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Student Association Activities Are Coming Together

Harding's Student Association, led by John Wilson, is a well-organized group that meets on a regular basis. The meetings are open to all students, and they discuss various issues that affect the campus community. The Student Association is a vital part of campus life, providing a voice for students and ensuring that their needs are met.

Governmental

The Student Association is made up of organizations within the organization, each of which represents the student body and its interests. The Student Association is run by its own elected officials, who are responsible for ensuring that the organization is functioning as smoothly as possible.

Religious

Religious activities and responsibilities are managed by the Student Association. The Student Association is responsible for organizing and overseeing religious activities on campus.

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THE INNER MAN

By WAYNE ARNOLD

From the beginning of creation it seems that man has been in search of acceptable excuses for avoiding responsibility toward God. Throughout both Old Testament and New alike we have recorded countless incidents where men have sought diligently for such excuses. During every part of history since then we have recorded countless cases where men have looked for them. In our present age we can see men still seeking for those excuses which would relieve them of their obligation toward God.

From reading the Scripture we can see that those looking for excuses for avoiding responsibility during the Biblical times found in their guilt only a sharp rebuke or a sentence of condemnation. And from the pages of later history we can read where others who continued to seek for such excuses did so in vain. But in this modern day we see that man, with his more fully developed mind, has come up with something new and seemingly irresistible to rid him of his responsibility. He has come up with a "scientific excuse."

During the recent past decades the sciences have thrown new light on the influence of heredity and environment upon the individual. While psychologists, sociologists, and anthropologists - those who perhaps know most about the hold of the past upon the present - are using this newly-found knowledge as an instrument of social decimation. Many others are at the same time scientifically using it to formulate excuses for avoiding responsibility.

It has been shown by science that our powers are conditioned by heredity and that, from the standpoint of inherited characteristic many individuals are greatly limited or weakened by both mentally and physically from birth. Science has also pointed out that our powers are conditioned by heredity and environment, both physical and spiritual. Many others are therefore convinced that science, the unrivaled preacher of evolution, and naturalism, is the stuff that makes for self-excitation and that science is our eternal goal.

But this argument does not detract from the importance of heredity, but they do invite us to examine our own reasons for wanting to count heredity and environment important. We may be surprised to discover ourselves secretly attributing to heredity and environment what might better and more rightfully be attributed to our personal habit systems or to shortcomings within the local church.

With respect to heredity and childhood conditioning it cannot change the facts. What has happened has happened and here we are. We can, however, change our attitude toward the facts, and our attitude will largely determine the facts and act as we are to meet our responsibilities to God. May we as Christians strive to be a people who are quick to ask for help and quick to help with complete honesty: What practical change does the power to make in the unmeritorious present?

OPERATION 'PANTRY SHELF' IS BIG STUDENT SUCCESS

The Pantry Shelf project of the Student Association accumulated 1,000 cans of food contributed by students in a planned campaign of ten weeks. From the pantry shelf each of 26 families chosen through the ideas of the College Church received an average of 10 cans of basic foods. Students packing boxes for distribution are, left to right: Jerry Baker, Owensville, Mo.; Marilyn Dawson, Red Oak, Iowa; Sharon Adcock, Arkadelphia, Ariz.; and Susan Brown, Prairie Grove, Ark.

The question is ---

BY PAT NEAL

What attracted you to come to Harding?

Diane Tezannam --- "The Bible courses that are offered here are tremendous." 

Betsy Sue Butler --- "There was no question that I would go any places else for we considered no other college." 

Phil Potter --- "It is a good liberal arts college for pre-engineering before going to a university."

Russel Ewalt --- "It is a good college for accounting.

Judy Broder --- "The idea of a Christian education.

Ron Elsad --- "I feel this was a good school to come to, so I did."

Jerry Benson --- "It has a good accounting department.

Jaye Atkinson --- "The A Cappella Chorus, mainly."

Mary Elizabeth Bolen --- "The friendliness of the students."

Norma Thomas --- "Because Harding is a Christian college and has a Christian environment."

Rod Hare --- "Because of Norma Thomas."

Lola Call --- "For the Christian atmosphere."

Donna Ham --- "I heard there were some good looking, eligible, young men here."

INNOVATION

BY BOB ROYER

Wolfgang Mozart was a composer at the age of five. Michaelangelo, a boy of eighteen, was the world's greatest sculptor. The poetic works of William Shakespeare were published at thirty. He was presently at seventeen. The ideas of Newton, at twenty-two years of age, had revolutionized physics for centuries. The young Van Gogh recently won international recognition for his outstanding painting. The early achievements of these men can, in large measure, be attributed to their superior intellect and natural abilities. However, without outside opportunities and proper encouragement they would have accomplished nothing noteworthy.

In fact, whatever an innovation occurs, the personal dedication and perseverance of a single person is found to be the motivating force. In today's milieu of togetherness, pleasant obstacles and the mass media, the earliest, the costliest course to read McCall's, buy your Buick, turn on your stereo, learn back, relax, and dreamlessly peer into the television screen for five minutes a day at life, a rowdy-bar party, being safely esoterically game, and will be job. It is the next step after this. It destroys the personal will to do, to accomplishes the impossible, and to think with collective homogeneity which almost everything is just a matter of style and in this fashion we come yesterday's failures?

"But what all does this have to do with me," murmurs John Q. Public, "I'm no Einstein, and I can't compose music at forty-five, much less be at five." John Q. Silva certainly to his newly acquired Volkswagon, proud of his newly acquired conformation. "I don't see what you're getting at," he says.

Just this. Everyone has a certain potential ability to achieve. Let's say you're in 105. Max. be Newton's 200. The point is, Newton came close to scoring 100 in his lifetime. You achieve no more than you dream of. However, your ability may not be secured, you will have been of maximum possible. The potential of a person is not limited by what you can't be realized, however, without dogged perseverance, opportunity, desire, and hard work.

"What have I to do with Jazz, the most famous, chillingly beautiful music, while What's Up, Front, as so much for me. And what's what? I've got a do what I've got to get, and I'm no one else.

Great! Well, successful is a better choice. However, my name is John Q. Silva, already gone, soaring off toward the turreted and Moldova Avenue, Morgan, Indiana.

THOUGHTS ON PROGRESSION:

Never put off until tomorrow what should have been done yesterday.

The time to quit a bad habit is the last time you did it, not the next time.

He who hesitates probably would not have done it.

Are you going to be tomorrow's exams be- come yesterday's failures?

Keep alert to today and you will not get caught between the reigns of yesterday and the fears of tomorrow.
What Is Harding College?

This may sound like a vain question to those of us who are here, but let’s ask ourselves if we have ever really evaluated our true impressions and stated them in such a way that others can understand the extra dimension a college like Harding has. Perhaps we have been so close to the picture that we need to back up and look at it objectively in order to reproduce it in perspective.

We could begin by adding up the things we see and feel: trees and beautiful grounds, buildings going up while others come down to make way for progress, inspiring chapel services, the enchantment of dorm life, weepy evenings of study because we neglected to budget our time, excitement in intramural and intercollegiate games, classes, exams, new and uplifting friendships — the list could go on and on.

But, is there anything so different about these? Do not other colleges, to some degree, have a measure of each? Yet, there is something vitally different about Harding. What is it?

We believe the real difference lies in the fact that people here have a greater purpose inspiring their aims and efforts. Harding is certainly no place for students who move aimlessly through college only because they have had it hammered into them that a college education is necessary for economic or social success in life. Harding produces neither social parasites nor intellectual drones.

Instead, this student body — almost to a man — is dedicated to growth and service in the fields of life. It is natural that some form of teaching — in classroom, mission field, or pulpit — would lend in aim-inspiring power over Harding students. But any field that offers ample opportunities of service to God and man can and does exercise its pull toward worthy goals.

Whatever field is chosen, it is based on a noble aim and purpose. It may be teaching, preaching, mission work, eldership, or other means of direct Christian service. It may be business administration where so many opportunities exist for Christian lights to show the way. Perhaps it is in preparation for higher training in medicine, law, engineering, or other highly specialized fields. It could even be the simple but most worthy aim of being Christian homemakers. Whatever the details, the common denominator is service to God and man.

The entire picture is indeed a beautiful one. It is beyond the powers of description. Although one must stand back a distance in order to see it, paradoxically, one must be in it — a part of it — in order to understand it. Yet it is still not possible to describe so others can understand it.

Harding naturally attracts superior students because Harding offers what they are seeking — the best in academic training in an ideal Christian climate which promotes more healthy growth in mind and spirit. And, having grown themselves, they move on into the stream of life and help others to grow.

We are glad to be a part of it, and believe you will feel the same way.
Chinatown, not only provide employment opportunities for students who otherwise pay all of their healthy portion of income to the expenses, but also contribute a portion of last year's income ($114,637.37) of college coffers.

One is a little over that expenses of Harding students among colleges of any size. This is becoming increasingly true of the National Merit Scholarship Program established for the current year by an act of the Senate, and it has had additional funds available to aid helping 15% of the student body.

Whatever the weather — hot, cold, or rain, or shine — the library and its collections offer a frequent habitat for Harding students. There are many places where students can read comfortably and satisfy their reading needs for most subjects. The library houses the bound volumes and the volumes which the library have branched out to include many new things and to encompass many early religious debates. Dating back to 1871, and including Drs. G. R. S. Bedford, on the bus on our way to the Cinerama.

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For American Studies Tour is Both Exciting and Enlightening

The School of American Studies is a special program of Harding to train young men and women for leadership careers in government, business, public life, and education. The program includes three teaching methods: formal training, observation tours, and informal experiences which are used in all three ways as they are available. One part of the program takes student groups to see sites in the United States, the other part is here from the daily diary of Sue Visher, Dallas, Tex., one of the students who have taken part in the American Studies program.

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Big Sisters Prevent Homesickness

When freshman girls arrive on the Harding Campus excited and a little scared, each one has a friendly upper classman waiting to show her the way around. This is not a last minute affair, however. Early in the summer, nearly every incoming freshman is written to by a student who has lived in the house this fall. Two or three of these letters full of homesickness are then answered, in order to show her the way around. They are written to the prospective freshman by older students who are very secretive. The Science Club holds interesting discussions on musical topics, science for all those whose interests lie in this direction. The club also sponsors speakers and movies in its field. In the business field, the students are interested in the working of the United States government and foreign politics. The Science Club presents material of special interest. The Student Council is organized for international cooperation.

Interest Clubs Dedicated to Service

The Circle-K Club is a campus organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. It is open to all students but is of particular interest to international students. The Science Club holds interesting discussions on musical topics, science for all those whose interests lie in this direction. The club also sponsors speakers and movies in its field. In the business field, the students are interested in the working of the United States government and foreign politics. The Science Club presents material of special interest. The Student Council is organized for international cooperation.

Home Management Learned by Doing

A home away from home is the title of Ellohaus Home, main apartment house for women on the Harding campus. The brick house, built in 1953, is a three-story building with modern furniture and appliances, a kitchen, a dining room, and a large living room. The house has been the home of dozens of students from many nations. The house offers students international opportunities to meet and discuss problems that may arise out of their homes and other nations of the world. The house is well managed by Mrs. faris, the housemother, who is always there to help the girls when they need it. The house is the perfect place to learn about housekeeping and studying in a safe, comfortable environment. The girls get good advice from trained student mentors, all of whom are experienced and knowledgeable about housekeeping and studying. The house is a perfect place to live and learn.
The curtain czars and those blazing lights that bathe the stage in a brilliance that cannot be touched. The audience, anticipation building up, waits in bated breath for that moment when the curtain will finally be lifted and the show will begin. The excitement is palpable, the nervous energy is tangible.

The production of "Pagliacci," the classic Wagnerian opera, is under way at Harding College. The cast and crew are working hard to bring this masterpiece to life on stage. The opera, with its rich musical score and powerful dramatic tension, promises to be a thrilling experience for both performers and audience alike.

The production is directed by Dr. Marvin Davis, who is well-known for his skillful direction of previous productions. Under his guidance, the cast and crew are striving to bring the characters and their emotions to life on stage. The opera, with its themes of love, betrayal, and redemption, is a fitting vehicle for exploring the power of music and drama.

The production is scheduled for performances in early April, with tickets available for purchase at the college's box office. Don't miss your chance to experience this stunning production firsthand. The curtain will rise on April 5th, and you won't want to miss a moment of it.
All Students Have Opportunity to Participate in Harding Intramurals

Intramural athletics is still the backbone of Harding's athletic program and will continue at the same pitch as it has in the past, according to Cecil Beck, director.

"Interest and participation are at an all-time high. Each year intramural interest seems to be increasing," Beck says. "This year between 80-90 per cent of non-students are engaged actively in the intramural program."

Growing Participation

Beck stressed that although club participation was 100 per cent last year, this year the participation of club members participating was even greater than in the year past. In spite of the surrounding intracollegiate basketball; intramural basketball has more topics entered in the major and minor leagues than ever before.

Twenty-four teams keep Rhodes Memorial Field House busy every night possible during the week from the middle of December to the middle of March. Activity starts under the guidance of coach Beck around 6 o'clock and may last past 11 o'clock if the necessary teams to play.

Intramural activity started this fall with softball games drawing crowds nearly every two teams met on the diamond—and the interest will hold until the climax of the year's activity in the annual Track and Field Day.

For this interest and participation Harding has been blessed with strangers and minor leagues than ever before. By Tom Lesay

Harold Vanderpool vaults for a 10'° record in last year's field day.

Harold returns to intercollegiate football next fall as much enthusiasm (and some of the same fear) as that which characterized its entrance into intracollegiate basketball last fall.

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Return To Campus Next Fall

One-topping action similar to this intramural game will be seen when a meet next year as Harding returns to limited football schedules. Cecil Beck, director of intramurals, has been named head intercollegiate-eight-man tackle program since 1955.

Harding Intercollegiate Football

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Simultaneously with the announcement of Harding's return to football was a formal application for membership in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference.

When Harding dropped intercollegiate sports in 1953,Berryhill suggested that the athletic program be cut out and all funds used to build an all-star game is played.

At the end of each school year the 15 men with the most points are awarded an all-star game.

The man with the highest number of intramural points is awarded the spring program, and a trophy. The next nine receive bronze jackets, and the remaining five are given intramural letters.

The point system is used in all sports with fewer points being given to participants in the minor league activities. In team sports, points are given for sportsmanship, and a Sportsmanship Award is presented annually by the Circle K service club.

When Harding dropped intercollegiate sports in 1953, school officials estimated that only about $25 per season the student body was being benefited by the money appropriated for athletics. Many feared that the enrollment would decline, though, if intercollegiate sports were dropped.

Helped Enrollment

Instead, the enrollment increased. In 1953,270 students enrolled in 270 student body. Beck has added energy and enthusiasm to our intramural program, and it has been greatly to his credit that the program has reached the level of this year.

Besides softball in the fall coach Beck has had intercollegiate tackle football leagues as the other major attraction before the winter program. Since 1955 when the program was begun, the pads - and pigskin enthusiasts have provided the student body with some top-quality thrills equal to many of the intracollegiate squads in the state. After the Greyhounds of the National Football Championship the East All-Stars capped the tackle football

Basketball is king of the winter program and baseball the highlight of the spring program. Variety and interest is also found in minor sport activities such as swimming, basketball contests, wrestling, badminton, and tennis.

In such sports as basketball and baseball the quality of play is influenced by the ability of the players. A major and minor league combined to participate was even greater than in the year past. In spite of the surrounding intracollegiate basketball; intramural basketball has more topics entered in the major and minor leagues than ever before.

Nineteen Years Growth

Nineteen years of planning under the program, which has been developing since 1939. M. E. "Pappy" Berryhill returned to Harding from David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tenn., in 1953 to find the school struggling to support both an intramural and intercollegiate program on a shoestring budget.

Berryhill suggested that the intercollegiate program be cut out and all funds used to build a strong intramural program, which would benefit more students than the using drill setup.

When this was done, the program began to expand and improve.

Strength was added to the program when Beck joined the faculty in 1953. Berryhill gave much of the credit for the present program to his intramural director. Beck has added energy and enthusiasm to our intramural program, and it has been greatly to his credit that the program has reached the level of this year.

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Malcolm Cooksey butterflies to a 2:8:4.0-yard breaststroke record.

Ken Vanderpool sets an amazing record of 5000 stunts this year. Allen Armstrong tied his own record of last year with a pass good for 61 yards. Malcolm Cooksey wins the top of the high hurdles in last year's Track and Field Day for a new

Frances Whitman returns a serve in taking the ping-pong crown.
"Surprising" Harding Basketball Bisons Are Now Facing Toughened Competition

The Harding College Bisons—tabbed as "the surprise of the young basketball season" by one of Little Rock newspapers—will still have half of their games to play in a 24-game schedule, have won twice as many games as all of last year's. Their 9-5 record is an inspiration to the entire squad in the state.

As a matter of fact, should the Bisons continue to win at the rate of 9-5, they will possess superior coaching, superior students participating in athletics, and the ability to compete without the aid of subsidization. "Surprise" is exactly what the Bisons were as they opened the season — the second in intercollegiate activity after nearly 30 years — with six straight victories. Included in these wins were triumphs over last year's Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference co-champions, Arkansas Tech and Henderson.

Leon McQueen, 6'5", forward.

Haul Evans, 6'4", guard, was the 95-78 victory over Tech, which is always one of the top teams in the state. Such a record as this — even if it becomes less dramatic as the season develops — is in keeping with the entire intercollegiate program. The Bisons should be ready to compete with interscholastic enthusiasm in spring baseball and track, knowing that they are able to have a successful season. Successful seasons depend, naturally, on the coaching, and Haul Evans is blessed with a team of coaches that would be invaluable. Perhaps the greatest thrill for the team and the student body is any student body. Quiet coach Dick Magruder has proved himself an excellent assistant basketball coach Henry Grady has been an able coach for McQueen this fall and will assume head basketball coach duties this spring.

Coach Cecil Beck, Harding's livewire intercollegiate director, will be stepping into the gridiron spotlight next fall as the head coach of the football team. McQueen, guard, Chis, has improved greatly in handling the ball, increasing his jumping height nearly five inches. A 6' 3" forward, he is seen during the games scrambling under the boards and getting out the fast breaks for his favorite one-hand set shot.

Dr. Groover's starting five this year are Leon McQueen at forwards, Dwight Smith and Haul Evans at guards, and Jim City at center. Massey and Evans will graduate this year. Smith and McQueen are juniors, and City is a sophomore.

Massey from Pontotoc, Miss., leads the way in the scoring race as he did last year, averaging around 15 points a game this season. Most of Fred's shooting this year has been from around the top of the circle with one-handed jump shots. Last year in playing the post position he relied more on his hook shot.

The combination of top coaches in many respects in determining desire to play, willingness to train, and ability to compete by taking essentially the same material it had last year and molding it into a dangerous unit on the court. In addition to the top quality is found in the starting five this year has nearly a B grade average, with a 2.892 average for the five men.

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