American Studies Hear
Black College President

Jack Evans, president of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Tex., spoke last night before the American Studies group and other interested persons in the American Studies Audience.

Evans is a native of Houston, Tex., and attended Nashville Christian Institute, Southwestern Christian, Eastern New Mexico University, and holds a master of arts degree in history and English from the University of Texas in El Paso.

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Business Team Of Industry in
Haggling over prices of golf clubs and metal tennis rackets, grinding out two decisions per week and awaiting the results these days, Tom Estes, team advisor.

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Enter Thores Emory Games

Harding was 1969 champion of the Emory games, and last year they took first place in their industry while rating second in the overall judging.

"Everybody has lost money in the first two quarters," explained Rodney Waller, team captain, "the decisions of two other teams in our industry have made it unprofitable for the rest of us. Unlike the Michigan State University business games, the team does not play against the other team's decisions. Two members are veterans of the MSU games. Rodney Waller of Shreveport, La., was on the 1969 Emory championship team and the 1970 MSU team which retired the trophv. Miss Suzanne Holland, a senior accounting major from Atlanta, Ga., is the first Harding woman to participate in the Emory games.

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Mike Cole of Pompton, Mich., and Dennie Reeve of Sillman Springs, bring experience from first Harding woman to participate last year's Emory games. Two newspaper are Bob White of Philadelphia, Pa., and Ron Waves of Pascagoula, Miss., a transfer from Freed-Hardeman.

The determination to win this year's games promises to be present.

Final Deadlines Close in on Dedicated Petit Jean Staff

Finals are over, but fifteen loyal Harding students are still hard at the jobs assigned away in the "little room upstairs" over the hustle and bustle of the student center, the Petit Jean staff struggling to put out a complete yearbook annual.

Layton McCown, editor-in-chief, optimistically looks "like running a little ahead of schedule."

Trying to meet the next deadline of Feb. 10, section editors are busily working on the student life, sports organization and social club sections. The final deadline is March 5, after which the paper will be edited over to the American Yearbook Company.

All the type for the yearbook is set by Advance Press and all photography is handled by Ben Red Studio in Little Rock.

Praising the high quality of work that has already been done, the annual, McCown comments, "With 237 of the 350 pages already turned in, I think we're over the hump; the rest is just a matter of working hard to get it done by the deadlines."

and relieved as another page is completed.

Debaters Discuss Apprehensions, Accomplishments of Competition

Tom Eastes and Alice Landrum are worried about their image — what do people think about them. Perhaps they have good reasons.

"What we're after is not only to win the debate, but to win the usual casual talk, one of the professors said. "Have you seen the new price index?"

"Did you see Fortune's article on the economy?" The topics stem from their common interest.

As members of Harding's debate team, Eastes and Miss Landrum must spend endless hours researching the year's debate topics. The federal government should adopt a program of compulsory wage and price control. Eastes is a sophomore from Montgomery, Ala., and Miss Landrum is from Woodbury, Ky.

"People often ask us if we are really debating," said Miss Landrum. "To some, I say yes; to others, no."

"The determination to win this year's competition is one of touch with the student body since we're gone so much." Miss Landrum says that most of her debate-related reactions happen while she is keeping her debate team up to date. We miss out on a lot of campus life-games, clubs, and feel we're a little out of touch with the student body since we're gone so much."

Miss Landrum said that the kind of competition that we've heard the same debate question over and over. Now we're looking for new ideas or delivery methods to keep the arguments stimulating."

Team Accomplishments

For one semester and half of another, Harding's debate team hasn't lost any issues with other similar college teams. This year they have entered seven tournaments and have won a sweepstakes at five of them. At Bradley University and Mississippi State College, Harding won first place in sweepstakes, second place at Kansas State College and the Tournament of Champions and third at Texas Tech.

Individual debaters have won eighteen first place prizes, Eugene Goudeau has won firsts in discussion, oral interpretation, and speaker in debate.

Tom Eastes, in after-dinner speaking, persuasive speaking, oral interpretation, and television, has placed first.

In oral interpretation, Reva Anderson was first, as was Debi Dedecker in persuasive speaking. Miss Dedecker was also named the superior speaker in debate. Bobby Dockery won first in ex temporeous speaking, impromptu speaking, and was named best debater. Pat Garner won oral interpretation, and Jimmy Sigmund won the same event in another tournament.

The team of Roger Castle-Tom Eastes won first in debate and Susan Murray placed first in oral interpretation.
Change Needed in Educational System

Education plays a major role in our present society. A child may begin his formal education at the age of five in a kindergarten class. If he was considered "exceptional," his education may have begun as early as three in a day or nursery school.

As the young scholar progresses, he is hurled off to a public grade school at any age from five to seven years, depending on when his birthday falls on the school calendar.

After eight years of this comes high school — which is a must. Almost every day he hears what a failure he will be in life if he becomes one of the jobless, nameless and countless high school dropouts. If he survives this advice until the end of his sophomore year then he can usually be counted on to occupy a cap and gown at the end of two more years.

When high school officials and faculty members have agreed that the student will complete his requirements for a high school diploma, then they must begin to apply any kind of guidance to his obviously impressive mind. This is the "go-to-college" syndrome.

Tests are administered for fields of interest; tests are administered for intelligence levels; and tests are administered to see the apparent sake of more testing. If the high school junior or senior fails to take these exams he is told he will not be accepted by the college of his choice. (And colleges are overcrowded, so they can accept only a certain percentage of those who apply.)

So, facing the dilemma of college or worldly failure, the scholar is forced to make his steps. He receives a diploma in the spring and awaits fall to begin the true and ultimate educational experience that college offers.

College comes and usually after four years college is gone. Near the end of this period our student begins to reflect on just how educated he really is . . .

The point of the biographical sketch of the typical student is that education in our society has become a symbol instead of a reality. Emphasis is placed on obtaining an education that is represented by a parchment sheet presented to the graduate at the completion of four years of study.

It appears that our education is too superficial. Colleges are required by many requirements for a degree that they are turning out diplomas that who know little about a number of subjects rather than being extremely well informed in any one field.

Graduates may know who wrote "Ode on a Grecian Urn" or who composed the "Surprise Symphony" or how to use a slide rule. However, how far will the knowledge of these subjects when they are applied out of school.

It seems that all the emphasis that has been placed on obtaining a college education has lead to everyone going — just to get by in life. Now there are too many college degrees and too few jobs to require them. A recent survey by Frank Endicott, director of placement at Northwestern University, of 191 businesses across the country indicated that more than half of these companies plan to contact fewer college students in their 1971 recruiting efforts.

However, in reading the classified ads in any newspaper on almost any day, one sees openings for craftsmen, workers, laborers, and women with secretarial skills. Rarely does a position appear for one with a degree in art, dance, literature, speech or any such popular college major.

Maybe a university should make a close examination of its educational values and bring about certain changes. Emphasis should be taken off the completing of a college education merely for the sake of obtaining a degree and replaced with emphasis on attaining knowledge and skills for doing a job really well.

This would call for changes within college curriculum also. The requirements should still include certain courses for a broad knowledge. Possibly these could be taken from a group of subjects offered as electives so that the student could appeal to himself, encouraging him to put forth efforts to gain something from his work. As it is most students just "drift" through some required subjects, these would make it easier to understand.

Whatever it takes on anyone's part, it seems that something could be and should be done to help a person truly educated after he has attended school for at least sixteen years.
By Ardith Bradshaw

Politics was a class in public administration under the instruction of Thomas Myers, has recently completed a two-month study of the city of Searcy and compiled its findings into a 75-page volume.

The purpose of the project was to make an analytical study of city government of Searcy. The group felt it would be beneficial to gain a better understanding of public administration on a local level in a small southern town as well as being beneficial to Searcy for future planning in the progress of the city.

Khalil Jahshan and Dennie Dotson researched the planning and legal areas of the city's administration. They learned that Searcy has had a planning commission since 1967. They also studied the court system including the nature of cases presented and its jurisdiction in cases. The selection, work and salary of councilmen was also incorporated into their study.

Personnel and management was the branch investigated by Hattie Lavender and Jack Frauenthal. They learned how hiring is done and found that only the police and fire departments require a civil service examination for employment.

Garry Hughes, Edward Bake and Virginia Johnson interviewed the city major and court clerk to learn of the finance department. The city's budget, they found, is not published and is made out only in terms of very general totals.

John Manning and Ronnie Peacock studied the organization of the police and fire departments. They found that the police force is made up of eight men and learned about their salaries, shifts and equipment. The Searcy fire department consists of six full-time paid firemen and fourteen part-time volunteers.

The public works department was under investigation by Harry Starnes and Terry Welch. After interviewing the superintendent of streets and sanitation and the mayor's secretary they found that the budget was not high enough to include all the work the department would like to do. However, they felt that their work was efficient considering the circumstances.

Ruth Doak was assigned to cover the health department and found that city of Searcy depends on the county health office since the city government does not appropriate for such a department.

The parks, recreation and library department was to be scrutinized by Georgia Nokes. However, she found that there is no department in this category. She found that certain civic clubs sponsor the park and recreation programs. From the librarian she learned that the Searcy library is a branch library, who pays the salaries, and that the city does appropriate a tax for the functioning of the library.

Eddie Carroll rounded out the study by summarizing the relationship of Harding College with the Searcy community. Carroll learned that a quite successful cooperation exists between the school and the city. Each unit feels the need for the other and each strives for the betterment of the other.

The group compiled statistical charts and graphs to elaborate their reports. Each unit included a list of recommendations made by the students according to the principles of successful public administration as outlined in the course.

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FROM THE BENCH

By Larry Sanderson

Several individual Harding athletes have been in the news since this column last appeared.

Jerry Cook, a junior offensive guard on the Bison football squad, was named to the NAJA All-American second team after the 1970 season, becoming the third Bison to receive this honor in the last three years. Cook, a two-time All-District 17 choice, came back from an off-season knee operation after the 1969 season in which he was the only senior to make the All-AIC team.

Fred Dixon, a 6'5" freshman, set a season high in scoring last Friday with 33 points as the Harding Bison downed Arkansas College 88-76.

Hardin's Water Buffaloes, Searey, Ark. will travel to Arkansas A&M Wednesday night against Ouachita this Tuesday in Natchitoches, La.

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Intramural Basketball Begins;
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Club basketball action began last week with the first rounds completed. The competition has been heightened accordingly.

The large club "A" division was scheduled to begin in the NAJA Indoor Track and Field meet in Kansas City last Saturday with a time of 4:17.2. On December 19 the Harding sophomore turned in the best time of his career in the Northeast Louisiana Invitational in Monroe, running the mile in 4:14.9. His previous best had been 4:21.6.

At press time Roger Shuffield was ranked first in both the optional and required diving categories among AIC swimmers. David Cunningham was also officially listed as fourth in the 200-yard individual medley and fifth in the 200-yard backstroke, and the Bison swimming team was fourth in the 400-yard freestyle in AIC competition.

In camp fever the last meeting will be tomorrow at Hatchechichos, La. The Water Buffaloes will swim against Ouachita this Tuesday a home. The basketball team will travel to Arkansas A&M tonight, and will play their next home game Tuesday against Ouachita.

Harding's Water Buffaloes have crushed eight school records during the 1970-71 season and rate as one of the top four contenders in the AIC. David Cunningham has individually broken four records. He set new times in the 1,000 yard freestyle, 200 yard backstroke, 200 yard medley, and 200 yard butterfly.

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Johnson broke the existing 60 yard freestyle mark. He also tied the school record in the 100 yard freestyle.

Two of the top four swimmers of the breaststroke in the AIC are Harding's Bruce Morgan and Miller.

Coach Berryhill feels that the boys are working very hard and will continue to strive for the best possible performance for the AIC Championship Meet to be held March 6. Top contenders along with the Buffaloes are Hendrix, Southern State and Ouachita Baptist.

The next meet for the swim team will be Tuesday against Ouachita at Harding's pool.

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