The Middle East peace talks ended with hopes for future talks. Although the participants didn't comply with the hopes of the United States and the Soviet Union, the historic talks did produce some memorable moments. Both Israel and Syria staked out hard-line positions, and then backed them up by trading personal insults and charges of terrorism. Still the talks did lay a path for progress — if the players choose to take it.

James Carville, called the Democrat's Lee Atwater, may be the next household word in campaigning. Carville, a 47-year-old strategist from Louisiana, managed the U.S. Senate campaign of Harris Wofford in Pennsylvania. Wofford successfully defeated Richard Thornburgh, former Pennsylvania governor and U.S. attorney general. Wofford's victory was seen as a great political surprise and showed a vulnerability in those viewed as Washington insiders. It is expected that Democrats will use tactics similar to those used by Carville against George Bush in 1992. **

The state of Washington defeated a stiff proposal to limit the terms of congressmen. (See editorial — page 2).

A teenager no longer faces a murder charge because the man he was accused of shooting to death was still alive. The charge was changed from first-degree murder shortly before Michael Walker, 15, was to be arraigned in Little Rock Municipal Court.

According to the police, a doctor at University Hospital told authorities that the victim was dead from a gunshot wound and never informed the police when the victim was resuscitated.

The 1992 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 63 students from Harding University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,600 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1904.

Instruction Book helpful for daily guidance

I was breathing through a book that I bought this past summer and in it I found some interesting challenges. The book, Life’s Little Instruction Book, was written by H. Jackson Brown, Jr., for his son, Adam. He gave it to Adam when he entered college as a freshman to serve as a road map in his ensuing life. The book is composed of 311 suggestions, observations and reminders on how to live a happy and rewarding life.

I’d like to share a few of those with you and remark on them from my own perspective:

• Learn to listen. Opportunity sometimes knocks very softly. We have so many opportunities open to us, both as Americans and as Christians. I think we sometimes get so burdened with the monomy of everyday life that we fail to pick up on some great opportunities to help others and ourselves. We have to realize that many opportunities are hidden to us because we are just “hearing” and not “listening.”

• Live your life as an explanation, not an explanation. We should live our lives to the fullest each and every day. Sure, there are plenty of excuses not to, e.g. jobs, children, financial woes, etc., but why waste time in a rather short life.

This one has spiritual applications as well. When we bow before God on Judgment Day, we want our lives to be full of good deeds and service to Him (an explanation). We sure don’t want to be there making excuses about why we fell short during this earthly life.

• Take care of your reputation. It’s your most valuable asset. Our reputations are like our shadows; they follow us everywhere. When we are down, destitute or lonely, our reputations might serve as our only salvation. Our reputation is often the only thing between acceptance and rejection by others, so we must take great steps to insure its protection.

• Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures. This one tells me I can dream into the being greatness of the United States someday, yet still have time to appreciate and enjoy taking a walk in the woods on a crisp autumn day. We shouldn’t get so consumed with our dreams and goals that we forget to enjoy, or “relish,” getting there.

Everyone needs a little encouragement once in a while. Brown realized this when he laid down those 311 thoughts for his son.

God did the same thing for us. He gave us His Holy Word to encourage us from day to day and throughout our lives. His book, however, has more far-reaching implications for us. It involves something more lasting than this life...eternity. He cared for us enough to instruct us how to get there. We just have to take the initiative to make it work for us.

— KLK

True purpose of life not always evident to us, only to God

Jesu’s main purpose for living was so that He could die. He lived for 33 years knowing that He would be crucified. He was given life so that others may take it away. Jesus’ purpose for His life was to be our Savior.

I find myself asking the purpose of life all the time. At times I think I’ve found it, and other times I feel that I’m grasping for “pseudo-purposes” that might make me feel better on a temporary basis. I constantly ask why I’m alive and constantly question my existence.

But as I get older I realize more that God didn’t make a list of people’s life purposes. If that were the case, I would only be a number. But instead, God chose to shape my life. He chose to take the time to show me what I should do, and which direction I should go.

If everyone were given an agenda for their lives, we wouldn’t need God or prayer because we would already know what would happen next. Instead of saying “God’s will be done,” we’d be saying “the agenda’s will be done.”

I think Jesus best exemplifies the true purpose of life. First of all, He completely and totally trusted His Father. He didn’t question anything. His human emotion caused Him to fear His crucifixion, but He still fulfilled His Father’s request.

Jesus also showed the purpose of life through His kindness. He gave to those in need. He showed mercy to those in pain. He made time for little children. He lived a life of simplicity. He helped His fellow man to see God.

My purpose in life is not glory and fame. What I really want to accomplish is complete and total trust in God. The type of trust that will not waiver when the going gets tough, but instead gets stronger when life’s path is filled with potholes and mudholes.

I also want to live a life so that others might be led to Christ Jesus. I think it would be so wonderful to reach Heaven, and to have someone say, “Thank you for sharing your Savior with me.”

Galatians 2:20 reads, “I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

— Carmelita Bandy

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The Bison is an educational tool for journalism and communication students, providing practical experience and the acquisition of hands-on skills that cannot be learned in the classroom.

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Existing primarily for the student populace, The Bison acts as a forum for student perspective. The Bison welcomes letters to the editor and guest columns. Letters intended for publication should be signed and should not exceed 300 words. Pseudonyms or unsigned letters will not be considered, though an author’s name may be withheld from publication upon request. Submissions should be mailed to The Bison at campus box 1192 or brought to the office on the second floor of the Student Center by 5 p.m. Monday. The staff reserves the right to edit contributions for space requirements. Unolicited manuscripts will not be returned.
Open House, yearly part of our collective consciousness

by Craig V. Carrington
Bison staff writer

I culled the following article from my personal journal. It was written mere moments after last fall's Open House.

Because the Open House is a concept that is a part of the Harding collective consciousness, and to many students, a venerable celebration of all that is good and right in the world, I submit this article as a tribute to this simply super tradition:

Ah — the joyous excitement that elektrifies the moist air of the men's dorms on the night of Open House! The rooms, open at last for the full view of female students, fairly crackle with giddy emotion and anticipation. The long hours the men put into hiding their dirty clothes, vacuuming up anything the old Hoover will consume; and Lynxling away the main scents of the room have paid off. The residents of the men's dorms stand with pride, awaiting the arrival of the opposite sex. Finally they come ...

One man lets out a cheer at the sight of the first girl to walk past his room. She is pleasing to his sight; she is a Harding student. The man hopes that soon his guests will arrive. He awaits the moment when he can show his female friends his sink, his shelves, his bed, and — yes — even his desk. What a concept, the man thinks as he shifts his weight from one leg to the other and smiles: Open House!

I find myself in a friend's room down the hall, watching "The Simpsons" with my dearest companions, both male and female. Hugh, my imaginary companion and trusted confidant, is there too. We are sitting around the room comfortably; Hugh is standing. I feel my heart flutter — imagine: guys watching television with girls in the room. I become faint at the alien scent of feminine perfume in the dorm room and find that I must leave for air. As I walk out, Hugh finally sits down in my place.

Once out in the hall, my ears are bombarded by a heavy, loud noise. I look down the corridor and see two fellow male students standing just outside their dorm rooms, playing electric guitars to the apparent delight of several girls. This performance by my college neighbors forces an impression of their motivation into my skull. As I walk between the two guitarists and their temporary groupies, I briefly consider turning out a dazzling air guitar solo — complete with Pete Townshend windmills and Chuck Berry duckwalk — but common sense prevails in spite of ear-splitting, yet melodic distortion: I realize thatimitative and flamboyant performance is not my style. Instead, I pass them and continue down the corridor, catching a piece of a lyric scanned over the sound of a quavering tremolo bar: "I can't get NO satisfaction!"

Still trying to gain a deep breath of air, I smell an odd odor coming out of a room. I poke my head inside and inquire. "It's incense," the student inside says.

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by Jennifer Willis
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The National Organization of Teachers of Singing is a group regional solo contest of college students. Each student will compete in a solo singing contest. This competition will be going on through Saturday, Nov. 8.

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Master’s degree a good investment for all
by Malinda Moses

Many people think about getting a master’s degree. About 120 people on campus are earning one at this very moment. Dr. Wyatt Jones, director of Graduate Studies, said the number of graduate students at Harding is growing.

Harding offers only one master’s degree at this time. Students can receive a master’s of education, but there are special areas within this degree. Students can receive a master’s of education with an emphasis on reading, elementary education, secondary education and elementary school administration. Harding applied to offer a degree in secondary school administration on Nov. 4.

Dr. Jones said there is also a master’s of science in education offered to Harding students. This degree is for people who do not want to certify to teach. This group of people wants to teach at a junior college, be a youth minister, teach in a foreign country or be an educational director at a church. These people are usually Bible majors and they make up a minority part of the master’s program.

It takes 10 hours to earn a master’s degree in all areas except reading, which takes 38 hours.

The majority of the students earning this degree are already placed as teachers and come back at night to attend classes. Several students stay in school and get their master’s before they enter the work force. Ed Higginbothom, in the Placement Office, said, “Students need to know that now is the most convenient time they will have to do graduate work. Responsibilities will increase and it will become more difficult to get their master’s.”

Higginbothom stated several advantages to having a master’s degree. The first advantage is that schools pay more to people with this degree. He said a master’s degree is a “good investment” that will bring an outstanding return. Another advantage is that some doors will be closed to a person who doesn’t have a master’s. Also, if a person can get a master’s in a specific field, that person is more employable. The last advantage mentioned by Higginbothom is that the person is more likely to have the ambition to get their doctorate that will open even more doors.

To find out more about the advantages of a master’s degree, talk to Dr. Jones in the American Studies building and open doors to the future.

Flu shot to lessen aches, pains
by Malinda Moses

Sneezes and coughs can be heard almost anywhere on campus. It’s flu season again but there is help. A vaccine can be given to help the body fight against infection.

Dr. Mike Justus said the Center for Disease Control issues a set of guidelines about the people who should get the flu shot. These people fall into ten major categories.

The first category contains the people who are considered to be “high risk.” These people are 65 or older, have a chronic medical disorder, have weak immune systems, or are between 6 and 18 months old, on aspirin and at risk of Rye-syndrome. Workers at the police and fire departments are also urged to get this vaccine.

The second group of candidates are called transmitters. These are people who administer health care, teachers or are in close contact with people who are carriers of chronically ill patients.

Dr. Justus said the Searcy Medical Center gives the vaccine between 16 and 80 shots a day during the month of October. He also stressed the importance of getting the shot at the right time and said it’s better to get the shot from the middle of October to Thanksgiving.

People who do not get the vaccine and then catch the flu can take amantadine, more commonly known as symmetrical, to halt the extent of flu symptoms and reduce the severity of the illness.

Pat Rice, director of Harding’s Health Center, estimated that they have given 140 flu vaccines in about three weeks. It costs $3.50 at the center to receive this shot. Rice said she has taken the shot because she is in the high-risk group.

Dr. Justus said people cannot get the flu from the vaccine. It may cause fever and general body aches, but they are not true flu symptoms. He also said people with egg allergies should not be vaccinated.

Students at Harding may be bearing fewer sneezes and coughs this year because of this valuable vaccine.

Singers spread “good news”
by Sherry Bryant

Finding singing entertainment for a church function can be difficult. Some churches, however, have discovered the talent of the Good News Singers, sponsored by the Bible department.

According to Dr. Carl Mitchell, head of the Bible department, this group of students travel almost every week taking their version of certain hymns from Texas to Illinois churches. Uplifting the Lord and promoting the Bible department through song, Good News sings for preacher’s meetings, elders’ meetings, church fellowships and more.

The students are on scholarships for their services during the fall and spring semesters. “In the allocation for the Bible department,” said Dr. Mitchell on the budget, “there is a certain amount set aside for the Good News.” Travel expenses, equipment and other costs are included in this amount.

Because of this allocation of funds, the group does not charge the churches where they sing. Usually, however, according to Dr. Mitchell, “these churches participate financially.” When this occurs, the extra money set for the trip goes back into the budget.

Most congregations learn of Good News through word-of-mouth. Dr. Mitchell proved the group’s popularity by citing their schedule as being busy every other weekend into December. On Nov. 2 and 4, for example, Good News entertained a church in Little Rock and a congregation in Louisiana. Future plans are in the works for Illinois, Missouri and Texas.

To become a Good News singer, students are required to audition at the beginning of the school year. Once approved by Frank Plits and others, Good News members will remain members throughout the fall and spring semesters. Dr. Mitchell said they have not ventured a summer group because it is too difficult to round up the singers with everyone living in different places and doing different things.

Congregations who need singing entertainment for their meetings, seminars, fellowships or other functions can schedule the Good News Singers through Dr. Mitchell’s office in the Bible building. Meanwhile, this group of singing students will continue their concerts every other weekend to help “live” these kinds of gatherings.

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Honor society seeks literary awareness

by Ashley Coady

Few students on campus realize the wide range of scholarship opportunities available to them during undergraduate study. Many professional clubs on campus, however, offer students chances for further academic development. Harding's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, a national English honor society, provides English majors and minors with such an opportunity.

At an induction ceremony last week honoring this year's new members, Dr. Ken Hammons, sponsor, explained the society's purposes. Sigma Tau Delta exists "to breed distinction upon undergraduates, graduates, and scholars in Academia, as well as upon professional writers who have realized accomplishments in linguistic or literary realms of the English language."

Aspiring writers may submit poetry, short stories or critical essays for a chance at publication in Sigma Tau Delta's national magazine, The Rectangle. In addition to getting nationwide exposure, entries are eligible to receive academic scholarships. Local members are encouraged also to enter Harding's annual Jo Cleveland Creative Writing contest.

Almost four hundred colleges and universities throughout the United States host chapters of Sigma Tau Delta. This year's international convention will be held at a location more accessible to Harding students than in prior years. With the theme "Discovering New Worlds," the convention will be held in New Orleans next semester, March 21-3. Students have opportunities to enhance their literary awareness while improving their writing skills at feature presentations and workshops.

Hammons hopes that this year's society will give exceptional students an opportunity of English an opportunity for furthering cultural interest, for encouraging ethical judgment, for developing skills in creative and critical writing, and for fostering a spirit of fellowship."

ARA makes changes in food services and organization, thanks to students' requests

by Melanie Johnson

Harding's campus is not the only thing that has experienced changes this year. The university's cafeteria has undergone several alterations as well. It now offers many new services that have not previously been available — some of the most popular being the Big Scoop, the Wokery and the choice of soups. Not all of the changes concern food, however. The cafeteria has also made organizational changes as well, including the new napkin dispensers and the arrangement and display of food.

Many of these changes have occurred as a result of student input and suggestions. Charles Liming, director of ARA Services at Harding, said, "We get comments and make changes... 70 to 80 percent of the requests we receive are dealt with and changed." They are also trying to let the students know when changes have been made through the use of a bulletin board, displaying students' requests and the ARA's response to them.

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TNT defeats Titans; takes championship

by Archie Shelton

Two championships were decided this past week while many others are still to be decided.

TNT clinched the Big A championship by defeating Titans 22-8. The other big club championships have Sub-T and Kappa Sigma playing for the B team championships, Kappa Sigma and Titans playing for the C team championships, and Titans I against Sub-T I in the D team championships.

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NOT! Larrrie Maples (12), presents the ball from going over the net during Monday’s game against Henderson State. The Lady Bisons won, taking the AIC championship for the third time. (Photo by Dave Bedfords)

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Lady Bisons spike down AIC title, bump Henderson St., Rhodes College

The Lady Bisons have spiked down another AIC Championship. The volleyball bunch managed to remain undefeated (13-0) in conference play and nail down the title against Henderson State. A large crowd was on hand to witness Harding’s Lady Bisons sweep Henderson’s Lady Reddies last Monday (Nov. 4). With the win and an announcement that Ouachita had defeated SAU, the Lady Bisons walked away with sole possession of their third straight title.

The Lady Reddies were just that, “reddie.” The Lady Bisons, playing at home, had their hands full with Henderson State. In the first game, the Lady Bisons took their team to new scoring heights, with an awesome 20-18 win in overtime. Amy Deuel displayed several tops-of-the-line spikes to help edge the Lady Bisons in the first set. The second game gave the Lady Bisons an air of confidence with the score 15-7 in their favor. Tammy Kodatt added the crucial blocking that Henderson needed. The third and final set had adrenaline flowing as it had in the first, with a close score of 13-13. The Lady Bisons had bounced past Rhodes College a week earlier (Oct. 29) in an excitement-filled match. The scores were 15-4 in favor of the Bisons, 15-7, a narrow loss of 14-16, and the decisive final set of 15-6. Emily Corley and Deuel played well in the first game with five kills apiece. Wendi Scott added great passing and three kills in the second. Angela Johnson and Kodatt performed brilliantly in the final set.

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Bison football team defeats UAM Boll Weevils 28-19

by Sarah Wilson
Bison staff writer

Senior quarterback Tad Niblett of Harpersville, Ala., led the Bisons to a 28-19 win over the Boll Weevils at UA-Monticello last Saturday.

With three touchdown passes in the game, Niblett’s career total reached 23, passing Tom Ed Gooden’s early ’70s record of 22.

Following a scoreless first quarter, Harding took over on its own 45 to begin the second period of play. On the fifth play of the drive, Niblett passed complete to junior halfback Richard Holmes of Dallas, Texas, for the first Bison TD of the afternoon. UAM scored on the next series after a tough battle at the goal line, and the extra point was good.

Harding forced a punt on UAM’s next possession, and sophomore Eric McLantern of Elizabethtown, Ky., blocked it into the end zone. Sophomore Kyle City of Searcy, Ark., recovered the ball for the Bison touchdowns.

Then, with 1:15 left in the first half, sophomore Ron Sparkman of Antioch, Tenn., chalked up six more points for Harding on a 9-yard pass play from Niblett.

Neither team found the end zone in the third quarter of play, but UAM scored twice in the fourth quarter. One extra point kick was good, while a two-point conversion try failed, giving the Boll Weevils a total of 19 points.

Niblett found Sparkman once again in the final period with a 25-yard touchdown pass. Freshman Casey Smith of Ouachita Baptist 21-7, and DCA

Tomorrow’s game versus Henderson State is expected to be a tough battle at the goal line, and the extra point was good.

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HANG TIME. Senior All-American punter Mark Thomas nails a punt against UAM. The Bisons won 28-19.

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New ‘snack shack’ for fans

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