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The Harding Annual Lectureships set to begin Tuesday evening

Dr. Don Diffie, professor of economics, gives his annual "state of the union address" to Tuesday's chapel audience. Diffie said, "Everytime you drive a car, you're putting your life in the hands of your foot." Photo by Garner

Teachers marry students

by Martha Collar

Amid the love stories of Romeo and Juliet, Scarlet and Rhett, and Oliver and Jennifer, Harding has those of Joe and Sybil, Cliff and Debbie, and Joe and Bessie Mae.

But the latter three have something more in common, in that they involve the marriage of a teacher and a student.

In the case of Joe and Sybil McKearn, it was "like brothers and sisters," according to Joe Mac, assistant professor of library science and research librarian.

"We were best buddies for four years. She would cook for her fiancé and give me the burned cookies. We even double-dated but not with each other," he said.

"One day in the laundrymat, I saw her and thought she was very pretty, so I went up and introduced myself. We ended up travelling a lot together on the four international campaigns that we went on. I never had a sister so I had a lot of sister relationships with girls. We were always just friends, then one day I woke up and asked myself, 'why not?'" —so I proposed," he said.

Joe Mac admitted that Sybil got a lot of teasing from her friends about dating a teacher, but he added, "My students loved it." To show their approval, they took up a collection and bought them embroidered racquetball racquets, in addition to coming to the wedding.

"My family knew all along that we would end up getting married. They had watched us for four years and they could see something that we couldn't see," said Joe Mac.

And they lived happily ever after, or so the story goes. But then there's the rather unique tale of Joe and Bessie Mae Pryor's "courtship," as it was called by the couple:

"He was very popular and all the girls would give their right arm to go out with him," said Mrs. Pryor of "Dr. Joe," professor of physical science and dean of the college.

"She sponsored the Petit Jean of which I was editor my senior year. He would come over to the Petit Jean office quite often, but it wasn't until Jess Rhodes, my business professor, pointed it out to me, that I realized Joe might like me. I guess I was just that naïve," she said in reflection.

"I also had Bessie Mae in two classes and I was her advisor, so we were friends for a long time at first. Then we dated for about six months," said Dr. Joe.

"Joe sponsored TNT, and he asked me to go on their outing to Red Bluff Falls," said Mrs. Pryor. In that day, everyone had to go on the same bus and everyone had to stay together. When we got there, we wondered why we sort of got separated from the club," she said.

Picture this: A quiet stream, a sunny sky, the scent of honeysuckle in the breeze, and young Dr. Joe... "sipping the question" to Bessie Mae.

"I was rather surprised," said Mrs. Pryor, "but I didn't even wait to call home before I said "yes.""

Cliff and Debbie Ganus "didn't have time to fold around," as Dr. Ganus, associate professor of music, put it. The couple had their first "official" date on November 3, were engaged on December 18, and were married on March 30.

Cliff's memory for dates makes up for his lack of memory for events. All he recalled (verbatim, at least) was teaching Debbie voice lessons. He added, "

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Feedback...  

Dear Editor,

From reports by several new club members in both men's and women's clubs, Rough Night turned out to be rougher than the written plans given to the deans suggested.

For some, initiation involved tobacco juice for gargling, or having it spilt in one's face; some substances such as tabacco sauce poured into one's underwear; and some materials especially difficult to remove from the hair, such as paint. There was hair pulled from legs; reports of tampons being used, and I did find some careless pledgemaster's pledgemasteresses' evidence of such, outside the girl's dorm Saturday morning, a bag which contained some other "initiation" materials; and pledges using munition, whether it be simply handling it, exercising it, or being told to carry a handful all night.

Surely, not everyone who went through any of this was upset about it. But for those who did find Rough Night to be just plain disgusting and abusive, this letter is to let them know that they have the perfect right (and it would be a good idea to do this) to discuss it with their club leaders; because the activities (some of which were perfectly illegal by the rules) were brought about without the knowledge and consent of those in charge.

Those offended should also bring it up with their faculty club sponsor if club leaders seem indifferent or unaware. "Aww, it's just part of the initiation to the club." That may be true. But it's a warped kind of fellowship if it requires degrading, humiliating treatment and shaming of pledges.

Furthermore, some clubs need more supervision. Apparently club sponsors were not aware of clubs who used excessive cursing during the evening. Use of tobacco and marijuana was also reported, particularly from two men's clubs.

Again, pledges who were intimidated by such blatant violations by their unthinking mates-mistresses are entitled and encouraged to bring it to the attention of the officers with the aim of clearing this up and help make it more what it should be, instead of a bunch of vulgar, inconsiderate, displays of immature delight in demeaning others.

It depends greatly on this new set of club members whether they choose to correct the disgusting thing they went through, or whether they choose to continue a tirade of stupid childishness.

Chuck Bryant

Dear Editor,

During the early portion of the first semester all freshmen and transfers decide where they will worship while attending Harding. As everyone realizes, we have adequate facilities for worship within a five to ten minute walk from campus. But the College church of Christ lacks a factor so vitally needed within a congregation.

It's obvious that the majority who attend leave as soon as worship is concluded. Because of this, many students have quit attending and seek out nearby congregation.

I personally attend College church because this is an opportunity to worship Christian. It's the only church I have been able to worship from across the states. The song service is superior to all other services that I have attended. We have the questions those in a beautiful worship, but we lack the joys of fellowship after services.

Worship can become so formal that it is routine. Song, prayer, song, prayer, song, communion, song, sermon, invitation, closing sound familiar?

I believe we should suggest to elders in our individual congregations to get out of the routine situation and establish a more motivating service. This is in no way suggesting liberalism, but the lifestyle of the first century church.

Christianity should be a desire by the individual for a more pleasant life. The lack of fellowship is not a lack of leadership in the congregation — but a fault with all of us in general. We are the ones who can decide on whether or not we'll have fellowship after services.

If religion is so unimportant that the individual leaves before the closing prayer, during a baptism or even the closing song just to beat the clock to the lunch line, it shows the poorest taste and no respect for the Lord.

We can make College church a supreme place to worship, but only if we desire it.

Sincerely,

Jim Robertson,  
Freshman Vice President

Bison encourages letters

All letters to the editor are welcomed and encouraged. Letters should be double-spaced, typed, and submitted to the editor's desk or campus box 1192 by 5 p.m. Monday afternoon. Letters may be cut at the discretion of the editor to fit available space.

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Fifth Column Curfew

by Michael Gates

For whom the bells toll? 
No one does much about it to the cows home, but to call all the sisters to the convent.

Curfew in the Fifth Column's unabridged dictionary is defined as a time the sisters to the convent before the second half is over. Among the girls, it is a time to get needed rest before the next day's classes.

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Shackelford tells history

International campaigns grow

You hear announcements each week concerning international campaigns. Escape to Harding on Wednesday evening. The history of this year's campaign, according to Don Shackelford, coordinator of this work on Harding's campus.

It began in 1966 as a "project" for countries -- Germany. Four years later, it became "European Campaigns." Summer invitations were received to work in Holland and Switzerland, in addition to Germany. In 1973 this group went international. John Pentas of Sao Paulo, Brazil, had been the visiting missionary at Harding the previous year. He had arranged with his fellow workers in that nation for a group of Harding students to campaign in their city and at Belo Horizonte. According to plans now underway, campaigns will be conducted in 1979 by international campaigns in: Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Austria, Germany, Holland, England, Scotland, Wales, Spain, Portugal, Holland and Switzerland, in addition to the coordinator of this work on International week concerning International "European Campaigns," meetings on Wednesday.

They decide to tell her husband that she wants a divorce, but instead find him with a knife in his back. Instead of calling the police, "I can see it now, says obscene.\" No C.O.D.'s). Orders from Canada must be accompained by money order or cheque. Please enclose your coupon and your mailing address. For books aspires to be a writer of kiddie stories, and talent in her role and proves that, yes, she really can act if given some material that is not just an excuse to get her into a bathing suit or a towel. The King James Version of the New Testament is professional, recorded on 12 high quality, low noise -- high output cassette tapes and narrated by the incomparable \"Exquisite English.\" They are contained in a beautifully padded, leatherette album in rich Moroccan red, which has a graphith gold-stamped etching on the cover.

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Going batty
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Foreign fun
Chi Alpha Rho "martians" play ring-around-the-rosies trying to keep warm during the first moments of Friday night's exercises. Pledgemistress Donna Land urges them on.

The bitter end
Russell Burkett, Beta Phi Kappa pledge, returns covered with the remains of a hard night's workout with his pledgemasters.

Yes, madam!
"Nazi patrolman" Lisa Lower keeps a close eye on her Totachi troops during the drilling hours of pledge week.

photos by Jule Medders and Gary Garner
Miss Pledge Week

The sorority dressed in all their finery stand in parade line before the Student Center.

En rapport

Pam Housey, president of Theta Psi, administers the club vows to new club member Kelly Price from Monroe, La.

Weight a minute

TNT pledge Herbert Raulston "presses" the tremendous weight of a broom in front of a Student Center audience.

Masked marader

The "mystery pledge," David Wright, chases after TNT pledge Gary McClanahan as he races around the lily pool in between chapel services.

A close shave

 Slug Wendy Jo Ashland puts the lather to Shantih beau Charlie Ramberger's whiskers in the Student Center during last week's "fun."
Bisons victorious in AIC opener

by James Bristol

The Bisons scored two touchdowns at the close of the first half on route to winning their opening conference game against the Arkansas Tech Wonderboys.

Tech opened the scoring with a field goal. Arkansas Tech scored on a 55-yard pass play by James Bristol. The Bisons never counted themselves out of the game. Coach John Prock commented, "In the A.I.C. anybody can beat anybody. That's just how balanced the conference is this year."

Prock gave the Bison defense a lot of praise for their consistent performance. Sylvester Forrest, the Tech quarterback, had been running for shutting out his passing game. Excessive mistakes and turnovers plagued the Bisons earlier in the season. Against Arkansas Tech the mistakes were fewer and not so costly, according to Prock. He also stressed that his specialty teams are improving with experience.

If the punting team continues to improve and the Bisons do not experience any costly injuries, then Coach Prock believes that Bison fans can look to a bright future.

Kevin Webb, tailback, eludes Tech defender. The Bisons won Saturday.

The Bisons scored two

Henderson, Ark. Tech

Henderson with 59. Arkansas Tech with 46 and Harding had 27 followed by Mike Howell in the 11th spot.

Individual scoring for the Bisons went as follows: Richard Prock to John Orr. Gary Henderson recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff return to get up the second Bison score. Harding led 14-3 at the half.

The third quarter saw the Bisons increase their lead on a field goal. Arkansas Tech scored a fourth quarter touchdown, but it wasn't enough as the Bisons won by a final margin of 17-10. Arkansas Tech had been rated 12th nationally going into the contest. Prock gave his defensive front four special praise in holding Forrest to just 19 yards rushing and for shutting out his passing game.

Harding harriers harass Henderson, Ark. Tech

Several Harding cross country members had their career best in last week's five-mile meet against Arkansas Tech and Henderson. The Harding harriers placed seven of their 11 runners in the top 11 spots to win the meet.

Head coach Ted Lloyd said the team strategy was to develop fifth, sixth and seventh man positions to add these valuable points to the over-all team score. Individual scoring for the Bisons will be there; Richard Twissner placed third; John Sills, fourth; Steve Smith, fifth; Randy Jackson, seventh; Phil Hostetler, eighth; Mark Piller, tenth; and Mike Howell in the 11th spot.

Hendard had 27 followed by Arkansas Tech with 46 and Henderson with 59.

Coach Lloyd said the next meet could be the toughest of the year, outside the national meet. The Bisons will compete in the South-west Missouri Invitational. Fifteen to 20 teams will be there, one-half of them universities and the rest will be strong college teams.

Harding harriers harass Henderson, Ark. Tech

by Mike Mason

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Bison fever

Kevin Webb, tailback, eludes Tech defender. The Bisons won their conference opener, 17-10 in Russellville, Saturday.
Kappa Phi captures 11th title

Women's club softball came to close Tuesday night as Kappa Phi and Chi Alpha Rho took respective large and small club championships.

The strong, solid hitting of Kappa Phi's Kristy Rollman, Terri Jenkins, and Lisa Williams kept Oeg's outfield awake and secured Kappa Phi its 11th straight large club softball title. Down 5-3 in the fourth inning, Kappa Phi's Terri Jenkins hit a home run with Jeannie Fry on base to tie the score. Pitcher Jeannie Istre of Oeg then walked Kristy Rollman, and Lee Ann Belew stroked a double. Lisa Williams then hit for a single to bring in two runs before Kappa Phi returned to the field. It was three up, three down for Oeg in the top of the fifth and Kappa Phi remained the undisputed champs of women's club softball.

This is the first year Oeg has played in the large club division. Last year Oeg was second to Tri-Kappa in small club competition.

In order to reach the championship game, Oeg had to battle a tough Ko Jo Kai team in semi-final play. Trailing by a score of 3-1 in the third inning, Kojies rallied to tie it up and force the game into an extra inning. Oeg tallied 3 more runs in the final inning, while Kojies could manage only one. The final score was 6-4.

Newly formed Chi Alpha Rho defeated Regina for the small club title. In intramural action the Angels defeated the Red Sox 16-4 in Wednesday night play. The All-Star game went to the Gold team, 5-4.

Kappa Phi pitcher Lisa Williams

Whoop It

Kristy Rollman connects with an Oeg pitch to aid Kappa Phi in capturing the large club softball championship for the 11th straight year. Kappa Phi defeated Oeg 7-5 in Tuesday night action.

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Opinion...

Spiritual Life chairman speaks against Pledge Week

by Jonathan L. Cloud

The shouting is over; the screaming, running, chasing, and crowded lunch rooms filled with bizarre behavior are all gone. Stories about each club's rough night circulate the campus. Inside the bathroom of our dormitory are the remains of clothing ruined by strange concoctions, the sour odor lingers on for a time. After a while the odor will pass, memories with it, all will be forgotten . . . or will it? In my mind very little will be forgotten. I think and I reflect on all will be forgotten ... or odor... clothing ruined by strange concoctions, the sour-odor lingers on for a time. After a while the concoctions, our pledgeweek.

I reflect on roughness. This mind often strives against life itself. I think of Jesus, the beauty of a life unmarred by foolishness. People were so important to Him, too important to be subjects for foolish activities meant only to humble. That voice that melted the hearts of fishermen, publicans, and adulterous women certainly could not be heard to be laughing at another's humiliation. A mind so employed by mercy and concern could not devise schemes of humiliation. No, he could not deal with a person in a trifling way . . . He had to die for that person. He was too busy laying His life down, and that is what made Him so important to them. If you are not serving people, if you are not laying your life down for them, they are not very important to you, and their shame will mean nothing to you.

I reflect on the faces flushed with embarrassment, much of it was more than embarrassment, it was hurt. Still vivid in my mind is the girl jerked from her hiding, trembling, but still forced to be a spectacle. Still vivid is the person with shaving cream in his hair doing push-ups, surrounded by shouts telling him not to stop. Still vivid is the insanity inside the room filled with heads of shaving cream and fellows breathing deeply with exhaustion. Still vividly remembered is the sound of the door that was slammed in my face so that I could not see anymore. Yes, such an act is indicative of the kind of attitude required to carry on the business of pledgework.

The days passed by . . . slowly, I too was in there trying to make a lovely a secular tradition not at all intended to be lovely. I reflect on rough night and see the glimmering of flashlights emerging from out of the dark woods. Our new members were being led by a rope as they were blindfolded. I told one of our members, "You cannot find a principle anywhere in the Bible for that."

Thinking of other club traditions I am made to wonder if the Spirit of our Lord prompts a Christian to throw strange concoctions on another? We live such paradoxical lives, professing Christian principles but finding pleasure without them. Our frustrations are often born out of our own inner contradictions. There is little real joy within a paradox.

We had planned to punish several of the new members who had not been very cooperative during the week. We were going to single them out and bomb them with water balloons. Suddenly a few of us perceived the valuelessness in that. That prolonged moment of heightened sensitivity is the kind of moment that needs to pervade this campus if people are to truly know Jesus, and see the valuelessness of much of pledgeweek, though not all of it.

We decided not to throw the water balloons on them, suddenly we found ourselves embracing them all and welcoming them in a union ... a union dedicated to "guarding each man's dignity," a dignity we had not truly respected in the preceding days. Something of Tuesday night had returned. I found myself embracing and apologising.

I think of a large portion of pledgeweek and I perceive the position of Jesus who had to come by mercy and concern could not deal with a person in a trifling way . . . He had to die for that person. He was too busy laying His life down, and that is what made Him so important to them. If you are not serving people, if you are not laying your life down for them, they are not very important to you, and their shame will mean nothing to you. I think and I reflect on all will be forgotten . . . or odor... clothing ruined by strange concoctions.

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