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President Benson To Retire June 3

By Sandle Smith

Carol Bonnell, a senior from Memphis, Tenn., was named by President Benson as May Queen of Harding College Tuesday. Carol Bonnell is a member of the first graduating class in 1955, when she was fresh from 11 years of service as a nurse in Cina, and the problem he faced seemed nearly impossible to solve.

The school was $70,000 in debt, and Benson was able to lower the deficit by securing a loan of $50,000 for a year's operation.

Oklahoma Native

Benson's career began in his native Dewey County, Okla., and has been marked by an upsurge in the college's financial achievements. Benson was able to secure the financial resources he needed to lift the school out of debt and onto a path of steady growth.

Benson's efforts have been recognized by the college, which has awarded him the title of benefactor. He has also been named to the college's board of trustees, and his name is on the plaque that adorns the entrance to the library.

Benson's contributions to Harding College have been significant, and his legacy will be remembered for generations to come. His dedication to education and his commitment to excellence have made Harding College a leader in its field.

For pictures, see page 12.

Van Rhee-Gen Winner in Spiritued Spelling

By Ken Starr

In one of the most exciting political races in history, Harding College's resident editor, Van Rhee-Gen, defeated Eugene McPherson, the former editor and winner of the 1993 student body election. The race was closely contested, with both candidates putting forth a strong campaign. Van Rhee-Gen, a senior from Oklahoma City, Okla., was able to secure the necessary votes to win the election. Eugene McPherson, a junior from Little Rock, Ark., was a close second. Despite the close finish, Van Rhee-Gen was able to secure the victory with a strong final push in the closing days of the campaign.

Van Rhee-Gen's campaign focused on his strong leadership skills and his passion for education. Eugene McPherson's campaign emphasized his experience and his commitment to the well-being of the students. Both candidates were active on campus, participating in a variety of activities and events. The race was closely watched by the students, who were excited to see such a close contest.

The victory was a significant accomplishment for Van Rhee-Gen, who is expected to bring a fresh perspective and a strong leadership style to the position of resident editor. Eugene McPherson, on the other hand, is expected to continue to be a strong voice for the students on campus.

The election results were announced on campus today, with Van Rhee-Gen emerging as the clear winner. The students were thrilled to see such a close race, and many were excited to see the new resident editor take the reins of the campus newspaper.

For more information on the election, please see page 12.

Tropic, Comic Operas Paired For Presentation May 14, 15

"Carrollia Rusticana," by Ple- nius, and "Maid of Blessing," by Jary, will be performed by the Harding music students for May 14 and 15 as the final lyceum of the year.

The cast of "Carrollia Rusticana" stars Jim Malicky in the lead role of Talhild, and Jeanette Thayer as the suzanne of "Maid of Blessing." The show features an orchestra and a large chorus.

The production of "Carrollia Rusticana" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Brown Auditorium on May 14. The performance of "Maid of Blessing" will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 15.

The cast of "Maid of Blessing" includes Judy Bonnet as the main character, and various other students in supporting roles.

For more information on the performances, please see page 12.
Benson's Busy Years Have Boosted Harding

By Don Johnson

As he's doing now, in 1923 George S. Benson was headed to finish his work at Harding. He hadn't slowed down yet.

Benson began his Harvard approach to life when he was born on an Oklahoma farm in 1893. He received his teaching certificate after finishing the eighth grade at a country school, and later he graduated from high school.

He has always been a people person, and he continues to do this work that he has done will continue to reap benefits for the college.

Almost 25 years ago a young Oklahoman, possessed with a zeal and a faith in the power and possibilities of Christian education, took charge of a college steeped in debt. His product is today a thriving, growing institution whose graduates are examples of the worth of Christian education.

We are all indebted to Dr. Benson, and we salute him in this edition.

Pick up almost any newspaper or news magazine today and you'll be reading about a recent student revolt, political or social movement by college students or a greedy government for true "freedom" on the part of colleges.

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By Margaret Ashton

“Watch your language!”

So reads a familiar slogan on Harding campus concerning the Dactylotherapy or sign language club. Watching an interpreter is fascinating, which is why Mickey Jones became interested in the art.

Mickey has been in the Dactylo­therapy Club only about a year and a half, spending all his spare time on it so that he learned faster than any Harding student.

Sign Language

Jones’ teacher,ltra Sparks, said, “We can learn the language in as little as six months. It’s fascinating.”

Mickey is a junior elementary education major from Gulfport, Miss. He is president of the Dactylotherapy Club, a member of the glee club and a member of Kappa Sigma Social Club.

When asked about his interests, Mickey simply replied, “Playing deaf!” He says he got a lot of practice that way.

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Bison Captures Top Awards
At ACPA Spring Convention

The Bison captured the two top awards of the Arkansas College Publishers Association convention at its annual spring convention in Hot Springs April 26.

The association’s highest prize, the General Excellence Award and the Sweepstakes Award, were given to pistol prints in individual dual contests, were taken by the flowering school. This first time in at least three years that one school had won both awards.

Four staff members were recog­nized for individual efforts in specialized sections. Gary Lucas, sports editor, won first in sports feature and second in sports columns. Dennis Ogain, editor, placed second in interviews; Jim Woodham was third in photo­graphs; and society writer Marian Yingling won a third in general columns.

In making up Sweepstakes, the Bison placed high in all four of the general categories, taking first in make-up and type­ography and second in headlines, editorial page and advertising.

Summer Chorus Tour Includes Stops
In 17 States, Canada and World’s Fair

The highlight of a 25-day tour to be taken by the A C P A Chorus this summer will be an appearance at the Singer Bowl at the World’s Fair in New York. The chorus will appear with Jimmy Allen as a part of a pro­gram sponsored by the Queen Church of Christ in New York.

The chorus has been in­vited to appear at two of the pavilions at the World’s Fair. June 29 they will sing at the New York State Pavilion and July 3 they will sing at the United States Pavilion.

Programs have been scheduled for the following Churches of Christ: June 15, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; June 5, Central Church, Dallas, Ga.; June 6, Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, Ga.; and Denver Church, Denver, Colo.; June 7, University Ave. Church, Charlotte, N.C.; June 8, Plaza Church, Charleston, S. C.; June 9, Brandon Ave. Church, Bowling Green, Ky.; June 10, Blair and Denver Church, Washington D. C.; June 11, University Park Church, Balti­more, Md.; June 12, Odessa Church, Wilmington, Del.; June 13, West Collington Church, Collingwood, N. J.; and Great Western Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Virginia Appearance

June 6, Brandon Ave. Church, Bowling Green, Ky.; June 10, Blair and Denver Church, Washington D. C.; June 11, University Park Church, Baltimore, Md.; June 12, Odessa Church, Wilmington, Del.; June 13, West Collington Church, Collingwood, N. J.; and Great Western Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

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TALKING HANDS of junior Mickey Jones are communication links for the deaf whom he interprets each Sunday in Little Rock.

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Taylor-Williams Planning August Marriage Date

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Williams of Hale Center, Tex., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara Williams, to Larry Sheehy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leinhart Sheehy of Pampa, Miss. Miss Williams is a senior English major and a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She is a member of Pioneer Boosters, ISNA and a secretary of the senior class.

Taylor is a senior majoring in business and is a member of Mohawk social club. She is active in intramural sports, and has lettered in intercollegiate baseball.

The wedding will take place on August 14 in Hale Center.

Carole Stephens

Carole Stephens To Wed Larry Sheehy on Sept. 3

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stephens of Montgomery, Ala., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carole Ann, to Larry Mark Sheehy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Sheehy of Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Stephens is a junior elementary education major and a member of Zeta Phi social club. Sheehy is a junior Bible major, a member of TNT. Both are transfers from Alabama Christian College.

The wedding will be on Sept. 3 in the Highland Avenue Church of Christ in Montgomery.

Stephens

Hope Shuts To Become Wife of Glenn Hawkins

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shuts of Parchman, W. Va., wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their oldest daughter, Besides Hope, to Glenn Silver Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Hawkins of Trivette, Ind.

The wedding will take place June 27 at the Center Avenue Church of Christ in Parkersburg, W. Va.

The couple attended Ohio Valley College for two years and are presently seniors at Harding.

An elementary education major, Miss Shuts is poet-president of the Phi Delta social club, past news editor of The Raven, a former member of Choralos and is a member of ISNA.

A Bible major, Hawkins is a member of Chi Sigma Alpha social club and secretary-treasurer of Phi Alpha Theta. He participates in intramural sports and is a past member of the A Cappella Chorus and the College Quartet.

The wedding will be August 14 in Idalou.

Janet Kay Gurganus Sets Wedding Date as June 22

The engagement and approaching marriage of Janet Kay Gurganus to David Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jones of Stephenville, Tex., is announced by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. George P. Gurganus of Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Gurganus is a junior English major and a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She is a transfer from York College, York, N. Y.

Jones is presently the Bible Chair Dinnerer at Tarleton State College in Stephenville. He is an honor graduate from Abilene Christian College.

The wedding will be June 22 at 8:00 p.m. at the White Station Church of Christ in Memphis.

Linda Risinger

Linda Risinger Will Wed Jim Stanley Here June 3

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burns Risinger of Searcy announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Jo, to Jim Ernest Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Stanley of Sun Valley, Calif.

The couple will be married June 3 at the College Church of Christ in Searcy.

Miss Risinger is a senior business education major, a member of A Cappella Chorus, Regina social club and Alpha Chi. She has been a member of Belfors and Searcy and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Stanley, a senior Bible major, is a member of A Cappella Chorus and Sigma Tau Sigma social club. He is also a past member of Belfors and Searcy.

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The Track and Field Day
A Week from Today

Harding's intramural program will hold its annual Track and Field Day next Thursday, May 13, at Alumni Field.

If the weather remains favorable, this promises to be one of the best meets in recent years, with such contenders as Bob - and AP in large club and Phil Kappes and TNT in small club race to provide fans with some exciting races.

The women will take part in the day-long activities, with classes dismissed for the proceedings.

For the men, there are 10 regularly scheduled events on track and field, with the hot man's relay an added novelty attraction. Many of these events were won last year by only a few steps, and the same excitement promises to be in store for those who visit the track this week.

The events and last year's winning times and distance in small and large club are as follows:

- **Event**: Small Large
- **High hurdles**: 17.4 19.6
- **Shot Put**: 37.1 lbs. 38.5 lbs.
- **Broad Jump**: 18.2 18.7
- **Discus**: 154 lbs. 158 lbs.
- **Pole Vault**: 17'9" 17'9"
- **High Jump**: 5'9" 5'9"
- **Low Hurdles**: 20.0 20.6
- **Hurdles**: 32.0 32.2
- **800 Yd. Run**: 2:04.2 2:10.2
- **220 Yd. Dash**: 23.6 23.9
- **100 Yd. Dash**: 10.6 10.4
- **800 Yd. Relay**: 1:38.0 1:38.5
- **440 Yd. Dash**: 55.1 55.4
- **220 Yd. Dash**: 23.7 23.3
- **Mile Relay**: 5:10.1 5:48.2

**Women's Sportscops**

An intramural swimming meet was held Tuesday night at the campus pool with a good turnout present.

The following events were held: 50 yd. freestyle, 50 yd. backstroke, 100 yd. freestyle, and 100 yd. breaststroke.

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**Improving Netters Look to AIC Meet**

By Gary Laws

Did you ever watch a bunch of boys get together to play a sport they all love, but with little experience, and who are enjoying playing their own way with the best teams in the area? Well, if you have, you can imagine the pride Bisons tennis manager Terry Smith feels for the Harding net team.

All but two of the nine Bison netters have had little more than high school experience in court sport, and those two, Tony Webb and Ned Boaz, represent the extent of experience.

Webb is the team's number one raqueteer with Boaz in the number two spot. Both were seniors.

The third senior on the squad and number three man up the team is Terry Smith, Smith has played high tennis for Clarksdale, Miss., before joining last year's inaugural squad of Bison netters.

Mel Gambrell from Anhoun, Alaba, has the fourth position locked up. He's a charger member of the powerhouse Rooster Club. Gambrell began his tennis career three years ago Gambrell, who is a lefty, and Smith as the veteran from last year's squad.

**Missouri Wins Prepare Cindermen for Harding Meet Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon**

By Don Johnson

The Harding track team closed its regular season Monday night with a victory over Southeast Missouri College at Cape Girardeau and is now making final preparations for the All-Missouri meet next Monday and Tuesday at Southern State.

Southeast Missouri jumped ahead Monday evening with all of the Missouri拼 feet set for 6:45 start.

The 440 relay team of Larry Roft, Mike Curry, Dwight Robb and Kent Smith ran a 4:25 clock. There was no 880 relay or sprint medley, and the last event was the mile relay.

Harding had up to win the meet, and the team of Curry, Robb, Smith and Kent Smith.

Harding and Southern State will likely dominate the two events for the All-Missouri Meet. Harding beat Southern State by about 150 points in a triangular meet at Cape Girardeau March 17.

Mel Gambrell of Cape Girardeau gave the final meet an early April.

**Bakers Sets New Bison Mark**

Hurting took a few more in the sixth annual Arkansas AM&N Invitation Track Meet at Pine Bluff Saturday. And Jerry Baker was the star of the delegation.

Hurting ran the 880 in a 1:54-1/5, and four unofficial clocks caught him in 1:54.4, 1:55, 1:53.7 and 1:53.8. The best time this year in the AIC was his 1:54.4, and the conference record is 1:53.9. Jerry stayed close all the way and moved from fourth into second in the last 250 yards behind a winning time of 1:53.1.

**Bowlers Win AIC, ASTC Tops Bisons At District Meet**

The District 11 NAIA Tournament was held at Pine Lawn in North Little Rock Saturday. April 21, did not result in any record-setting performances. AIC captured the title by piping by the Bisons, 304 to 294, but the scores are far below the standard set during the regular season.

Strong love conditions were attributed to the cause for the subpar scores. A comparison of AIC scores with the rest of the playoff district will probably include a Louisiana power, Southern, as the district representative to the national tourney.

Southern has been champion and runner-up in the past two years respectively.

The AIC standings showed the Bisons victorious by a 177 point margin over ASTC. The Bisons placed five Rugers in the top 10 of the conference’s individual stars. Complete team and individual standings for 1965 were:

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