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Making Music staff and emcee applications available in OSLD. They are due by Sept. 10 at 4pm.

RUSH will be Sept. 12-14. Registration starts at 5pm Friday.

The first UPC Coffee House of the semester will be Sep. 16.

Briefly:

Theatre Auditions
FHU Theatre holds Auditions for IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY Monday and Tuesday, Sept 15 & 16 at 7 p.m. in Loyd. About a dozen actors are needed. Scripts and music are on reserve in the library. Contact Dr. Thompson at cthompson@fhu.edu for details.

KC's is planning on a weekly showcase of our student talent. They are looking for those interested in playing music as well as spoken word. If you are interested, contact Tony Allen.

Soul Food

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2

The "Tinkling" of the Bell: Wiley Saves Face

By Stephanie Pounders
Editor

It was a heart felt moment for all the students in chapel on Wednesday the 28th as the one 140th academic year was ushered into session. Historically named "The Tolling of the Bell," the first chapel session of the fall semester is a time-honored tradition that marks the beginning of each academic year. Professors don their scholarly robes and hats and march proudly in procession to the sound of the Freed-Hardeman chorale. Someone is then called forth to ring in the new year as the honored "Bell Master." The heart of the whole ceremony is, in essence, ceremonial, and meant not only to challenge students to a year of excellence but also to celebrate the success and dedication of past alumni. This year, however, something in the procession did not go quite as planned. Everything seemed to be normal as the ceremony opened with addresses from several keynote speakers. President Wiley addressed the students, welcoming them to new beginnings and challenging them to commit themselves to excellence in both their spiritual and academic lives. Mark Castleberry, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, also issued a challenge to the students to commit themselves to excellence in academics, in

friendships, and in service to the church. He finished his speech by asking students to, "Let the environment you are in inspire you to do the best you can and inspire those around you. Do something positive with every day of your life." Next the president of the Student Government Association, Craig Owens, accepted the challenge from President Wiley and Chairman Castleberry by promising to "commit to Freed-Hardeman the way it has committed to us." And then, as the sweet little freshman pledged their love and devotion to our dearest FHU, the time for the Tolling of the Bell arrived.

Mr. Castleberry took the mike once again as he gave the introduction to the Masters of the Bell. Bell Masters, he explained, are people who embody the spirit of Freed-Hardeman University and who have dedicated time and love into its enhancement. With a beautiful introduction to the dedication and service of this years Bell Masters' lives, Mr. Castleberry called former president Dr. Claude Gardner, Chancellor and former president Dr. Milton Sewell, and Freed-Hardeman's current president Dr. Joe Wiley to the front of the stage to ring the bell fourteen times, celebrating the 14 decades of Freed-Har-

deman's dedication to providing a quality, Christian education to its students. And then it happened; or, rather, didn't happen. As three of Freed-Hardeman's most cherished alumni and staff started to ring the bell—no sound could be heard. Well, almost no sound. Throughout the room all that was heard was the tiny, "tink, tink, tink" of the piece of metal meant to hold the bell's clapper in place. Paralyzed looks from a shocked crowd accompanied an awkward silence as President Wiley walked to the podium. "Somebody had some fun" was all he could say and the crowd, with a sigh of relief, broke into a roaring laughter. President Wiley noted that apparently the bell clapper, which had been checked and in place the night before, was now missing. Whoever was able to take it, he said, must have been crafty to pull off the job, and he playfully noted that, "Someone should be spending a lot of time in prayer." Holding fast to tradition and to persistence for honoring the men who dedicated so much to the school, the bell masters continued to "tink" the bell clapper clasp, celebrating this year Freed-Hardeman's spirit of joy and playfulness and love for good-hearted fun.

While the propagators were stealthy in pulling off the prac-



tical joke, the next day in chapel President Wiley had a long talk with the student body explaining when practical jokes are appropriate and when they aren't. By the end of the next week the bell clapper thieves had been apprehended. Junior Taylor Norwood and Senior John Ware came up with the prank last semester in the wee hours of the morning and decided they should try it. They remarked that the only way

they could have been caught would have been if one of the few people who knew let it slip and the information made its way to Dean Jeana Wiley's office. Concerning their intentions, they were quoted saying, "My opinion of the reaction is one of mixed emotions. I am glad that people thought it was funny, that is how it was meant. I am, however, sorry that some people were offended. That was never the intention."

UPC's Speed Dating:



Photo by Alana Tucker

Students have just 30 seconds to exchange information before the bell dings and their date is gone.

UPC Hosts Speed Dating Event

By Marisa Janes
Staff Writer

Life moves blindingly fast in Henderson, Tennessee. The days streak by in a blur of enthralling nightlife and enchanting scenery until, quite suddenly, students are handed diplomas and set loose in the real world. With so many things to do in only four years (or five, or ten), speed is an obligatory factor in every campus and social event. On August 26, the University Programs Council took this unspoken rule to a new height in its annual and much-anticipated affair: Speed Dating.

"The setup is very simple," Jessica Phillips of UPC said mischievously. "When each person arrives, they fill out an envelope and a name tag, both with their name and their campus mail box number. The envelope is taped onto a wall and the person sits down at a table, guys on one side and girls on the other. Macgan Janes (UPC President) announces when the dating starts, and

every thirty seconds, she yells for the guys to move down a seat, beginning a new date. If you like someone, you can write them a note and leave it in their envelope at the end of the night."

To most readers, this "simple" arrangement might seem shockingly intense. It is. As Mauricio Campos of UPC announced during chapel on this eventful day, Freed-Hardeman students "have thirty seconds to meet the love of their lives." Four tables running the length of the auxiliary gym were packed with freshman hopefuls and upperclassmen giving love another chance. Faces illuminated by the glow of hundreds of child-safe, battery-run candles expressed deep-seated delight as couples discovered a mutual love of Backstreet Boys, or perhaps an appreciation for individually packaged string cheese.

To make the night even more magical, several celebrities graced the event with their presence: the Joker, Batman,

the Iron Chef, the Bachelor, Pam from The Office. Even a Stormtrooper who wandered off his Death Star to find himself a Christian Mrs. was spotted mingling with the locals. With such a promising crowd, Speed Dating could be nothing but a raging success. So as Facebook relationship statuses change over the next few days, be sure to remember the cause, and clear your schedule for next year's life-altering event.



Gardner replaces Edwards in Italy '08

By Erin Haddock
Assistant Editor

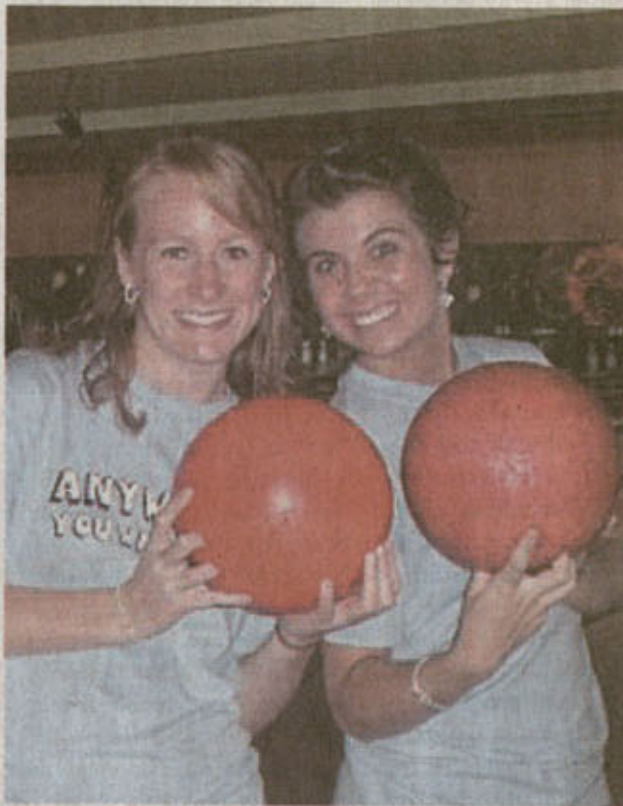
The semester began with a common concern on student and faculty minds. What exactly happened to Terry Edwards to keep him from his expected semester in Italy? Repeatedly we heard prayer requests and updates on Dr. Edwards but never the full story of what happened or what it meant for the students traveling to Italy in the fall. Now, to answer all of these concerns, we have the full report. On a Thursday afternoon, a week before leaving for Italy, Terry Edwards began to feel dizzy in his office at school. His wife quickly drove him to the hospital in Jackson where he was repetitively asking the same questions, a sure sign, the doctor's said, of transient global amnesia. Dr. Edwards' son, Jonathon, quoted his father as saying, "I just want a new brain, then I can go home." "Those of you who know my dad know that his brain at half strength is still better than most any of ours at full strength," Jonathon said in response to his father's complaints. What was causing this lapse of memory, however, was something more serious. The next day, doctors deliberated over what was causing this 2 in 100,000 chance disorder and one doctor found the answer in Dr. Edwards' heart. His aorta was 2.2 times the normal size because of calcification. The amnesia seemed to be a minor effect of this, considering the doctors' surprise of Edwards not having already had a heart attack.

Since surgery, Dr. Edwards has been recovering quickly, but will take a full two months to recover completely. In the meantime, Dr. Jim Gardner has been graciously willing to take Dr. Edwards' place at such a short notice in the Italy program. He will be taking over all of Dr. Edwards' classes with the exception of table

tennis and the Italian class, which his son, Jonathon, will be teaching. Jonathon Edwards, having spent twelve of his younger years in Italy, is very acquainted with European customs and the Italian language and will be directing the Italy program this semester. They have also hired Melissa Cammarata from the Church of Christ in Catania, Italy to help out this fall with translation.

Dr. Edwards' success as a program director is evident in all of his previous experience with Italy and study abroad programs. Dr. Edwards has directed these programs for Harding University for twenty years and his summer and fall semesters with Freed-Hardeman students this past year were a great success. I can say from personal experience, a trip to Italy would not have been the same without his knowledge and caring personality to guide us. Dr. Terry Edwards is held in very high regard to all who know him and, as his son Jonathon stated, "irreplaceable." While Edwards is recovering, however, students and faculty are anxious to see the new insights Dr. Gardner will bring to the Italy program. Students and faculty are very grateful for all that the Gardner family is willing to do. After all, if it were not for his willingness to drop everything and support this study abroad program, would it even be possible to continue? We all can continue to remember Dr. Edwards and his family in our prayers and are in full support of the Gardner family while still knowing that the program will be a great success in his and Jonathon Edwards' hands.

Interface 2008: "Anywhere You Want To Go"



FHU Welcomes New Art Teacher

By: Tracy Mitchell
Staff Writer

Professor Brian Bundren is not well known at Freed—yet. Tall, easy-going, and completely at ease in a room where his art is plastered on each wall, he familiarized me with some of his life story.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, he spent the last ten years of his life working hands on with

the private collection at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Although the museum was a "good career," Bundren always wanted to teach. He earned his Master of Arts degree at the University of Indiana and Freed was the first job offer he received. Valuing the Christian and cultural environment found at FHU, the choice to take the job was an easy one for he and his wife, Kasey. In

fact, Andrew, one of their two sons, transferred to Freed as a sophomore. Their younger son is named Matthew.

The combination of our newest art teacher's striking, unique work and his warm, laid-back manner are well worth your time. Drop by the art building sometime and get acquainted!

Professor Bundren shares some insights into his collection of paintings displayed in the new art building



"Manhunt"
His second favorite- Inspired by a movie, this painting depicts policemen mapping out a course of action to track down a criminal. He loves the claustrophobic atmosphere the painting conveys and thinks of it as simply a "fun painting."



"Inheritance" - His favorite- Portraying a girl holding a clump of dirt in her hands, this piece is a Biblical metaphor drawn from Christ's statement "the meek shall inherit the earth." He has recently drawn much imagery from Scripture.



"Persephone's Season"
His least favorite- Bundren describes this painting as "different" and an "experiment" that was too rushed. He feels this piece lacks structure and many have described it as "depressing."

The Dark Knight Don't Play

By Brad Kelley
Staff Writer

This year, Warner Brothers' Dark Knight is truly an exceptional follow-up to 2005's Batman Begins. Having already grossed over \$500 million, The Dark Knight surpassed the total domestic run of its predecessor in only 6 days. With a killer cast including Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Michael Caine, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Gary Oldman, and Morgan Freeman, the Dark Knight is set to impress. Having seen the movie

three times at this point, I wish to offer you the following endorsement. Go see it now. Stand up from what you are doing, drop school work, ignore professors, leave dates (or take them with you), and turn your eyes to the theater screen.

Ledger's performance will make you cry to your mommies, you sniveling sissies, but that's okay, so did I. He embodies the psychopathic clown of your nightmares so well Pennywise will calmly step back into the

shadows. Heath Ledger doesn't act the Joker, he becomes him. Batman, Harvey Dent, and all the other players take a backseat as the perfect portrayal of the absolute worst that man can become stands proud and tall, center stage. Bale, Eckhart, and the rest of the cast do incredibly well of course, but once again, all eyes on the Clown please, or else you'll miss the great magic tricks he does.

In between the make up, bat ears, fantastical motorcycles,

masks, and Rottweilers, the humanity of the people of Gotham does manage to shine through. Via social experiment and a large amount of explosives, the Joker proves exactly that which he hates, order and sanity tend to rule the majority, for now. After all, the Joker's "not a monster...just ahead of the curve."

Gavin DeGraw Live & Summer's Top 6 Albums, for Starters

By Kyle Taubken
Associate Editor

Whether you're a fan of Gavin DeGraw or not, there's no denying that his annoyingly catchy tune, "I Don't Wanna Be", has been stuck in your head at some point in the last 5 years since its initial release in the long forgotten days of 2003. I personally was and still am a major fan of this freshman effort, "Chariot." With quintessential pop finesse and some mediocre guitar work, 2003's "Chariot" was proof that sometimes major record labels and American radio actually do get it right, however rare. DeGraw's strength is in his beautiful piano work, powerful voice, and often brutally honest songwriting, something that sets him apart from other piano laden chart toppers such as The Fray, Augustana, and faroon 5. Live, he's even better. I caught the show this past weekend at the Delta Fair in Memphis. His band tight, voice

unfailing, and energy undeniable, Gavin DeGraw delivered an almost surprisingly good performance, never straying far from the sounds of his recorded material but adding a certain amount of intensity and live oomph to his tunes. The stand out songs of the night were the Kleenex worthy "Tristan and Isolde" theme, "We Belong Together", the non-office of student life approved, "Chemical Party", which included a slightly humorous and slightly impressive cover of "Proud Mary", and "Follow Through", complete with a new organ intro. Most of his set though was composed of songs from his latest album, titled, originally enough, "Gavin DeGraw". If you thought "Chariot" was too mainstream you may not even want to touch this disc. Just remember, mainstream isn't always bad, just usually.

Moving on. From miserable jobs to smelly sunscreen to living under your parent's roof again, Summer '08 held many exciting possibilities for us all. For me, nothing was more exciting this summer than the music that was released during it. So here, in all its triumphant glory, are my top 6 albums of the summer:



Number 6. Gavin DeGraw - "Gavin DeGraw"

While even more radio friendly and pop oriented than 2003's "Chariot", DeGraw's sophomore release still packs a satisfying 12 tracks of piano-ey goodness into one compact disc.

Tracks to remember: "In Love With a Girl", "Next to Me (Wait a Minute Sister)", "Cop Stop", & "We Belong Together"

Number 5. John Mayer - "Where the Light Is: Live in Los Angeles"

John Mayer. Three different sets, one acoustic, one with the Trio, and one with his touring band. A cover of Tom Petty's "Free Fallin'". 22 live tracks. Need I say more?

Tracks to remember: "Free Fallin'", "Slow Dancing in a Burning Room", and "Out of My Mind"

Number 4. The Avett Brothers - "The Second Glean"

Although just a 7 song EP, this mellow Avett Bros. disc doesn't disappoint in delivering the pure acoustic sound, addictive melody, and soulful lyrics these guys have become known for.

Tracks to remember: "Murder in the City", "Bella Donna", and "Tear Down the House"

Number 3. Coldplay - "Viva la Vida"

Experimental? Yes. Different? Absolutely. Same Coldplay? Hardly. This Coldplay disc proves the band can write more than just pretty melodies and falsetto choruses. While both can still be found on "Viva la Vida", this experimental album combines the best of "X & Y" and "A Rush of Blood to the Head" that only gets better with each listen.

Tracks to remember: "Lost!", "Violet Hill", "Viva la Vida", and "Death and All His Friends"

Number 2. Conor Oberst - "Conor Oberst"

Man, can this guy write a song. With lyrical expertise and musical mastery, Conor Oberst's solo effort is the "Cassadaga" Bright Eyes fans have been waiting for.

Tracks to remember: "Get-Well-Cards", "Lenders in the Temple", "Danny Callahan", and "Moab"

Number 1. Weezer - "The Red Album"

The Weez is back in all their nerd rock glory! The best Weezer disc in 12 years, "The Red Album" revives the quirky songwriting, power chord choruses, and melting solos they became loved for with 1994's "The Blue Album". Although it still doesn't capture the same magic as "The Blue Album" or "Pinkerton", it's the best material River's boys have put out in a long while. The deluxe edition includes two songs necessary for the "Red" experience, "Pig" and "Mrs. Sweeney". If you're a fan of Weezer's early material then this is the return you've been longing for.

Tracks to remember: "The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived", "Dreamin'", "The Angel and the One", "Pig", and "Mrs. Sweeney".

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Politics: Obama and his Message of Hope



Tara Schonhoff
Columnist

Hebrews states that faith is the substance of things hoped for, Sephora's hottest selling item and Oprah's most frequent 'giveaway' is Philosophy brand's "Hope in a Jar" moisturizer, and Hope is the theme of Barack Obama's Presidential campaign. Obama's resourceful promotion of this four-letter word has

moved this junior Senator from endorsing his message in his book, *The Audacity of Hope*, to the front line in the race to the White House.

Obama's appeal to optimism is crafty. Effectively providing a stark contrast to his opponents, he abstains from the usual appearances of bickering and criticism, which often turn people away from politics. His message of hope showed Hillary Clinton to be brash and vengeful during the Democratic primaries. It gave Joe Biden the opportunity to make amends for racially inappropriate comments made about him. And it attempts to further shadow the militarily aggressive background of his

Republican opponent John McCain.

One of Obama's potentially weakest points is his lack of experience, having served only eighteen months in the Senate and not following the traditional format of commanding as a governor. But hope masks this deficiency—showing inexperience as potential, prostrating himself before young voters by denigrating age, trampling McCain's time-earned wrinkles and conservative traditions.

Whether Obama would be the best option for President is still to be decided by the nation and the debates have yet to start. But he has brought the election back to the voters

and driven young people to the polls with fervor—both in his favor and in his resistance. During Michelle Obama's speech in the Democratic National Convention she stated that we will look back and say that in this election "we voted for our hopes and not our fears." And, indeed, it is the superlative of "Hope," not Obama's looks or family, which has created the Republican-detested superstardom of his campaign, but it will take more than pure optimism to get him elected.



His view: Bored Already?



Brad Kelley
Columnist

Henderson, the sprawling metropolis that surrounds Freed Hardeman University, with a great nightlife, fly club scene, and "choreography" halls on every corner there is always something to be done.

Okay, so not only is that a complete falsehood, it also doesn't really matter because such things are outside the scope of our rule-set here at FHU. So, stop worrying, I'm not going to lead you into the dark, but I do have some thoughts on things you freshmen (or others) can get up to in Henderson, bungee jumping off the water tower for example. Okay, no, don't do that either, bad idea, highly illegal. Also, it might kill you.

The following list though is comprised of completely legal, completely real activities hosted by various unnamed organizations and groups around the city. I'll probably bring you a few new activities every edition,

this is just the introduction so only one activity today kiddies, but I have selected one guaranteed to get your attention. Every third Wednesday of the month, if you manage to get out of your dorms by 5:31 am, a little know clause in the rules grants the right to stay out all night on that Thursday. You can look it up, it's there, this is my serious face.

At midnight you go to Bell's, and you'll meet a man named Hank in a yellow slicker. He will give you directions to "the Lounge", a place where intellectual minds can meet to discuss beef jerky. Correct, I have just given you the opportunity to become part of the most elite club in Henderson. The West Tennessee Appreciators of Beef Jerky and Various Other Dried Meat Products, Henderson Chapter, or the WTABJVD-MPHC for short. You don't have to thank me for this opportunity as it was extended to me as a freshman. On your inaugural meeting, you will receive the official WTABJVDMPHC tattoo, the instructional hand book, and a complimentary 5 pound bag of Jerky. Keep this information to yourself though; we wouldn't want the WTABJVDMPHC getting too large too fast now would we?

Her view: Make the Most of Your Four Years

Alright, freshies. I hate to break it to you, but high school is over. To be successful in college you must adopt some new mindsets and habits to integrate into your daily lives. First of all, you should feel honored to be here. While nearly everyone has access to a high school education, college is a more elite institution. You can take pride in the fact that you made it here by displaying a certain set of mildly impressive criteria and try to keep in mind that the only way that you can stay here is to continue to meet that same set of criteria.

As far as academics go, you're going to have to apply a little hard work or AT LEAST some impressive ingenuity. As in the real world, college mainly cares about the end result and not the toilsome road that was taken to get there. If you have to study four hours for a test that your friend only has to study one hour for in order to get an "A," tough cookies. Better than anyone else, YOU are the one person who knows your limitations and you also know what your maximum potential is. Decide what "your personal best" is and settle for nothing less.

One of the best things that you can do for yourself is to pick a major that you are 100% certain you will enjoy doing for the next four years. So many times students come to college with a major already in mind and start working on their major classes right away. There's nothing inherently wrong with this plan, but there's also nothing wrong with taking some general education classes to figure out if it is really what you want to do. Too many times I have seen a junior change their major only to tack at least 1-2 more years at good ol' FHU onto their bill. You will save yourself a lot of time AND money if you carefully consider a major that will result in a career that you love.

I suggest that you utilized the gyms that are located on campus. They are here for you and you would benefit greatly by taking advantage of a "free" gym membership for the next four years. The freshman 15, 20

or 40 is far too easy to gain, so stay active! Or even if you're not a "gym-person" there are other ways to stay in shape. Walk the long way to class and take the stairs up to third floor BK. Join an intramural sports team. Even if you're not great at sports, the oxygen to your lungs could do you a world of good.

The relationships you have invested in have value and you should treat them in that manner. Freed is a great place to make some amazing friendships, but don't forget the people that you left behind back home. The first year that you're at college is kind of like a massive deal maker or breaker for past relationships. If you keep in touch with your high schools buddies this year, you at least hold a chance of keeping up with each other later in life. However, if you don't correspond with them at all, there's a good chance that your previous relationships will fail miserably.

Probably the most valuable advice I have to offer is to hit the ground running. Some of you have already done this, but others may be slacking. You've already been at Freed for a few weeks and maybe you've seen different groups, teams, social clubs, classes and opportunities that you would like to be a part of in the future. My advice to you is DO IT! Don't put it off thinking that you'll do it your sophomore or junior year; do it now! Your schedules will never be as wide open as they are now and your classes are only going to get harder. Getting involved will expose you to more people and some possible resume opportunities as well. So get out there, soak up some FHU experiences and good luck!



Brittany Chaplin
Columnist

Belgium: A Few Lessons Learned

Upon the conclusion of a semester in Belgium, the up-beat Bell Tower columnist abroad typically gives a synopsis of the priceless lessons learned while traveling for three months. I, however, have chosen to give a list of discoveries that I have made in my first column.

It is difficult to realize but in a mere three weeks, my fellow students and I have gathered a treasure trove of information about life—both in Belgium and in the United States.

Lesson #1—Charlemagne was a man. While on the group's send excursion, we went for an afternoon in Aachen, Germany. After smelling the foul stench of the city's famous sulfur waters and visiting a festival honoring a local cookie, we toured Charlemagne's Cathedral. We were amazed at its splendor and toured its beauty in "sponge-mode" as we tried to soak up as much information as we could about the historic building. It was not until we were completing an assignment about our experiences in the building that some Freedies on the trip learned that Charlemagne was, in fact, a man. (If you want to know who thought he was a woman, just check facebook. Several used "her" and "she" in album names!)

Lesson #2—There is no such thing as a Belgian Waffle Maker in the United States. We have all seen it on the lucky bride-to-be's Target or Bed, Bath and Beyond wedding registry—the Belgian Waffle Maker. Everyone wants one. After all, who does not love waffles? However, I must inform all future brides and grooms at FHU (we all know there are several) that registering for this item will bring nothing but heartache and an unsatisfied palter as what comes out of that machine is heartache item will bring



Andrea Bigham
Columnist

nothing but heartache and an unsatisfied palter as what comes out of that machine is not a Belgian waffle. Rather, it is a dry, tough and relatively tasteless fraud that is made in a machine whose name is a lie. With sugary goodness baked inside and topped with chocolate, fruit or real whipped cream, I have found that a real Belgian waffle is one of the most delectable treats that one can sample.

Other lessons that the 30 students in Verviers, Belgium have learned in the past three weeks include: Just because you are speaking with a French accent does not mean that you are speaking French.

Nutella should be its own food group, and on that note, one should never stand between Bishop McLaughlin and a jar of Nutella. Don't lose your passport...unless you REALLY want to see the embassy.

Christopher Plummer has the profile of a gorilla—just watch his famous scene in *The Sound of Music* when he and Julie Andrews sing "Something Good." It will scare you just a little.

Lastly, (at least for this time around) who knew that a group of college students could bond while watching *The Sound of Music*? As you read this, I, and the rest of my traveling buddies, are deep into an excursion through Germany and Austria. Get ready to share in our big adventure!

Italy: My Long Awaited Adventure

Adventure. When typed in to the appropriate box on the Merriam Webster Online Dictionary, that word summons a total of three definitions: 1. an undertaking usually involving danger and unknown risks, 2. an exciting or remarkable experience, and 3. an enterprise involving financial risk. I lay these descriptions before the reader because I feel that they perfectly outline my initial perception of what I was getting myself into when I signed up to spend a semester in Italy.

I knew pretty early on that this would be my year of taking risks. Normally more of a cautious planner, a spontaneous trip to Walmart or Bessos was about the extent of my reliance on chance. Don't misunderstand me, I have always craved adventure, but for seemingly a myriad of reasons, I have never quite stumbled upon one. However, nearly eight months ago, all of those inhibitions that were holding me back disappeared.

I remember exactly how it happened. I was with a group of friends in Memphis attending the Saturday Night 5 music event. A couple of my friends were talking about their upcoming semester abroad and were urging me to join them, since a few spots had recently opened



Bailey Gillreath
Columnist

up. Thinking, as I always had that such a trip would be amazing, but completely beyond my reach, I simply shrugged away the idea. Persistence, they say, is key. And it was that persistence that planted the idea in my head of actually going to Italy for an entire semester.

Throughout the evening, the idea found root and I began to consider the trip as if it might actually happen. By the end of the night I called my parents to run the idea past them and nearly had a conniption at their reaction. My realist parents were in full support and told me this was an opportunity too good to pass up. It was at this point that it was settled in my mind; in exactly eight months, I would be in Italy. The very next day, I walked to Old Main and added my name to the list. Somehow, I managed to get past my planning nature and just go for it. Now, eight months later, the adventure begins.

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Sports Briefs

Golf

The 29th Annual FHU President's Invitational Golf Tournament is Friday, September 12th. It will be held at Bear Trace-Ross Creek in Clifton, TN and will be a four man scramble. Teams will be flighted. Prizes will be awarded for flight winners, longest drive and closest to pin.

Tee time is at 8:30 a.m. and the entry fee is \$65 a player (includes cart, green fees, range balls and lunch). For more info, contact the FHU Athletic Office @ 731-989-6900. Registration forms are on the FHU website.

Scholar Teams

The NAIA recently released its 2007-08 scholar teams, and three of Freed-Hardeman University's seven athletic programs were among those honored. The women's basketball team, coached by Dale Neal, posted a 3.49 team GPA. The women's soccer team, coached by Jason Elliott, had a 3.40 team GPA and the volleyball team, coached by Todd Humphry, posted a 3.04 team GPA.

The women's soccer team's GPA was the highest among teams in the TransSouth Conference, while the women's basketball and volleyball teams' GPAs were second in the conference.

Upcoming Games

Men's Soccer

9/5 v. *Harris-Stowe*
8:00 p.m.

9/6 v. *Bryan College*
8:00 p.m.

9/11 v. *Williams Baptist*
7:00 p.m.

9/12 @ *Martin Methodist*
7:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer

9/5 v. *Harris-Stowe*
6:00 p.m.

9/6 v. *Bryan College*
6:00 p.m.

9/12 v. *Clearwater Christian*
3:30 p.m.

9/13 @ *Atlanta Christian*
12:00 p.m.

Volleyball

9/5-6 Mazzio's Touney

9/11 @ *Mid-Continent*
7:00 p.m.

9/13 @ *Cumberland*
1:00 p.m.

9/15 v. *Brescia*
6:00 p.m.

9/16 v. *Lyon College*
7:00 p.m.

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FHU Soccer Teams off to Successful Starts

Shannon Hargis
Sports Editor

The 2008 soccer season is now in full swing and off to a successful start. Both the Lions and Lady Lions have had key victories already in the season's opener games. Jason Elliott began his eighth season as the head men's and women's soccer coach at Freed-Hardeman University.

The Lady Lions soccer team began the season with a 3-0 victory over Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, TN. Senior, Lori Walker, scored two of the goals, while freshman Helena Yegros scored the other for the FHU victory. Coach Elliott has added five new faces to

the women's team this year, as well as five returning seniors. "These first two victories have definitely put us in the mindset we need to go into the conference games. I'm excited about seeing what the new girls have to offer this season. I think we are going to have a very good year," said Cassie Messina, a senior defender from Clarksville, TN.

Like the women's team, the men also had a fierce season opening game with a 2-1 win over Tennessee Temple University. With almost all the players from last season returning, plus the help of some highly anticipated freshman,

this season looks promising for the men's Lions soccer team as well.

Both the Lion and Lady Lions conference play begins on September 16th against Martin Methodist. The first home game will be September 5th at 8:00 pm against Harris-Stowe State College, which is part of a fall classic tournament that FHU is hosting. Since August 5th, both the teams have been working very hard in their pre-season two-a-day practices, as well as a few exhibition games. After such a promising start, both teams are looking forward to what they can accomplish this year.



FHU Volleyball voted preseason favorite

Laura Locke
Sports Writer

The Lady Lions have quite the name to live up to. Last year's team made history by capturing the school's first volleyball conference title since its 1986 inception, finishing the season with an impressive 16-2 record in TransSouth Athletic Conference play and a 30-5 record overall. Nothing less is expected of the 2008 squad, voted the preseason favorite by the TransSouth coaches' poll.

Although the team bids farewell to three of last year's starters, several proven play-

makers return. Senior middle blocker/outside hitter Crissandra Perez, last season's conference newcomer of the year, promises to once again lead the team in attack percentage and kills. Joining Perez on the front row are Sophomore Claire Pennington and Junior Karim Raymond, both expected to have solid seasons. Senior Martha Ray returns to her position at setter as one of the nation's leaders in assists.

The team also welcomes five freshmen to the team, the largest and perhaps strongest recruiting class in Todd Humphry's nine years as head

coach. Morgan Faulkner (Murfreesboro, Tenn.), Carrisa Foshee (Paragould, Ark.), and Sydney Rice (Johnson City, Tenn.) will look to find playing time on the front row. Amber Turner (Bartlett, Tenn.) comes as a setter. Rachelle Prince (Mason, Ohio), sister of Freed-Hardeman's own two-time all-conference player Randal Prince, looks to take position at libero.

FHU's Lady Lions began with a win at the home season opener against Lambuth University on Sept. 2, and eagerly await the Mazzio In-

vitational Tournament in Point Lookout, Missouri on September 5th-6th.



Beijing Summer Olympic Highlights

The 2008 Summer Olympics took place in Beijing, China from August 8th through August 24th.

The United States came out on top with highest total medals, 110.



Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson took the gold and silver medals, respectively.



Michael Phelps set a new world record by taking home eight gold medals



Power team Misty May and Kerri Walsh defeat China for their second consecutive Olympic gold medal.

2008 NCAA Football Standings Week 2

1. USC	1-0
2. Georgia	2-0
3. Oklahoma	2-0
4. Florida	2-0
5. Ohio State	2-0
6. Missouri	2-0
7. LSU	1-0
8. Texas	2-0
9. Auburn	2-0
10. Wisconsin	2-0
11. Alabama	2-0
12. Texas Tech	2-0
13. Kansas	2-0
14. East Carolina	2-0
15. Arizona State	2-0
16. Oregon	2-0
17. Penn State	2-0
18. Brigham Young	2-0
19. South Florida	2-0
20. Wake Forest	2-0
21. Fresno State	1-0
22. Utah	2-0
23. California	2-0
24. Illinois	1-1
25. West Virginia	1-1

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FHU Social Clubs: An Overview of the "Five Strong"

Chi Beta Chi

Motto: You Can't Soar Without Wings
Colors: Purple and Gold
Mascot: Eagle
Established: 1989

XBX is an enigma, a mystery - all through our history we've been controlling The Place, people all on our case wondering why we're so brilliant like Bruce Wayne and Harvey Dent but without two faces. And we cover all bases making sure that you're having fun all around we're number one. We're unstoppable, improbable, like the Chicago Bulls in '94. And if I had to describe us in exactly a hundred words that's like Dr. Scholl's with no socks, puttin' royalty in a box: you can't pull that stuff 'cause we're Chi Beta we're enough and this is enough.

-Jeremy Jenkins



Gamma Tau Omega

Motto: Diversified through the eyes of the world, unified through the eyes of Christ
Colors: Royal Blue, Kelly Green, and White
Mascot: The Warrior
Established: 2006

In GTO we strive to be a club whose primary purpose is to glorify God through our actions and words and to provide a spiritual support and accountability group for our members. We serve to build lasting friendships, provide social activities for our members, and encourage a wholesome Christian atmosphere where members can advance spiritually, socially, intellectually, and physically.

-Charles Steiner



Phi Kappa Alpha

Motto: Legends Live Forever
Colors: Red and White
Mascot: Bulldog
Established: 1938

Phi Kappa Alpha is one of the oldest social clubs on the campus of FHU. It is a very spiritually minded club, placing the moral values of the club above all other priorities. Phi Kappa Alpha also prides itself as being the social club on campus with the most wins, as it holds 36 of 70 social club trophies. In Phi Kappa Alpha, Legends are born.

-Tyler Hughes



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Sigma Rho

Motto: Onward, Upward, and Forever
Colors: Black and Gold
Mascot: Bumblebees
Established: 1912

Sigma Rho is a society of individuals who strive for excellence in everything we do. We first and foremost desire to build an intimate relationship with God, as we grow closer to one another. We are a very dynamic and diverse group who seek to take on new endeavors each and every day of our lives. A group built on traditions; who hope that when our time here at FHU is over that we will have left our mark here on this campus, as our society has done for the past 96 years. It's the love I have for the things we've done, that's why I'm a Sigma Rho.

-Dereck Clark



Xi Chi Delta

Motto: Quiet Confidence. Undeniable Swagger. Complete Faith.
Colors: Navy and Silver
Mascot: Knights
Established: 2002

Xi Chi Delta consists of Xi Chi and Chi Delta, with Xi Chi representing the fraternity and Chi Delta representing the sorority, that when together forms Xi Chi Delta. Xi Chi Delta is still a young club, but our love and loyalty for our club and to each other is beyond its years. We have won dozens of sports championships, numerous Makin' Music Sweepstakes and "Hoop It Up" trophies, and have had nearly 100 club meetings, but no number is stronger than the bond between the members of the sororal and fraternal order of Xi Chi Delta. Jump on it, stay classy, and keep the faith.

-Jeremy Hicks



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