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From the Editor’s Desk:

General Excellence Award in ’72 Is Goal Of New Editorship

As future parents, teachers, or just concerned citizens the controversy over sex education will soon be staring us squarely in the face and we will be forced to take a stand. If we choose to take an opinion or modify our present position.

This subject has intrigued me for some time, the subject, that is in the title of this letter to the editor. I confess, I must confess something more than a passive interest. I am in the forefront of the question.

A few readers have probably been offended by the foregoing attitude of this letter to the editor, but before tiring your paper in tiny type I want to make it clear this is in no way the nearest receptacle, hopefully not the student editor’s mail box, please read further. My intent is not to offend but to emphasize following: those individuals who regard sex as a topic to be discussed openly and frankly, that is to say at home and those who speak or scoff children for natural curiosity and experimentation as some pedants would have it. Though some may call sex a dirty word, I firmly believe that it were not for the prevalence of such attitudes our entire society would not exist. Granted, well behaved sex and the good kind is held in high esteem and probably, and admittedly to a large degree, this is the case because what about the millions who aren’t educated, are too embarrassed and too mortified to share their thoughts. Their children learn about sex by secondhand tales from parents or from their friends.

I know many people become atypical and the natural puritanical background why but do junior high school students have the right? Should the right be mentioned and why can’t sex be discussed openly and frankly? Sex in marriage is natural and the natural and the natural desire to be together. There is no need for embarrassment or fear. This is a natural function one may experience at any time in a person’s life.

The choice of books used for required reading and literature courses, with the resultant dropouts and the effects of sex education has been the subject of talk lately.

The Student Association took up the subject and Dr. Neil Cope, acting chairman of the education department, expressed its concern. Dr. Cope responded, in part, that there isn’t enough to provoke the intellectual challenge of lively interaction, intelligent discussion.

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We are sympathetic about this. The need for honesty and the need for discussion of sex with students are apparent and are certainly part of the curriculum here. Each senior should be given the opportunity to discuss the subject, to make up his own mind. The right of freedom of speech and the right of freedom of the press are absolute, they are not conditional. The book should be available to all students.

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The English department’s stand is much more fundamental, however. It is the right of the student to be educated, to be exposed to different ideas. There was a recent controversy over the carrying of a book on homosexuality and the resultant complaints that were received regarding the book. The students should be allowed to read the book, if they so wish, and be allowed to discuss the book as an academic exercise and not as a Neanderthal version. In this regard, students have the right to be educated and the right to be exposed to different views and ideas.

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The winners of this year’s Creative Writing Contest have been announced by the Department of English.

Nanci Martin won first place in poetry for her collection of poems. In the fiction division, Helen Howard won first place with her short story, “The Holy Pocket.” Bobby Beaasley won first place in the essay section with his essay, “Domestic Tranquility.”

“The Holy Pocket”
By Helen Howard

Alfred H. R. Johnson of Jamaica Avenue, the Bronx, meandered along 49th St., as was his custom late each afternoon. Do not imagine that he was so affluent as to afford these trips; a singular advantage of being small, brown and thoroughly forgettable was the mobility in crowds that this anonymity afforded. Very few people became as adept at ducking subway checkers as was Alfred H. R. Johnson.

Alfred’s twilight ritual had begun somewhat by accident almost a year before. On that occasion, his morning at school had been more upsetting than usual. He was assigned to the frequent unpleasantries his peers meted out; his deafness set him apart for special tortures. And at last he had her, the enlivened silent ambush. That morning’s attack was led by Alfred’s stepbrother, a strapping off with a Primitive but violent series of eruptions that Alfred succumbed to childhood’s ultimate humiliation; he cried.

He fled the school grounds, running without sight or sound until his legs began to fail. He found himself clinging to a stairway rail above the subway station. He mingled with the hordes of people and within minutes was among uptown, to places he had never ventured. He rode, pressing his flat nose against the windowpane as underground New York swept by, in the rhythm of the subway’s stop-go.

Then came a longer stop; a mass of people poured out the doors, talking with them Alfred H. R. Johnson. Once up the stairs and in the sunlight, the crowd dispersed, leaving Alfred alone, dazzled by his first glimpse of Times Square.

His afternoon passed in an hastened silence, punctuated by the rustle of his coat. He wandered up this street and down the next, stopping to look up at each marquee, in through every window. The street was alive with people, but people quite remote from Alfred’s world. They passed before his enfraptured eyes, oblivious to his adoration.

From that day on, Alfred waited for the school day to end and for his daily miracle to begin. He did not seek to find new wonders; it did not occur to him to vary his daily pilgrimage. Always he returned to Times Square. Always he was content to walk the now familiar streets, watching the magic transformation from the bustle of afternoon to the glitter of evening.

Times Square, alas, was not impressed by Alfred H. R. Johnson. It did not, in fact, even note his existence or appreciate his fidelity. But then, Alfred, with a smile, expected it to. Perhaps that is why he was all-the-more astounded when his walk down 49th St. was abruptly interrupted by an elegant young gentleman squiring an elegant young lady. The young man’s attention was so firmly riveted on the young lady that he did not notice Alfred H. R. Johnson until after knocking him down.

His apologies were profuse, pressing even Alfred, who could not bear them, but who was fascinated by his elegant and hurried gesticulations.

“Thoughts on Feminism,” and "Rite of Day.” Because of the tie, no third place in poetry was awarded.


In the essay division, Kaylen Hall won second place with “Don’t Tell Them.”

The winners were chosen from 71 students who submitted entries in the Creative Writing Contest. This year’s judges for the contest were Dr. W. Alfred Wright, Bob Eubanks, Mrs. Wayne Kellar, Mrs. Dennis Organ, and Mrs. Jo Cleveland.

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Domestic Tranquility

By Bobby Beasley

The two aims of government are to survive and to direct the subjects so that they will live at peace among themselves. All governments attempt to integrate these two aims into law based on their particular mode of reasoning. At the same time, a major obstacle to the smooth and efficient function of government has been the obvious inability of philosophers and lawmakers to define, draft and implement a satisfying system of justice. When the logic of justice is broken down into all the pertinent causes, the reason for the difficulty is apparent. For example, an idealistic approach requires assimilation to one overall and consistent moral base. But a glance at even a small and homogenous political group will almost invariably reveal a wide divergence of opinion concerning the ethical standards upheld by its members. A possible exception is the nation in which government is bound up in one religion and the subjects claim citizenship on the basis of adherence to that religion. Every system of justice requires the people to unite in approval of laws that are reasoning upon all the other hands. The unity is manifestly difficult. Laws that simultaneously serve two opposing interests. There is a system in the unjustified limitation of individual subjects or groups of subjects. If one man lived alone in the middle of a vast uninhabited wilderness there would be no creatures of any consequence for him to offend. He would need no limitations. But when people live together, their wishes and needs are invariably in conflict. This conflict can be resolved by restriction. Government is faced with the task of discovering the happy medium at which all served its goals political theory with the task of discovering the happy medium at which all served its goals political theory

Liberty and restriction. It is in the harmonizing of these two stresses that civil disapproval is usually fostered. In general, humans are not dependable to obey the principles and spirit of the law. If a certain civil decision is not governed directly by a written law, one is inclined to act to the limits of his personal liberty in favor of his own advantage. That is, people will usually do what they can get away with to achieve their personal wishes. Self-interest takes precedence over the interests of the group. The only notable exceptions are the true church and the true family. In view of this principle, lawmakers should make civil laws leaving no interpretation up to the individual. The citizen should know how far he is allowed to go. He should be sure in acting lawfully and should not be made to excuse himself for infringing on another's rights because no law restricts him. With civil laws covering as thoroughly as possible all potential civil decisions, punishment should be prescribed exactly for every violation. It should be feared and unwaveringly. Ideally, a trial court would need only to establish the fact of guilt and should have no right to concern itself with a sentence. The government should be able to point out in concrete terms its goals political theory and economic theory of objectives. These are arbitrary concepts and may be interpreted to mean anything that suits the personal needs. All laws are based on the concept of harmony with the existing laws of the same state. People quickly become disillusioned with any authority which tends them by conflicting rules. Some people's sentences serve only to confuse them and to foster discontent. The government should be conscious of the contemporary circumstances which affect the application and even the seriousness of laws. Outdated laws at the courts wink offer excuses for the citizens themselves to do that which appears not to serve their purpose. In short, the state by being lawless is inadvertently caused and encouraged by the authorities in their unequal enforcement. Therefore, the existing laws should be constantly scanned and studied in light of changing circumstances so that the courts may stay up to date, thereby offering a solid and authoritative safeguard to protect the citizens.

The inability of contemporary American government to successfully execute laws has become a political problem during the past ten years. Not only have the courts failed to effectively execute the law, but they have also been accused of doing so because of the barrage of church influence rather than government regulation. On the other hand, that should severely restrict — not for moral reasons, but for the public safety — the circumstances under which courts can be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages. The state has the authority to regulate and punish citizens from one another.

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Five Couples Plan for Summer Weddings

**Patty West**
West-Parker

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. West, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Patricia Ann to Mr. Charles Leslie Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce L. Parker of Broken Arrow, Okla.

**Frances Prater**
Prater-Chism

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd F. Prater of North Little Rock announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Frances Kay Prater, to Mr. William Ralph Chism, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chism of Clarkston, Mo.

Both attend Harding, Frances is a business education major and a member of the Gata social club. Bill is a general science major and a member of the Galaxy social club.

The vows will be exchanged on July 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Amboy Methodist Church in North Little Rock.

**Nana Cowart**
Cowart-Whittington

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Cowart of Huntsville, Ala., announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Nana Kaye, to Mr. William Arthur Whittington, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Whittington, of Canton, Ohio.

Miss Cowart is a junior elementary education major and a member of the Regina social club. Bill is a member of the Regina social club. A music major and member of the Phi Zeta fraternity, Bill will graduate in August.

The wedding will take place in Huntsville at the Mayfair Church of Christ August 15.

**Jeanette Rojas**
Rojas-Dempsey

Mrs. Lillian Feliciano and Mr. Luis Rojas II of New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jeanette Maria Rojas, to Mr. John C. Dempsey of Texarkana.

Miss Rojas is a junior art major and a member of Zeta Phi Beta and Campus Players. Mr. Dempsey, a graduate of Harding, has been training in the Marine Reserves since February. He will be finishing his training in July and plans to teach art.

The vows will be exchanged on August 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Northside Church of Christ in Texarkana.

**Debbie Russell**
Russell-Mahaffey

Mrs. Richard Schild and Mr. Bob Russell announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Anne Russell, to Robert Mark Mahaffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Mahaffey.

Debbie and Robert are currently juniors at Harding. Debbie is majoring in Bible and Biology, and Robert is a pre-med major. The couple will exchange vows in a double ring ceremony on Aug. 21, 8 p.m., at the Downtown Church of Christ in Searcy.

All are invited to witness the ceremony and attend the reception that will follow.

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**Alpha Psi Omega Conducts Initiation**

Alpha Psi Omega, a national honor group in dramatic arts, held its initiation banquet last Saturday at the Ramada Inn in Conway.

The banquet was followed by formal initiation ceremonies conducted in the Little Theatre. The new members are Jim Brock, Teresa Rushlow, Wayne Hawley, Susan Murray, Rick Moore, Linda Michaela and Steve Smith.

Junior students were selected on their outstanding contributions in the field of drama. They were also required to pass a test concerning drama to gain membership into the group.

Other members present at the banquet included Phil Reagen, Danette Key, Flowayne Sandlin, Mary Ann Peden, Debbie Krummel, Linda Blumberg, Richard Caughron and Chiq Porter.

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Constitution Revisions Completed by SA

Editor's Note: This is a continuation of the BISON of the S.A.'s revision of the constitution.

Section 6. The Executive Council in its functioning shall hold as inviolable all general regulations of the College as expressed in the Student Handbook or enacted by the College Faculty.

Section 7. The powers vested in the Executive Council shall not include enforcement or disciplinary measures.

Section 8. A Faculty sponsor shall be appointed each year by the President of the College.

Article VII - Election of Council Members

Section 1. Candidates for Executive Council representatives of the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes and the married students must be nominated by a petition signed by not fewer than ten students from their constituencies and presented to a person appointed by the President of the Student Association by 11:00 p.m. Monday of the week before the election.

Section 2. Upon approval by the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, the names of all nominees shall be announced by the President not later than one week before the elections.

Section 3. Ballots, on which are listed the names of all nominees for the respective offices, shall be made available by the Executive Council to the voting members of the polling places.

Section 4. Regular elections of Executive Council representatives will be held Wednesday following the election of Officers.

Section 5. Each class member except the married students may vote for one man and one woman representative from his respective class. Married Students will vote only for the married representative.

Workshop, Seminar in June Plans

What is it about Harding's summer mission workshop that motivates around 300 people a year to join hearts on our campus from June 5-11? Jr. High and High School students from many different states unite at Harding each year from June 5-8 along with the campaign workers to Europe. This aspect of the workshop is designed to motivate young people to be more active in evangelizing in the local churches. "Hopefully, many of these will become missionaries," says Joe Hacker, chairman of the Bible department and workshop director.

The World Evangelistic Seminar, a course in the anthropology of missions, will be held from June 6-11. The seminar has been drawn up for men and women who definitely plan to enter a mission field.

Highlight speakers will include missionaries such as Jim Massey, Elvis Hughes, Don Shackelford, Jim Woodruff, John Beckloff, Otis Gatwood, Bill Robertson, and Bob Douglas. Also speaking are several of Harding's professors and their respective fields of interest and involvement.

The Seminar Association for approval or disapproval.

Section 6. A 2/3 affirmative vote of the voting members of the Executive Council for approval.

Article IX - Amendments

Section 1. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Council of the Student Association (or shall originate within this Council) and must be mentioned in the minutes of the Council before being submitted to the President of the College.

Section 2. Should the Executive Council fail to pass an amendment desired by members of the Student Association, it is provided that a petition containing the names of 25% of the Association members can compel the Council to submit the measure to a special election by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting members of the College for approval.

Section 3. The President of the College must approve any proposed amendment before it can be voted on at a special election.

All amendments, approved by the President of the College, must appear in the Bison at least two weeks before the election. They shall then be submitted to the Student Association for approval or disapproval.

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Geary and Ratliff Lead Tracksters
To Fourth in AIC Track and Field

John Ratliff successfully defended his AIC two mile crown and Tim Geary won the mile as Harding scored 28 points to place fourth in the AIC championships at Little Rock Monday and Tuesday. Arkansas AM&N won the meet with 81 points, followed by Ouachita Baptist, Southern State, Harding, Hendrix, State College, A&M, Henderson, and Tech.

Monday night in the two mile, Ratliff poured on the speed to beat McDonald of Hendrix in the final lap 9:22.9 to 9:24.7 with Tim Geary fourth. The following night Geary and Ratliff burned up the final half lap of the mile to outkick McDonald and Bradburn, also of Hendrix.

The two Harding runners slapped hands across the finish line an even better 48.8 quarter mile to lead Gooden, Harris, and Tim Geary to the fourth place.

Alan Dixon placed fourth in the 120 yd. hurdles with a 14.0 clocking. Larry Rodenbeck leaped 23 ft to place third in the long jump. The entire squad performed well, with season bests by many of the clammers. Coach Ted Lloyd indicated that he was well pleased by the team's efforts.

Girls' Volleyball

Something new has been planned in the extramural program for next year. A group of girls have been selected to represent Harding in intercollegiate volleyball competition.

The Arkansas Women Extramural Sports Association (AWESA) is sponsoring the competition to be held for AIC members. Other colleges participating in AWESA competition are Southern State, Ark. Tech., State College of Ar., John Brown U., Ark. AM&N, Ouachita Baptist, U.A.L.R., Ark. State, and Henderson State.

Coach Ilene Johnson introduced the team: Deb Godgett, Cindy Cates, Janice Sowell, Sherry Shipanas, Louise Pace, Becky Ackley, Peggy Matthews, Bonnie Messer, Barbara Messer, Melinda Yost, and Bruce Montgomery.

The team's official is Kay Smith, and the Lineman is Mary Shock.

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Girls' Volleyball

Something new has been planned in the extramural program for next year. A group of girls have been selected to represent Harding in intercollegiate volleyball competition. The Arkansas Women Extramural Sports Association (AWESA) is sponsoring the competition to be held for AIC members. Other colleges participating in AWESA competition are Southern State, Ark. Tech., State College of Ar., John Brown U., Ark. AM&N, Ouachita Baptist, U.A.L.R., Ark. State, and Henderson State.

Coach Ilene Johnson introduced the team: Deb Godgett, Cindy Cates, Janice Sowell, Sherry Shipanas, Louise Pace, Becky Ackley, Peggy Matthews, Bonnie Messer, Barbara Messer, Melinda Yost, and Bruce Montgomery.

The team's official is Kay Smith, and the Lineman is Mary Shock.

Jim Henderson Strokes 81 and 78

Facing high winds and stiff competition, Harding's golfers placed eighth in the AIC District 17 Tournament. The meet was held Monday and Tuesday of this week at the Little Rock AFB.

The Harding squad totaled 667 strokes to place eighth. AM&N's total was 603. UALR came in second place with a 630 team total. SCA was three strokes behind UALR at 633.

Jim Henderson was Harding's number one golfer, strokes 81 Monday and 78 Tuesday. Richard Fowler shot 88 and 81, Larry Frank tallied 94 and 90, while Jim Byrd totaled 83 and 89 strokes.

When asked why the team did not fulfill his expectations, Merritt commented, "First of all, the team didn't get to practice this course as they did last year. They had been used to shooting this course as they did last year. They had been used to shooting this course as they did last year. They had been used to shooting this course as they did last year."