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Board Announces Plans For \$2.6 Million Auditorium

Harding's Board of Trustees has announced plans to begin construction in March, 1978, on the \$2.6 million George S. Benson Auditorium.

In the Board's annual spring meeting in May the decision was made to begin construction in March, if sufficient funds and pledges are received. Construction on the facility would be completed by the fall semester of 1979.

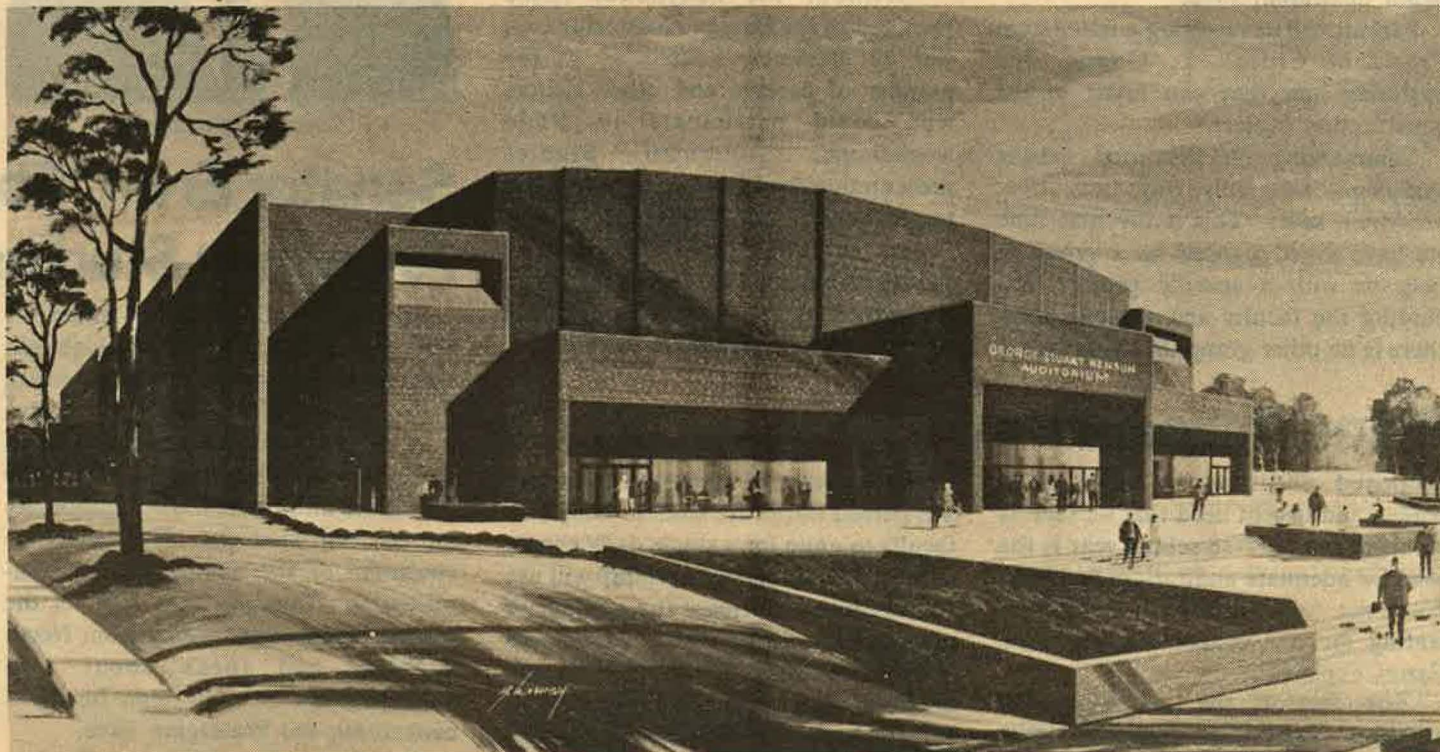
The new auditorium will be named in honor of Dr. George S. Benson, who for 29 years served as president of the institution. He presently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees.

The college's growing enrollment has severely overcrowded the present auditorium. The Administration Building Auditorium was built in 1952 and has a capacity of only 1,272.

For 13 years two separate chapel services have been conducted daily for students and faculty. The two chapel assemblies are required because Harding lacks a single auditorium facility which can handle seating for its entire student body.

Chairs have been placed across the front and back and in the aisles of the Administration Building Auditorium in order to be able to accommodate the student body and faculty for chapel services. The 1977 fall enrollment of more than 2,800 has dramatized the need for new auditorium facilities.

An almost semi-circular seating arrangement on the main floor of the proposed auditorium will provide 3,100 theater-type seats. At the time of construction, an upper level balcony will be built which will eventually provide seating for an additional 300 persons. Initially this portion of the balcony will be divided and used for



Ground breaking for the George S. Benson Auditorium will take place in March of 1978. The structure will be built at the corner of Center and Blakeney Streets where the old tennis courts are now located.

classrooms. Including the balcony area, the auditorium will have a seating capacity of 3,400.

When completed, the George S. Benson Auditorium will be able to accommodate an audience of more than two and one-half times the size of those that are now able to assemble in the Administration Building Auditorium. The new auditorium will be built on Center Street adjacent to the Stevens Art Center and across the street from the Hammon Student Center.

In announcing the construction plans for the Board, President Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., emphasized the need for the

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Homecoming Activities Slated

"Try to Remember," a tune from the musical "The Fantastiks," has been chosen as the theme for Homecoming 1977, set for the weekend of November 4-5. "The Fantastiks" also has been chosen as the musical to be presented by the departments of speech and music at 8:15 p.m., Nov. 2-5.

A growing number of events and activities will be included in the slate of events, with the Class of '52 as the honor class for the weekend. Classes of '37, '42, '47, '57, '62, '67 and '72 will also be honored.

The Class of '52 has reserved Wyldewood Retreat Center as the class's headquarters Saturday when those choosing not to attend the football game may assemble for visiting. At 5:30 there will be a buffet picnic served at \$3.50 per person. Class members have been asked to indicate to

the Alumni Office the number planning to attend so that plans may be made.

The Class of '42 will have a chili supper following the game, with the place to be announced during Homecoming weekend. Members of the '42 class should notify the Alumni Office or Mrs. Clifton L. Ganus Jr. if planning to attend.

Members of the Class of '67 will have a buffet luncheon from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Reception Room of the Olen Hendrix building. The meal will be \$4.00 per person, \$1.50 for children ages three and up.

A reception will be held for the Class of '72 immediately following Saturday's game. Members of the class will assemble at the Trophy Room of the American Heritage Center for the reunion.

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Kresge Foundation Offers \$100,000 Challenge for Classroom Building

Harding College has received a \$100,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan for the construction of a new classroom facility and expansion of the library at the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis.

The announcement was made by William H. Baldwin, president of the Foundation, and Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., president of Harding. Payment is conditioned upon the certification by April 15, 1978, that the balance of funds for the project has been raised.

The contribution will be a significant portion of the \$1.6 million initial stage of construction and renovation in a three-phase campus development project. It will be carried out over a four-year period at an estimated cost of \$5 million.

President Ganus stated, "The Kresge people have really helped tremendously in supporting higher education. We are deeply grateful for their generous gifts to our growing programs."

The new classroom structure will be located at the east end of the E. H. Ijams Administration Building and will form the southeast corner of the main quadrangle. The building, which will have an area of 10,900 square feet, will contain five classrooms, a recreation and kitchen area, and an auditorium which can be partitioned into three separate classrooms.

The proposed library addition will increase reader space by adding 50

study carrels, provide additional space for books, and supply storage area.

Future plans include changes in the E. H. Ijams Administration Building and the School bookstore, which serves the Memphis area. A new housing facility for married students will also be added.

The philanthropic organization has in recent years made gifts totaling \$200,000 toward the construction of two buildings at Harding's Searcy campus. The Hammon Student Center was completed in 1973 at a cost of \$1 million. The \$2.9 million athletic-physical education center was opened in 1976.

During the past 54 years, the Kresge Foundation has made appropriations of more than \$283 million to institutions in the fields of higher education, health services, the arts, social welfare and the care of the young and the aging. Construction and major renovation of facilities is the Foundation's primary concern, and grants are usually made on a challenge basis to encourage further fund-raising efforts.

The Foundation, one of the largest in the United States in size of assets and appropriations, was created solely through the gifts of the late Sebastian S. Kresge, founder of the S. S. Kresge Company, now known as K-mart Corporation. However, the Company and the Foundation are not related in any way.

Parents' Fund Raising Campaign To Aid in Construction of Auditorium

A direct mail fund raising campaign to parents of Harding students will begin in October. The special campaign will be completed in December.

The college will be seeking financial support from the parents for the George S. Benson Auditorium. Construction on the facility is expected to begin in March, 1978.

Parents will be receiving a letter from President Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., outlining how they can assist in the construction project.

Commenting on the fund raising campaign, Dr. Billy Ray Cox, vice-president, said, "This is the first time we have asked parents as a group to help us with a specific project. Excluding the faculty and student body, there is no other group that is as keenly

aware of the critical need we have for auditorium facilities as are the parents of our students."

He pointed out that many of the activities that will be held in the proposed auditorium are activities that are traditionally attended by a large number of parents.

"Without the additional space provided by the Benson Auditorium, we will be extremely limited as to the number of parents and other visitors who could participate in Bible workshops, American Studies presentations and lyceum and dramatic productions," said President Ganus.

Any inquiries regarding this fund raising campaign should be directed to the Office of the President, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

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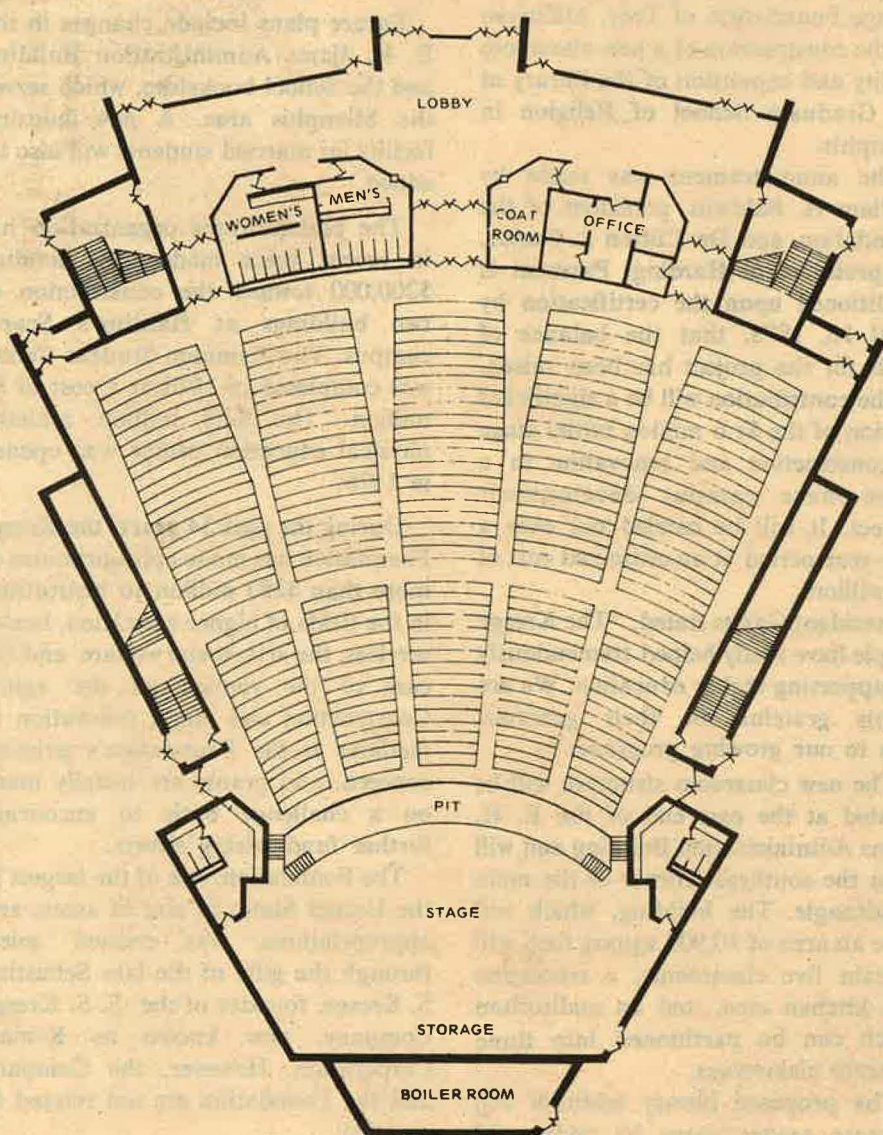
proposed auditorium. "The most critical and urgent need that we face as we begin the 1977-78 school year is the need for adequate auditorium facilities. We must have sufficient auditorium seating for our chapel services," Dr. Ganus explained.

"The size of the Administration Building Auditorium severely limits attendance at many of the programs offered by the college. We must be able to provide adequate facilities for the student body and the thousands of guests who participate in our many campus activities."

The George S. Benson Auditorium will permit the entire student body and faculty to unite for a single daily chapel service. The annual Lectureship will use the facilities to increase the number of persons who will be able to participate in those activities. The auditorium will facilitate even greater participation in Harding's many other Bible programs and workshops.

American Studies presentations, lyceum events, and drama productions will also benefit from the expanded seating capacity provided by the George S. Benson Auditorium.

Proposed George S. Benson Auditorium



Senator Sam Ervin



Abba Eban

Senator Ervin, Eban Keynote Fall American Studies Lecture Series

Senator Sam Ervin, one of America's foremost elder statesmen, will highlight this fall's American Studies Lecture Series sponsored by Harding College.

A 20-year veteran of the United States Senate, Ervin is considered to be one of the most outstanding authorities on constitutional law. He served as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Watergate. On Nov. 8, the former democratic senator from North Carolina will speak about constitutional law and will relate his views concerning the Watergate issue.

On Sept. 20, William Shepler, president of Weapons Corporation of America of Marietta, Ga., will speak to the American Studies Group after a dinner honoring him.

Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel will be on the Memphis campus at the O. O. Emmons Auditorium on Oct. 13. The Ambassador has served in major roles in his country's government including Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Representative to the United Nations. A writer and

lecturer, his two most recent works are *My People* and *My Country*.

An expert on Chinese and Russian politics, Dr. Paul Hamori of Kent State University, will follow Ambassador Eban on the fall schedule. He will speak Oct. 20.

A special economics program will be presented by Dr. James Buchanan of Virginia Polytechnic Institute on Oct. 31.

Arkansas Congressman Jim Guy Tucker will, on Nov. 21, speak after a special dinner given in his honor.

Dr. Richard Walker will conclude the fall semester schedule on Dec. 8. A political science professor from the University of South Carolina, he specializes in China.

For further details or tickets for the programs, write Dr. Bill R. Cox, Director, American Studies Program, Harding College, Searcy, Ark. 72143.

NSF Grant Awarded to Science Department

Harding has received a National Science Foundation grant in the amount of \$13,100 as a result of proposals submitted by two professors from the departments of science.

Dr. W. Bryce Roberson, associate professor of biological science, and Dr. Don England, professor of chemistry, submitted the proposal. Harding received one of 287 from the 1,378 requests submitted.

The matching grant, received as a part of the Instructional Scientific Equipment Program (ISEP), will be used for the purchase of advanced equipment for the biochemistry department's cell physiology program.

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Homecoming Planned

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The annual Black and Gold Banquet, when the year's Distinguished Alumnus will be named, has been set for 5:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4 in the Heritage Cafeteria. Harold Hazlip, Dean of Harding Graduate School of Religion, will be the speaker. Tickets at \$3.50 per person may be ordered. (See coupon inside.)

Saturday's fare will include a complimentary Continental Breakfast for all alumni at Hammon Student Center and Alumni Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

The Student Association Homecoming Parade will get underway at 11 a.m. Pre-game activities at Alumni Field will begin at 1:40 with the Bisons meeting Southern Arkansas University at 2 p.m.

On Saturday night a Variety Show of entertainment by students and guests will be featured in Rhodes Memorial Field House. Admission of 50 cents will be collected at the door.

Other reunions and meetings will be announced at the Registration and Information Desk in the Heritage lobby, which will serve as headquarters for the weekend.

Campus Notes

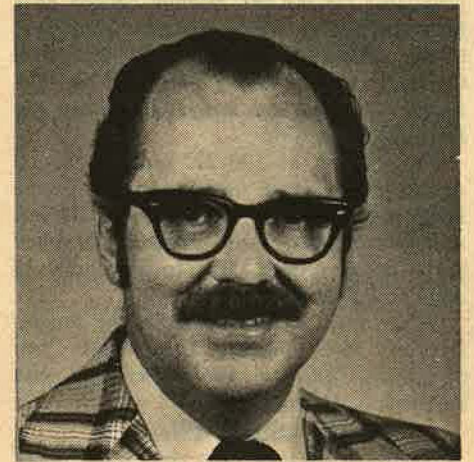
Muncy Commissioned to Write for Arkansas Historical Report

Dr. Raymond Muncy, chairman of the Department of History and Social Science, is one of ten Arkansas educators to be commissioned by Secretary of State Winston Bryant to write a historical composition for the 1978 edition of the "Arkansas Historical Report."

Various periods will be covered as well as short histories of each county, historical essays and state and national election results.

Dr. Muncy will cover the "Preterritorial Period."

In addition to writing articles for religious journals, Muncy has authored two books. *Sex and Marriage in Utopian Communities: 19th Century America* was printed in 1973. In 1975, he was commissioned by the City of Searcy and the Bicentennial Com-



Dr. Raymond Muncy

mission to write *Searcy, Arkansas: A Frontier Town Grows Up With America*. He also wrote "Women in Utopia," a chapter in *French Utopians in America*, edited by Matte Allaine.

Publicity Staff Adds New Member

Andrea Mannen, a 1976 alumna and former yearbook editor, has joined the Harding public relations staff as director of information.

"We feel fortunate to be able to add her to our staff and we feel her talents will be a positive asset to the Harding program," Stanley Green, director of public relations, said.

Green indicated Miss Mannen will coordinate the output of institutional news and will participate in preparation of copy and features for the college's publications.

Miss Mannen, a native of Stuttgart, is a 1973 graduate of Stuttgart High School. As a general science major in college, she was editor of the 1976 *Petit Jean*, the school yearbook. Based on a

Bicentennial theme, the publication received an All-American rating from the American College Publications Association service.

Before joining the Harding staff, Miss Mannen was associated with the Stuttgart public school system and the *Daily Leader* newspaper. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mannen of Stuttgart.



Andrea Mannen

A Cappella Plans Fall Itinerary to Four States

The A Cappella Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Davis Jr., will tour four southern states this fall. Concerts will be given at Senatobia, Miss., Oct. 18; Star City, Nov. 9; Houma, La., Nov. 10; New Orleans, La., Nov. 11-12; Crossett, Nov. 13; Arkadelphia, Nov. 16; Houston, Tex., Nov. 17-18; Bossier City, La. Nov. 19; El Dorado and Pine Bluff Nov. 20.

The Chorus will also participate in the annual Christian College Choral Festival in January, set this year at Pepperdine University in Malibu. Details of the Festival will be announced later.

Enrollment Climbs to Reach Record High

A record 2,850 students have registered at Harding for fall classes. This represents a four and one-half per cent increase over last year's record of 2,724.

According to Assistant Registrar Bill Wallace, the figure will like change when final computations are made.

The college has constantly grown over the past ten years. In the fall of 1967, enrollment reached 1,919, a rise of ten per cent from the previous year. The number has increased each year, with the current figure representing a 49 per cent increase for the decade.

The enrollment filled all available campus housing. A large number of students live in apartments or commute from nearby areas in addition.

Seven Performers Join Belles & Beaux Group

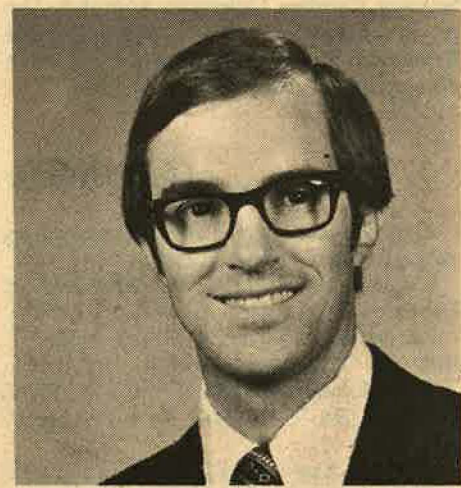
The Belles and Beaux, Harding College's musical variety group, has announced the addition of seven new members for the coming year.

They are: Karl Wendt of Shreveport, La.; Susie Qualls and Ricky Qualls of Camden; Janet Price of Bossier City, La. and Lynne Ketteler of Beaver Dam, Wisc. Ted Williamson of Hemphill, Tex. will be the accompanist and Kent Nelson of Cameron, Mo. will play drums for the group.

Returning members include Lee Harris, Brad Jackson, Tim Smith, Mary Ann Cannon and Gayla Shipp.

The group, under the direction of Dr. Clifton Ganus III, has performed at home and abroad. In addition to singing in major cities such as Detroit, St. Louis, Houston and Memphis, the group has, in recent years, made USO-National Music Council tours to the Far East and Europe.

This fall, they are scheduled to perform in Dallas and Missouri.



Dr. Dennis Organ

Organ's Paper Printed by English Magazine

Dr. Dennis Organ, assistant professor of English, has received notification that his research paper called "King Lear and Tennyson's *The Promise of May*" has been published. The paper appeared in the November, 1976 issue of *Tennyson Research Bulletin*, which was released recently.

The publishing represents the first time a work by Organ, who holds the Ph.D. from Texas Tech University, has been in the *Tennyson Bulletin*.

Martha Burkett Heads Kappa Pi Art Fraternity

Martha A. Burkett, a senior from Searcy, has been elected president of *Harding's Kappa Pi art fraternity* for 1977-78. A national scholarship fraternity, Kappa Pi is a society for junior and senior art students who have excelled academically and artistically.

Other officers are Anthea Harvey, a senior art education major from Annona, Tex., vice president, and Diane Trombly, a junior majoring in art and education from Warren, Mich., secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, chairman of the art department, and Stan Green, a member of the art faculty, are sponsors.

Laboratory Instruments Purchased With Grant Money

The Physical Science Department has received a \$24,641 federal grant for new laboratory equipment in chemistry, physics and physical science. The Title VI-A grant was obtained from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Application was made through the Arkansas State Commission of Higher Education.

The Grant specifies that the college match the amount, bringing the total cost of the purchasing project to \$49,282.

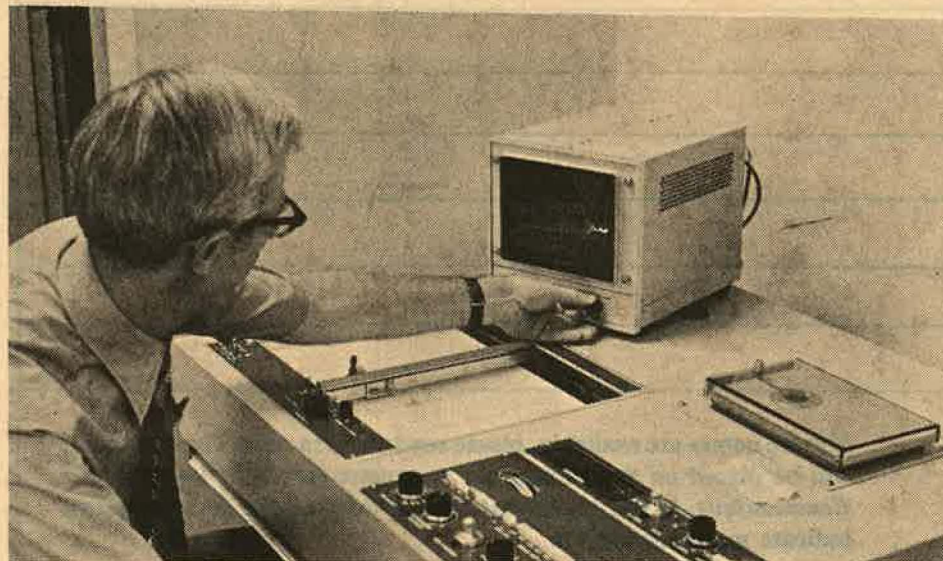
"Our program was hurting for these instruments we will now have. With the acquisition of this badly needed equipment, our labs are adequately equipped for undergraduate instruction," said Dr. Don England, director of the project development committee. He also emphasized that the equipment will be used for research and will allow students to have the "hands on" experience which many will need for graduate and professional schools.

The largest purchase made possible

by the grant was an \$18,000 nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer. The NMR is used to analyze compounds and determine molecular structure. Also purchased was an atomic absorption spectrometer, which can detect the presence of metals in a sample of material.

Some of the other equipment included gas sampling tubes and water pollution analysis kits that will enable students to collect and analyze air and water samples.

The equipment acquisition committee included Dr. England, Dr. James Mackey and Dr. Ed Wilson.



Dr. Don England adjusts oscilloscope of the new NMR spectrometer.

ALUMNOTES

WHAT'S NEW

CLASS OF 1961

Edward "Ted" Cline (BA) was English teacher in his hometown high school in Kentucky the past school year, while also preaching for the Mt. Vernon church near Mammoth Cave. His recently published book, *Sermons That Live!* 50 Complete Outlines, which has a Foreword by Dr. James D. Bales and is available from the Harding bookstore.

The church at 120 N. Mount Vernon Ave., Prescott, Ariz. invited him to become fulltime minister beginning July 31. He was minister at Southwest in Phoenix, for seven years before going back to Kentucky in August, 1976.

Mrs. Cline, a pharmacist, is the former Elwyn Sue Louks. They have two daughters, Tamara and Julie, and one infant son, Jeffrey Ted.

CLASS OF 1966

Dr. John Rickett (BS) has been made associate professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

His wife is the former Janice Sue Akins.

CLASS OF 1970

Jerry Evans (BA), a native of Sandusky, Ohio, was hired as a football coach at Altheimer High School. Evans headed the athletic department of the Armed Forces in Germany.

CLASS OF 1971

Judy Trimm (BS) was appointed district advisor of the Future Homemakers of America by the Florida Board of Education. This is a student organization which is a part of the Home Economics education program. She is responsible for six counties and is one of ten advisors for Florida. She will continue to teach at Tate High School in Pensacola, Fla.

CLASS OF 1972

Dr. Brian Randal Smith (BS) completed his internship in Little Rock and left August 1 for the Nigerian Christian Hospital in Aba, Imo, Nigeria — Box 614 — as the resident doctor.

Lambert E. Murray (BS) has joined the faculty at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, as an instructor in physics.

He is married to the former Alice McKay Shields ('73).

CLASS OF 1973

Paul Farrar (BA) received the Master of Arts degree in physical oceanography from Texas A & M August 13.

CLASS OF 1974

Ryan Smith (BS) has been appointed Director of the Star of Texas Museum in Washington-on-the-Brazos, Texas begin-

ning September 1. He is nearing completion of his M.A. in History and Archives at the University of Texas at Austin.

He is married to the former Peggy Bennett.

Don (BA) and Kathy Burton (BA '73) Shores graduated August 5 from Murray State University, Murray, Ky. with master's degrees in communication. They are now living in Gainesville, Fla. where Don is employed as the associate minister of the University Avenue church of Christ, working with Hollis Miller, the minister and another Harding graduate. Kathy has temporarily retired from full-time journalism.

Don and a Murray State colleague delivered a paper entitled "Jimmy Carter — A populist?" at the August 21-22 Fourth Annual Conference on the Rhetoric of the Contemporary South at Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. They were the only graduate students on the program.

CLASS OF 1975

Bill Bonner (BA) and his wife, the former Leslie Allen (BA) have been working with the church of Christ in Ivory Coast, West Africa since November 1975. They plan to return to the States on furlough in May 1978.

Marc Muncy (BS) has been elected president of the 4th session dental class at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

His wife is the former Tina Kinman (BA), who is a teacher at West Memphis.

Sheryl I. Johns (BA) received the Master of Arts degree in clinical psychology from

Western Carolina University August 5. She is employed at the Developmental Evaluation Center in Murphy, N. C. as a developmental disabilities specialist.

MARRIAGES

Darcy Mae Roberts ('79) to Stanley Lacy August 6 in Lakewood, Colo.

Karen Ann Harlow ('79) to Michael Lee Osborne ('79) August 6 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Karyn Sue Phillips (BA '77) to Gregory C. Hall (BA '77) August 20 in St. Louis, Mo.

Robin Lynn Miller (BA '77) to Ellen Ruth Shroades (BA '77) August 20 in Elizabeth, W. Va.

Deborah Ann Qualls (BA '76) to Richard A. Etheridge August 21 in Greenville, Miss.

Linda Carol Murphy (BS '65) to Donald E. Allee July 1 in Mount Hope, Ontario, Canada.

Paula Mae Martin (BA '76) to Michael McCage August 20 in Searcy.

Terry Creger ('79) to Don Richards, Jr. ('79) July 31, 1976 in Gadsden, Ala.

Gaye Nell Shaw ('79) to David Scott Warr ('77) August 7, 1976 in Little Rock.

Sherri Jo Ferguson ('78) to James Morris Draper June 19 in Memphis, Tenn.

Judy Evans (BA '65) to Bobby G. Skelton March 5 in Santa Fe, N.M.

Lauren Lawyer (BA '72) to Ron Jennings June 30 in Dallas, Tex.

Crystal Dianne Thomas (BA '76) to Gary Keith Carrigan (BA '77) May 16 in Judsonia.

Leah Adriane Formby (BA '77) to Thomas Glenn Justus (BA '77) April 16 in Searcy.

BIRTHS

Son, Brandon David, to David ('71) and Lauren Stevens ('71) Shaw March 26 in Riverdale, Ga. He has a sister, Kerri Lauren, born November 22, 1974.

Daughter, Jamie Alice, to Lowell D. and Melissa Carol Anderson ('73) Whited July 19. Jamie has a brother, Lowell Craig, born June 15, 1973.

Daughter, Erin Catherine-Marie, to Kendell and Phyllis Daugherty ('73) McMillan July 30 in Granite City, Ind.

Daughter, Jennifer, to Ryan (BS '74) and Peggy Bennett ('74) Smith February 22.

Daughter, Emily Lynn, to Johnny ('68) and Donna Hardin (BA '68) Pryssock May 9 in West Memphis.

Daughter, Emily Catherine, to Marty (BA '72) and Elaine Richmond ('72) Thompson July 21. Emily has two brothers, Matthew and Aaron.

Daughter, Amy Lauren, to Carl (MAT '72) and Linda DeCaspers June 28 in King of Prussia, Pa.

Daughter, Bonnie Marie, to Robert (BA '68) and Karen Caison May 14 in Laurens, S. C.

Daughter, Ami Danielle, to David (BA '71) and Candy Cleveland (BA '71) Muncy May 25 in Virginia Beach, Va.

Daughter, Belle Elizabeth, to William ('66) and Harriet Tucker June 14.

Son, William Scott, to Jerry and Ida Voorhees (BA '68) Bass October 15 in Mt. Dora, Fla.

Son, Joel Alexander, to Dr. Carl and Henriette Baker ('72) June 23.

Son, Jeffrey Ted, to Edward "Ted" (BA '61) and Elwyn Sue Cline June 16 in Glasgow, Ky.

Son, Matthew Olan, to Clint (BA '71) and Janice Cole Hicks May 30 in Knoxville, Tenn.

SYMPATHY

To A. Burton ('31) and Nova M. Capps ('34) Springer whose grandson, Steve A. Vest, died in an accident on his way to Kansas City, Kan. July 5.

To Mrs. David Jones, the former Patricia Clement ('65) whose mother, Ruth Clement, died January 3 in Memphis of cancer.

Alumni Aid Sought For Recruiting Prospective Students

A Christian college can provide a tremendous spiritual, social and educational experience for the Christian young person. That's why we are excited about the opportunities available here at Harding College.

It is a thrill to see high school graduates and young college-transfer students come to the Harding campus and develop into full adulthood in this kind of environment. When we see them graduate as mature Christian people committed to be useful citizens wherever they go, it makes our efforts all worthwhile.

Alumni of Harding College as well as other interested parties can be a great help to us in our efforts to contact prospective students. We would like to have names, addresses and other pertinent information on as many young people as possible who would stand to benefit from a Christian college education. Helping us to obtain this information by completing the form below would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your assistance. (Please print.)

Your Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Student's Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Expected high school graduation (mo. and yr.)

Mail to: Admissions Office
Box 762
Harding College
Searcy, AR 72143

If more names are available, please send them in also. These students will be placed on the mailing list to receive quarterly issues of the *Communique*. If you desire that further information be sent, please indicate materials desired.

David Ransom: An Attitude Lights His Life

The following article and photographs by Florence C. Olsen are reprinted by permission of the author and the Daily Statesman-Messenger of Dexter, Mo.

He arrived wearing dark glasses and a yellow leisure suit to speak at the church service.

From the speaking platform he addressed his young audience, "It's good to hear you out there."

Then he began "Now Job, like you and I, had problems." Behind him was a painting of a peaceful river, illuminated in a recess behind the pulpit.

His own voice modulated as he spoke, until when he had reached a peak, he was shouting, "I don't know if I could say like Job that the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away! I dare you to go home and read the Book of Job. I dare you! I dare you! I dare you!"

Then with a quiet voice, the man in the pulpit also admonished his young audience at the Malden Church of Christ to read Philippians Chapter Four, where it is written:

"Not that I complain of want: for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

David Ransom, the man in the pulpit, said in conversation later that the essence of the Christian life is expressed for him in that passage from the book of Philippians.

"The past two years have been the best spiritual training years of my life," he said. In these two years he has experienced the death of his father. He said it is in this period also that he has met several people whose friendships have enriched his life.

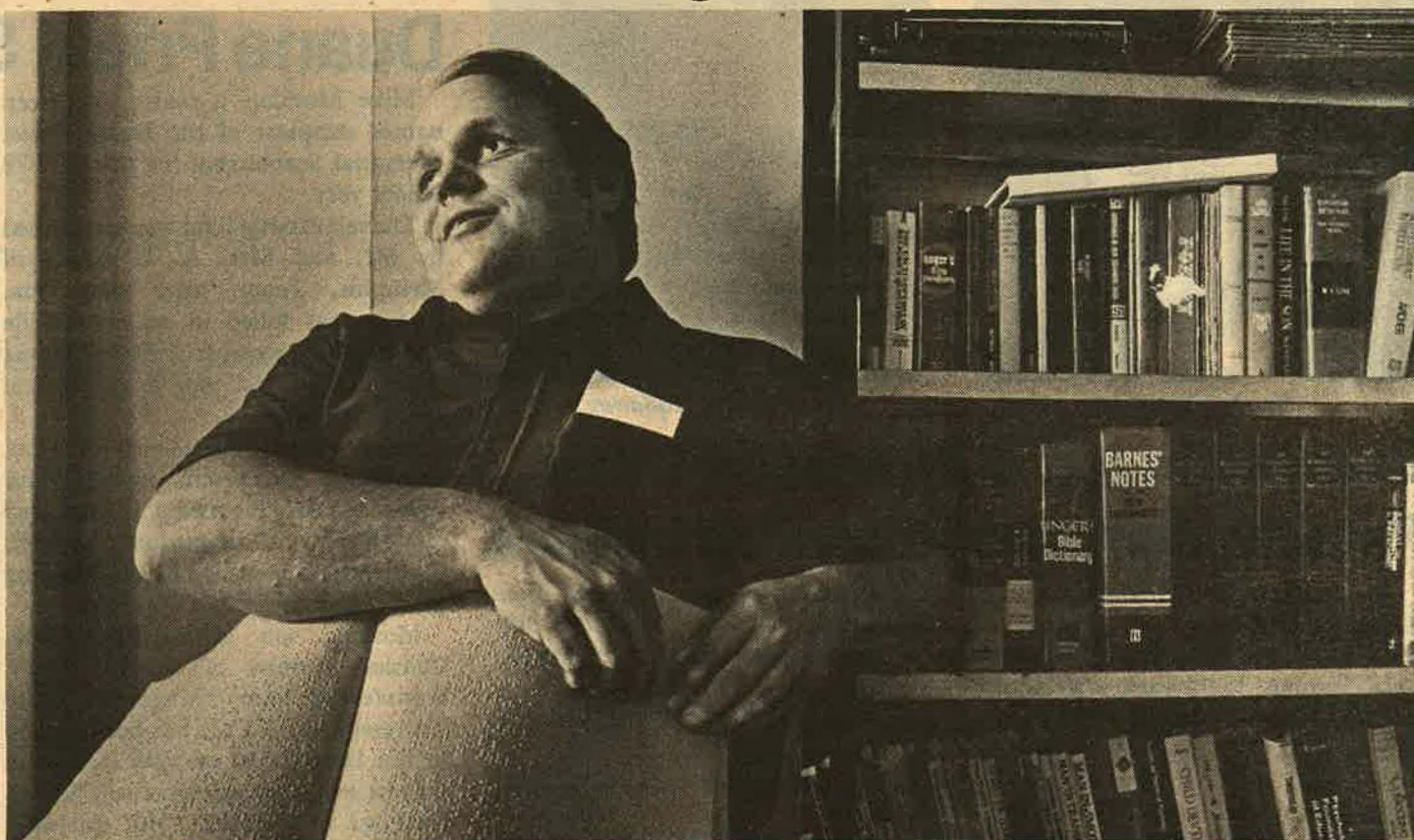
David Ransom has been in Bernie, Mo. since February, assisting Ron Henson, minister of the Bernie Church of Christ. Ransom teaches the church's young people's classes (grade 7-12) and assists with hospital visitations.

He is a graduate of the Arkansas School for the Blind at Little Rock, Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, and Harding College in Searcy, Ark. where in 1973 he earned his bachelor's degree in psychology with a double-minor in sociology and Bible. He was graduated last year from the two-year preacher training program at Harding College.

David Ransom, 29, spoke of a man he knew in Arkansas, an older man who recently became disabled. That man wants David to teach him how to walk again. Ransom lives in Bernie now, but he will make weekend trips to Arkansas to teach him when he is ready. "He's old and really wants to learn. And that's exciting.

"I don't waste my time on people who feel like they don't want help."

He started life as a one and one-half pound infant, one of 14 children born into an Arkansas family where dad was a flagman, brakeman and conductor for the Missouri Pacific Railroad.



David Ransom with his weekly edition of the New York Times.

Ransom stayed in an incubator for the first 6-8 weeks of his life and during those weeks his young optic nerve was injured by too much oxygen.

"A lot of us were damaged that way in the 40s and 50s," he said, when it was not so generally known how too much oxygen can damage the optic nerve. His twin brother got a headstart on him. He was born weighing two pounds and survived his early infancy without blindness. "He's now a professional golfer."

In the first grade Ransom was taught how to use a Braille writer, a small typewriter-like device which has six keys. He also learned how to use the less bulky writing tools of slate and stylus. For this he had to learn to write from right to left.

He didn't say when it was he mastered the Braille language, but he did explain the levels of Braille, starting with letter equivalents and progressing to a system of "shorthand" dot configurations for words.

The Braille language is based on all

the possible variations of a basic six-dot configuration. In Braille the pattern of dots representing the letters "a" through "j" also represent numbers zero through nine.

Ransom's bookshelves look like those of any college graduate, with titles that read: "Man in Transition," "Systems and Theories of Psychology," "Effective Counseling," "Frontiers in Modern Theology" . . . "I've read them all."

To accomplish this, he has paid readers \$3 an hour in the past to read his books aloud to him. Much of what he reads is available from the New York-based Recordings for the Blind; however, he said, "Tapes put me to sleep."

His Bible is a nineteen-volume Braille edition. He also gets in the mail a weekly Braille edition of the New York Times to read.

Ransom has trained himself to be as self-sufficient as possible with his blindness. He has been through every

rehabilitation offered at Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind — including cooking, sewing, washing, ironing and mobility instruction — and has taught them as well.

He can get around by himself once he "memorizes" a town. His technique is to have a large city map of the town prepared for him, with string glued along the major arteries where he will be traveling. He arranges to have key places located with raised markers. He then commits this town plan to memory. He explained that after two dry-runs with a mobility instructor at Harding College where he was a student, it was only two days before he knew the campus.

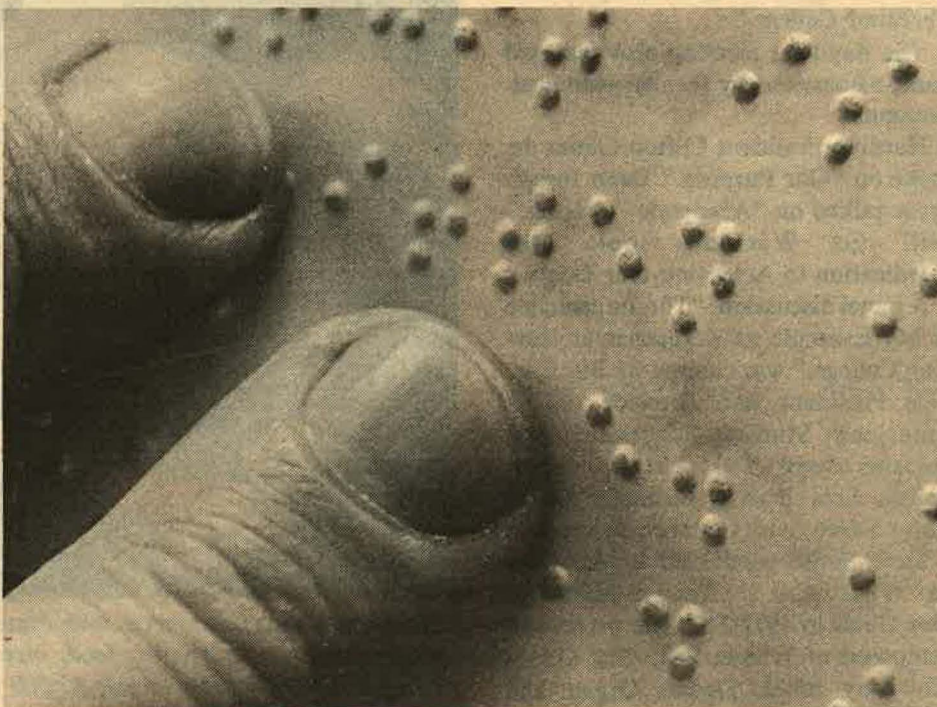
He predicted it won't be too long before he will be able to get around Bernie without difficulty. Once school is out in Bernie, Lynn Brittain, the teenage son of Mr. and Mrs. Carnell Brittain, will accompany him on his initial walking tours of Bernie.

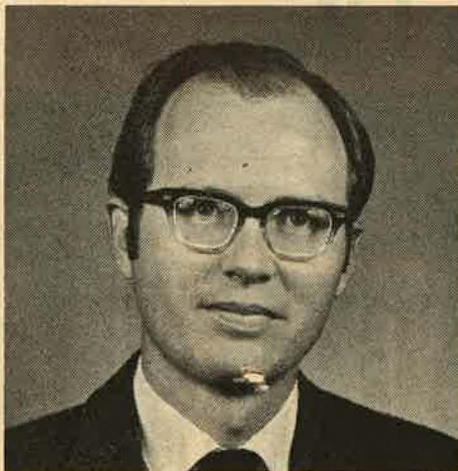
Because he has never seen light, Ransom said he doesn't understand fully what darkness is.

"Those who can use a cane usually won't use a dog," he said. "Those who can use a dog usually won't use a cane." Ransom is one of those who prefers a cane to assist him.

"I like to know what's around me and a dog won't let you know. He takes you straight to where you want to go." He added that he is willing to risk wandering off-course and stumbling into a ditch so he can get to know what's around him.

As he gets more established in Bernie, Ransom said he wants to become involved again in jail counseling and prisoner rehabilitation work, which he did in White County, Ark. And he would like to become active in the local Lions Club, the organization which in Arkansas established the pioneering Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.





Dr. Joe Segraves



Dr. William Hollaway

Two Promoted to Professor: Other Faculty Members Advanced in Rank

Dr. William W. Hollaway of the department of music and Dr. Joe T. Segraves of the department of history were promoted to the rank of professor in fall academic recommendations by President C. L. Ganus Jr. Hollaway joined the faculty in 1966 and Segraves, a Harding alumnus, was added in 1963.

Named as Associate Professors from the rank of Assistant Professor were Dr. Donald P. Diffine, economics, Jerry Mote, physical education and Dr. Jack D. Thomas, psychology.

The following were advanced from Instructor to Assistant Professor: Billy G. Brant, speech, Anna Chambless, nursing, David T. Elliott, physical education, Dr. Patrick Garner, speech, Jeffrey Hopper, music, Will Ed Warren, Bible, Phil Watkins, physical education.

Joe E. McReynolds, who returned this fall from a leave of absence, was named Instructor in Library Science and Reference Librarian.

Music Groups Elect Leaders for 1977-78 School Year

New slates of officers have been elected in the A Cappella Chorus, Band, Chorale and Orchestra following finalizing of membership in the respective groups.

A Cappella officers include Mickey Cox, Newnan, Ga., president; Charlotte Wolfe, Holly Springs, Miss., vice pres.; Lisa Henry, Ashland City, Tenn., secretary and Chris Harper, California, Mo., treasurer. Dr. Kenneth Davis, Jr. is the group's director.

The Band has the largest membership on record with 124 musicians in the corps. Officers are Mike Binns, Idabel, Okla., president; Mike Chalenburg, Starbuck, Minn., vice pres.; Pam Bandy, Greenville, Ky., secretary and Charlotte Wolfe, treas.

Also included are Susan Morris, Mundelein, Ill., Cindy Romine, Searcy, and Brenda Nash, Nashville, Tenn., librarians; Charles Hester, Knoxville, Tenn., Dale Fonville, Smithfield, Tex., and Mark Hudson, Gainesville, Fla., quartermasters; Cindy Lapp, Redwood Falls, Minn., historian and Mickey Cox, drum major.

The Band will be led by a flag corps for marching at Bison football games this year. Dr. G. E. Baggett is director.

Chorale officers are Pat Bashaw, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, president; Melody Nusbaum, Dixon, Ill., vice president; Linda McKinney, Searcy, secretary; Lynne Ketteler, Beaver Dam, Wis., treasurer and Debbie McBurney, Toddville, Ia., historian. About 85 students make up Dr. Cliff Ganus III's group, who will be on tour both in the fall and in the spring.

The Symphony Orchestra, under the

direction of Travis Cox, will be led by Sue Morris, president; Anne Hamilton, Searcy, vice president; Joanna Williams, St. Louis, secretary; Kevin Dalafave, Marianna, Fla., treasurer, Melinda Simpson, Tupelo, Miss. and Miss Hamilton, librarians and Geoff Hodges, Searcy, publicity.

Tahkodah Conference Launches Semester

Terry Johnson, president of Oklahoma Christian College, was the feature speaker at Harding's annual faculty conference at Camp Tahkodah.

His topics were "The Challenge Christian Education Faces Today" and "The Unique Responsibility of a Christian College."

The day-long meeting also featured panel discussions by faculty personnel.

Harding President Clifton Ganus Jr. spoke on "Our Purpose." Dean Joseph Pryor talked on "Academic Advising." Will Ed Warren's topic was "Dedication to Achieving Our Goals."

A panel discussion, "The Importance of My Example as a Teacher at Harding College," was chaired by Bill Cox, Vice President and Director of the American Studies Program. Participants were Ted Altman, Karyl Bailey, Lois Brown, Kenneth Davis, Harry Olree and Cathleen Smith.

Steve Smith conducted a discussion on "What I Can Do Toward Achieving Our Goals in 1977-78." His group was composed of Winnie Bell, Cliff Ganus III, Jerry Jones, Dennis Organ and Winfred Wright.

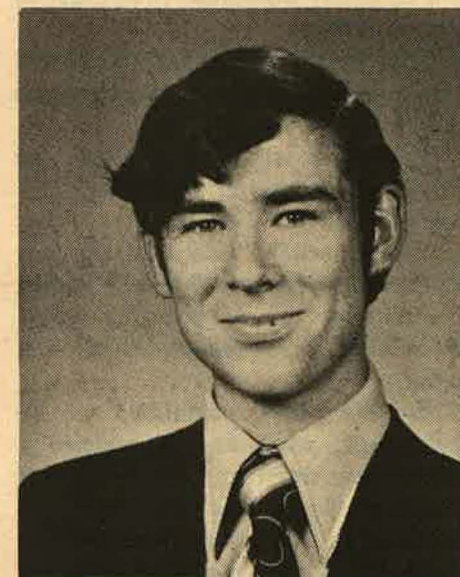
Premed Student Receives Duane Priest Scholarship

Mike Moshier, a senior, has been named recipient of the Duane Priest Memorial Scholarship for the 1977-78 school year.

The scholarship fund was established by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Priest of Memphis, Tenn., after their son, Duane, was killed in an automobile accident in September, 1969, as he was entering his senior year of premedical courses at Harding.

Based on a criteria of Christian character, academic ability and financial need, the award is presented annually to a premedical student. Nominations are made by the Harding Premedical Advisory Committee.

Moshier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moshier of Fresno, Calif., transferred from California State University in 1975. He has been named to the Dean's List all four semesters that he has attended Harding. He is a member of Alpha Chi national scholarship society and Alpha Epsilon Chi men's club.



Mike Moshier

Last year's winner, Ron Brimberry, has begun classes at the University of Arkansas School for Medical Sciences at Little Rock.

Graduate School Sets Forum Theme

The second annual Preachers' Forum sponsored by the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis has been set for April 25. "Divorce and Remarriage" will be the theme of the one-day forum.

Featured speakers will be Thomas B. Warren and Harold Hazelip of the Graduate School faculty, Jim Woodroof, minister of the College Church of Christ in Searcy, Jim Moffett, minister of the Raleigh Church of Christ in Memphis, Harvey Floyd of the David Lipscomb College Bible department and Raymond Kelcy, chairman of the Oklahoma Christian

College Bible department.

The morning sessions will consist of an exegesis of two key passages on the divorce and remarriage question in Matthew 19:1-12 and I Corinthians 7, with Kelcy and Floyd speaking. These will be followed by an open forum.

A list of more than 20 questions has been compiled for points of discussion throughout the day. A complete program for the Forum, which is open to anyone interested, may be obtained by writing the Harding Graduate School, 1000 Cherry Road, Memphis, Tenn. 38117.



President Ganus joins forces with Pizza Hut Regional Manager Bob Cleveringa to create a favorite Harding food, pizza. The fourth annual "Harding Day" at Searcy's two Pizza Huts made \$3,500 for the college. Last year the Pizza Hut donated \$2,000 to Harding.

Bison Footballers Romp in First Two Outings of Season

A spartan-like fall training has paid dividends for the Harding College Bisons as coach John Prock's charges posted a 2-0 record in early season play.

Twice, once at home and once on the road, the Bisons have claimed victory. They came with a 26-10 win over Lane College at Jackson, Tenn. and a 10-7 decision against Northwestern Oklahoma at home.

In the season opener fullback Allen Grieb of Oklahoma City scored two touchdowns and quarterback Cam Prock completed seven of 12 passes for 108 yards.

In the Dad's Night game hosting Northwestern Oklahoma, junior college transfer David Dukes' 25-yard field goal provided the winning margin against the Rangers. The victory was the eighth straight victory in the 13-year history of Dad's Night games. Through two games Prock has hit 13 of 27 passes for 176 yards. Top rushers include Grieb with 110 yards on 37 carries and junior transfer Mike Vanlandingham.

Harding will host Ouachita Baptist University October 8, Mississippi College on October 22 and Southern Arkansas University November 5 in the annual Homecoming event.



Bisons take second win — Harding capped its second victory of the season 10-7 over Northwestern Oklahoma behind the hard running of tailback Curtis Dupriest [45]. A former Searcy High School standout, Dupriest is a junior two-year letterman. [Photo by Howie Tyree]

Harriers Train to Defend AIC Crown: Balanced Team to Run for Lloyd

Harding, the defending cross country champions of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, will again draw the favorite's role in this year's competition.

With Bison head coach Ted Lloyd at the helm, the harriers are aiming to release a talented, well-balanced group of runners on the competition.

Heading this year's team are the Grate brothers, Marshall and Matt, from Waterloo, Ind. Matt was the 1976 conference runnerup and Marshall, the team's only senior, was the fourth place finisher. Another veteran, who is being counted on heavily for points, is Phil Hostetler of Topeka, Ind.

Steve Gambill of Lubbock, Tex. also

is a returning letterman.

Talented underclassmen who are expected to fill out the top spots on the squad include sophomore Mark Williams of Wichita, Kan., John McAlister of Temple Hills, Md., John Sills of Eads, Tenn.

Not to be overlooked will be some freshmen prospects. They include Carter Lambert of Pearl, Miss. and Richard Teixeira of Auburn, Ind.

In early season competition, the Bison harriers have won two consecutive meets. Matt Grate won individual honors in the season opener, covering a four-mile course in 20:06. On the next outing, Grate was a narrow second place finisher in a five-mile race in 25:27.



It runs in the family — brothers Marshall Matt Grate are returning lettermen to the Cross Country Team.

HOME COMING '77

November 2-5, 1977

	Number of tickets
Nov. 2 Homecoming Musical, 8:15 p.m., "The Fantastiks," Main Aud., \$2.50	_____
Nov. 3 Homecoming Musical, 8:15 p.m., "The Fantastiks," Main Aud., \$2.50	_____
Nov. 4 Black and Gold Banquet Charles White Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m. Speaker, Harold Hazelip M.C., \$3.50	_____
Homecoming Musical, 8:15 p.m. "The Fantastiks," Main Aud., \$2.50	_____
Nov. 5 Complimentary Continental Breakfast for Alumni 7:30-9:00 a.m., Hammon Student Center	
Alumni Chapel, 9:30 a.m. American Heritage Auditorium	
Homecoming Parade, 11:00 a.m.	
Football Game; Hardings -vs- Southern Arkansas 2:00 p.m., Reserved Seats \$4.00, General Admission \$3.00	_____
Pre-game show 1:40 p.m.	_____
Variety Show, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Rhodes Memorial Fieldhouse .50c	_____
Homecoming Musical, 8:15 p.m. "The Fantastiks," Main Aud., \$2.50	_____
Reunions: Classes of '27, '32, '37, '42, '47, '52 (Honor Class), '57, '62, '67, '72	
Class of '52 Buffet following game — \$3.50 per person (pay at the door). No. attending	_____
Alumni, club and organizational reunions will be listed at the Message Center in the lobby of the American Heritage Building.	

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____(number) tickets at \$2.50 each to the musical on Nov. _____.

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____(number) tickets at \$3.50 each to the Black and Gold Banquet.

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____(number) reserved tickets at \$4.00 each to the Bison football game.

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____(number) general admission tickets at \$3.00 each to the Bison football game.

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Send requests to: Dr. James Carr, Box 1224 Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

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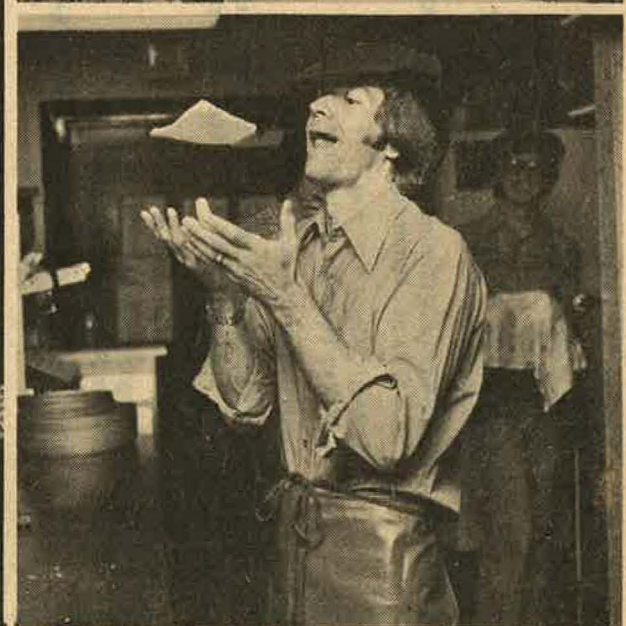
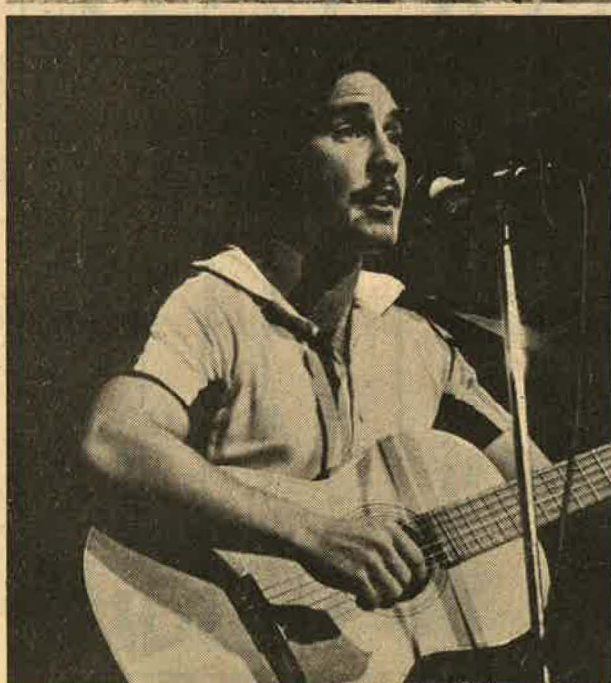
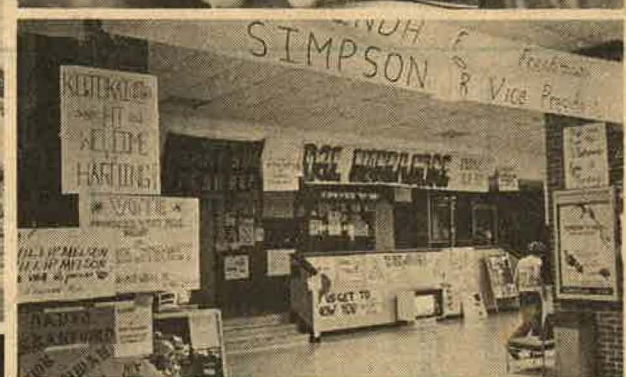
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SEPTEMBER SCENES . . . [clockwise from top left] The "Star Spangled Girl" [Fayette Thannisch] gives a patriotic lecture to Norman, the student activist [Bob Perkins]. The play was presented in the Little Theatre Sept. 19-22 . . . Junior transfer Scott Clark entertains at the Freshman-Transfer Talent Show . . . Golf coach Phil Watkins breaks from normal duties to take the order of Vice President Bill Cox at "Harding Day" at the Pizza Hut . . . Campaign signs of 38 potential class officers decorate the Student Center . . . Borrowing from an old Italian custom, Chuck Hicks prepares pizza ingredients.



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