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Graduate School Serves Nation

Fifteen years have elapsed since the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis began offering graduate training for ministers. During that span approximately 1,600 have studied in the school. Many of these students commuted to Memphis from various points in the Mid-South area. Students have come to the school from Arkansas, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee, some driving as much as 350 miles each way weekly. Approximately two-thirds of the students have lived in the Memphis area.

The school has grown from an initial enrollment of a few Memphis ministers to the present record enrollment of 164. The influence the school has exerted upon the Mid-South area and even on the nation has been a viable force for the teaching of Christianity. Graduates of the School are not only filling the pulpits of the nation's churches, but also teaching in the classrooms of Christian Colleges and working with campus ministries at state universities.

A reputation for the complete training of ministers and teachers has evolved during the school's first decade

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West To Retire; Hazelip Will Assume Dean's Position

Dr. W. B. West, Jr., dean of the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, has announced his retirement effective Aug. 31. He will be succeeded by Dr. Harold Hazelip, a member of the faculty at the graduate school, according to Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, president.

Dr. West, a former chairman of the Bible department at Harding College in Searcy, became dean of the Graduate School in 1958 when the school was established in Memphis. He has also served as Professor of New Testament since that time.



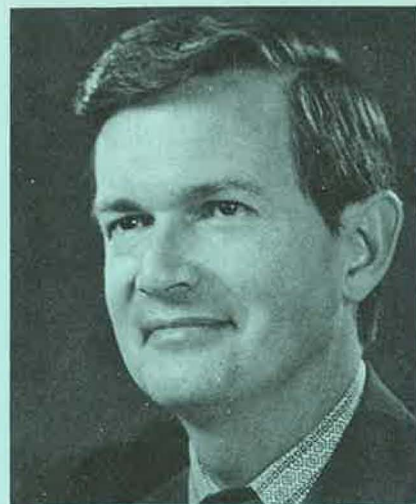
Dr. and Mrs. W. B. West join in cake-cutting ceremonies at an appreciation dinner honoring Dr. West. The dinner was held January 24 in Memphis.

Classes for the graduate school were first held in the Educational Building of the Union Avenue Church of Christ with Dr. West and others driving from Searcy to teach.

"A brief summation of Dr. West's accomplishments demands that much be left unsaid, for his work has been significant in many ways," Dr. Ganus said. "We shall always be grateful for his many years of service and dedication to Christian education."

After finishing high school, he earned a junior college diploma from David Lipscomb College and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Abilene Christian College. He earned the Master of Arts degree and Doctor of Theology degree in New Testament from the University of Southern California. In addition, he has completed course requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Old Testament at the University of Southern California and for the Doctor of Philosophy degree in New Testament at the University of Chicago. He has also engaged in advance studies at McCormick Theological Seminary, Garrett Biblical Institute and Oxford University.

Dr. West has served many congregations of churches of Christ as minister, among them numerous congregations in Los Angeles, Chicago and Memphis. For ten years he was chairman of the department of religion



Dr. Harold Hazelip

at George Pepperdine College in Los Angeles. In 1951 he became chairman of the Bible department at Harding College.

Dr. Hazelip, associate professor of Christian Doctrine at the Graduate School, is a minister of the Highland Street church of Christ in Memphis and is a writer for the Herald of Truth television series.

The professor attended Freed-Hardeman College and received the Bachelor of Arts from David Lipscomb College. He holds a Bachelor of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Iowa.

In accepting the responsibilities as Dean, Dr. Hazelip made the following statement:

"Young men who are now preparing to preach will be declaring God's Word well into the 21st century. We believe that just as the fruitful practice of the law, medicine or accounting is enhanced by extensive preparation, it is certainly well for the preacher to know the Word and today's world as thoroughly as possible. Harding's graduate program offers the young man who already has a broadly based liberal arts education up to three years of specialized training in the languages and backgrounds of Biblical times and texts, church history and the history of religious thought, philosophy of religion and the grounds of faith, as well as the actual practice of preaching and other areas of service (such as the work of educational directors, campus ministers, teachers, chaplains, etc.)"

Program Outlined For Summer Workshop

A faculty of 40 has been selected for the three sections of the tenth annual Christian Workers Workshop at Harding College July 3-6, according to Allan Isom, coordinator. Twenty-five veteran teachers will lead the classes in the Teachers section, five men will conduct the Leadership Forum and the Youth Forum will be directed by five youth leaders.

"Planning Christian Experiences" has been announced as the theme for the four-day event with Larry Swaim of Atlanta, Ga., as keynote speaker for the evening session.

Classes for teachers of all ages, cradle roll through adult, will be held for the Bible Teachers program.

The sessions for the Leadership Forum will be centered on "The Planning of Change" for the morning theme and "Planning Your Church's Curriculum" during the afternoon.

"Jesus" will be the theme for the Youth Forum and a Bible Quiz Bowl will be a daily feature of the forum.

All classes will meet daily Tuesday through Thursday. The Workshop will open Monday night with a keynote address by Swaim.

Registrations are being accepted by the Bible Department and further details may be obtained by writing Dr. Joe Hacker, director, Bible Department, Harding College, Searcy, Ark. 72143.

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and a half of service. The highly competent faculty continues the tradition of providing an education that is relevant to the daily challenges of the local minister.

The complexity of a rapidly changing society in the 70's has placed the minister in a unique position. He not only must be able to confront the challenges of false philosophy, but also must be able to recognize those challenges when they arise.

One of the main goals of the Graduate School of Religion is to equip a minister or teacher for the complexity of today's world. "Our world is complex and ministers are being confronted with highly technical problems. Today's radical thought is anti-Christian. We are seeing more of it in our everyday surroundings," explained Dr. Thomas Warren, professor of philosophy of religion and apologetics.

"No longer are doctrinal matters the minister's only concern. The philosophies of the 70's are questioning the very need for religion and the existence of God. We are attempting to equip our students with the tools to combat these false philosophies," he added.

In addition to training students who have recently received baccalaureate degrees, the school is also providing

course work for ministers who have been serving congregations for ten or more years. "We consider this to be a very important part of our program. Often the demands upon a minister cause him to neglect his study. Graduate courses are allowing these ministers to increase their knowledge and better serve their congregations," commented Dr. W. B. West, dean of the school.

The Graduate School of Religion is providing the "front-line leadership" in the practical training of ministers. All the students receive instruction in teacher training, leadership training and curriculum organization. "The entire emphasis of this phase of our program is to provide useful techniques that may be applied to the local needs of the congregation," commented Dr. Bill Patterson, associate professor of Christian education.

"The value of this practical training is being evidenced in the work of our students. They are implementing programs to be of the greatest benefit to the congregation. The type of education we provide is a thorough training that covers every area of a minister's role in the congregation," he pointed out.

The value of the school's graduate training is of unparalleled importance in today's society. Realizing the need for a greater insight into the challenges confronting them, ministers are profiting from their study on the Memphis campus. The Graduate School of Religion is indeed having impact upon the nation.

New Freshman Orientation Included In June Activities

An Early Orientation program for freshmen entering Harding this fall will be held June 25-27 on the campus. The program is the first of its type conducted by the school. Formerly all freshman orientation was conducted with the beginning of the fall semester.

"Students will be able to select courses, plan their schedules and sectionize for classes during the early session," Dr. James Carr, summer school director, said. The students will be housed in dormitories and will meet with faculty and administrative personnel to become familiar with the environment of the campus and college community. Entertainment and social activities will also be planned.

Registration will begin at 3 p.m. June 25. The session will conclude at noon on June 27.

The Early Orientation session is not a requirement for admission. Students not attending will report to the college for similar instruction Aug. 21.

ACPRA Awards Presented

Harding received two certificates of merit for entries in the Southwest District Honors Competition conducted by the American College Public Relations Association.

Announcement of the awards was made by the outgoing district director, Steele Jones of the University of Texas at El Paso, at the district conference held in Galveston, Tex.

Harding's winning entries were in the categories of publications improvement and slide-film presentations. The publications improvement consisted of four pieces, a full-color folder, "Harding"; an admissions folder "Guest Days, 1971-72"; a summer session recruiting folder "The Advanced Placement Program at Harding College"; and a letterhead design for the public relations office news releases.

The slide-film entry consisted of 80 slides synchronized with cassette tape narration. The 14-minute presentation is used extensively in the areas of admissions and development.

More than 700 entries in the competition were submitted by 93 institutions in Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. Areas of competition included graphic art, photography, audio-visual, news and features.

Campaign Initiated For Memphis Campus

A \$1.5 million fund raising campaign for Harding's Memphis campus has been launched in the Memphis and Shelby County area.

The continued growth of the campus has produced an imperative need for expanded facilities. The campaign is the largest ever attempted in the Memphis area.

The operation of six campuses with elementary school facilities has created an overcrowded situation for Harding Academy's main campus. To accommodate the increasing enrollment a renovation and building program have been planned.

Expansion plans call for the renovation of present facilities to allow more classroom space. Also, new classrooms, a new cafeteria and a multi-purpose gymnasium will be built with funds raised during the campaign.

The total projected plan of expansion for Harding Academy is esti-

nated to cost \$1 million at completion.

To implement the program of instruction by the Graduate School of Religion, additions will be made to the faculty, facilities and budgets. New apartments will be built to house the growing student body and more tuition scholarships will be awarded to students.

The Graduate School building will be renovated and the chapel will be expanded. When this phase of the program is completed, the building will be named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Ijams.

The total cost of this part of the project is more than \$1 million, of which \$500,000 will be raised in Memphis.

The Memphis campaign is being coordinated through the office of Hoyt White, director of development for Harding's Memphis campus. The campaign was launched in March.

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Schedule Announced For Summer Seminar

Classes for both men and women conducted by missionaries and former missionaries will be held during the tenth annual World Evangelism Seminar June 5-17 at Harding College. The daily sessions will open at 8:30 with a devotional, followed by classes on "Special Methods", by Don Shackelford, "Woman's Role in Missions" by Mrs. Shackelford and "European Campaigns" by Dr. Joe Hacker, seminar director.

Chapel services will be held at 10:40. During the afternoon a class on "Cross Cultural Communications" will be taught by Phil Slate; "Anthropology and Missions" will be held

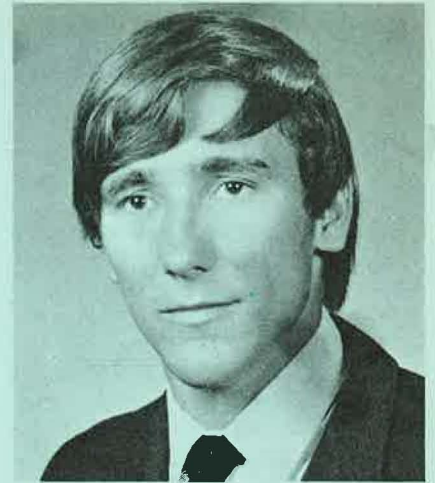
by John Beckloff and a group sharing session will be under the direction of Allan Isom and Ron Brotherton.

An evening address will feature a different speaker each night.

During the second session, Elvis Huffard will replace Dr. Hacker's class with "Developing A Local Congregation's Mission Program."

A \$10 fee will be charged all Workshop registrants and housing will be available in the air-conditioned dormitories at \$1.50 per night.

Further information may be obtained by writing Dr. Hacker, Bible Department, Harding College, Searcy, Ark. 72143.



Tim Geary

Summer Camps Provide Variety of Activities

Registrations are being accepted for the four summer camp programs sponsored by the college at Camp Tahkodah, 40 miles from the Searcy campus.

The month-long session for boys ages 8-18 will begin June 11 and will conclude July 7. Further information

may be obtained by writing Ed Higginbotham, manager, Harding College, Box 703.

Beginning July 9, two weeks of training in basketball and track will be offered in the Sport Camp session. Boys in grades 6 through 12 may register for either or both weeks. A brochure on the program may be obtained by writing Higginbotham.

Camp Salado Bible camp, under the direction of Eddie R. Campbell, will be in session July 23-Aug. 4. Both boys and girls ages 10-18 are eligible for the one or two weeks sessions of the camp. Registration materials may be obtained by writing Campbell at the college.

Tahkodah Music Camp for students who have completed tenth grade through adults will be held August 7-16. Dr. Kenneth Davis Jr., manager, and other members of Harding's music faculty will conduct the ten-day session which includes vocal and instrumental training. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Davis.

The 1300-acre camp has well-equipped cabins and complete recreational facilities in a setting of century-old pines by Salado Creek.

Record Number Expected During Citizenship Seminar

A record 600 participants are expected for Harding's 17th annual Youth Citizenship Seminar, June 11-17. High school students from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri and Tennessee will attend the week-long session.

Professional football quarterback Roger Staubach will headline a list of speakers for the event. The Dallas Cowboys star will be making his second appearance at the seminar. He also appeared at last year's program.

Also included in the week's visiting lecturers will be Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi, chairman of International Studies at Bradley University; Dr. George S. Benson, Harding's president emeritus; Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, president of Harding; and Billy Ray Cox, vice president.

The week's program will include lectures, films and field trips for the participants. The program is sponsored by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Civitan Clubs and Harding's American Studies Program.

Participants will be housed in the American Heritage Center and in the college's dormitories.

Officers Elected for '72-73

Tim Geary, a history major from Merced, Calif., was elected president of the Student Association for 1972-73 in student body vote. A write-in, he defeated Randy Brewer of Memphis 442-376 with 43 per cent of the student body voting.

Other officers of the student governing body were elected without opposition, including Karen Holland of Lake City, vice president; Patricia Johnson of Imperial Beach, Cal., secretary and Mike Justus of Little Rock, treasurer.

Geary is captain of Harding's cross country and track teams and serves as president of Sigma Tau Sigma men's social club. He is listed among Outstanding College Athletes of America.

Class representatives for the ensuing year are: Seniors, Donna Northcutt of Altamont, Ind., and Shawn Jones of Walnut Ridge; Juniors, Jo Stafford of Granby, Mo., and David House of North Little Rock; and sophomores, Beverly Choate of Warren, Mich., and Stephen Tucker of Searcy. Mike James of Kennett, Mo., was elected Married Students representative. Freshmen representatives will be elected next fall.

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