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Curtain Rises for ‘Prodigal’ Tonight

At 8 p.m. tonight in the college auditorium, house lights will dim and the curtain will rise on the Speech Department’s production of “The Prodigal” by Jack Richardson.

There will be a second performance Friday evening at 8 p.m.

Richardson’s play is a modern adaptation of the biblical story of the Prodigal Son. The setting is a modern-day city, and the play explores themes of family, forgiveness, and redemption.

In the play, the Prodigal Son returns home after a long absence, seeking the forgiveness of his father. The story is a powerful reminder of the love and acceptance found in forgiveness.

Enjoy this thought-provoking production and be inspired by the timeless message of ‘The Prodigal’.
From the Editor's Desk:

'Dixie' Incites More Participation
Than Playing of National Anthem

One of the most frequent complaints of Harding students is the lack of patriotism and an over-indulgence in "flag-waving" on the part of college officials.

It was probably these very students who squirmed the hardest and maintained the most close-lipped silence Friday night as the basketball game when the pep band played the national anthem.

Novel Occasion

The occasion was a novel one. It was the first time this year that the "Star-Spangled Banner" was heard in place of the alma mater. The crowd's reaction was even more novel.

At least everyone was standing, but this was the most active reaction that could be gathered. Granted, many were singing, but by far the largest number of spectators were tight-lipped, wearing a look of utter boredom, fidgeting and barely able to keep standing until the final note was sounded.

Incapable of Emotion

Were they incapable of emotion? Hardly. In less than an hour, the band struck up another tune and immediately the fieldhouse was alive with clapping hands and loud whistles at the sound of "Dixie." No passive observers these, but strong-voiced advocates of "their" song.

Now, truly, can we say we are overemphasizing love of country when most of our student body will not even accord its flag the praise of its anthem? There is a serious discrepancy in all of this. Why does "Dixie" arouse passions within us which the "Star-Spangled Banner" cannot reach?

Soldiers Not Afraid

Soldiers are not afraid to sing out the national anthem, even if they regard it as an overuse of patriotism. The first songs we learned back in grade school until we found out it was not "sophisticated" any more to be so ardent. It generally takes something as devastating as a war to unite a nation and once more bring a lump to the throat and a tear to the eye of Old Glory. Harding officials are trying to bring it about through frequent reminders of our American heritage.

Until they succeed, we have no right to complain of over-exposure.

— J. F.

SA Lettermen Project Still Possible

Recently in chapel, a poll was taken of how many people would be willing to pay $2.50 per person to see a presentation by the Lettermen, if that group could be obtained. It was judged that this response was not sufficient to warrant an engagement.

The cost of the performance, to be held on a Wednesday evening, was approximately $1,000. The auditorium seats between 1300 and 1400. Therefore the $2.50 was needed from each person attending.

SA Council Decides Not to Risk the Expense

The SA Executive Council decided not to risk the expense. However, at the meeting Tuesday night, the council decided to try to get the Lettermen for a week-end performance. This would cost $3,750 for the one performance. This would be too expensive per ticket at $3.00.

Or perhaps some seats would be sold for $4.50 while others away from the stage would possibly still sell for $2.50. At any rate, a full auditorium would be needed at an average of $8.00 per ticket to defray the costs.

SA Commendation

The SA Executive Council should be commended for going ahead with the program to provide the students with a popular singing group, which for some reason or another was omitted from the Lyceum performances.

The SA has made its decision, the success of which depends on the student body.

— D. M.
Dean Lawyer: Authority on the Campus Rules

By Ann Camp
Prison reform is beginning to dawn all over Arkansas, what with the discovery of skeletons in the closet and dances in the dining room. Even Harding has begun to study its rules and regulations, beginning with the recent survey made by the student association.

An interview with Virgil Lawyer, dean of students revealed several reasons behind some of Harding's rules. Lawyer also told of certain rules in the process of being studied for change.

"What are engaged couple-supposed to do in the winter when there is no place to make personal plans?" Lawyer: "I sympathize with them, the winter is hard on everyone. However, they can obtain permission from the dorm mother and go out to eat or go out for coffee and talk."

"To Town, To Church"
"Why must couples walk to town and to church?" That rule was made when the town consisted of only the town square. Now, with Searcy's growth, students may go to stores out on the highway with permission. It is obvious that the church is so close that a car is almost in the way.

"However, in rain, or very cold weather, permission may be obtained to go in a car. Also girls may just sign out for church if going to Westminster or Downtown congregations."

"Do you feel enforced church attendance actually aids those spiritually who would not otherwise go? Lawyer: "Yes, I do. Although the general attitude about attending church is good, it is not really adult enough."

"Those who come here come knowing the rules, and should not come if they do not plan to honor them. Of course, students may be on other faiths. Lawyer: "I am not interested in the church they attend the church of their choice."

Change the Rules:
"Are there any future plans to change rules slightly for upperclassmen?" Lawyer: "Yes, several ideas have been submitted and are being worked out." "Why have some students been suspended from school supposedly for not attending Bible classes, while others are put on probation for more serious offenses?" Lawyer: "The case you are referring to was one where the person was not attending any classes as well as Bible and chapel."

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Placement...
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Gardner, minister, from Fallmouth, Mass., will be here to talk with any student who may be interested in going to that area to work.
Jim Braden, North Kansas City school district, will be at the Placement Office from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3 to talk with teacher candidates interested in the Kansas City area.
On Wednesday, Feb. 21, the recruiter from the Memphis city schools will be at the Placement Office from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Also on Wednesday, Feb. 21, Raymond Jacobs, a principal from the Bakersfield, Calif., elementary schools, will be interviewing candidates for elementary and junior high positions in that school system.
On Thursday, Feb. 22, Carl Woodyard and Lin McCauley, representing the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, will be interviewing some business administration and math majors for positions with Southwestern Bell.

This Saturday’s S.A. Movie
STANLEY KRAMER presents
Spencer Tracy Burt Lancaster Richard Widmark
Marlene Dietrich Judy Garland Max Von Silver
Montgomery Cliff

JUDGMENT
AT NUREMBERG

Written by ABOT MARR: Made by EMMETT MIB
Produced and Directed by STANLEY KRAMER Releascd thru THE UNITED ARTISTS

College Identification required at all S.A. Movies
American Heritage Auditorium — 7:00 p.m.
Adults 50c — Children 25c
Bisons Fall to Henderson
Larry Ducksworth and 1ng Wood sank two free-throws in the last 40 seconds to give the Henderson Reddies a 64-42 victory over Harding at Arkadelphia Tuesday night.

The loss put the Bisons at 8-7 in league play, while league-leading Henderson is 12-3.

Ducksworth, Wood, and Dan Davis combined to provide the rebounding and the scoring. Dan Ducksworth hit 21, Wood, 14. The Reddies hit 6-9 from the field and pulled down 42 rebounds.

Levels and Frazier Harding hit 39%, from the field and pulled down 13 rebounds. Marvin Levels hit 20 for the Bisons, and George Frazier had 14 rebounds and 10 points.

The lead swapped hands throughout the game with Harding taking a 33-30 halftime margin. Henderson came back after the break and ran the score to 38-33 on the shooting of Ducksworth, Davis and Wood. Frazier's two charity shots were the last 33-33 at half-time. George Frazier fouled out with 8:44 left in the game.

Mike Lamb sank a free-throw with 40 seconds left to give the Bisons the lead 34-33 on the shooting of Davis and fired it around the rim and dropped off as the buzzer sounded.

The loss was the third straight for the Bisons who must finish in the top seven teams to be eligible for the AIC Tournament.

Three Games To Play in Schedule As Bisons Meet A&M, Hendrix, SSC

By David Crouch

The Bisons will try to end a three game losing skid tomorrow night as they journey to Monticello to tangle with the Arkansas A&M Bull Weevils.

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