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Briefly:

The English Comp II CLEP exam will be given on Sat. Feb. 16 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Any student wishing to take the exam needs to sign up at Nan Raskopf's office on the 2nd floor of the Draughton Center by this afternoon. This will be the only day that the exam will be given this semester. Please contact Nan Raskopf (6933) if you have any questions.

All applications for the nursing program are due by March 1. You may get an application online or in the nursing building.

Upcoming Events:

12th Annual EDUCATION JOB FAIR will be Wed. Feb. 20, 2008 in the Sports Center Auxiliary Gym. It will begin at 9:30 a.m.

February 18 is Maroon and Gold Day @FHU

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- John 3:16

Threatening tornadoes touch down at Union University

By Brittney Chapin
Assistant Editor

The destructive tornadoes that ravaged through the country Tue. Feb. 5 caused extensive damage throughout the southern states, but Union University in Jackson was hit especially hard.

This university is no stranger to the harsh consequences of weather. According to usnews.com, Union suffered \$2.6 million in damages from a similar storm in 2002, but this storm was even worse, causing a total of approximately \$40 million in damages.

According to wikipedia.com, the tornado was an EF4 with strong winds between 166 and 200 miles per hour. No students or faculty were killed by the tornado, but 51 students were taken to the Jackson-Madison General Hospital. Most students were released promptly after receiving treatment, but nine students were required to stay in the hospital overnight.

Michelle Mangham, a Union student, recounts her experience of the chaotic night: "When we were sent back from our 5:45 class, we were still not taking the whole situation seriously and thought it was just another warning. At about 6:30 we went downstairs just to be safe. By about 6:45 there were about 17 of us in that room. About two minutes before it hit, one of the resident assistants came in and got seven people out. The next thing we knew, our ears were popping, and we heard what sounded like a train outside the window. We started running towards the bathroom and barely got out of the living room as the windows busted. There were ten of us in that bathroom for what seemed like five minutes, but later we learned it was about 45. It was so unbelievable when we walked out and saw the damage that had happened. Our room was one of the ones that was least hit, but we couldn't believe the other ones that were barely left. It is by the grace of God that no one was killed, and I think people can see that by looking at the pictures."

Wikipedia revealed that 17 Union buildings were damaged and that the dormitories were hit especially hard. Many of the dorms are almost completely uninhabitable now. Jennings, White, and Hammonds Hall all received severe roof and water damage, but Hurt, Watters, and McAfee dorms received the most damage.

This puts the university in quite a bind as far as housing goes. Lambuth University has opened up its dormitories to Union students, but according



A tornado ripped through Union University in Jackson, Tenn., on Tue. Feb. 5, destroying several buildings on the campus.



Union's dorms suffered a great amount of damage from the tornado, leaving numerous students without a place to stay.

to usnews.com, Union is still looking for temporary housing for displaced students. Officials at the university have asked local families to help out, and they are also considering using short-term apartments and/or hotels.

The damage goes beyond just dorms, though. University classroom buildings were also damaged during the turbulent storm. Two private high schools have offered Union classroom space, and the Union faculty is trying to get some trailers in which to hold classes. The athletic facilities of the school were mostly spared from the

storm, but the majority of the Union teams have had their games canceled, postponed, or displaced.

Classes are scheduled to resume Mon. Feb. 18, but Union will still have many obstacles to overcome. One such obstacle includes how to make up missed class time. According to usnews.com, some options include continuing classes into the month of June, trading lectures for project work and online courses, and/or lumping tri-weekly classes into bi-weekly

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FHU's Emergency Plan

By Michael Young
Editor

In a night where the emergency plan for Union University was exceptionally executed and was responsible for saving student lives when tornadoes ravaged their campus, the emergency plan at Freed-Hardeman University was questioned by students, faculty and staff. The FHU emergency safety plan was executed almost as well as Union's the evening of Feb. 5, though thankfully there was no damage or danger of note to the FHU campus during the same tornado threat.

"The [FHU Emergency Plan] was executed extremely well," said Vice President of Enrollment Management Wayne Scott. "Folks went where they were supposed to go in the short notice without putting up any resistance or causing any problems. I just want to thank everyone, especially the students, for cooperating. They did a beautiful job with working with us. Also, I want to

thank the dorm supervisors and the security staff for everything they did to help out during the storm."

With Dean Shockley monitoring the developments of the storm, the word was given to the dormitory supervisors to get everyone to a safe location in each of the buildings on campus because of the storms.

In addition to the 2000 students who live on campus, there were many other people on campus because of the annual Lectureship series as well as graduate school classes taking place in the Gardner Center.

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Students in Sewell Hall sit in the 1st floor after a tornado warning is issued.

The Avett Brothers scheduled to perform on campus

By Erica L. Watwood
Assistant Editor

There have been big names on the Freed-Hardeman University campus before—Walter Cronkite, Tom Brokaw, and Cal Ripken Jr. to name a few. Bruce Pearl, head coach of the University of Tennessee men's basketball team, will come to FHU in April for the 2008 Athletic Benefit Dinner. Now scheduled for May, The Crow

Hop Festival, features another big name, The Avett Brothers.

A "crow hop" is a momentum-building jump and lunge used when exerting force on an object.

"We want to build up some momentum in order to close the school year out on an awesome note and leave a powerful impression on all of the visitors and prospective students that will be on campus," said Joe Askew, Director of Admissions Marketing.

The office of Admissions and the Campus Delegate Team are sponsoring and organizing the event for May 2, the last day of classes for FHU students.

According to Askew, the purpose is to end the spring semester on a high note and get as many potential students on campus as possible.

The event will begin after chapel with lunch on the Brown-Kopel lawn. There will be inflatables, movies in Ayers Auditorium, laser tag, Euro-

bungee, and more. The band, Born Empty, will begin playing at 6 p.m. and The Avett Brothers at 7:30 p.m. There will be a devotional at Mid-South Youth Camp following the concert.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event. There will be prospective students, youth groups, nearby colleges, alumni, and high school seniors who have already been accepted for the fall semester.

"We have a great student group (CDT) that is really getting involved with planning and organization," said Askew.

Since this is a new event to FHU's campus, the Admissions office is open to donations.

"Right now, [Belinda Anderson] is playing the guitar and singing on the streets with a tin cup on the weekends, so every little bit helps," Askew joked.

There could be anywhere between 1,000 and 2,000 people in attendance. Along with FHU students, high school seniors accepted for the fall semester will be able to register and enjoy the entertainment. Several fans of the bands saw the concert on their websites and have contacted FHU wanting information on how they can get tickets. The campus should be full of visitors.

It was simpler than expected to get The Avett Brothers to perform on campus.

"We got in contact with The Avett Brothers booking agent through their website. We started off by requesting a quote and went through the negotiation and contract process to arrive where we are today," said Askew.

Born Empty was reachable through family connections. They agreed to come to campus after they learned who they would be opening for.

"We didn't even have to bribe or threaten anyone," Askew joked.

Ticket sales will be available to FHU students and faculty first. Tickets will be sold in the student center Feb. 25-29. The ticket is an all-day pass to all the activities going on around campus, including the concert. After Feb. 29, tickets will only be available online. One FHU family ticket will cost \$10. One Crow Hop t-shirt will cost \$10. There is a combined discounted package including the ticket and a t-shirt for \$15.

Askew said, "This will be a great opportunity for our community to come together, take a deep breath, exhale all of the worries of the semester, and enjoy an exciting day together."



Photo from www.avettbrothers.com

The Avett Brothers will be performing at The Crow Hop Festival, on campus, May 2.



Diego Rojas/The Bell Tower

Third floor of Benson Dorm entertains students with music on the way to chapel. This week is 'boy band week.' Students make requests for songs to be played through a group on Facebook.

Benson Dorm provides entertainment before chapel

By Clay Oldham
Staff Writer

Chapel is one of the most unique and communal experiences at FHU. It is an experience that seems destined to forever extract both praise and animosity from the student body. Veteran students have likely seen their fair share of chapel duds (survey day anyone?) as well as uplifting devotionals and entertaining speakers.

While the walk to chapel might seem more akin to mechanical necessity for FHU students, the trek to Loyd over the past couple of weeks has seen a change of pace.

Students now have music to keep them company from the classroom to their chapel seat. Sinatra, Smash Mouth, Journey, and OutKast are only a few of the myriad of artists students can now expect to hear on the way to chapel.

Who is the mastermind behind this auditory revolution? Well, that would be: Cameron West, Carter England, Michael

Galloway, Jeremy Purdue, Kenny Smith, Orry Moody, Brandon White, and Cameron Czerwonka.

While the density of masterminds in Benson might be surprising, the self-appointed music men of third floor break up the production responsibilities among themselves. In other words, England plays the music on his computer while White and the others might pay attention to listener response by looking out the window.

"That's our favorite part: looking at people's responses," says West.

This musical epiphany started a couple of weeks into the semester. England describes the initial process, "We were all in the dorm one night, and our PKA crew that is on third floor decided to do this. I was the one that first came up with the idea and kind of got everything together to do it, but initially it was going to be a song of the week instead of song of the day."

Students who enjoy the work of third floor can join their Facebook

group and make suggestions for Listener's Choice Day which is every Friday. England and company, as of last week, started semi-planned theme weeks like Boy Bands week or 80's week.

While the majority of students enjoy the change in atmosphere, there are those who raise an eyebrow to third floor's activities.

The administration and faculty seem fine with it so far. In fact, West spotted political studies professor Stephen Morris smiling to the music. The enemy of the new happiness rests in the dorm itself in the form of a certain resident assistant. Citing a passage in the Student Handbook as cause, he would only state, "I didn't want to be a supporter of that."

With evil plots by RA's aside, students can look forward to a regular supply of morning songs being blasted from third floor Benson, because these guys do not plan on stopping anytime soon.

West says, "It's kind of like our legacy." And if students know anything about chapel, they know that legacy fits it like a glove.

FHU alumni hospitalized while working in China

By Andrea Bigham
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Jeremy McGill, a 2007 FHU alumnus, is still recovering in Bangkok, Thailand after he made national headlines when he was attacked by a wild elephant. McGill is an English teacher at Huazhong Agricultural University in Wuhan, China as part of the China Now campaign. He was sightseeing at Wild Elephant Valley, a nature reserve in the Yunnan Province of China, when he was attacked.

A spokesman for Chinese Foreign Affairs stated that this is not an isolated incident as other tourists have been attacked by the roaming wild elephants in this reserve.

According to the FHU alumni website, McGill was found unconscious by a security guard at the reserve around 7 p.m. on Jan. 24. McGill was taking a photo of an elephant when another elephant attacked him, picking him up by the trunk and tossing him into the air.

Nancy McGill, Jeremy's mother, spoke with WSMV Channel 4 News in Nashville and said that she thought that he would die from his injuries.

"Both his lungs were punctured. His stomach was punctured. His ribs were broken, and his left shoulder was broken," she said.

McGill remained in the Intensive Care Unit at the hospital in Bangkok for several days. Ray Eaton, FHU



Above: Alumnus Jeremy McGill

Director of Broadcasting Services, said that McGill has made many improvements in the past couple of weeks and has now been moved into a regular hospital room there.

"His prognosis is good. He has been up and has been taking a few steps, and he is talking. He did have a respirator, but he has come off that," Eaton said. McGill will most likely remain in the hospital for the next 10 to 14 days.

Since he has been in the hospital, McGill's teaching position with the China Now program has been filled by another instructor. Eaton said that after McGill is fully recovered he would like to finish his time in China.

"Since he has been replaced, I am not sure what he will be able to do. He would like to find another way to assist in the program, but if not, he will return to the states," Eaton said.

victims.

"I believe praying about the tornado situation is a great thing to do. I encourage it strongly. Mention it in chapel, in your congregations, in every day conversation.

Talk about how fortunate you are, how blessed you are to still have your things and your health," FHU student Glenn Weaver said. "You can also give your time and your love to these people. They need it. They need to know that people, especially Christians, care about them and love them. And what better way to show it than by giving your life, just a small portion of your life, to them."

Though it seems that all that the tornado did was cast a cloud of gloom and damage on the city of Jackson and Union University, there is a positive aspect to the situation.

"Through this whole situation I can just see God's hand has been in everything," Union student Kelsey Goostree said. "From the miracle of everyone on campus being still alive, to all the support that has poured into our university, it has been so amazing to see God use such a horrible event to be a testimony to others not only in the community, but throughout the world."

Valentine's Dinner



Photo submitted

Chi Beta Chi girls have a great time at their annual banquet where girls get to enjoy an evening where the boys serve the girls dinner.

XBX hosts annual sweetheart banquet

Last Tuesday, Chi Beta Chi participated in their annual Sweethearts Banquet at the Estes church of Christ.

The men arrived early around 5:30 to cook and prepare, while the ladies showed up at 6:00 and were seated at a long table. The men proceeded to serve dinner, which happened to be spaghetti and garlic bread, and continued to serve the ladies, refilling their punch or water glasses as well as serving dessert.

After dinner, there was a special program put on by the ladies that included singing from Jacob E. Wallace, Kyle Savage and Jeremy Jenkins, and a beautiful sounding quartet of guys. After the musical program, a quite humorous video that was put together by JJ Van Dyke and Jeremy Jenkins was shown.



Photo submitted

Above: Alex McGriff



Photo submitted

Above: Brianne Jarrett and Blake Jenkins



Photo submitted

Ross Garrison, Nathan West, Bryan LeMasters, Joah Wright, and Aaron Palmer take part in Chi Beta Chi's annual sweetheart dinner.

Union

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classes.

Union students, faculty, and staff have a long road ahead of them, but they are not alone. Besides the many locals of Jackson that have begun helping the school, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Lambuth University, and Freed-Hardeman University are just a few of the schools that have made steps toward lending help.

Henderson was lucky to have been spared, and FHU student Natalia Huffman had this to say about the situation: "Even though the tornadoes did not hit Freed, they could have, and they can in the future, and it is how we handle it that makes the difference. I hope that if this happened to Freed that there would be people to help us."

For students interested in helping Union University with the storm damage, there are several groups on campus that are planning to help in the weeks to come. However, if students cannot commit time to organized groups, there are other ways of helping storm

Campus Cooking

with Cashatt

Surprise your sweetheart this Valentine's Day with Ruthi Goins tasty holdiaiy treats. Impress her or him by cooking up a special dish while listening to your favorite love songs and follow it with a sweet romantic desert. You'll sweep her off her feet!

The Taming of the 'Shroom: Three Mushroom Rigatoni

Ingredients:

1 pound rigatoni pasta
Salt
1 1/2 ounces dried porcini mushrooms
6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 portobello mushroom caps
1/2 pound shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced
4 cloves garlic, sliced
1/2 cup dry Italian red wine
2 to 3 stems rosemary, stripped and finely chopped, a couple of tablespoons
Black pepper
1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
Hunk Pecorino Romano, for grating
Crusty bread, for mopping

Cooking Music:

Peter, Paul and Mary: There is Love
Ben Harper: Forever
Beck: Girl
Frou Frou: It's Good to be in Love

Cooking Instructions:

1. Heat a grill pan to high. Place a large pot of water on the stove to boil. Add salt and cook rigatoni.
2. Place porcini in a small pot with about 2 cups of water. Bring to a boil, drop to simmer, and reduce liquid by half, 10 minutes.
3. While pasta and porcini are working, pour about 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil into a small bowl. Use a pastry brush to coat the portobellos in extra-virgin olive oil and place them on hot grill. Cook until dark and tender, 7 to 8 minutes, turning once. Remove and let rest.
4. Heat a large deep skillet with 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, 2 turns of the pan, over medium-high heat. Add shiitakes and cook a few minutes then add garlic and cook a couple minutes longer. Add wine and reduce a minute. Halve and slice portobellos then add to shiitakes. Scatter the rosemary into the pan and turn to distribute the herb. Season the mushrooms with salt and pepper. Stir in tomatoes. Remove the porcini from steeping broth with a slotted spoon and chop. Stir mushrooms into sauce then add a few ladles of the steeping broth. Do not use the very last of it: any grit in the dried mushrooms will have settled to the bottom of the pot. Let flavors combine for a couple of minutes more.
5. Drain pasta and add to pot. Grate some Romano down over the pasta and add a few ladles of the sauce to the pasta. Toss the pasta and sauce to coat, then transfer to a serving platter or into individual bowls and top with remaining sauce. Pass more cheese at table for topping, and bread for mopping. Yum-o!

Raspberries Cream Heart

Raspberries with cream cheese in pastry is a perfectly decadent dessert for the loved ones in your life! Using a fine strainer makes sifting the powdered sugar easy and pastry-shop pretty, too.

Ingredients:

1 box (15 oz) Pillsbury® refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on box
1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup powdered sugar
1 jar (14 oz) strawberry pie glaze
2 cups fresh raspberries
1 teaspoon powdered sugar

Cooking Music:

Serge Gainsbourg: Couleur Cafe
Bishop Allen: Butterfly nets
The Dandy Warhols: Bohemian Like You
Sanctus Real: Cliche

Cooking Instructions:

1. Heat oven to 450°F. Remove 1 pie crust from pouch; place flat on ungreased cookie sheet. Make paper pattern for 11x10-inch heart. With paper pattern as guide, cut crust into heart shape. Generously prick crust with fork.
2. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 15 minutes. Repeat with remaining pie crust.
3. In small bowl with electric mixer, beat cream cheese and 1/4 cup powdered sugar on medium speed until smooth. Place 1 cooled crust on serving plate; spread with cream cheese mixture.
4. Reserve 1/2 cup of the pie glaze; spread remaining glaze over cream cheese mixture. Top with second cooled crust. Spread reserved 1/2 cup glaze over top crust. Arrange raspberries, stem side down, over top. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

A tribute to actor Heath Ledger

By Brittney Chapin
Assistant Editor

On the afternoon of Jan. 22, one of Hollywood's most talented heart-throbs breathed his very last breath. Heath Ledger was found dead by his housekeeper and massage therapist in his New York City apartment at 3:26 p.m. (EST). Much to everyone's surprise, the actor died of an accidental drug overdose of prescription drugs.

"I was really surprised when I heard about Heath Ledger's death," student Christine Brewer said. "I seriously thought my friend was playing a joke on me."

Heath Andrew Ledger was born April 4, 1979 in Perth, Western Australia, Australia.

Imbd.com describes how Ledger packed up and left school at the age of 17 to move to Sydney and pursue a career in acting. He acted in several television shows at first, but after a few years he broke through with leading roles in *Two Hands* (1999) and *10 Things I Hate About You* (1999). After starring in these two movies, Ledger was pegged as a "teen hunk," so he accepted the role in *The Patriot* (2000) to lose the stereotype.

Ledger starred in many other successful movies such as *A Knight's Tale* (2001), *The Four Feathers* (2002), and *Brokeback Mountain* (2005). Ledger's movie career included approximately 20 different movies according to imdb.com.



Heath Ledger plays the Joker in the upcoming film "The Dark Knight."



Photo provided by www.ask.com
Above: The late Heath Ledger

insomnia, anxiety, depression, pain, cold symptoms, and related ailments."

The death of this famous actor will affect the marketing campaign for *The Dark Knight* (in which he played the Joker), and it will also affect the making of *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, which was in the middle of production when Ledger, the lead actor, passed away.

According to imbd.com, Terry Gilliam has considered trying to "salvage" the production of *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus* by using computer-generated imagery to finish the piece. If the movie is finished, Gilliam has plans to dedicate the film to the memory of Heath Ledger.

50th Annual Grammys

By Michael Young
Editor

In the midst of a semester that has Makin' Music and all of its practices, intramurals, and a good helping of schoolwork, it is highly likely that one failed to watch, or even know about, this year's Grammy awards.

This past Sunday night, February 10, the 50th annual Grammy awards were held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California.

It was up and coming star, Amy Winehouse, who was the big winner, winning five out of six Grammy categories that she was nominated in. Winehouse, who was unable to be at the awards because of problems with getting a visa from England, won Song of the Year and Record of the Year for her smash hit, "Rehab," which talks about her battle with drug addictions. She was able to appear via satellite, thanking her fans and dedicating one of her Grammy wins to her husband, Blake Fielder-Civil, who is currently awaiting trial in England on charges of grievous bodily harm and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

Another big winner from the Grammy awards was Kanye West. Though not being able to win any overall awards, he was able to dominate the Rap category, winning four categories: Best Rap Solo Performance, Best Rap Performance By A Duo or Group, Best Rap Song, for "Good Life," and Best Rap

Album, for "Graduation." West also had a very moving acceptance speech, thanking his late mother Donda, who died last year due to complications from cosmetic surgery. With "MAMA" shaved in the back of his head, West delivered one of the night's best live performances of the night, singing his first hit off his Grammy winning record, "Graduation." Not only his music stood out, as was what he wore, as both just jacket and sunglasses both glowed during the performance.

One surprise in the awards ceremony was the Album of the Year, which was won by Herbie Hancock with his jazz album, "River: The Joni Letters," which a jazz album had not won record of the year in 43 years.

Other winners during the course of the night were the Foo Fighters, who won Best Rock Album, The White Stripes, which won Best Alternative Album, Carrie Underwood, who won Best Female Country Vocal Performance and Best Country Song, Keith Urban winning Best Male Country Vocal Performance, and Vince Gill winning Best Country Album.

It was the usual grand night for the music industry, despite only having 10 live award presentations during the whole three and a half hour television presentation. If you missed them this year, don't worry, it will be back around next year about this time for the 51st Annual Grammy Awards.

Always a bridesmaid

By Mary Phillips
Staff Writer

There is nothing like a lot of ruffles, big bows, unusual colors, and unflattering waist lines to make a bridesmaid feel worse about the fact that she is once again not the bride. Girls love being in friends' weddings, but only if they know that they are going to get to have one of their own. Can you imagine being a bridesmaid 27 times?! All of those dresses that you will never wear again just hang in your closet and take up space. Living life without a love of your own and helping all of your friends get married: it's a girl's worst nightmare. Well, in the movie *27 Dresses*, that's exactly the reality that Jane wakes up to every day.

Grey's Anatomy darling Katherine Heigl rides her television fame to blockbuster success once again as Jane in this fun romantic comedy. Jane takes great joy in helping her friends plan their weddings, but it does not give her the satisfaction that one would expect; something is missing in her life. She is the definitely "always a bridesmaid, and never a bride."

She, of course, has the stereotypical, obsessive crush on her boss, George, and tries desperately to get his love and attention. Her dreams are crushed when her younger sister, Tess, snatches him up instead. She then finds herself faced with the prospect of planning the marriage of her sister and the man she loves.

Along for the ride is Kevin,

played by James Marsden, who is a columnist for the New York Journal. He is an uncatchable bachelor who loves women but has cynical opinions of marriage—and no plans for commitment. Ironically enough, he writes the commitments column of the Sunday wedding section for the paper.

Kevin meets Jane at one of the weddings where she once again misses the bridal bouquet. He becomes fascinated with her experiences as a bridesmaid. The two have to decide if they really are the people they pretend to be. She sees past his happily single front, and he is apparently the only man who sees the happiness that Jane is too scared to find. Jane wants to make everyone happy and does not know how to tell people "No." She thinks it is safer to live vicariously through those she cares about instead of putting herself out there and making memories of her own. Kevin and Jane help each other find exactly what they have both been missing.

This is the perfect, cute feel-good movie, and it's just in time for Valentine's Day. Guys, give it a chance before you label it a chick-flick. This movie is popular among both sexes; it has something for everyone. The story is not exactly the stuff of screenplay legends, and I do not think any of the actors can expect a call from Oscar for this one, but it serves its purpose. *27 Dresses* is a very enjoyable and appealing romantic comedy. Take someone you care about out for Valentine's Day and go check it out.

Is that your final answer?

Inspired by the intelligent Bell Tower staff of yester-year, we the Bell Tower staff have decided to bring back "Is That Your Final Answer?" We at the Bell Tower will once again be asking you to respond to some of life's most important questions. Each issue we will feature a puzzling and thought provoking question that you will hopefully be able to answer in a somewhat humorous way. If you would like to send in an answer to this next question, email us at thebelltowereditor@hotmail.com or facebook your answer to Michael Young.

This issue's question: What is the one thing you want to do before you leave FHU?

"Find a hot chick" -Michael Phillips	"Ring the bell in the bell tower" -Amy Acree	"Sleep in the library" -David Lee	"Get married...jk...go to Europe!" -Jessica Wise
"Graduate!" -Katie Powell	"Spend the night in Loyd." -Blaine Dunsmore	"Streak at a soccer game." -Kyle Taubken	
"Take Kori Bledsoe out on a date." -Steve McClelland	"Dress up as a guy and sneak onto the 2nd floor of Benson!" -Amanda Allen		"Have a campus wide Mardi Gras" -Eric Russell
"Win the volleyball intramural championship." -Kenna Rowe		"Lead a song in chapel." -Jessica Pritchard	"Debate Ralph and get a girl." -David Easlon
	"Catch Poppa K and shoot him with a paintball gun." -Jake Stoffregen	"Go to an all girls chapel." -Lee Barton	
"Make a canoe out of the tree behind the science buliding!" -Wesley Harris	"Win a national championship." -Meredith McLemore		

Next issue's question: What would you give a chapel presentation on?

Yet another valentines day without a date. In desperation I looked about.



I was left with but one option.

So I looked to my left..then right, and there he was



His view:

Let me count the ways...

At this point you're probably thinking, "Oh, I bet this writer will have some biting, disenfranchised, comical



Caleb Guard
Columnist

viewpoint or advice concerning Valentine's Day; however, after looking back at the column I wrote last year, I realized I have nothing else left to say. If you wish to read it, though, I put it on Facebook for a day. That being said, I'd like to discuss an interesting ethical question similar to one brought up in the open forum last week—a question that puts us all in a position that likely will never, ever happen.

Say you wake up in a room with a speaker, a door, and two buttons. Person X tells you over the speaker that you have two choices: Press button A, which will take the life of an infant, or press button B, which will take the life of ten grown-up adults. Decisions, decisions. Now, before you go off on a spill about how either the baby is innocent and the adults more deserving of death or that there are more adults and the baby will go to Heaven anyway, consider this?

What if you pressed neither button? Sometimes the easiest decision when you're stuck in a dilemma is not one of the two choices presented, but the third, unconsidered option. Considering Person X is putting you through a test, this may be the correct answer, and he'll let you go. Now let's say he informs you that if you don't press any buttons, he will kill the child and the ten adults. Terrible, right? Yes, very terrible. But not on your part. The ethically responsible decision I am promoting here is to press neither button. "How could you?" Let me explain.

No matter how much I value the life of an innocent child or ten people, they are all human lives. If I make a decision that directly takes the life of any, providing the adults are not wartime enemies or convicted of murder, I have sinned. If I choose neither, I am refusing to sin. Yes, it is true that my decision will lead to Person X choosing to execute both of these horrible crimes. But that leads me to my case.

The decision is not really between the values of two groups of people; the decision is between my sin and his. I

am really choosing to murder or to let another murder on his own accord. The decision belongs to Person X, not me. He's the one who put me in this situation, and he is the one who set up the contraption or whatever it may be. He is the one in control of these people's lives.

It's a matter of control. He cannot have that kind of control over you. If a person ran up to you on the street and told you to choose between the two of these, you would no doubt answer "neither." The only difference in this room Person X devised is the illusion of necessity as a burden on your part. But I do not believe God would grant him that kind of control. He will not allow us to enter a temptation without escape—to face a situation in which there is not a morally positive or neutral way out.

Also, you may suppose that Person X is bluffing, or is intimidated by his own ultimatum. You refuse, and he is faced with both the baby and the adults dying. He just may back out. But what if he doesn't? Is your indecision still wrong?

Once again, I believe your indecision is not indecision after all. You are choosing to recognize that the responsibility for these people's lives was never in your hands to begin with. The responsibility lies with Person X. He is the one who tried to force such a decision upon you. If you press one of the buttons, you have actively taken the life of a human that deserves no death penalty. If you sit at peace, Person X is forced to make the decision—the decision he tried to put in your hands. He must answer for his own devices.

Although this situation may never happen to you, it seems the implications can be applied to other situations in the realm of ethics.

Do I think this is a fellowship issue? Will it ever happen to us? Do I think you're a moron if you don't see it the way I do?

The answer to all of these is "no," and considering the fact that I am only a few weeks into Dr. Myers's Ethics class, I may one day consider this enormously hypothetical situation in a new light.

But I hope all this talk of demands and murder hasn't depressed you on this festive day of commercially-endorsed, culturally-forced romance (a holiday celebrating the death of two Turkish martyrs, to make things even more grim). Hugs and kisses, everybody. And by that I mean holy kisses.

Her view:

Stormy nights: spiritual recollection



Stephanie Pounders
Columnist

The wind is going crazy, my friends are stuck in the Fazoli's men's bathroom, Memphis is on fire, and what do I want to do? I would like to sit out in the middle of it all and watch the rumbling glory of a thunderstorm, lie down in the grass and sink into the slippery matted brown and green. Wind whips around me; rain pelts silvery shots over me; thunder shakes the ground. I gaze into the dark, dangerous firmament as those glorious blows of Zeus's bolts reverberate through the skies! People panic, and I watch as the gods make war in the heavens! The glory of a storm watched from below! Oh, um, ahem, I seem to be getting carried away...

Apart from over-zealous admiration, storms like last Tuesday's are a lot like spiritual awakenings for me. Storms make us feel small, wrack our lives, or get our attention. They put us in a place that is uncomfortable. Like that moment when you realize everything you've built your life on and around has just suddenly been ripped through with a tornado, and you're left with nothing but an old sweater and your grandmother's denture glue. Your whole life's leveled in a span of 2 minutes. What do you do? Sometimes all you can do is start over.

Emergency

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"We were able to take care of all of the resident students and Lectureship participants with ease," continued Scott. "What we realized was that we did not give as much attention and proper alerting to the graduate school teachers and students who were in class. We are going to in the future have a way of communicating better with them."

One way that the administration has tried to increase communication in times of emergency between the administration and students, faculty, and staff is e2campus. E2campus is a program that the university has started using to help alert and give information when there is any inclement weather or any other potential emergencies to those who are on campus. Each student who wants these updates needs to go to the main FHU page, and click on the e2campus link at the bottom left of the page. This will lead students to the e2campus main registration page. After registering an email address

I love what happens in Psalm 107. It says, "Those who go down to the sea in ships, they see the works of the Lord ... for He commands and rises the stormy wind ... they go down into the depths; their soul melts because of trouble," and then, "He calms the storm, so that the waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet."

Apart from the waves being quieted, don't you think the sailors were a little speechless? Wrought about by waves and then in the midst of their demise, set back on still waters. Talk about being still and knowing that God is real. They are glad because they are quiet and listen to the silence and know that God controls it all. Whether Tuesday night left you filled with admiration or a slightly shredded soul, I hope you took time in the midst of it all to be still and to see a humbly trembling earth emerge fresh and new in the glistening aftermath and to remember that our God is real.

Well, my stillness Tuesday night was, sadly, soon brought to a screeching halt (or rather postponed until I sat to write this article) as my mother's 15 text messages and Freed-Hardeman's emergency protocol made other plans. So after some time outside, some nice reflection, and a little talk of sneaking out to Chickasaw, I ran, somewhat resentfully, like a little girl to the basement as security kicked me off the library porch, muttering that the officer should go read Psalm 107 and saving myself from the fury of the storm.

and/or cell phone number, students will receive emergency updates from the school to warn of inclement weather or other emergencies on campus. These warnings will be in the form of emails or text messages.

"To be able to receive the latest updates, students need to sign up for the system because we will notify students and try to keep them posted with what is going on," said Scott. "It is a good thing for everybody to be signed up. Everybody wants to receive the latest information whenever there are times of emergency, not only for weather, and the e2campus is the best way to get that latest information out to everybody."

The emergency plan that was used Feb. 5 when the tornadoes hit was executed quite well, but there is always room for improvements. The administration is currently working hard to continue to make the campus as safe as possible in the event of some terrible and unfortunate situations happen on the campus. That way everyone will be as prepared as possible so students can all be safe and survive the storms.

Dating view:

Top 11 Things to do on Valentine's Day:
1. Makin' Music Practice
2. Eat at the only restaurant in Henderson ... Snookums
3. Take your date to the movie theatre in Henderson ... oh wait ...
4. Pay Your Traffic Ticket in Whiteville (yeah, some of us might have to stay out of jail on this day of love)
5. Put on your PJ's, order Chinese, and watch The Notebook
6a. Send your special someone on a scavenger hunt all over campus—at the end they get chicken strips of fire at Lion's Pride
6b. Do not even think about taking your significant other to Gano—the result would not be pretty
7. Buy loads of red and pink construction paper and create a homemade Valentine card for your roommate
8. Watch Lost without remorse because it is way more important than any Valentine
9. Lay out your clothes for the next day
10. Use a cheesy pick-up line on that special someone ... if it crashes and burns, your excuse is, "Hey, it's Valentine's Day!"
11. Pluck up the courage to go up to the person you've seen in class, spoken to a few times, but you get too dizzy to ever make a complete thought to and ask what his or her plans are (not for life, just the night)—chances are that person gets a little dizzy around you too.



Katie Powell and Beth Phillips
Columnists

to play it as cool as possible. This means NOT running away every time you see his or her face. Sure, you won't REALLY be friends (no one really accomplishes that anyway), but you don't want to be a Bitter Ben who can't still be sociable. If that isn't easy

enough, be honest with yourself—how many times do you really wake up in time for chapel? Break-ups are awkward, and here they seem to be even more uncomfortable, but realize that if it didn't work out—then that person is not the person you need to be with. When you realize that, it will be much easier to be cool with him or her. So put on a smile, realize there is plenty of time to be with someone else, and the situation won't be awkward if you don't make it awkward. If that doesn't work, you can always hook them up with a semester in Belgium application.

Dear Bell Tower,

I often find chivalry to be a balancing act when on a "date." There are certain things that could be considered common courtesy (opening the door for a lady), and others are becoming more far fetched (the whole coat on the puddle). It would be great to hear a woman's perspective on how far chivalrous acts should go, and if the whole idea of Chivalry has died.

-Prince Trying to be Charming

Dear Bell Tower,

We have all run into this "awkward ex" situation: naively, you planned your schedule together/chapel seats next to each other/same social club/etc. But then you and the love of your life don't quite work out? Freed-Hardeman is a small campus; how do you manage the potential awkward situations? Should you really try to be friends or just shun your ex?

-Not So Simple in Sewell

Dear Not So Simple,

This situation can be a tough one. On one hand, you don't want to attempt the dreadful "check my mail after chapel where I see everyone on campus including my ex and their 500 closest friends," but on the other hand you don't want to shut yourself in your room: you want to look like you're totally fine with the whole situation. How do you balance this complicated situation? Our thoughts are

Dear Prince Trying to be Charming,

GREAT question. Chivalry, in fact, is not dead... well ladies do not WANT it to be dead. On this campus, chivalry is on life support. It just seems sometimes men get a little lazy, or too scared, to be the gentlemen they should be. But hey, not pointing any fingers here, we are all to blame for the lack of chivalry here. A girl doesn't want a guy to lay down his brand new Northface in a puddle just so she doesn't have to get her shoes muddy- women are intelligent enough to walk around the puddle, and chew gum at the same time. However, we are looking for a guy to open the door for us, offer to take our coat, and take us to get a nice bite to eat every now and then. And if men can do simple things such as those, then chivalry is not dead.

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Lady Lions Basketball

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2:00 pm
- 2/21 @ *Union University*
6:00 pm
- 2/23 v. *Mid-Continent*
2:00 pm
- 2/28 @ *Lyon College*
6:00 pm
- 3/3 - *TranSouth*
- 3/10 *Conference*
Tournament

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8:00 pm
- 3/1 @ *Crichton College*
2:00 pm
- 3/3 - *TranSouth*
- 3/10 *Conference*

Lions Baseball

- 2/16 v. *Hannibal-Lagrange*
Doubleheader
12:00 pm
- 2/18 v. *Rust College*
Doubleheader
2:00 pm
- 2/21 v. *Huntington University*
2:00 pm
- 2/22 v. *Missouri Valley College*
Doubleheader
2:00 pm

Lady Lions Softball

- 2/16 v. *Christian Brothers (2)*
12:00 pm
- 2/22 @ *Martin Methodist*
Tournament

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The Bell Tower's Super Sweet 16

1. Duke
2. Memphis
3. UCLA
4. Kansas
5. North Carolina
6. Tennessee
7. Michigan St.
8. Texas
9. Georgetown
10. Stanford
11. Indiana
12. Wisconsin
13. Xavier
14. Connecticut
15. Kansas St.
16. Texas A&M

FHU Lions ranked 5th in TranSouth conference

By Jacob E. Wallace
Staff Writer

Halfway through with the TranSouth Conference schedule, the Freed-Hardeman University Lions are on their second pass through league play which opened on Feb. 2 at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tenn.

The Lions played tough in the first half and were able to secure a halftime lead by one point (34-33). But the Trojans did not go away, proving their No. 19 national ranking. Trevecca shot 55 percent from the field in the second half to try and pull away, but Freed-Hardeman was able to rise to the challenge, hanging around long enough to take the lead 75-74 on a Cedric Austin jumper with 1:08 left in the second half. A couple of turnovers ensued and Trevecca found

themselves at the free throw line. Trevecca was only able to hit one of two free throws with less than 10 seconds remaining, and the Lions were unable to get off a buzzer beater, sending the game into an extra overtime period.

In the extra period the Lions could not find their shot, scoring only once from the field. The bad shooting combined with bad ball handling allowed the game to slip through their fingers as TNU secured the win 89-79.

Freed-Hardeman returned to the Nashville metropolitan area two days later as they took on the Bulldogs of Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn. Some were skeptical of how the Lions would fare against Cumberland, a team who likes to slow down the game and get the most out of every possession. However, the Lions silenced all critics with their



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The Lions broke their record for most points scored in a game against Blue Mountain College, 143-83.

performance. With the game tied coming out after halftime at 21 all, the Lions used the Bulldogs game against them in the second half, attacking in the slow pace game from both high and low. The Lions were led by 16 points by Zack Frey, and 10 points from Cedric Austin. FHU also took advantage of Cumberland's 18 turnovers to limit their possessions. Freed-Hardeman ended up winning the game by nine points, 56-47.

The Lions returned to the Sports Center on Thursday night in the middle of a busy Lectureship week on campus, yielding a more diverse home crowd than usual.

They hosted the Lambuth Eagles, from Jackson, Tenn. Lambuth came into the game as the proud owners of a No. 8 national ranking, and they played up to that ranking. Led by NCAA Division I transfer Glen Dandridge, the Eagles stifled the Lions in the paint. After playing from behind most of the game, the Lions were able cut the lead to two late, but Lambuth was just too strong in the end, with the

Eagles winning 96-89.

The Lions went out of the fire and into the icebox opponent wise as the next test was the Toppers of Blue Mountain College. The game was almost no contest from the start, as Freed-Hardeman dominated down low, shooting nearly 57 percent from the field in the first half. This was thanks, in large part, to the number of easy layups they were able to hit.

Scoring 73 in the first period, the Lions did not slow down in the second, building on their 25 point intermission lead to eventually win by a whopping 60 points.

FHU had seven players in double figures, led by Zack Frey with 27 points, Tyler Jennings with 23 points, Logan Greer with 19 points, Kirtiss Brown with 13 points, and Brent McPherson and Vincent Barnes each with 12 points, respectively. With the 143-83 win, the Lions set school records with 58 field goals made, and 143 points scored, each breaking records set in 1979 and 1988. Needless to say, the game was highly

lopsided and very high paced, keeping the contingent of loyal fans at the game thoroughly entertained.

The Lions most recent game was a trip to Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tenn. to take on the No. 20 nationally ranked Redhawks. Trailing the entire game, the Lions struggled from the field as Zack Frey, the TranSouth Player of the Week was held to seven points on four field goal attempts. Mistakes hindered the Lions throughout the game. FHU went on a run late, cutting the lead to one with 3:30 minutes to play. However, Martin Methodist was able to put away the game with a 17-4 run that led to the Redhawks winning the game 82-68.

The Lions next focus is to finish out the remaining games in conference play strong, now having a 16-8 overall record, and a 8-7 in TranSouth Conference play. With two weeks left to play, Freed-Hardeman needs solid play in their remaining few games in order to improve on their current fifth place conference rank.



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The Lions have two weeks of play left until post-season tournament.

Jana Cross becomes fastest in Lady Lion history to reach 1,000 point mark

By Grat Tucker
Staff Writer

In the last two weeks, the Lady Lions were able to go 4-1 and, in the process, end their first three home game losing streak in 16 years. The Lady Lions won all three road games and went 1-1 at home during the most recent five game stretch. The Lady Lions defeated Trevecca Nazarene University 70-68, on a pair of clutch free throws by Jana Cross on Feb. 2 with :02 left on the clock. Cross had 16 points in her first game back after missing a couple of games with a sore knee. Megan Thompson had 14 points and eight assists in the game.

On Feb. 4, the Lady Lions traveled to Cumberland University and defeated them 73-64, which happened to be the exact same score of the first meeting between the two teams. The Lady Lions were able to out rebound Cumberland 52-36 on the boards as well as having 21 second chance points thanks to a 22 offensive rebound performance.

Lambuth University visited on Feb. 7 and was able to upset the Lady Lions and give them their third home loss in a row. The Lady Lions shot a poor 32 percent from the floor in the first half, scoring only 23 points before halftime. The Lady Lions ended up losing the game 74-69. During the game, Cross became the fastest player in Lady Lion history to reach the 1,000 point mark for her career. Cross had 26 points in the game and Whitney Johnson scored 11 points coming off the bench.

The Lady Lions had a great defensive game against Blue Mountain College on Feb. 9. They held the Lady Toppers to 16.7 percent shooting in the first half, putting the game out of reach by halftime with a 44-16 lead. The large lead gave the Lady Lions an opportunity to rest their starters and gave the fans an opportunity to see



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The Lady Lions (21-5) next conference game is in the Sports Center Saturday against Bethel College.

what the team will look like in the future. Freshman Jessica Doran had 13 points off the bench and Cross finished with 17 points in just 13 minutes. All of the Lady Lions scored as they easily won the game, 96-57.

Martin Methodist hosted the Lady Lions on Feb. 11 and the Lady Lions won the game 83-

67. FHU won the game with the help from runs of 12-3 and a 20-7. All the FHU starters scored in double figures, led by Cross' 24 points. Kristal Edney scored 19 points and Meredith McLeMore contributed with 11 points and seven rebounds for the cause.

The Lady Lions are currently 21-5 overall and 11-3 in

conference play, while keeping their No. 5 national ranking. Over this five game stretch the Lady Lions averaged 78 points per game while holding their opponent to an average of 65 points per game.

The Lady Lions will play their next game is at home on Saturday against Bethel College.

FHU Athlete Spotlight



Name: Megan Thompson
Classification: Senior
Hometown: Monroe, TN

The Favorites

Favorite Teacher:
Billy Smith

Favorite Food:
Mexican

Favorite Sports Team:
University of Tennessee

Favorite Pre-game music:
Rock or Old Country

The Questions

Q. What do I like most about the Lady Lion team this year?

A. I love how we are so close and everyone gets along so well. We are all good friends and we always have fun together.

Q. Most memorable event that has happened while playing for Freed-Hardeman?

A. Riding waverunners in the Virgin Islands with SMAKKM (Sara, Meredith, Ashley, Kori, and Kari). It was slammmin'!

Q. What is your major and what do you plan on doing once you've graduated?

A. Management Accounting. Someone has to save the world one tax return at a time.

A review of the 72nd annual FHU lectureship: 'Behold the Lamb'

Freed-Hardeman University's 72nd Annual Bible Lectureship provided a number of highlights and many deep insights into the Word of God. The lectures specifically focused on the book of John and the theme 'Behold the Lamb.'

The following articles are lecture reports from select journalists in Prof. Janine Dunlap's Advanced Reporting class.

Why is footwashing not a pattern?

By Whitney Bryant

Matt Cook, an alumnus of Freed-Hardeman University, spoke at the annual FHU Bible Lectureship on the issue of foot washing and why it is not frequently practiced in the churches of Christ today. His research and lesson mainly focused on Biblical patterns and pattern-based worship.

"I have recently gained a whole new perspective on the ancient Near Eastern practice of foot washing," said Cook. "Last summer, I went to Italy and Greece. I wore flip flops most of the time while we were touring the cities, so when I got back to my hotel room at night my feet were covered in dust."

Brother Cook explained that foot washing is becoming a contemporary concern among the churches of Christ.

In John 13: 3-15, Jesus washes his apostles' feet and commands them to do the same thing for each other.

"Many progressive leaders in the churches of Christ have used foot washing as an attack against pattern-based theology," explained Cook. "These progressive leaders use John 13 to say that the churches of Christ pick and choose the patterns of worship they want to follow."

For example, some progressive leaders say the church of Christ chooses to practice the Lord's Supper and non-instrumental music in worship, but they choose not to follow the practice foot washing in worship services.

Brother Cook quoted Paul's words to Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:13, "Follow the pattern of true

teachings that you heard from me in faith and love, which are in Christ Jesus."

Cook used this scripture in the book of 2 Timothy to show that Paul believed God had ordained a pattern of worship for us to follow.

"Patterns of worship must be determined through diligent study of all biblical evidence," said Cook. "No pattern in the early church is binding unless there is a stated command in the New Testament text and an example of the early church practicing the pattern."

The conclusion of Brother Cook's speech dealt with foot washing and whether it should be considered a pattern of worship or not.

Cook said that after researching the topic thoroughly he concluded that foot washing should not be considered a pattern of worship because it was a cultural practice that was necessary at that time, it was never practiced as a religious rite of worship in the New Testament church and there is no record of foot washing in the church before the year 300.

"In John 13, Jesus intended to set a pattern of humble service through the act of washing his apostles' feet," said Cook.

Kortney Price, a senior at FHU, attended Cook's lecture on foot washing and pattern based worship.

Price said, "I'm really glad I came to this lecture. It was very informative and the speaker made the topic interesting by using a lot of quotes."



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Many of the campus guests attend chapel during Lectureship week. Tuesday's speaker in chapel was Nathan Wharf, FHU student.

The burning question: Was Jesus married to Mary Magdalene?

By Jeremy Hicks

The Freed-Hardeman University Lectureship brings hundreds of people to its campus every year to hear dozens upon dozens of preachers and Bible professors lecture, lead workshops, and lead worship for nearly six full days. The 2008 FHU Lectureship was no different.

Terry Edwards was assigned the topic of "Was Jesus Married to Mary Magdalene?" at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. He opened his lecture with a discussion of a program he viewed on the cable television channel "A&E" which was a biography entitled, "Mary Magdalene: The Hidden Apostle." Five scholars, of which he noted four of them were female, believed that Mary Magdalene was not only an apostle, but "a mystic, a prophet, [and] a leading evangelist in the early wing of the church; the least acknowledged but most important of Jesus' followers."

Brother Edwards followed that statement with one of his own: "You put in a little bit of truth and a whole lot of bologna, an people can't sort through the difference."

"The lines between evidence and conjecture, sacred and secular, history and conspiracy, have been blurred," said Edwards. "Brought on by external and internal forces, agnostic and atheistic voices with a destructive agenda and the so-called 'avant-garde' New Testament scholars," Edwards was referring to programs that opposed such as the A&E biography on Mary Magdalene and such books as the million-plus copy seller, "The Da Vinci Code." Edwards continued saying, "when you eat trash on a physical level it's dangerous. When you eat trash on a spiritual level it's deadly."

Edwards acknowledge the

fact that there is not much known about Mary Magdalene, stating such facts that she is only mentioned 13 times in the New Testament of the Bible, she was never mentioned in the book of Acts or Paul's letters, and only once in the Gospels prior to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. "After John 20:11-18," said Edwards, "[she] is never seen or heard from again. Period."

Edwards felt that aside from the fact that Bible says nothing about a marriage between Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene, if Mary Magdalene was such an important figure, why was she left out of so much of the New Testament? He added that the Bible's silence on the issue and her lack of acknowledgement through the rest of the New Testament means that any idea of a matrimony between the two is purely speculation fictitious

literature (during this portion of the lecture, he was attempting to disqualify such works as the Pisti Sophia and Nag Hammadi).

Edwards mentioned a number of works of literature, but the last one he discussed was one called "the Golden Legend". Written by Jacobus de Voragine in the 13th century, Edwards defined it as "a collection of medieval stories about the Christian saints." "The Golden Legend" portrays Mary as fulfilling her role of chaste and as reformed sex offender. She was described as very, beautiful, and sensual. Edwards still asked for proof any of those statements.

Paul Richardson, a recent transfer student to Freed-Hardeman University said he was pleased with the lecture. "I heard that he was a good speaker, so I came to his lecture. Well, he was a good speaker and did a good job. I enjoyed it."

Becky Blackmoon discusses The Purpose of prayer in ladies class

By Courtney Kimbrough

The Freed-Hardeman University lectureships had a variety of speakers this year. One of the speakers, Becky Blackmoon, brought a message to women about the "Priority of Prayer."

Blackmoon has written many books. She also spoke on several occasions at this year's Lectureship. She spoke on a series about prayer in her women's classes.

Blackmoon said, "It's not important what Becky Blackmoon says, it's important what the Bible says."

The class emphasized how important it was to make prayer a priority in one's life. The class started by Blackmoon asking questions for the audience to think about during the session.

The first point Blackmoon made was "Don't Forget to Pray." She made a point using Ephesians

6:18, that when we have our armor on the first thing we should do is pray. She also talked about how we need to prepare ourselves for Satan.

Blackmoon said, "God wants to be number one in your life, He wants you to talk to Him."

Blackmoon also challenged the audience with a question. She said that prayer was our telephone to God. She then asked if our telephone was connected. She emphasized we should pray at all times.

Prayer becomes number one when God becomes number one. This was another point made by Blackmoon. Blackmoon read a poem titled, "Sweet Minute of Prayer." After the poem was read, there were a few giggles in the room. She the need to make time for God because he does not come in

uninvited.

Sometimes we have to give up things because they are getting in the way of God. She referred to a few people who had given things up in life because they were interfering with God. Blackmoon read Psalm 34:4 and made the point that God has all the answers.

Blackmoon said, "I wish people would love the Lord as much as football."

She helped the audience think of ways to have time to pray. She mentioned making it a habit, and she mentioned cut the radio off when driving to pray. She talked about meeting God in prayer before meeting man in daily life. She referred to James 5:13-16, as the formula for living.

In her closing thoughts, she challenged the audience with more questions. She left the audience

with thoughts and reminded them not to forget to pray.

The attendance of the classes Blackmoon taught was so large they had to be moved into a bigger room.

Blackmoon lectured while women in attendance took notes. She gave acrostics to help when praying. One acrostic she gave used the word ACTS. The different letters stood for things to pray. The "A" stood for adoration, the "C" for Confess, the "T" for Thanksgiving, and the "S" for self.

Lauren Bentley, a junior, attended because she felt the topic was something she needed more strength in.

Bentley said, "She brought things down to a level which made things personal, like she was talking directly to me."

A contemporary issue: Can the Gnostic gospels be trusted?

By Alex Aguirre

Mark Warren's feelings toward the Gnostic gospels were understood early in his lesson when he stated that, "The Gnostic gospels are destroying faith; destroying the Bible. It really is a Contemporary Concern."

Brother Warren showed the views that Gnostics hold regarding the God of the Old Testament as a God who was evil, and the God of the New Testament as a God that was good, but ultimately unknowable. He brought forth the question of which gospel should we turn to? The question lies in inspiration, Warren said. If the New Testament gospels are from God, they are perfect, and we must follow it. Both the New Testament gospels and the Gnostic gospels cannot be inspired, because they disagree. Mr. Warren said that any doctrine that implies false doctrine would make it untrue. In order to solve the mystery we needed to look at the Date, Authorship, Unity, and Accuracy, thus making up his four points.

The gospels that were written near the time of Jesus would be more accurate. Warren informed the audience that the Gnostic gospels were written in the latter part of the 2nd century and onward, putting them hundreds

of years after the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The authorship of the New Testament can be proven through the eyewitness writers and eyewitness accounts making them up. The Gnostic gospels, as Warren points out, were written years and years later. By the fourth century many people believed the Gospel of Thomas (one of the Gnostic gospels) was not inspired.

"The bible," Warren said, "is characterized by humanly impossible unity." Which means the Bible is the word of God. Stories left off in the Old Testament are brought back in the New Testament, by different writers. It's impossible for forty writers to come up with one seamless book that is perfectly unified without inspiration. The Gnostic gospels are not unified. Brother Warren stated that, "There was no Gnostic church. Only schools that disagreed with each other." He mentioned how some Gnostics believed Jesus was only a spirit that looked like a man, while other Gnostics said Jesus was a man who gained spirit at baptism. Some Gnostics encouraged promiscuity, saying that it was God's law. Other Gnostics said to refrain from promiscuity

and women altogether, saying that the creation of women was evil, and having children only brought more evil into the world. The Gospel of Thomas reveals problems with women while the Gospel of Philip does not.

If the Bible is free of error and has knowledge beyond human wisdom it is from God, Warren said. The Bible has always been factually correct. Gnosticism was not a competing school of thought, Mr. Warren mentioned.

It broke off from Christianity at a later date. The New Testament gospels survived because they are true and inspired, and the "Gnostic gospels cannot be trusted," Warren concluded.

Jeremy Jenkins, a sophomore at Freed-Hardeman, described the lesson well, "Although it can be disheartening to hear of the attack on Christianity from the Gnostic gospels, it is so refreshing to hear men who use the word and logic as their counter attacks."



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Students and alumni listen attentively to Dan Winkler's lectures.

Bearing fruit as Christians

By Nikki Burns

Dorian Flynn gave a lecture on Monday at 1:30 p.m. during the spotlight on missions. He spoke on bearing fruit as Christians.

Flynn grew up in Zimbabwe where it is semi-desert.

Flynn came to American where he attended Harding University. He graduated from Harding in 1976 with a bachelors of arts in Bible and physical education and then attended the International Bible Institute and Seminary in Orlando, Florida where he received his Masters in Bible and Theology.

While at Harding, Dorian met his wife Cheri and together they have three children.

Dorian then moved to Antigua to work with a mission team to establish indigenous churches on the island.

In 1986, he started short-term missions in St. Croix, Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Swaziland, South Africa, Zimbabwe, St. Vincent, Dominica, Barbados, Montserrat, and Antigua. He has continued those missions to present day.

Flynn talked about the branch responsibility that we have as Christians.

"First, I am connected to the vine. Second I am to keep connection clean and unobstructed. And third, I submit to the vine cultivator."

Flynn said in our society that we think, "Bigger is better." This is the way we live our lives.

Flynn also gave what he called Jesus Action Plan. His first point

when trying to reach lost souls is that we need to respond with the right perspective.

Flynn said, "My responsibility is to honor God as I share his message."

Flynn talked about Phillips approach to reaching the lost. He gave six characteristics that Philip used. Those six characteristics are as follows: sensitivity, availability, initiative, courtesy, precision and decisiveness. These are things that we need to think about when we are trying to reach out to the lost of this world.

Flynn's second point in Jesus Action Plan is that we must connect with the people. This is very important when you are trying to tell some one about Christ.

During the lecture, Flynn said, "You must be on their level and really try to connect. By doing this you can show that you really care about them."

His final point is to serve others. By doing this then we can only better serve God.

Flynn is involved in a project called partners for Africa. This is a mission effort in Zimbabwe, Swaziland, and South Africa. Flynn and his wife are going to work with this project.

Sophomore Mallory Tice who attended the lecture said, "I found Dorian Flynn to be a very interesting man. He spoke with wisdom and compassion. I found what he said in the lecture to be very helpful."



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Most of the lectures were located in the Loyd Auditorium and each individual balcony in Loyd.