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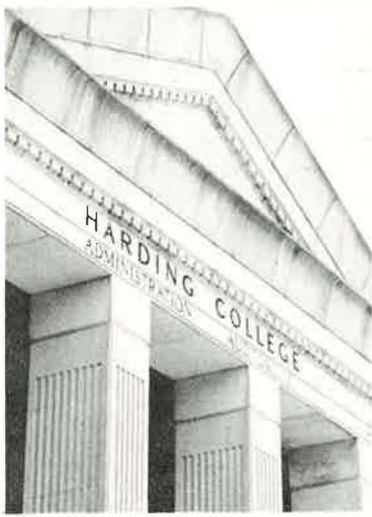


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## HARDING COLLEGE



AUGUST BULLETIN

### V. E. Howard Delivers Graduation Address

Noted radio evangelist, author and businessman V. E. Howard of Texarkana, Tex., delivered the commencement address to 98 candidates for degrees at summer graduation exercises August 14.

Receiving diplomas were 14 candidates for the Master of Arts in Teaching degree, 16 for the Bachelor of Science degree and 68 for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Howard attended Abilene Christian College, Harding, and Arkansas State Teachers College. The native of Farmersville, La. began preaching in 1931.

He began radio preaching 35 years ago and since the beginning of World Radio in 1963 he has been the English language speaker on this international broadcast.

During the commencement exercises Howard was honored by Harding's Board of Trustees with the Distinguished Christian Service Award.

The story of Howard's life was recorded for the college Oral History Library following his commencement address.

## Christian Junior College Presidents Ellis, Smith Receive LL.D. Degrees

Presidents of two Christian junior colleges received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees at Harding's summer commencement exercises August 14.

Emmett Smith, president of Crowley's Ridge College in Paragould, Ark., and Geoffrey H. Ellis, president of Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario, were the recipients of the awards.

Smith attended Harding in 1940-42 and again in 1944-46. He received his Masters in School Administration in 1948 from Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn.

The native of Weldon, Ark., has served as president of Crowley's Ridge Academy since its beginning in 1953 and as president of Crowley's Ridge College since 1964.

Ellis received both his BA and MA degrees in 1954 from Abilene Christian



Dr. Geoffrey Ellis



Dr. Emmett Smith

College. He taught history, Bible and athletics at Great Lakes Christian College from 1954-61.

After serving one year as Assistant to the President, Ellis in 1961 was named president of the school.

The honorary degrees were presented by President Clifton L. Ganus at the commencement exercises honoring 98 summer graduates.

### Enrollment of 1900 Expected

## Fall Classes Begin September 11

With an expected enrollment of 1900, Harding College will begin its 36th year at the Searcy campus when classes begin September 11.

Fall semester classes will be preceded by a week of orientation, counseling and registration. Students are expected to arrive on campus Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6.

Freshmen and new students will have the busiest pre-session schedules, including assemblies, films, tests and socials to prepare them for college life at Harding.

The first week of activity will begin with a meeting of all student workers at 7:15 a.m., Monday, Sept. 7 for work assignments. This meeting will be followed at 8:00 a.m. by an assembly for freshmen and at 9:00 a.m. by a session for upperclassmen.

Upperclassmen will then begin the counseling procedure for fall classes while freshmen will start the orientation program of physical tests and films.

On Tuesday morning the upperclass counseling and freshmen orientation will be concluded, with freshmen counseling beginning that afternoon.

Freshmen counseling should be completed by Wednesday noon, allowing juniors and seniors to begin registration in the afternoon. On Thursday sophomores and freshmen will register.

"Mixers" will be sponsored by the Student Association Monday and Tuesday evenings and on Friday night an all-school watermelon party will be held. Lily pool devotionals are also planned for the opening week.

# MAT Program Embarks On 15th Year

Harding's graduate program toward the Master of Arts in Teaching degree will begin its fifteenth year of instruction this fall. Dr. Nyal Royse begins his second year as the first full-time director of the program.

The department is presently conducting a study of the feasibility of offering a Master of Education degree in school administration and special education. "The state department asked us to add the administrative degree because no other school in central Arkansas offers it," Royse said.

"The special education program is being considered because of changes in accreditation requirements for public schools in this area. Districts are now required to have special edu-

cation teachers."

Since the first Harding student received his MAT degree in May, 1956, two hundred forty-two students have received similar degrees. Several holders of the MAT degree are now teaching on both the junior and senior college levels.

Six areas of study are included in the program. Students may choose from the areas of social studies, humanities, natural science, speech, speech therapy, and physical education.

"Although the MAT degree program is designed to prepare superior elementary and secondary teachers and is actually a terminal degree, several MAT graduates have completed their

doctorates and received full credit for the graduate work completed in the MAT program," said Dr. Joseph Pryor, Dean of the College.

Harding's program, according to Dr. Pryor, was begun at the strong urgings of Dr. Ed McCuiston of the Arkansas Department of Education. The program was to continue the five-year experiment in teacher education that was conducted in Arkansas with funds from the Ford Foundation.

Continuing his brief history of the program, Dr. Pryor noted that the program was provisionally accredited in 1959 by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and reaccredited in 1962 following another evaluation.

## Early Registrations Urged for Senior Day

Annual Senior Day for all high school seniors and their sponsors will be Oct. 17, according to Eddie R. Campbell, dean of men and director of the annual event.

Campbell urged all seniors to attend, explaining that campus visits are important factors in making decisions on which college to attend.

Registration will be conducted from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the lobby of the American Heritage Building.

More information can be obtained by writing Eddie R. Campbell, Harding College, Searcy, Ark. 72143.

## AWH General Meeting Scheduled for September 24

A general meeting of the Associated Women for Harding will be hosted by the Harding chapter September 24, Mrs. Bill Williams, chapter president announced.

"You don't have to be a member to attend," she said. "In fact, we'd like to have as many visitors as possible."

Organization of new chapters, membership development, and special projects will be discussed. Registration will be in the Band Room of the Claude Rogers Lee Music Center from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## 'The Bond of Peace' Selected as Theme Of 47th Lectureship

The theme for the 47th annual Lectureship "The Bond of Peace" has been announced by director Dr. Joe Hacker, chairman of the Bible department. The event will be held November 23-26.

Lectureship coordinator Dr. Neale Pryor, assistant professor of Bible, said the main emphasis will be on living at peace with one another. The setting will be Ephesians 4:3: "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

Vital themes such as the basis for peace, the promoting of peace, and the disturbers of peace will be presented. Besides the theme lecture on "The Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace," major speeches will be given on "The Prince of Peace," "Peace at Any Price?," and "Blessed Are the Peacemakers."

"This should be a very timely theme in this age when the world is so desperately seeking peace," Pryor said. "It is hoped that attention will be drawn to Christ and the principles of his Word, the only way to real peace."

Further information is available through the Bible department.

## Risinger Succumbs To Heart Attack

Harry B. Risinger, an elder of the College Church of Christ and Harding College pilot, died July 17 of a heart attack while mowing the lawn at his home. He was 49.

A veteran of more than 80 combat missions during World War II, Risinger had been an employee of the college for 15 years. He also served in sales and public relations with the college dairy.

He was a member of the board of the Southern Christian Home in Morrilton.

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## National Figures, Current Events Studied By Harding Students

Spanning the continent and the world in search of the most reliable information and knowledge regarding current issues which face America in business, economics, politics, war, and narcotics . . . having personal contact with men who are recognized as leading authorities in these fields . . . seeing industry, the arts, historical places, and the democratic system of government in action — these and many more are the challenges facing Harding students through the American Studies Program.

The program, directed by Billy Ray Cox, Harding vice-president, is divided into two parts — one for college students enrolled at Harding, and the other for high school students who earn the chance to become delegates to Harding's annual Youth Citizenship Seminar through scholarships, essay contests, or speech tournaments in their home states. The entire program is designed to expand horizons of insight and deepen channels of esteem for life the American way.

Although all Harding students participate in the program regardless of their major fields, a more extensive program is provided for outstanding students majoring in history, political science, economics, business or social science. These students are privileged to hear national and international figures discuss the vital issues of concern to America and the world, and to visit financial, industrial and governmental centers across the nation.

Fifty-six students enrolled this year heard special presentations on topics from American economic policies to American involvement in Vietnam. Among the visiting speakers were Dr. Hans Senholz of Grove City College in Pa.; Dr. Tony Bouscaren, internationally known political scientist; Dr. Maurice Hood, renowned heart and lung surgeon from Austin, Tex., and Walter Judd, former Minnesota congressman for twenty years.

Major General Sid McMath of the Marine Corps Reserve and Major General Raymond G. Davis, director of the education center at the Marine Corps Base at Quantico, Va., evaluated for the Harding students the role of the United States in Southeast Asia.

Two tours highlighted the year's activities. Students visited Dallas in



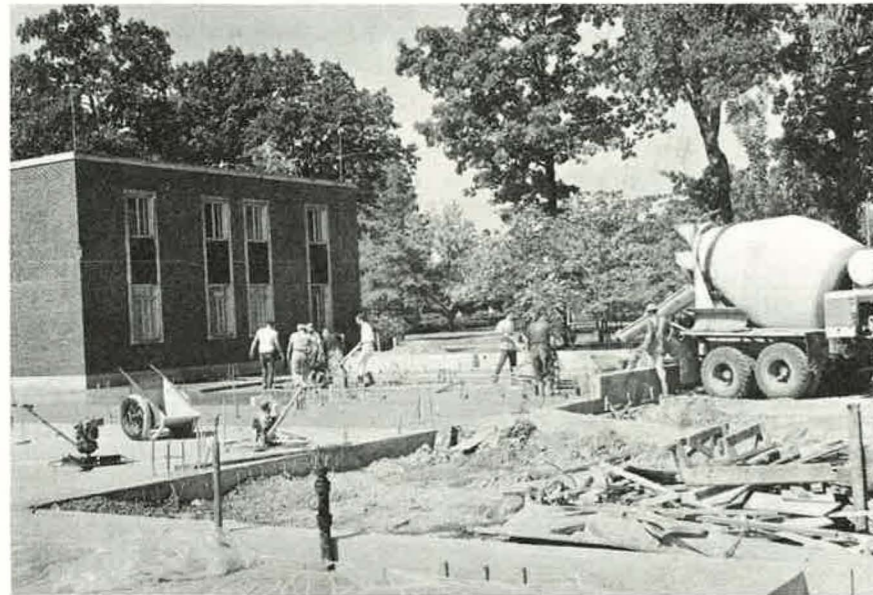
Students visit businesses on annual visits.

the fall where they conferred with top management leaders in business and industry — learning of their programs, plans, and philosophies. The spring tour consisted of a visit to Chicago's economic, educational, political and industrial centers, as well as her historical museums and modern-day cultural attractions.

As a part of the American Studies Program, the Business Marketing Team, sponsored by director Cox, won the International Intercollegiate Marketing Competition for the third time in the eight-year history of the Games, and retired the J. E. Chrissy Trophy.

Each summer a citizenship conference is held for high school students as another facet of the program. This year more than 480 students from a six-state area flooded the campus to hear nationally-known speakers during Harding's 15th annual seminar. Sponsored by Civitan Clubs, Farm Bureaus and other organizations, these serious-minded young boys and girls attended classes, engaged in discussions, viewed films and went on tour to learn — with an emphasis on pride in America and her ideals — how to be better citizens.

The students receive educational opportunities that are unsurpassed, producing in them a quality of excellence readily recognized by employers in business, industry, and public school systems across the nation. As one speaker commented, "I pay tribute to Harding College . . . Where many colleges are studying neither our system or the adversary, Harding is doing its homework, and doing it well."



Workmen pour foundation for 16,906 square foot library expansion.

## \$400,000 Library Expansion Begun

Construction on the \$400,000 addition to Beaumont Memorial Library began June 9 on the college campus.

The proposed two-story structure, containing 16,906 square feet, will increase the size of the existing building by 80 per cent, Lott Tucker, vice-president for finance, stated.

The addition is made possible through a grant from the J. E. and L. Mabee Foundation, Inc. of Tulsa, Okla.

The new area will provide shelving

for an additional 58,000 volumes. Librarian Miss Shirley Birdsall indicated seating capacity will be expanded to 600 and total shelving capacity to 170,000 volumes.

Included in the new accommodations will be a microfilm and storage room, an educational media center, an unbound periodical room, an oral history and music library room, an archive room, three conference rooms, and additional office space.

The new facilities will be completed in approximately nine months.

# Physician Mixes Evangelism, Medicine

By Gene Ellmore

Practicing medicine, teaching in a medical school, involvement in an evangelistic campaign or cottage meeting work, serving as a deacon and director of the church personal work program where he attends, and serving on the board of a newly established Christian Academy—these are some of the multifarious activities in the life of Dr. Dan E. Russell of Shreveport, La., a member of the President's Development Council at Harding College.

Dr. Russell possesses the unique ability for properly blending dedication to God and humanity. As director of the Personal Evangelism Program at the Creswell Church of Christ, he feels this is the very heart of the work of the church. Of the program he said: "If we could get more people involved with this work we wouldn't have any problem with the growth of the church. It is so difficult to keep people motivated and stimulated to do this vital work even when they see the results that are forthcoming."

Not only is Russell the director of the program, but he is a very diligent and effective worker. "I really feel, personally, that if I am not engaged in at least one cottage meeting all of the time there is something lacking in my diet," he said.

When asked to comment on the greatest thrill or the happiest time of his life, Russell said: "The happiest I have ever been, or the thing that thrills me most is this personal work. The thrill of seeing my mother, my sister, my sister's two children, my son, my daughter, and my brother-in-law obey the gospel, and to feel that I had a small part in it by stimulating their study, is a joy beyond measure."

This great driving force in his life—



Dan Russell, M.D.

the passion of serving humanity in the greatest way possible—does not cease with his family. He feels that daily contact with people in his practice provides a great opportunity for serving Christ. "If anyone opens the door to talk about Christianity, I usually try to take advantage of it," said Dr. Russell. "So far I have not had anyone become upset about it. If they think you are interested in them—not only their physical health, but their spiritual health as well—they appreciate it."

Born in Lake Charles, La., Dr. Russell grew up in Shreveport and attended two years of college at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge before being called up for his first tour of duty with the United States Army. First stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas with the Calvary Division, in 1943, he was sent to Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., to complete his pre-medical training. Following his discharge, Russell returned to the L.S.U. Medical School where he graduated in 1948.

Dr. Russell did his internship at the Shreveport Charity Hospital in 1948-49, and then took three more years

in specialization in internal medicine. During his internship he married Susie Juanita Antwine and they have two children, Dan Earl, Jr., 16, and Linda Sue, 11.

Soon after becoming a Christian in 1960, he was involved in an evangelistic campaign conducted in the city of Shreveport. This was the beginning of a greater interest in and service to humanity. Later, Russell was active in the Journey to Eternity program — a combined radio-personal evangelism effort — conducted throughout the city.

His first contact with Harding came in 1965 when he attended the annual Bible Lectures with an elder of the Creswell congregation. "I didn't know what a lectureship was," he said, "or really where Harding was, although I had heard of it. That was an excellent introduction and we have been returning ever since and bringing others with us," he added.

Dr. Russell is enthusiastic about the promotion of Christian education. Speaking at the President's Development Council Meeting, May 2, 1970 on the Harding campus, he said: "The academic accomplishments and the national recognition which Harding has achieved are almost unbelievable but its rich religious heritage of training young people to save souls has elevated it to the heights of greatness. This is what motivates me to promote the college in every way that I can." Russell serves as a member of the President's Development Council at Harding and has been instrumental in the establishment of a Christian Academy in Shreveport, serving on its Board of Trustees.

A strong believer in the philosophy that the youth of today need good training, Russell said: "Young people today are crying for authority. They don't know it, but they are. And if we as parents and adults don't get back to the rules and discipline needed to train them, we are going to lose them."

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 7-10 — Counseling and registration
- Sept. 11 — Fall classes begin
- Sept. 19 — Harding vs. Southwestern  
(Home, 7:30 p.m.)
- Sept. 25 — Harding vs. Millsaps  
(Jackson, Miss., 2:00 p.m.)
- Oct. 3 — Harding vs. Southern State  
(Magnolia, 7:30 p.m.)
- Oct. 10 — Harding vs. Mississippi College  
(Clinton, Miss., 7:30 p.m.)
- Oct. 12-14 — Bible Seminar  
H. A. (Buster) Dobbs
- Oct. 17 — Senior Day — Homecoming  
Harding vs. Arkansas A&M

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