Cleveland, Miss.

Linda Leasure ('69) to **Robert Michael Lawyer** ('68) on May 27 in Searcy.

Martha Pitner (BA'67) to **Benny L. Gooden** (BA'66) on May 26 at Searcy.

Linda Cannon to **Harold Smith** ('69) on June 4 at Searcy.

Freda Ferguson (BS'65) to **Glenn Barber** ('68) on June 1.

Betty Crook (BA'66) to **Robert Warren Scaife** on June 2.

Sharon Hunnicutt (BA'67) to **Paul Martin Pitt** (BA'67) on June 30 in Memphis, Tenn.

Barbara Neely (BA'67) to **F. J. Thomas III** (BS'67) on June 17 in Dayton, Ohio.

Linda Miller ('67) to **Thomas O. Blucker** (BS'66) on June 16 in Rockdale, Tex.

Peggy Flippen (BA'67) to **David Senn** ('67) on June 8 in Sterling, Ill.

Linda Faye Graff (BA'63) to **Herbert Le Woolf III** in June 11 in Huntsville, Ala.

Alice Ann Hendrix ('69) to **Keith L. Straughn** ('67) on June 1 in Searcy.

Judy Owens (BA'67) to **James Edward Dennis** ('67) on June 2 in Searcy.

Margaret Arnold (BA'67) to **Bobby Franklin Acre** (BA'67) on June 3 in North Little Rock.

Joyce Erwin ('69) to **James Daniel Bennett** ('67) on June 2 in Paragould.

Karen Kelton (BA'66) to **Lt. Henry C. Butner** on July 8 at Paris.

HERE AND THERE, Continued

The publicity office received a distress call from **Stansell L. Jones** ('33) in Ruidoso, N. M., for instructions on building a Harding swing. He had misplaced his copy of the February Bulletin in which the dimensions were given. The instructions were mailed and probably by now the folks in New Mexico are happily swinging away.

Donald P. Garner (BA'49), head of the department of speech at Eastern Illinois University, has been promoted to full professor. He also directs the Charleston Community Theatre. He was married June 12, 1966, to **Suellyn Lindsey**. "Surely I must be the last member of my graduating class to get married," he said.



Daughter, **Rebecca Agnes**, to **Bill and Barbara Harris** (BA'59) McDonough on April 15, in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Daughter, **Deborah Deanne**, to **Jimmy** (BA'62) and **Phyllis Gilstrap** ('65) **Miller** on Nov. 6, 1966, in Ft. Worth, Tex.

Son, **Randall James**, to **Larry** ('61) and **Margaret Wolfe** ('61) **Nixon** on April 27 at Lynwood, Calif.

Daughter, **Kayla Faye**, to **Marvin** (BA'63) and **Donna Rickett** on June 10 at Memphis, Tenn.

Son, **David Matthew**, to **Bob and Mary Ann Walton** ('65) **Martin** on June 2 in Hawthorne, Calif.

HERE AND THERE, Continued

Capt. Jerry M. Figgins (BS'60) participated in a joint amphibious and airborne training exercise in the Caribbean in April. The C-130 pilot at Dyess AFB, Tex., was a part of the maneuver which involved 21,000 personnel.

David F. Lawyer (BS'66) has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland, Tex. He is being assigned to Robbins AFB, Ga., for training and duty as a personnel specialist. Mrs. Lawyer is the former **Geneva Combs** (BA'62).

Ruth Simmons Glover ('60) presented a musical concert for the La Ventana Study Club in Lockney, Tex. She presented songs from classical to current selections and accompanied herself for vocal numbers. **Robert Glover** ('58) is minister for the church in Lockney. They have two daughters, **Laurie**, 4, and **Bonnie Beth**, 1.

Daughter, **Jennifer Anne**, to **Jerry and Marilyn Horvath** (BA'63) **Fowler** on April 16.

Daughter, **Catherine Ann**, to **Jerry and Hilda Earls** ('59) **Cole** on May 11 in Dallas, Tex.

Daughter, **Lori Dawn**, to **Joe** (BA'65) and **Dawn Robinson** (BA'64) **Adams** on Feb. 17 in Hollywood, Fla.

Son, **Stephen Wade**, to **Carter and Norma Thomas** (BS'62) **Dorris** on May 1 in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Son, **Bryan David**, to **David** (BA'65) and **Leah Gentry** (BA'65) **Burks** on January 23 in Baton Rouge, La.

Daughter, **Shannon DeAnn**, to **Jim and LaNell Murry** ('64) **Morgan** on March 11 in Portsmouth, Va.

Daughter, **Michelle Jenee**, to **Mike** (BA'60) and **Kirsten Christensen** (BS'63) **Canoy** on Nov. 1, 1966 in Austin, Tex.

Son, **Ronald Edward** to **Edward Cullum** (BA'59) and **Anne Kirk** ('61) **Ritchie** on April 11 in Montgomery, Ala.

Son, **Stephen Dale**, to **Harold Dean** ('52) and **Nell Lamb** (BA'58) **Gass** on Feb. 10 in Wake Village, Tex.

Son, **Philip Hjalmar**, to **Jim** (BS'59) and **Mary Jane Everhard** ('58) **Eckerberg** on May 1 in St. Joseph, Mo. The Eckerbergs also have a daughter, **Kirsten May**, age 6.

Son, **Alan Jarrad**, to **Richard** (BA'59) and **Carole Jarrad** ('57) **Hawkins** on April 28 in Little Rock.

Daughter, **Julie Anne**, to **Bob** (BS'61) and **Cathy Peters** ('67) **Jones** on May 14 at Wichita Falls, Tex.

Daughter, **Pamela Camille**, to **Jere** (BA'63) and **Carolyn Hall** (BA'62) **Yates** on April 30 in Boston, Mass.

Daughter, **Christina Michelle**, to **Jerry and Wilma Campbell** (BA'57) **McLaughlin** on Nov. 9, 1966.

Son, **James Douglas Jr.**, to **Jim** (BA'65) and **Anne Whiddon** ('65) **Keeth** on Jan. 14 in Lake Charles, La.

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Dr. F. W. Mattox was honored as Alumnus of the Year.



A new alumnus gets his picture taken on Graduation Day.



Student duo, Joan Ritchie and Darrel Chitty, entertained at luncheon.

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