Atteberry Hears Board Decision; To Await Dismissal Proceedings

Dr. James Atteberry, chairman of the English Department, was notified last Wednesday of a Board of Trustees decision to request his resignation or have his appointment terminated.

According to the faculty-staff handbook, "appointments, including those on tenure, may be terminated before their expiration through voluntary resignation of the faculty member to take effect at the end of any year or semester at a mutually agreed upon; through retirement; by mutual agreement; or by the Board of Trustees for cause, such as moral delinquency, professional incompetence, financial exigencies of the college, permanent serious physical or mental disability, misconduct, or tearing to published standards of the college, or a lack of sympathy with the aims and ideals of the college."

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Sweepstakes, General Excellence

Ouachita, Southern State Sweep AWPA Awards

Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, State College in Magnolia swept the Arkansas Collegiate Publications Association annual awards at the spring meeting Wednesday in Little Rock.

In individual categories, Newspapers five firsts and one second to cinch the Sweepstakes award and Southern State had three firsts, four seconds and one third. OSCC placed third in features and Kay Gowen took the place in cover design.

State College of Arkansas and Arkansas A&M were close behind in overall points. Harding placed in five categories with honorable mentions in seven categories.

Second place winners were Lolo Murry in general column and Harding in sports column. In general categories, the Blaine placed second in headlines, Donna Holmquist placed third in features and Kay Gowen took the place in cover design.

Honorable mentions for the Blaine included David Crouch in sports news and sports column, David Holmquist in interviews, Bob Belden in photography and Jerry Muir in cartoons. The Blaine received honorable mention in Make-up and Typography.

In past years, the Blaine has won 1967 and 1968 and it was first in General Excellence from 1967 through 1969.

Newspapers are judged on the basis of individual entries in ten categories. Five issues, three of which are weekly and two of which are evaluated according to Advertising, Editorial, Handling, Make-up and Typography, Headlines and General Excellence.

The Blaine received a First Class rating in Associated College Press, the newspaper of the month.

Barons Ready for Final Rounds

In Quest of Marketing Crown

By Jerry Flowers

The varsity business team, under the supervision of faculty advisor Bob Belden, will leave Wednesday for East Lansing, Michigan to give its final presentations in the Interna-

tional Intercollegiate Marketing Association games sponsored by the American Marketing Association and staged at Michigan State University.

Harry Lay, Barry Millon, Bob Zarbaugh, Bob Belden, Ronnie Pruett and captain Rick Venable, members of this year's team, have been busy preparing since early October when they began preparation and made the trips.

In activity the team runs a fictitious company which is responsible for the purchase of materials, production, marketing and promotion of three products; a timer (similar to a watch), a locket (similar to a lock) and a nodule (similar to a fire alarm). Decisions concerning price, trade discounts, personnel and inventory must be made.

In preparation for the games, team captain Rick Venable reported, "The first thing we did was to use a quarter of a mile of adding machine tape thus far, and that's a conservative estimate. We've made over 600 decisions with five or six alternative decisions for each of the 10 categories."

According to the team, the last round of presentations will be three times before and placing second once, placing third in features and Kay Gowen took the place in cover design.

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Dr. Gauss got in touch with the chairman of the Board, Mayor Jack Howard, and also with the vice-chairman of the Board to relay to them the decision of Dr. Atteberry. The final Board meeting has been set for sometime in May.
GOD IS NOT DEAD AT HARDING COLLEGE. But, few people are speaking for Him or from His Word. The greatest voice that God has is heard through the actions of His people.

God's presence is not measured by the amount of noise created. When the people of God fail to show the Christian spirit and begin to make noises about works of faith other than the Scriptures, then Mary Lou God turns His head — but He is not dead.

When individual's place their faith in other human beings to the extent that the loss of that individual causes them to act as if God were dead, then in their hearts God may well be dead.

But trié as it may reem at this point, Harding has several students who still participate in campaigns, who still feel very much faith in God and who love Harding College and its goal of being "dedicated to the purpose of the institution" and "to developing excellent Christian men and women." The noise and uproar resulting in several incidents recently has been exhibited by a very small number of the Harding College student body. And whether this number has acted because of their faith or because of self-interest, it is not my judgment. But such actions are definitely not the way to win souls to Christ.

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Several members of the College administration do not stand firm for its aims and ideals and for its responsibilities to the parents who have had enough faith in God to want a Christian education for their children, THEN the God that we have all known to love and lead us may have to be sought after somewhere else.

If God is dead at Harding College, then He never was alive except in the hearts of a few people who have been concerned about and intimately involved in our education, Our education. We know that your talk is not a simple one. Being concerned is not alone necessarily involved in our education, however, we would draw a statement of the facts involved in the abrupt action in the case of one of Harding's most outstanding and best loved faculty members.

Many of us have studied under Dr. Atteberry, His life and his teaching were a great influence in strengthening our faith in the Word of God and in the principles of the Christian life. Your action is certainly resulting in serious repercussions for the college, for repercussion is the knocking through the lives of every student. We withdraw our support of the action by the board remained unfounded and led to damaging rumors. Many of Harding's best students are planning to transfer. Many of us have become disgusted at the incident and may well be turning their degree from Harding to a college where the administration won't be treating their degree from Harding with contempt.

We are in the process of forming a group of students to write a letter to the Executive Council of Harding College. It is not that the incident appears to be the lack of Christianity expressed through the action of several faculty members which precipitated the Board meeting last Monday. And we are very concerned with what appears to us to have done ourChristian teaching of Dr. Atteberry, either in and out of the Bible, and we are dedicated to the Christian life. Yes, we are seriously concerned, for it appears that Christianity comes when he has a day of classes with teachers from both "sides." If you listen long, you find out some people would prefer to ignore the game is being played here. They advocate the Bury Your Head In the Sand approach. If you do it, I listen and I think. You like to think for yourself and in the abrupt action in the case.

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I must admit this game is going on right now. But I also must ask why does it have to go on? Every time there is a disagreement, one of the first comments we hear is that there is a battle going on. At the moment, I don't see a twist to the issue. Then someone charges in with, "I'll bet there's more than that involved!" Why? Because God "I Am Objective." After we pay our formal respects, we go pick a side and play the game for all its worth. So why do we have to choose sides? The answer comes back, "We've been told to be involved." It's because it is easy. I have a certain idea of which side I am on and that's all.

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"You Don't Say"

By Roger Lamb

Dear Sirs:
The Harding College Student Association Executive Council has decided to express our deep concern to you about the recent occurrences of the past week at this college. We feel a great attachment and love for Harding. We also have a great deal of respect for those of you who are involved in our education. We know that your talk is not a simple one. Being concerned is not alone necessarily involved in our education, however, we would draw a statement of the facts involved in the abrupt action in the case of one of Harding's most outstanding and best loved faculty members.

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Please Don't Come

Editor's note: For a student who believes that "Harding College is no college," the conclusion is the following: Please don't come. If you like to think for yourself and in the abrupt action in the case.

If you want to open up and objectively discuss your own ideas, Please don't come. If you don't want to have your suggestions and ideas systematically ignored, Please don't come. If you wish to present yourself by dressing and acting differently, Please don't come. If you don't conform easily or don't take induction easily, Please don't come. If you are black and want more than an American and a bed, Please don't come. If you are white and don't want to kill communists and liberals or join all the dirty sinners, Please don't come. If you are pink, for God's sake, Please don't come. If you are interested in objectively discovering what a liberal believes who don't, Please don't come. If you want to make waves or challenge our beliefs, Please don't come. If you are interested in discovering what is in the future, Please don't come. Then please, Please don't come.

But if you come, well, we'll be happy to find you a new school.

-R. Ingram
Talent, Comedy Spark Lettermen Act

"I don't do anything I wouldn't do with my grandmother around — or my own little girl if I had one," commented Tony Butala to the group of students gathered in the Green Room after the Lettermen's performance. "We would do the same show in front of a kindergarten."

The students murmured their approval and went on to other questions.

Even as Tony sat easily on the shelf of the make-up mirror and chatted with the dozen or so students who had managed to make it backstage, Gary Pike and Doug, the other two members of the nationally known trio, hurriedly checked out the details for leaving and disappeared upstairs.

There were about 75 autograph-seeking students who had to be satisfied before the trio could head toward Fayetteville and the next night's performance, showing their versatility of musical styles.

LEITERMEN Captivate Harding audience

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One of the biggest hits, though, was when they got members of the audience to join in on "Kansas City." Comments such as "Hey, that sounds good" were the talk of the moment as Mike Serrat teamed up with Gary and roused the audience to clapping with them.

One of the often asked questions of the autograph seekers was about their albums. "We have 21 out now," Tony said, "and we'll cut some more this summer. It takes about two weeks to do one album. Different back-up groups are used and we do our own vocal arrangements."

Do the Lettermen ever have any trouble with unruly fans? "No. Usually the people who come to see us are not the overly emotional type. The only problems come when we perform for the teeny bopper audiences."

What determines how long they perform? "Usually the response of the crowd," answered Tony. "Unlike most groups, we don't just do the concert time. But you can't stay out too long. Even if the people like it you have got to leave them wanting more."

What are the future plans of the group? "We plan to cut some albums this summer and then go on with the College Concert Tours. We plan to keep the group together indefinitely."

"It's a good life," Tony said. "We have a lot of fun and try to let the audience have fun." And the next night's performance, showing their versatility of musical styles.

Know this my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God.

JAMES 1:19,20 RSV
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Most of the workers on the campaigns felt that young people and college-age students were the easiest to talk to because these students were searching for something and were willing to listen.

The campus evangelist group at Colorado State found it quite easy to talk to the students. Harding students found the young people willing and eager to talk about Christ and his plan of salvation; they were open-minded and were interested in something to put into their lives. This attitude was also true on Southwest Missouri State campus in West Plains.

Another important aspect of the work done on the campaigns was the local congregation's "follow-up" program. Because the students are only in a certain area for a week, it is necessary for the congregations to continue the program started by the campaigns. Much of the personal work was conducted by the Harding campaigners for the purpose of strengthening the local congregation's work.
Belles & Beaux Return Home

By Debbie Giuli

The fifteen members of the Belles and Beaux who have toured the Northeast Command for four weeks returned to the campus after spring break along with the other students.  

The USO trip took them to several military bases in Greenland, Newfoundland and Labrador.  

Their first week was spent 600 miles from the North Pole at Thule Air Force Base where there are 4,000 men and no women. From Thule they visited BMEWS (Ballistic Missile Early Warning System) under special security, and flew to Cape Athor.  

Cathy Morris and Bruce Stidham helped to pilot the helicopter that took them to the cape where they did a full show for the sixteen men who work there. At Athor, which overlooks the Atlantic, the Belles and Beaux visited with Eskimos.  

The next five days found the group at Sondrestrom Air Force Base on the Arctic Circle, where they performed for the birthday of the King of Denmark and did a theater show and several club shows.  

Five days were also spent at Goose Bay Air Force Base in Labrador; Newfoundland; Canada. About six shows, a pot luck given by several church members, a visit to and performance for the Melville Air Station, and a spectacular view of the Northern Lights were part of the week.  

Because of unfortunate circumstances (fog), the students were forced to spend sixteen days, nine more than planned, at Argentia Naval Base and were unable to go on to Iceland. Several performances were given, including one for a school. The singers visited St. John's, the capital of Newfoundland, twice, and they saw Signal Hill from where Marconi sent his first wireless transmit. A tug boat took them to the site of the signing of the Atlantic Charter. Several Belles and Beaux talked with Russians on a whaling ship who kept telling Bruce Stidham, "We're good guys!" After waiting up all night twice, the group, who had been stranded by bad weather, finally were able to catch a plane to McGuire Air Force Base in the states on April 1.  

Although the singers are disappointed because of the layover near the end of their trip, probably none would trade the experiences of their four-week tour for four weeks of studying on campus.

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By Rod Brewer

A men’s social club is an unusual organization. Into it go scrawny freshmen, introverts, extroverts, lonesome kids, popular kids, a few men and some mice. Yet, once surrounded by a close knit group of friends, the amalgamation process begins, and out of the mixed wedding of these strange types there develops an intense sense of pride in the club’s accomplishments.

Mohicans is such a social club. With a sense of club pride, the Mohicans display their two-year Mohicans have won four of their last five games. This year they are third in swimming and softball, second in basketball and football, and repeated as large club basketball champs.

It is basketball that the Mohawks shine the brightest. For two years their team made up of Skip Cain, David Baker, Larry McKenzie, and Gary and Larry Franks has been beaten only once. All five starters were selected for the intramural all-star team. Three of the five starters are seniors — G. Frank, Baker, and McKenzie. They leave behind them a winning record which they hope will inspire future teams to believe that “nothing feels quite as good as being a winner.”

And the Mohawks prove it!

By Marilyn Melneer

Bison baseball players have won four of their last five games to even their AIC record at 4-4 and raise their season mark to 8-4.

Bobby McKeel and Ken Merritt pitched the Bisons to a double win Saturday over the Arkansas A&M Ball Weevils. McKeel pitched a four-hitter to beat Harding to a 9-1 rout in the first game.

Bison catcher Mose Turner started the Bisons run away in the first inning by smashing a triple to drive in two teammates. NAIA All-American shortstop Roy Steele also had a good day at the plate. Steele scored two runs and racked up three RBIs. Bison first baseman Gary Corum went 1-for-3 and knocked in two RBIs. The Bisons collected their ten runs on ten hits and one error.

In the second game Merritt, who is battling back after a bout with mononucleosis, went all the way for the Bisons. A 4-2 victory came off seven Bisons hits and one error.

Earlier in the week Harding split a doubleheader with Henderson State, winning the first 1-0 and losing the second 5-1. In the first contest Steele criss-crossed in the winning run in the bottom half of the eighth allowing McKeel to pick up his third win of the season.

During spring break the Bisons split with Arkansas Tech. Again Harding won the first game 5-3 behind the hurling of McKeel. The Bisons scored a four-hitter at the Wonder Boys and helped his own cause with a two-run homer in the ninth inning. Mose Turner also homered in the first game.

The Wonder Boys won the second game 6-4. Two Tech players spotted two-run homers to give the Wonder Boys a split. Gay Whaley was pegged with the loss.

The leading hitter for the ‘69 Bisons is Steele with a .375 average. McKeel and Emerson Hays are close behind with .366 averages.

McKeel is leading the mound corps. He is 6-0 and has given up only one earned run. Out of the 39 innings he has pitched, he has recorded 41 strike-outs, given up only 24 hits and issued only six base-on-balls.

Merritt follows with a 2-0 record. He has pitched 12 2/3 innings giving up one earned run, seven hits, walking six and striking out fifteen. Hays is 1-3 on the year.

PITCHERS can catch, too. Bison Bobby McKeel scores a fly ball.

By Bonnie Lee Dailey

Women’s club softball has begun for this spring. Each team is composed of two or three clubs. The combining of clubs can benefit in three ways. More games can be played in the short length of time. Weak players may gain experience through their new combination of teammates. Plus, new friendships may be established through the intermingling of clubs.

This year the elimination of stealing on the pitcher was put into effect. The stealing was a disadvantage to those in bat, but left those in the field at a disadvantage at times. Each game is to last 45 minutes and double elimination will be the end result. All teams are expected to have a captain for the season and a good, responsible official.

In major league action last week, the Tigers and White Sox were first to lose pitching. The White Sox were defeated 9-8 in the first innings. Home runs for the Tigers were De Gregory and Lucr dela Woodard. The winning pitcher was De Gregory.

The following game with the Mets and Yankees showed the ability of the pitchers, Elaine Samuel and Linda Robertson. Both teams were well matched with fielding ability. The score during the entire game was close, but the Yankees winning 8-6 at the bottom of the third. Winning pitcher was Linda Mohler. Home runs were by Joyce Howell and Kay Gowen.

A score of 6-3 led the Lions over the Braves in the start of minor league softball. A home run by Mary Ann Nyc and by Linda Darnell were the only two to score for Braves. The Lions took off at a rapid pace. Hits by Dorothy Webster and Elaine also helped in the cause. Linda Kendrick drove them in with a double and a walk.

The Indians gave a victory over the defeat of their opponents, the Red Sox by 11-0. The Red Sox batting ability was held down in the first two innings by Lavender’s pitching. But in the last two innings they came through with runs and tallied their runs. The losing pitcher was Cynthia Farley.

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Harding College Press
Bison Keglers Enter Final Round After Widening Margin Over SCA

Harding's bowling team enters today's final round of AIC competition with a commanding 282 pin lead over arch rival SCA.

In quest for their fifth consecutive AIC crown, the Bison keglers will bowl six games at Little Rock's Park Plaza Lanes beginning at 11:30 a.m. Three games will count as the final round of AIC competition and all six games will be counted toward the NAIA District 17 championship.

Bison bowlers picked up more than 300 pins in last week's seventh round of competition by knocking down 280 pins to SCA's 219. Roy Smalling and Charles Burt each had 302 series, followed by Jim Brown with a 298, Gary Parsons a 296 and Kirby Lee a 291.

Smalling is second in AIC individual statistics, with Brown seventh, Gary Martin twelfth, Kirby Lee sixteenth and Mark Potratz seventeenth. Tom Pinion of SCA leads the category with a 265 average. Pinion leads Smalling by a scant 13 pins.

To qualify for the eight-team national roll-off in Kansas City, the Harding keglers must win both the AIC championship and the District 17 crown. Their score would then be compared to the scores of schools from Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico with the highest score representing the four state area in the nationals.

Behind Harding and SCA are OBU, third; Southern State, fourth; Arkansas A&M, fifth; Arkansas College, sixth and Arkansas Tech, seventh.

Commenting on the final round bowling coach Ed Burt remarked, "Unless the boys fall flat on their faces, we've racked up our fifth AIC championship."

Last weekend in the Jonesboro Invitational Tourney the Bison captured first place honors with a 2835 pinfall over second place Christian Brothers of Memphis. Burt rolled a 618, Martin a 598, Parsons a 567, Ed Burt 541 and Charles Webb collected 496 pins.

This week's action begins with the NAIA District 17 tournament, which will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the White County Fairgrounds.

IT'S LIKE THIS! Joe Webb explains to his equistrian friend the date for the fourth annual Searcy Professional Walking Horse Show. The event sponsored by the Searcy Civitan Club will be held today's final round of AIC competition and all six games will count toward the NAIA District 17 championship. Their score would then be compared to the scores of schools from Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico with the highest score representing the four state area in the nationals.

OBITUARY

Benny's ancestors were the original dwellers of America's frontier. Such names as Buffalo Bill Cody, General George Custer and Sitting Bull are found recorded in the Bison family scrapbook. The life of pioneer America was well known to Benny's family. His family has inhabited the western prairie for more than five centuries.

Benny was adopted by the Harding community in 1962. Since that time and until his death he has roamed the wilds of the college farm dairy, never hearing a discouraging word.

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By David Crouch
Sports Editor

Benny was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Doe Bison who formerly resided on the Kansas Prairie. Survivors include two third cousins, one that resides in the Audubon Park Zoo in Memphis and the other a resident of the Cincinnati Zoo.

Benny's ancestors were the original dwellers of America's frontier. Such names as Buffalo Bill Cody, General George Custer and Sitting Bull are found recorded in the Bison family scrapbook. The life of pioneer America was well known to Benny's family. His family has inhabited the western prairie for more than five centuries.

Benny was adopted by the Harding community in 1962. Since that time and until his death he has roamed the wilds of the college farm dairy, never hearing a discouraging word. In his youth he often made trips to Alumni Field to watch Harding footballers, who heard many discouraging words, but as he grew older he became sensitive and his moodiness prevented him from venturing beyond the confines of the farm.

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Announces Four High School Recruits

By Marilyn McElwee

Harding's head football coach John Prock has announced the signing of four high school athletes to football scholarships.

The first to sign was a three-year letterman, Dale Payne, from Newport. Payne plays linebacker and end and in his senior year was named to the All-District Honorable Mention.

Another long, tall Texan has joined the Bison ranks. Ed Eason of Fort Worth stands 6'9" and weighs 190 and was a major contributor to his high school team's undefeated record last year. Eason made the All-District team in the 4A-9 class and also rated Honorable Mention All-District Honors in basketball.

The lanky Texan lettered two years in basketball and averaged 14.5 points as a senior. Prock has designated Eason as a top prospect for an interior lineman position.

The most recent recruit is Gary Hunter, a three-sport letterman, of Searcy. He played the tailback slot and rated All-District honors in his senior year. Coffman was All-District Honorable Mention.

In '68 Hunter was runner-up most valuable player in the conference. Last season he scored 13 touchdowns.

At Searcy's All-Sports banquet Hunter won the outstanding back trophy and the best free throw percentage record. In cage action he played guard and earned two letters. Prock is planning on using Hunter as an offensive wingback and on special return units.

By Marilyn McElwee

Dr. Harry Otten, Athletic Director, last week announced three changes in coaching assignments for the coming year.

Hugh Groover, who for the past twelve years has been head basketball coach, will assume the duties of athletic director in June. Groover will direct Harding's nine sports entries in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference. Groover's 1965-66 cage squad finished the year with a 17-10 mark, best in the school's history.

Otten steps down from the AD position, but will remain as director of Harding's NASA research center.

Named to succeed Groover was Jess Bucy, basketball coach at Rector High School. Bucy just completed his fifteenth season as cage mentor at Rector where he is also superintendent of schools.

Bucy, 38, enters the collegiate coaching circles with a highly successful record. He won 306 games at Rector, including 13 county championships. Bucy directed his teams to the state Class A runners-up position in 1959 and in 1965.

The Bisons' new coach attended Arkansas State University and played for several years in the Detroit Tigers minor league organization. He has served as a High School All-Star basketball coach. Bucy coached two members of the 1969 All-AIC basketball squad, Harding's Bobby McKeel and Arkansas College's Bill Cossey.

When Bucy assumes his new job in September he will face a complete rebuilding task. The Bisons lost their five starters via graduation and will be looking to a somewhat inexperienced bench for next year's starting five.

Otten also announced that Ted Alman will assume the duties of track coach in the absence of Ted Lloyd, who has accepted a one-year appointment as track coach for the Central American country of Panama.

Lloyd will be responsible for recruiting and training the Panamanian athletes for the Olympic-type Central American and Caribbean Games in 1970.

Lloyd comments on his new coaching assignment, "I'm looking forward to the challenge."

In his four years as Bison track coach has directed his runners to an AIC championship in 1966 and a second place finish in 1965. He has also coached three national champions, high jumper Tom Bateem, steeple chaser Cliff Clark and miler Jim Crawford.

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