Sam Ervin to speak Tuesday

by Diane Morey

Senator Sam Ervin, chairman of the 1974 Select Senate Committee to investigate campaign practices of the president, will speak here Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on "The Evolution of the Constitution."

"Senator Sam," as he likes to be called, will talk about how our laws and rights have changed in 200 years of the Republic, according to Dr. Billy Ray Cox, director of the American Studies Program.

He will discuss the constitution "as it was originally written" and the trends and directions of it since then, Cox said.

"Sam Ervin to speak Tuesday"
Bison outlines function of editorial section

"I can't believe they would allow that to be printed in the BISON!" This remark has been circulated quite a bit recently among both faculty and students and is usually made in reference to opinions stated on the editorial page.

Usually those opinions seem overly critical to a few or tend to go against certain religious norms of select groups on campus and as a result are often branded "Unchristian."

And accordingly, the BISON and BISON staff is labeled unchristian for allowing those opinions a forum in which to be aired. This attitude reflects an amazing amount of ignorance on the part of many on the campus on the purposes of the editorial page and certain journalistic ideologies in general.

Because an opinion is stated on the editorial page DOES NOT necessarily mean that is the opinion of the BISON staff. When an editorial's author is named, those views stated are solely the writer's opinions. When comments are unsigned they are intended for sincere expression.

The BISON has a responsibility to strive to truthfully represent the attitudes and feelings present at Harding College. Therefore guest letters and editorials are encouraged (in so much as space admits).

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Ours is a unique situation compared to most private schools and unfortunately many Christian colleges. This serves as a tribute to our leaders.

While the editorial page will not be used for personal attacks on individuals or groups, it is designed as a forum for sincere expression. So use it.

Dr. Barnes deserves praise

The Fifth Column appearing in our last issue was in no way intended as a personal attack on Dr. Jerome Barnes, the movie program, or for that matter, any specific individual or group.

We regret any false information that has been distributed to the contrary. Ironically, as stated in our Sept. 30 editorial, we feel this year's movie program is possibly the best in recent history. We praise Dr. Barnes and Bob Freels for the outstanding job they have done though often under adverse conditions.

Undoubtedly Dr. Barnes does not receive the credit due him as the man-behind-the-scenes in helping the Student Association carry out their responsibilities.

Feedback

Dear Editor:

Much has been said lately about rejection. In my judgment we need to keep in mind the fact that a social club is a man-made organization with man-made rules, regulations and requirements for entrance, and should not be placed on a parallel with the church, which is a divine organization. We have man-made terms of entrance to Harding College, Harding College athletic teams, Harding College business teams, and Harding College choral and musical groups.

Just because a student is not selected for membership in a certain club does not mean that he or she is rejected anymore than non-selection for Harding College would be personal rejection.

Sometimes students lock themselves into what you call rejection by excluding all clubs except their only choice. This is particularly true of clubs that have the least room for new members. Because such a student has rejected all other clubs there is difficulty in his being selected by any club.

Jesus practiced selection. See Matthew 10. He chose the twelve apostles. There were others but only twelve were admitted to this select group. Even from this group of twelve he had those who were more close to him than others. These small circles of followers were his friends. Maybe we make too much over this matter of selection and rejection.

Everyone has a right to choose his closest friends, even among disciples. This was a prerogative Jesus himself used. To choose club members randomly through a lottery would make the process of selection easier. However, this would remove any spirit of responsibility, self-determination or choice from the club. The likelihood of an individual getting the club of his choice would be less, not greater, and the possibility of the club getting members that it wants would also be diminished. It appears to me that such a process would be beneficial to neither the club nor the individual.

Social clubs are optional at Harding College. We want every student to be in a club if he wants to be in a club. There are no requirements that one join a club.

I personally am convinced that our social clubs have a vital part to play in the overall picture of Harding College. Change is a necessary part of life and should be welcomed by all who are interested in improvement. However, we should not stifle people that comes along that appears to have merit. It's too easy to buy a bill of goods without first sampling the product.

Sincerely,

Eddie R. Campbell
Dean of Men

Fifth Column Babies

by Steve Leavell

A lot of you won't be interested in this column.

I realize, of course, that this is true every week. This week, though, I can rationalize it to myself.

I figure that maybe a third to a fourth of the students here at Harding are married. Further, perhaps a third of this fraction have children. Thus a fraction of a fraction of a fraction of a fraction of this week's column will be interested in it.

My wife and I have a little boy named Adam. (You may remember he wrote the column a few weeks ago.)

A lot of strange things happen when you have children. Some of these are wonderful compliments. Others catch you totally by surprise.

For example, when you take your kid out, the entire world is an inte­ract. They already know everything in the world loves babies. And they always pay attention. That is, until they hear some wonderful compliments, such as "Oh, isn't he a beautiful baby?" He doesn't look like either one of you.

Feeding the little tyke is an experience too. There's a simple formula for figuring out how often you ought to feed your child, especially at night. Just wait fifteen minutes after you're sound asleep, and that's the time the baby gets hungry.

I remember one time Adam woke us up crying. I could tell he was hungry, so I reached across to grab him, but the bed and stuck a bottle in his mouth.

Then I noticed he was still crying as loud as ever. Sleepy as I was, I knew he couldn't cry and eat at the same time. (He has, however, since learned that trick.)

I reached over, switched on the light and saw that I had inadvertently stuck the bottle in his ear.

I then told the baby, "Don't let anyone kid you. You've never received a reproachful look until you've received one from a two month old baby.

Changing diapers is something about which the less said the better. I have a friend who, when he was in the army, used to spend a lot of time checking fields for land mines and booby-traps. Changing diapers is a lot like that.

I think the strangest thing about the way people treat babies is the way they talk to them.

Children are born with no language. They don't even have a concept of language. So if they can't understand words such as "Oggie Oggie piddly-poo?" Don't look at an idiot kid you. Babies can be a whole lot of fun, of course, if you don't necessarily apply to mine. Adam is different.

I have a baby that is already ten weeks old and he is not only one really bad habit. He seems to drink his bottle a lot. I think I can live with that.
Debators develop persuasion skills

by Karen Davis

In this time of many and varied opinions and values, a person has to learn to defend his point of view. One who learns to organize his thoughts and to manipulate arguments on a given proposition against an opponent's attack. In argumentation possesses a valuable skill.

The Harding Debate Team is in the process of developing such skills as these. According to Dr. Patrick Garner, faculty sponsor, the team "has great potential," noting a majority of the squad are freshmen.


Debate consists of opposing arguments on a given proposition between a supporting affirmative and an opposing negative. The resolution for this year is: opposing team on the proposition. Thus far this year the team has participated in three tournaments.

The first at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo., resulted in a second place standing in Extemporaneous Speaking by Longnecker with Chandler placing second as individual speaker in Junior Division Debate. Jordan was first place speaker in Open Division Debate with the team of Chandler and Umberger ranking third in Junior Division Debate. The Jordan-Pogue team was first in Open Division Debate, and the squad as a whole captured the Sweepstakes trophy.

The second contest was sponsored by Mid-Tennessee State University of Murfreesboro, and the team of Hobbs and Chandler ranked in the top thirty per cent of the teams represented.

At the tournament held at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Satterfield, Umberger, Longnecker, Gould, and Coker all reached the semifinals in their individual events categories. In the quarter-final round were the debate teams of Satterfield-Ellington, Chandler-Hobbs, and Jordan-Pogue. Chandler and Hobbs also made it to the semifinals and received third place in Open Division Debate.

The team will be traveling to Emory University in Atlanta the weekend of Nov. 4-6. A team of two persons presents the affirmative case throughout the entire debate and another team of two maintains the negative viewpoint. Both sides make constructive and rebuttal speeches.

A constructive speech presents the case, supporting evidence, and reasoning. Rebuttal is the destruction of opposing proofs and the defense of one's own case against an opponent's attack. In cross-examination debating each team is permitted to question the opposing team on the proposition.
Harding co-ed awe-struck by trip to Holy Land

by Diane Morey

I have wondered all along when it would hit me as to what I was actually doing. About 30 minutes ago the pilot said that we had passed over Newfoundland and would be over London, England, in about an hour. My body almost jumped. Certainly my heart did. London, the place I've always dreamt about, I've always believed there was such a place but is now a reality. Even though I cannot see it through the blackness — not yet — it is there. I am going to Israel. I was in a group of 15 that spent 16 days touring the Holy Land last month.

The 300-passenger DC-10 left Kennedy Airport and landed in Athens, whose airport appeared smaller than the terminal in New York. The Greek words above the plane were in English reminded us that we were now foreigners. In ten minutes we were on another plane. The green, tree-covered mountains of Lebanon greeted us. The houses and businesses of metropolitan Beirut were a picture of calmness. The layover lasted about an hour. As we left, our hand luggage was searched. The men were frisked. The guard held the automatic rifle, its mout aimed at the ground. We walked in front of him as we boarded the plane for Amman.

The sun was bright as we stood on top of Mt. Nebo, the tallest mountain in the area. I looked into the distant, hazy blue at the Promised Land that Moses saw. Beneath the mountain, the Jordan River flowed into the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea was at our backs as we looked across the Wadi Qumran at the caves where the Essenes, a community of Jews who were possibly dissident Jews, lived and copied their ancient texts. During the Jewish Wars of 66-70 A.D., the Dead Sea scrolls were hidden in these caves before the Essenes themselves fell to the Romans. Almost 2,000 years later, the scrolls were to add new life to archeological evidence about the Old Testament.

The shores of the Dead Sea looked like a beautiful land that had been sprinkled with salt from a giant salt shaker. The water was warm and felt like any other water. That day I withdrew my hand. At first it felt slimy. After it dried I had to wash it for several minutes to get the feel of the minerals on it.

The cable car rose to the top of Masada — the Alamo of Israel. It is the cliff fortress near the memory of Sodom where the Jews made their last stand against the Romans in A.D. 73. Herod's fortress, captured from the Romans after Herod's death, enabled the Jews to hold out for three years against the Roman siege. The 900 Jews committed suicide rather than fall into the hands of the Romans. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling." I looked into the distance for my first view of Jerusalem, the modern Jebusite city where the modern city is now known. From here, the city is at noon during the Christmas shopping season.

The shops were small; many were the size of a two-car garage. There was no litter on the streets. We went to church there that night. The speaker's nephew, who appeared to be about 13, served the Lord's Supper and took the collection. We sang in Aramaic and English at the same time.

The preacher spoke first in English, then in Arabic. Even the imbibers said the wines used in the Lord's Supper were strong. We met in a room the size of a large living room. Nearly everyone there was an American.

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Sophomore qualifies in talent contest

Cloud portrays spiritual prisoner

by Nancy Jo Perry

Salem, N.C., demonstrates this
Sophomore qualifies in talent contest
which qualified him for the area
search at Pine Bluff Oct.
competition of the Bob Hope
Bible major from Winston-
"Top everyone lives in a belief that the
Christian community is that
other person is forgiven for their
things that make a prison.
Bondage," Cloud portrays Toby
society that never forgives him.
could spend the rest of his life in a
prison.
"There is a very subtle allusion
to the church. The power of the
Christian community is that
everyone lives in a belief that the
other person is forgiven for their
wrong.
I can greet you and live
with you as a person OK in God’s
sight and in mine. But that’s
something Toby can’t do," Cloud
said.
Toby recognizes that his soul is
imprisoned by his own feelings
and that he needs the touch of
human contact. Tommy, the
prisoner in the cell across from
Toby, is the only one listening to
him, so Toby reaches through the
bars trying to touch Tommy but
he doesn’t make it.
“This alludes to what is going
to happen when Toby leaves—
reaching but never touching,”
Cloud said.
The monologue ends with Toby
waiting for the guards coming to
release him and yet feeling the
same way he felt when he walked
into the prison.
“The ending is tragic but we
need the tragedy to awaken us.
The happy endings put us on the
back a lot and sometimes we
need something to jar us,” Cloud
said.
Cloud is now busy preparing
for the sectional contest to be
held Dec. 5 at Texas A&M. He
will be competing against 17
other contestants from six states.
“Since acting is very physical,
I get up every morning and run. I
also work from one and a half to
two hours on the monologue,” he
said.
It took Cloud two weeks to
write “The Morning of a New
Bondage.” He had read a poem
about prisons the day before he
saw the article about the contest
in the Blade. “When it’s the right
idea, inspiration takes over and
ideas begin to click,” he said.
Yet Cloud is not totally happy
with the script. “I haven’t had
the kind of time I need to work on
it. Technically, I’m not through
writing it,” he said.
While drama is a “part of his
life,” Cloud’s first love is
preaching the gospel. His interest
in drama was the result of the
lack of opportunities to preach.
He ultimately wants to form a
group of five people that
specialize in communicating the
message of Christ through
practing, singing, teaching and
acting.
Still, Cloud does not want to go
into show business. “There is
no way I can be God’s man and yet
be owned by directors and
groups,” he said.
Cloud feels that he is on the
verge of being able to do
something unique for the
kingdom of God. “I spend every
day in prayer and meditation
searching to find out what God
wants me to do,” he said.
Jonathan Cloud is certainly not
bound by Toby’s bars and doors.

Economist criticizes partisan tax reform

Calling it “disgraceful” to subject America’s tax scale
structure to “partisan politics,” James Buchanan said Monday
the only effective tax reform can be constructed in light of the
Constitution.
Buchanan, general director of the Center for the Study of Public
Choice at Virginia Polytechnical
Institute, was speaking here as
part of the American Studies
Lectureship Series.
“Tax system can only meaningfully be discussed in a
classical constitutional
perspective,” he said.
Buchanan said the “reality of politics” was that each individual
or group ultimately wanted a tax
system most beneficial to self.
with often little or not thought of the
welfare of the general people
or the entire economy.
Buchanan said there is a best
tax reform system available
externally speaking because
there is no set of criteria present
which people agree on.
Buchanan contends a
constitutional approach to tax
reform would provide a basic
predictability to the tax system
because of added longevity and
legitimacy.
Non-conference foes prove too much for Bisons

by Dusty Hall

The Harding College Football Bisons fell the power of non-
conference foes as they fell to Mississippi College and Tarleton
State during the past two weeks.

Two weeks ago, the Bisons were defeated by the Mississippi
College Choctaws 15-12 in a penalty-plagued ball game. Last
week, the Herd traveled to Stephenville, Tex., and was
downed by the Tarleton State Texans 12-7.

The two losses lowered the Bisons’ overall record to 4-4 for
the season but they maintained their 2-1 conference mark.

In the Mississippi College game, 223 yards in penalties were
called as the Bisons had 72 yards against them and 151 were called
against the Choctaws.

A large number of major penalties were called during the
game. Five major penalties were called against the Bisons and
four major penalties were given to Mississippi College.

Even though Harding lost the
game, Bison wide receiver Max
Ellis tied a school record by
catching ten passes in a single

The Bisons scored with 9:23 left
in the first quarter. The Bisons
started a drive on their own 48
and moved the ball to the
Choctaw two in nine plays with
Mike Vanlandingham doing most
of the running. With the ball on the
two, Curtis Dupriest powered
over the left guard for the touch-
down. The PAT failed and the
Bisons were on top 6-0.

The Choctaw then began to
drive in the second quarter that
ate 6:15 off the clock. They
started on their own 33 and
marched 68 yards in 14 plays.

With the ball on the Harding
eight, Ezra Tate bulldozed his
way through the line for the first
Choctaw touchdown. Don Loften
booted the PAT to put Mississippi
College on top 7-6 at the end of
the half.

In the second half, the Choctaw
punted and Kevin Webb
received the kickoff on his own 42
and carried it to the Mississippi
College 35. Cam Prock then
completed a pass to Gail Gregg
for 19 yards, placing the ball on
the Choctaw 16. Vanlandingham
took a pitch and broke three
tackles and scrambled into the
end-zone for the score with 9:33
left in the third quarter. The two-
point conversion failed but the
Bisons were on top 12-7.

In the fourth quarter, the
Choctaws recovered a Bison
fumble on their own 46. With
Bruck Hullt carrying most of
the time, Mississippi College mar-
ched the ball to the Harding eight
in six plays. Steve Mills then
went wide right for the touch-
down. Mills then kept the ball for
the two-point conversion and the
Choctaws came out victorious 15-
12.

Sickness in the back field
proved to be costly for the Bisons
during last week’s game against
Tarleton State.

The Bisons started the ball
game without a healthy fullback
because Curtis Dupriest had a
bad shoulder and Jimmy Lawson
had a bad leg. Also on the
disabled list was Mike Vanlan-
dingham who had the flu and
Cam Prock, who jammed his
thundering his thumb during the second series of
play of the game.

Head coach John Prock started
John Paul Orr, who has never
played fullback before, at the
fullback slot and John Dixon at
the tailback position. After Prock
hammered his thumb, Steve
Peeples played the remainder of
the game.

Coach Prock had high praise
for the defense. “They (the
defense) did an outstanding job
on pass coverage and rushing the
quarterback. We could have won
the game but we just didn’t have
each healthy players.”

The Texans scored all of their
first-half points on field goals.

With 6:29 left in the second
quarter, Mike Grant booted a 32-
yard field goal to put Tarleton
State on top 3-0.

In the closing seconds of the
first half, Grant set a new
Tarleton State School record by
booting a 53-yard field goal to
increase the Texas lead 6-0.

The first-second-half score
came with 14:19 left in the fourth
quarter. The Texans moved the
ball from the Harding 47 to the 34
in two plays. Charles Gane then
boomed a pass to Tom Ferguson
for the TD. The PAT failed but
the Texans were on top 10-6.

The lone Harding score came
with 7:22 left in the game. The
Bisons took control after the
Texans punted to the Harding 38.
Peeples ran for five yards before
a pass interference call moved
the ball to the Tarleton 43.
Peeples faded back and fired a
bomb to Ellis for the touch-
down. Jones booted the PAT
making the final score 12-7 with
the Texans claiming the victory.

This week the Bisons will
return to AIC action by hosting
Southern State University in the
animal bowl homecoming game
at Alumni Field at 2 p.m.

Bison offensine linemen block Mississippi College players out of the picture, enabling Mike Vanlandingham (58) to run for long yardage after receiving the ball from quarterback Cam Prock. Vanlandingham, the
Bisons’ top rusher, had to sit out most of the game against Tarleton State last week because of flu.

However, the Bison tailback is expected to be at full strength against SAU tomorrow.
Knights to keep unblemished record

Theta Tau was defeated as the small club football power last week as Knights defeated the Theta Tau to advance to the championship finals. Knights, who are undefeated and unscouted on this year, capitalized on a 50-yard punt return by David Broom with 4:00 left in the game.

It then took the Knights only three plays before halfback Danny Delkamis powered his way up the middle for the deciding touchdown. Tim Bass caught a Mike Cope pass for the two-point conversion with 2:14 left in the game making the score 8-0.

The Theta Tau threatened at the beginning of the game when Kevin Fisher caught a Craig Ireland pass and ran approximately 30 yards before Stan McKeever pulled his flag. A staunch Knights defense forced Tau to give up the ball after four downs.

In other small club A team action, Fratres downed Beta Phi 36-14; Fratres defeated King's 12-6; Fratres narrowly defeated Fratres 6-4.

In large club A team action, Mohawks blasted Alpha Tau 46-14; Kappa Sigma downed Galaxy 10-4; and Mohawks defeated Kappa Sigma 25-14.

Small club B team games featured Knights defeating Theta Tau 6-4 in overtime and King's Men defeating Lambdas 14-8. Large club B games included Club T over Kappa Sigma 25-14, and Mohicans over TNT 14-6.

Harriers win Ark. Tech meet; favored to bag AIC crown by Russ Hall

After easily winning a cross country meet at Arkansas Tech in Russellville last week, the NAIA 11th ranked Harding College harriers have been preparing all this week for the AIC Championship Cross Country Meet — the final step toward the NAIA meet.

The Bisons, who jumped from 15th to 11th in the NAIA rankings, are expected to capture their seventh straight AIC victory.

All of the AIC schools, with the exception of Southern State and College of the Ozarks will compete in the meet along with the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, and John Brown University because the District 17 meet will be held in conjunction with the AIC meet.

Coach Lloyd believes that Harding has to be favored once again this year since the harriers have defeated all of the AIC schools so far this season.

"The course at Russellville is a good one in that it is rolling with many turns and approximately 12 ditches the runners have to jump. One hazard that will be imminent is that the course will be muddy due to the rain," Coach Lloyd said.

Harding will have seven runners competing in the meet and Coach Lloyd has the selected seven narrowed down to eight. Those eight runners are: Phil Hostetler, Marshall and Matt Grate, Richard Textiera, Dave Edwards, John Sills, Mark Williams, and Jimmy McLain.

Last year, the Bisons captured their sixth straight AIC title with 72 points over UCA, the closest contender with 86 points. In that meet, Segovia of UCA took top honors with Matt and Marshall Grate taking second and fourth respectively. Phil Hostetler captured 12th.

In the meet last week, Harding took first place honors with 30 points followed by UCA with 43, Hendrix with 94, Arkansas Tech with 104, and Arkansas College with 143.

Mark Segovia of UCA took individual honors with a time of 28:16 over the five-mile course. Segovia was followed by seven Harding runners: Phil Hostetler (36:54), Marshall Grate (36:55), Matt Grate (36:56), Richard Textiera (36:57), Dave Edwards (36:58), John Sills (36:54), and Mark Williams (37:58).

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Petit Jean gets 18th All-American

For the 18th year in a row, the Harding College Petit Jean has received the All-American rating by the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) and the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP), according to results released two weeks ago. The yearbook, under the direction of editor Kim Moss, was given marks of distinction in four of five possible areas, including photography, display, coverage and concept. Copy was the only aspect not given a mark of distinction. 

The book received 7,125 out of a possible 7,400 points in route to its rating, which is the highest of the four categories—All-American, First Class, Second Class and Third Class.

Harding gives 841 blood units

Harding students and faculty contributed 841 units of blood in the Red Cross Blood Drive held Oct. 18, 19 and 20, according to Dean of Men Eddie Campbell, organizer of the drive.

Response was good, said Dean Campbell, although the goal of 800 units set for the fall drive was not quite realized. If enough units are donated in the spring drive, Harding will reach its goal of 1,700 units for the year 1977-78. "The outstanding thing," said Dean Campbell, "is that we have such good totals with both the spring and fall semesters put together." He estimates that is no truth to the rumors that limits will be set on clubs' hours of practice, but Dr. Ryan has asked for cooperation from the clubs in selecting early their coordinators and music directors. Working in small groups, these leaders can cut down significantly on wasted time.

Dr. Ryan said that students involved in Spring Sing would be able to make arrangements to accommodate any classes that meet during the scheduled Friday matinee.

As in the past, clubs will be responsible for their own musical accompaniment. The Harding band will accompany only the hosts and hostesses.

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Spring Sing set for March 23-25

Dr. Ryan announces four emcees

Mary Carolyn Campbell, Karla Adams, Tim Smith and Tim Woodroof have been chosen to emcee this year’s Spring Sing production, planned for March 23, 24 and 25, according to Dr. Jack Ryan, professor of speech.

This year’s Spring Sing will feature a new Friday matinee, according to Dr. Ryan, to accommodate the huge crowd of visitors during the annual Youth Forum that coincides with Spring Sing. Last year, over 2,000 visitors were unable to get tickets for the show. Traditionally, there have only been four showings of Spring Sing during the Youth Forum weekend.

Approximately 34 clubs are tentatively involved in this year’s production so far, Dr. Ryan said, with 22 shows in preparation.

Dr. Ryan’s concern this year is to have the clubs make good use of their time so that no unnecessary man-hours will go into preparation, as in the past. There

Harding College alone will be able to meet the blood needs of White County.

One reason that Harding outdoes all the other schools in the area in giving blood, according to Mr. Campbell, is that “we have people who care.” Also reminding students in chapel helps, he adds.