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This weekend FHU Theatre will be presenting "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." Tickets are \$11.50 and can be purchased in the bookstore.

Thanksgiving break starts next week. Dorms will close the 21st.

The 44th Advisory Board Benefit Dinner featuring comedy legend Tim Conway.

UPC will be hosting Coffee House this Tuesday night in the Student Center starting at 8:30.

Briefly:

Macbeth Auditions Auditions for MACBETH by W. Shakespeare Nov 17-18, 7 pm Black Box Theatre Perform 12 lines of Shakespeare. Contact Dr. Thompson for Details.

The English Department is sponsoring a campus wide poetry contest. You may submit a maximum of three poems. No poem should be more than 80 lines. Email Dr. Margaret Payne for more information. The deadline for submission is Dec. 11th.

Soul Food

— Jeremiah 33:3 — 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

FHU students get into the spirit of Halloween

By Kayla Carnagie
Staff Writer

Witches, pirates, movie characters, and monsters filled the sidewalks, streets, and halls on campus Thursday October 30, 2008 as Freed Hardeman students, faculty, and children from the community celebrated the holiday set aside for dressing up and eating sweets! For days, or even weeks, students prepared for the holiday by putting up decorations, setting up for parties, preparing creative costumes, and buying lots of candy. The campus was alive with activities and anticipation of Thursday night. One of the earliest events was the baseball team's 10th annual Haunted Trails. The Trail was sort of a "haunted house" (without the house) with proceeds benefitting the team as well as the Carl Perkins Center. The Trail ran various days from October 26-31, always "beginning at dark each night." Their phrase on the flyers, "When you scream in the woods, no one hears," exemplified the spirit of

Halloween and proved just how terrifying the Trails could be. The baseball players were lucky enough to be the ones on the Trails scaring those adventurous enough to pass through, while the Lady Lion softball team helped out by leading the groups through. There were 3 trails, one that led to a ditch, one with sunken ground, and another maze filled with haze. Each trail was frightening, some were scared more than others (one thrill seeker apparently got so excited, she had an "accident"), but all seemed to enjoy the spectacle worked on by the baseball team. Many of the girls' dorms kept up with the happy Halloween spirit by holding door and hall decorating contests. This fun filled competition made for an extra surprise for kids and guys alike who came simply for candy. The scenes created ranged from cute to eerie to hilarious. It was obvious from the hard work that was put in, that some girls truly wanted to win; they had been preparing for days while others stayed up a little late to get their projects finished in time to be

judged. Spiders lined floors and doors, ghosts and cobwebs hung from ceilings, and pumpkins and tombstones (with the girls who lived in the room being those "resting in peace") were a common sight. Drawings and hangings with Halloween symbols covered walls and doors from both sides and top to bottom. Each dorm looked extraordinary and allowed Halloween participants to enjoy the usual decorations seen in neighborhoods on Halloween.



Freed-Hardeman students dress up like women of the Bible for trick-or-treating in the dorms.

FHU'S Spirit of Gold:



Puff-It-Up is one of the main events during Homecoming week, when guys dress up as girls and cheer.

Boys bring it on in Puff-It-Up

By Jennie Bohmmer
Staff Writer

Spectacular murals on Gano's window, a paramount theatrical production, boxcar racing, crazy words like hootenanny, guys dressing up as girls—It must be homecoming week here at FHU! One of the many exciting events during homecoming is the annual Puff-It-Up competition, this year changed to Spike-It-Up because of rain, where the girls battle it out on the volleyball courts

and the guys—well they paraded as FHU's very own cheerleaders!

Club spirit was alive tonight during FHU's Spike-It-Up competition. Spike-It-Up, a volleyball match in tournament style, pitted social club against social club in the ultimate homecoming sports show down. The air was charged with cries and victory chants as each club came together to support their friends. Each team played two rounds of volleyball, and most all the clubs

had at least one victory to proclaim.

For a crazy mixed up conclusion to the night's events, the guys came out dressed up as ladies to strut their stuff in the Puff-It-Up cheerleading competition. Sigma Ro's "gals" were looking as cute as little bumble bees in their black and white skirts. Chi Beta's gold sparkle headbands, lipstick, and blush made their guys look nothing short of gorgeous. GTO and their grass shirts, many of which that looked ready

to fall, certainly made everyone laugh. These "cheerleaders" took every opportunity to show their femininity on the court and did an excellent job of convincing the audience that they were absolutely a knock out! Performing three routines, the guys dazzled and amazed their cheering crowds with handstands, back flips, and even a grand can-can line. Julie Gilbert comments, "I really enjoyed the boys' routines! I think it is a fun way to get the clubs together for some competition that does not matter as much and is mainly just for fun."

Judged by Chester County's own cheerleading squad, it will be a tough decision to choose who wins tonight's competition. Some may have been disturbed by the guy's cheerleading rendition—especially with PKA's braided locks and Xi Chi's pom pom... tails? However it cannot be denied that the dolled up dudes certainly made a lasting impression on their audience. Dan Ashby comments, "I thought the guys were amazing! I think that all of the clubs did an amazing show. I really had a great laugh about all of the clubs performance. It was great."

Not only is homecoming a time of great fun and activities, it also promotes school spirit among the

students here at Freed. Kaitlyn Green gives her take on Homecoming, "Homecoming makes us realize our heritage and helps the alumni see growth. Not only does homecoming elicit fun, but it serves as an honor for the hard work those in our past have contributed for us to be able to have these opportunities. The students here realize that and take pride in what we all hold in our hands here."

Though some might argue that Homecoming is directed to a more social club oriented audience, and does not fuel school spirit, all of the students here at Freed can enjoy a unique and wide variety of entertainment. From Puff-It-Up to Rev-It-Up, to Paint-It-Up each of these activities does not only provide fun and entertainment around campus, but also seeks encourage a sense of togetherness among Freed Hardeman students. Courtney Walton, vice president of SAA, comments, "I enjoy seeing everyone bring their talents, humor, sportsmanship, faces, and pride with all of the events. It is a week to show our pride for club teams, and to get pumped up, being united as a campus while participating in the various events. Go FHU!!" Obviously Puff-It-Up really does exemplify FHU's spirit of gold!

Social Work students spend the night homeless

By Erin Haddock
Assistant Editor

Last week an interesting social experiment was performed on campus. This was not the typical UPC function or a lectureship-scale event that seems to get in the way of everything. On this particular occasion, the social work department decided to construct a simulation in order to raise awareness of homelessness in the community. Before jumping to conclusions and making comments such as "It's their own fault for being that way" or "Why don't they just get a job?" allow me to give you my personal experience with this event.

I had heard rumors that this experiment would take place and was slightly inquisitive, though not enough to ask for more information. I actually avoided the commons the entire day, telling some of my friends that I was scared of homeless people, whether they were acting or not.



Last week social work students set up in the commons for a homeless simulation, educating the campus about the realities of homelessness.

When I was asked to write this article, I can honestly say I was scared. I did not want to talk to the people doing the simulation simply for fear of there actually being homeless people involved.

When I finally worked up the

nerve to ask what was going on, I was informed that the simulation actually involved social work teachers and students in the Populations at Risk class. Each student and teacher had his or her own bio similar to an actual

homeless person and how he or she came to be that way. Those involved were not allowed to have a meal or anything that they might need for the night after the simulation began. They were at the mercy of the students on campus who were allowed to donate necessities. Needless to say, considering my apathy, if it were left up to me, they would have gone hungry. The students and teachers spent the entire night in the commons with what few supplies they had, and I'm positive that I was less concerned than I would have been.

You may be asking yourself, "What would make them want to do something crazy like that?" The answer lies in the fact that whether or not you are aware or even concerned about it, there are homeless people in our area. In fact, there are three families in Henderson alone, one family living in a car. You might also ask, "Why don't they just get government assistance?" The truth is that without a permanent

address, families are not even allowed food stamps. And even harder than that is the cyclical nature of homelessness. Once someone becomes homeless they are unable to take showers, wash clothes, and groom themselves in the most basic ways. Even McDonalds will not hire someone who has not taken a shower.

This simulation was done, not to torture the social work department, but to force us to realize that though people are homeless, they are still people. They deserve the basic necessities of life, even if it's just friendly conversation. It may be that they just need the boost to get back on their feet and out of the cycle they've fallen into. We, being as blessed as we are, need to remember not to judge people but to take into consideration factors such as illness, pregnancy, and domestic violence. Any of these can drive individuals into a life of homelessness that is often inescapable.

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Paint-It-Up brings color to homecoming week

By Tabitha Barker
Staff Writer

Homecoming is a very hectic time of year for everyone with Fire It Up, Rev It Up, Pep It Up, and Paint It Up added to all the other madness that is college! Paint It Up is one of the many "It Up" activities that have taken over our lives. Everyone knows about Paint It Up because the windows have to be passed by in order to enter Gano's front doors. What isn't noticed is just how much work goes into it, and how complicated it truly is.

According to Bethany

Simpson, Phi Kappa Alpha's public relations officer, they started planning as soon as this school year started and the theme was revealed. Eric Gott, Chi Beta Chi's public relations officer, said that they started working on their design two weeks ago with their Homecoming representatives.

Once planning begins the public relations officers have to come up with designs that fit the necessary criterion. The criteria, Gott says, "Has to include social club spirit, basketball, Freed Hardeman colors, alumni, a

lion, overall colorfulness, the Homecoming theme, and the Homecoming play." Chi Beta originally had two designs and eventually Bryson Leach's idea was chosen, and Gott said, "Once the idea was chosen we just ran with it." Simpson said that when coming up with PKA's design, "We wanted a picture not a mural. And we wanted to have a meaning behind it, not just what was required because the ones that have meaning usually place better."

After coming up with the design there is even more

work to be done. The Student Alumni Association taped off the windows at 10:30 Thursday morning and the window painting began. Once the primer dried the sketching and painting started. One important thing to realize is that this is not only artistic talent being utilized it is also a battle against the elements. The temperature went down to as low as 31.5 degrees and with the wind speeds of 20 miles per hour. It got so cold at times that people were dropping their paintbrushes because their hands were numb.

To pass the time and take their minds off of the bitter cold, there was music playing. The music was usually accompanied by loud, off-key singing (or in David Lee's case beautiful singing with swooning girls listening at the bottom of the ladder). There was also hot chocolate and cappuccino mix provided by SAA in the Office of Student Life and Development.

Many of the clubs had a great deal of help from their club members. The maximum number of people allowed to help at a time was fifteen people.

There were many other rules regarding Paint It Up, such as the paint used on the windows, which is purchased by the clubs, must be checked in and signed for by midnight.

The combination of rules, criteria, and time restraint really adds a sense of competition to Paint It Up, which is what Homecoming is all about. If you have managed to make it this long without seeing the windows, go by and see the result of all the clubs' hard work.



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
Phi Kappa Alpha



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
Gamma Tau Omega



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
Chi Beta Chi



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
Sigma Rho



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
Xi Chi Delta

Gamma Tau Omega sweeps Hoop-It-Up

By Jessica Phillips
Staff Writer

Homecoming week has begun! Starting a week of fun activities and high competition off strong, Hoop It Up on Monday night gave the student body a jumpstart on adrenaline and excitement for the

week. The Sports Center's main gymnasium was crowded with students from all five clubs representing their loyalties as chosen basketball players from each club gathered to compete for the title of 2008's Hoop It Up Champions. The students were a sea of club

colors screaming for their friends competing in this favorite, memorable event.

The intensity may have only increased as the games went on, but from the beginning Phi Kappa Alpha and Xi Chi Delta gave everyone plenty to cheer about. At half-time, PKA led with 13 to XCD's 10, but the scores stayed neck in neck the rest of the game ending with PKA up 24 - 22. The next game had fans on the edge of their seats (figuratively, of course- Freed fans don't sit!) as GTO and EP went into overtime resulting in GTO's victory at 37 to 32. PKA took their second game against XBX at 35 to 27, but it was not for lack of skill on XBX's part with

freshman Cody Boston alone having 4 3-point baskets. In the fourth game, the lower bracket games began as EP took on XCD coming up victorious at 31 to 24. XCD took 5th place. EP also overcame XBX with a close 33 to 30, thus gaining 3rd place with XBX 4th. A show of skill and endurance ruled the 6th and final game as GTO and PKA battled for the championship. Anticipation ruled the gymnasium as the two clubs' members and fans did their very best to scream encouragement to their representative teams. In the end, GTO prevailed with 23 to PKA's 21 making PKA second, and this year's Hoop It Up champion Gamma Tau Omega. Congratulations



Photo Submitted by Lois Mays
Chi Beta Chi takes a time out to talk over their game plan.

GTO!

Every club event on Freed Hardeman's campus is unique in its sportsmanship, friendliness, and the overall good attitude of the players and the spectators. It is a defining characteristic of Christians at FHU to go through such a competitive week as Homecoming

and still maintain the basis of friendliness and sportsmanship without regard to club association and points—thank you for exhibiting those attitudes and more throughout this year's Hoop It Up event; because of you, the event was a great success.



Photo Submitted by Lois Mays
Phi Kappa Alpha cheers on their team.

A week in review: Homecoming 2008



Good morning FHU!

By Emily Froehlich
Staff Writer

The cameras are focused, the lights are shining and everyone has taken their places. The TV40 studio buzzes with anticipation as the floor director counts down: "3...2...1..."

This semester, TV40 launched a brand new program over the airwaves. "Good Morning, FHU!" combines student news, humorous feature videos, special guest interviews, and the random (sometimes scary) creativity of the students involved. The Friday morning show is headed by a group of dedicated students who devote both paid and unpaid time to its production.

You might be wondering...why would I want to watch a student-run attempt at a morning show? What could it possibly offer to keep my attention? Is it going to be like those days in chapel when I feel like I could be doing something

worthwhile with my time (like surfing random videos on YouTube)?

Never fear. The morning show is designed to catch your attention and keep you from your homework. You are sure to be rolling on the floor in belly-aching laughter, or skipping class to watch it again...and again...and again....

The ingenuity of the show can be credited to the various talents at work. Sarah Tesh, senior, and Kyle Taubken, sophomore, are sometimes forced to do crazy things as hosts... but most of the time they volunteer to do it on their own. Parker DePriest, sophomore, makes the magic happen with a click of the mouse as technical director. The floor director, senior Jennifer Lewelling, readies the set and kicks everyone's tail into gear. And I put my scheming mind to work as



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
Parker directs from the "Toaster" Computer.

writer and producer for the show.

Occasionally, the show will deviate from its usual format. For Halloween, the cast and crew produced a mini-film.

The "murder mystery" theme wove a mystifying and sometimes corny plot, leaving the audience both in suspense and rolling their eyes. A Christmas special (hopefully

less corny) is planned for the week before finals.

"Good Morning, FHU!" airs Friday mornings from 7:30 until chapel, and also plays on TV40 over the



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
Jacob E. Wallace gives sports news.



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
Sarah & Kyle discuss upcoming events.



Alana Tucker/The Bell Tower
The cast films a comedy segment.

Concerts & albums to look for

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Concerts:

Fedex Forum - Memphis, TN

Eagles - Sunday, November 16 @ 8:00

Trans Siberian Orchestra-Tuesday, December 23 @ 4:00 and 8:00

AC/DC - Friday, January 30 @ 7:30

Ryman Auditorium - Nashville, TN

Black Crowes-Sunday, November 16 @ 7:30

Iron & Wine-Sunday, November 23 @ 7:30

John Legend - Sunday, November 26 @ 7:30

Jason Mraz - Sunday, November 30 @ 7:30

Rocketown - Nashville, TN

Copeland-Wednesday, November 18 @ 6:00

Manchester Orchestra-Saturday, November 29 @ 7:00

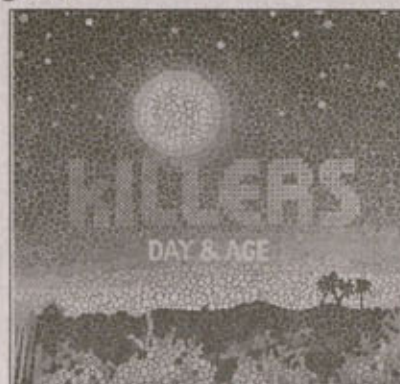


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Albums:

Guns n' Roses-
Chines Democracy

11/23

The Killers-

Day & Age

11/25

Kanye West-

808s & Heartbreak

11/25

Sir Paul McCartney-

Electric Arguments

11/25

Coldplay-

Prospekt's March [EP]

Photo Submitted

Eight movies to watch over Christmas break



By Bryson Leach
Entertainment Columnist
He really likes lists...

As you may, or may not know, Christmas break is approaching quickly. As much as I love a good break, I must admit that a month can get a little boring when you're home alone. That is if you don't get a seasonal job or if you're a loser with no friends. Here's a short list of movies you should definitely watch during your boredom streaks this winter break.

1. "Elf"

Starring Will Ferrell and the beautiful, Zoey Deschanel- In my opinion this is the best Christmas movie ever made. Feel free to watch this one in the middle of August. It's just that great.

2. "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly"

This Oscar[®] nominated French film is absolutely beautiful. This film is based on the autobiographical story of Elle Magazine editor, Jean-Dominique Bauby who suffers a stroke that paralyzes his entire body except his left eye. By communicating through blinking, he is able to dictate a book about his experience. The cinematography and storyline really bring this movie to life.

3. "King of California"

Evan-Rachel Wood (Across the Universe) plays a normal teenage girl who's unstable life slowly fits back together when her father, masterfully played by Michael Douglas, returns from the psych ward and immediately begins a search for buried treasure after finding a map in the hospital where he stayed. Wood, in disbelief of her father's dreams, follows him anyway on a literal cross-California treasure hunt. Sounds like a strange story, I know, that's why I rented it, and that's why I love it.

4. "There Will Be Blood"

Daniel Day Lewis is one

amazing actor, and this movie is nothing short of pure mastery of a character. Based on Upton Sinclair's novel Oil!, this movie portrays the disturbed and twisted life of a wealthy and lucrative oilman and his son. It's a long one, but I didn't even notice it. I was really enthralled in it's beauty.

5. "Miracle on 34th Street"

I'm talking about el original, not the one with the cute girl from "Matilda" The original Miracle really makes Christmas for me. It warms me up like an electric blanket.

6. "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"

James Stewart's defining role as Jefferson Smith got him a 1939 Oscar[®] nomination. It's the story of an average Joe elected to Senate in order that he could be swayed in the direction that his Senate partner wished. This proved to be a bad move and Mr. Smith lets the entire nation know it. This movie really gets you to think about our Country and democracy. It gives me pride to say that I'm an American.

7. "It's a Wonderful Life"

Of course I cannot leave out this James Stewart classic, if you don't already know what this movie is you might need to find out before you get made fun of. It's a must for every Christmas season.

8. "Quantum of Solace"

This movie comes out this week, and you can bet that I'll be in line to see it. I love me some 007. I haven't seen it yet but it's directed by one of my favorite directors, Marc Forster (Stranger than Fiction, Finding Neverland) and I can already guess that it's going to be amazing.

If none of these movies cure your boredom blues, there's always some channel playing Christmas cheer 24/7, enough to brainwash that boredom away! Merry-early-Christmas!

Xi Chi Delta's "The Hook Up"

By Bradley Gean
Staff Writer

A recent conversation between three girls at the top of Freed-Hardeman's Commons went as follows:

Girl one said, "Man, what about these guys on campus?" "Yeh, what about them? ...we need some real men up in here," replied girl two. The third followed, "Tell me about it. I feel like I never get asked out on dates at Freed." The girls giggled, fussed, and discussed until the third girl finally said, "I wish I could just buy a date."

"That would be so cool," they replied.

"We could even pick whomever we wanted."

Whether or not this is how Xi Chi Delta came up with the idea for their annual event, it was recently proven possible that conversations such as this often occur between the ladies of Scott, Hall-Roland, Bradfield, Dixon, Porter-Terry, and the Girls' Privileged dorms—quite frequently in fact. As a male who is reporting on such an unusual topic, it is hard to believe that such conversations could ever be true. But one by one... by three's... by nine's... the ladies of Freed-Hardeman University came together through the doors of Old Chapel Hall with money in hand.

A promotional video described "The Hook-Up" as an event where "the bachelors and the bidders are hotter than Wasabi [a Japanese horseradish, for those who didn't know]." And despite the fact that circumstances took this Xi Chi tradition away from its usual Halloween party setting, the change didn't seem to "cool things down." On the auction block were guys from, not only Xi Chi, but from all areas of FHU's campus. Some of the auctionees were:

Jeremy Hicks, President of Xi Chi Delta; David Lee, Phi Kappa Alpha; Daniel Boyd, Phi Kappa Alpha; Travis Young, "TMoney" that is; Nate Renner, Gamma Tau Omega; Stuart Sams, Xi Chi Delta; Nicolas Darby, the guy with the boot leg from Sigma Rho; Saul "Too Sassy" Simpson, Xi Chi Delta, Soccer Team; Joshua Caraway, Sigma Rho; Caleb Aldridge, Xi Chi Delta; Colt Mahana, Chaplain for Xi Chi Delta; Blake and Drake Jenkins—Drake and Blake, that is—yes, they were a Chi Beta Combo; Jared Gaines, Xi Chi Delta's VP; and Alex Viscaino, Chi Beta Chi.

But as much as the ladies of "Chi Delta" would like to claim that they have benefitted the most from this event, the real winner in this has been St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The social club and their elite of guests raised \$3,565. Funny enough, the top bid of the night came from, not the student body, but rather, admissions! Kim Toliver, a Harding graduate, purchased David Lee for four hundred and fifteen dollars. In a recent press release Hicks was noted for saying, "The members of Xi Chi Delta are outstanding individuals who have changed my life and have encouraged huge growth for me spiritually... This semester has been a huge semester of change for Xi Chi Delta. Raising money for St. Jude felt like a great opportunity for us to give to someone less fortunate than ourselves." And on November 7, 2008, despite the turmoil and financial rut that the world has found itself in, Xi Chi Delta made a difference by doing the very thing their leadership strives for while having fun at the same time.



Photo Submitted by Alana Patton



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Politics: The Positive Democrat



Tara Schonhoff
Columnist

Voting participation rose to unprecedented heights this election year with passions riled over the Bush administration, social welfare issues, and the devastated economy. Similarly, deep concern about the election motivated over two hundred students and faculty members to fill Ayers Auditorium a week before the election for the debate between Dr. Stephen Morris and Dr. Greg Massey.

Dr. Morris represented the argument for McCain in a Top Ten format, listing common motives for voting and explaining each party's stance on each issue. With surety in the facts, he encouraged students to research the Saddleback Forum and the party platforms for information, never asserting a correct basis for voting. Morris acknowledged the connection between the Christian Coalition and the Republican Party, placing "Values" at number ten, but reiterating that it is not a

paramount issue and that the President's role is limited in this arena outside of making executive orders and leading by example. "Bipartisanship," "Energy Policy," and "Fiscal Responsibility" in numbers nine through seven focused on the classically tenacious and fiscally conservative John McCain, proven by his lengthy tenure in the Senate. Numbers five through three, "Health Care," "Taxes," and "Supreme Court Justices," outlined the characteristically Republican stances on smaller government, more personal freedom for investments, and judicial restraint. Only numbers six, "Terrorism," and two, "Experience," placed direct attacks on Obama as a weak face for the U.S. and as not having any legislative accomplishments. Morris' number one reason to vote for McCain was to maintain a separation of powers and not complete the Democratic trifecta of House, Senate and Presidency.

Dr. Massey prefaced his case by addressing his obvious disadvantage: practically everyone in the room identified with the Republican Party, with a large percentage convinced that it was a moral impossibility to vote otherwise. Massey opted to clear up the issues of abortion and gay marriage before making the case for Obama, but his strong feelings about the Democratic Party's association with Christianity

and social welfare took center stage in his argument. He exposed the myth that a vote for the Republican Party was not a vote to end abortion and encouraged students to direct activist attention towards helping in counseling centers and to take a personal role in solving the issue during non-election years as well. Gay marriage was revealed as an ambiguous issue for both parties, with the Republicans only appearing to focus on it during campaign years and then shamelessly leaving Christians out of their agendas in the years between. Social welfare was the main reason Massey presented to vote for Obama. McCain's plans to share wealth among the top one percent of wealthiest Americans, his disregard for the dignity of work shown through voting against a minimum wage increase, and his continuance of a physically and economically destructive war, should all disqualify him from the Presidency. Whereas the Democratic Party is making great attempts to provide for the needy with tax cuts for ninety-five percent of the population, discontinuation of an unsuccessful war, security of the Medicare system they established, and the shaping of foreign policy towards more diplomatic measures. Dr. Massey's attachment to the Democratic Party was not defensive, but zealous and proactive.

For years, the Democratic Party has had a somewhat disgruntled existence—only standing to oppose the Republican Party, and doing so half-heartedly with weak candidates like Michael Dukakis, Al Gore, and John Kerry. But this year, Dr. Massey was not alone in his passion. Almost sixty-five million Americans endured lines at the polls last Tuesday to elect Senator Obama, and while Republicans watched the electoral points stack against them, every news station showed crowds of Democrats around the nation embracing, crying, and rejoicing. The Democratic Party and numbers of the former politically apathetic won the election because they believed in something beyond protesting George Bush: Barack Obama inspired people to care and convinced them that their votes made a difference. With Obama standing fervidly in the pro-hope position, the opposing McCain was forced into the anti-hope losing stance, and groups that are anti-anything rarely win. This new Party is not cynical or anti-Republican, they are pro-Democrat and fervently working for a change. During this delicate time of regrouping, the Republicans must form their new identity around a positive argument and become pro-something if they want gains in the mid-term election.

Italy: Hungary for Life Experiences



By Bailey Gilreath
Columnist

It is amazing how far I have come. I have changed from a hardcore, structured planner, to a relaxed, play-it-by-ear traveler; I was reflecting on this subject as I stood in the Vienna, Austria, train station. At the time, I was pretty impressed with myself.

I wasn't proud so much because it was a talent, or something to brag about, but more because I had loosened up enough to be where I was right then. We had planned our trip up until this point: a night-train to Vienna. The rest of the plans we would make up as we went. Originally we had aimed to make it to Prague in the Czech Republic, and Krakow, Poland.

Unfortunately, as the lady at the information desk informed us, those two countries would not be covered in our Eurail Pass and would consequently cost more than we were willing to pay, determined as we were to travel as cheaply as possible. "So, Budapest is supposed to be cool" someone said as we tugged on our heavy backpacks. Next thing we knew, giant energy-storing windmills were flying by as we rode the free train to Hungary.

I didn't know much about Eastern Europe, and I knew next to nothing about Budapest, Hungary. I had this picture of a wild, untamed place, barely civilized and completely foreign. As our train pulled into the obnoxiously long station, it was clear that we were indeed in unfamiliar territory. Absolutely everything was huge and aesthetically pleasing. The place was enchanting, but intimidating, like entering an old, abandoned mansion. It is fair to say that we were a little spooked at first, as upon exiting the train, we were all thrown into a panic by the unusually large crowd at the station. "We're going to be stuck here. Stuck in Budapest. Trapped." I thought to myself. We just knew there had been a terrorist attack or a railway strike. We felt a little silly, however, when near-by Hungarians informed us that a train was just late.

In order to get to our hostel, we had to walk from the train station to the metro, ride the metro to a specific tram stop, ride the tram to a specific street, and walk that street in search of a building, and once we found that building, go up four flights to what we hoped would be a decent hostel. But before any of this, we had to exchange our euros for Hungarian Florents and actually find our way to the correct metro line. Eventually, we arrived at the humongous, ominous, black door of our hostel building. After being buzzed in, we walked in from the twilight to a dark hallway and twisty staircase.

The elevator looked like it might be the last thing we would ever do in Hungary, so we decided to trek up the

stairs, as tired as we were. All of our fears about the strange-but-architecturally-interesting city melted away once we stepped into what appeared to be a friend's apartment. It was a bright living room with a sofa and a TV, with a small welcome desk in the corner. We paid the equivalent of about nine or ten dollars for the night (we discovered that Eastern Europe is an incredibly piggy-bank-friendly place to travel) and proceeded into our ten-bunk room. The whole place was decorated right out of the local Ikea. We stuffed our backpacks into the bright red lockers, greeted our fellow roommates, and after obtaining a map and some advice from the friendly girl at the desk, headed out to explore.

My absolute favorite thing to do in Budapest is to go walking at night. Without fail, I fall in love with a city once traversing it after dark. Everything changes, and you see the place not as a bustling tourist trap, but as a glowing, magical place that exists in a world apart from the one we move in daily.

I experienced a similar phenomenon with Rome and Vienna, but this artistic Hungarian city has been my absolute favorite. Experiencing the walk across the lighted bridge that spans the Danube, seeing the lights of the majestic Parliament building and Buda's Castle reflected in its celebrated beauty, climbing the walk that leads to these buildings, and walking amongst the courtyards and seeing the panoramic view of the city—these are memories that will stay with me even when I return home from Europe. I have this fantastical dream of returning to live a year in Budapest. I found a piece of myself in a land that I would have never even considered visiting if my other plans had not failed.

Each traveling opportunity that I have had in this amazing semester in Italy, I have had an idea of where I would like to go and have made plans to do so. Every single time, without fail, my original plan has fallen through and worked out for the better. I have gone places that I never thought I would visit—from Interlaken, Switzerland, to Zagreb, Croatia, to Budapest, Hungary. My experiences have been amazing and life changing, no thanks to my original scheduling, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

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Brittney Chapin
Columnist

Her view: Time

have MORE. But there is one thing in life that is ever just; an equal opportunity, unbiased, fair to all endowment. We all have time. Ok. Yeah. Sure. Not exciting enough for you, eh? Well, the most wonderful thing in the world is that we all have THE SAME AMOUNT of time! The beautiful, bold, brilliant, and wealthy cannot earn or purchase more days, hours, minutes, or even seconds in a day. The fiery redheaded model with killer legs only has 24 hours in her day. The genius who won the Nobel Peace Prize last year only has 24 hours in his day, as well. Barack Obama, Joe Wiley, Tyra Banks, and Santa Clause (I don't know how he gets it all done in only 24 hours) all have the same amount of time, too.

24 hours in one day... a blank page just waiting to be written on. This day is yours. This hour, this minute, this very second...only YOU can

determine what is to be done with your time. Live, love, and look back with no regrets. God gave us this time on earth, and it's almost downright ungrateful not to cherish each precious moment.

I read something interesting recently, and according to the A.C. Nielsen Co., the average American watches more than 4 hours of TV each day (or 28 hours/week, or 2 months of nonstop TV-watching per year). In a 65-year life, that person will have spent 9 years glued to the tube. Woah. Maybe you're thinking, "I don't watch that much TV so get off my back, Chapin." Well, how much time do you spend on the internet? On Facebook? Or Youtube? This is just one of the many statistics that leads me to believe that we stink at utilizing our time.

I love the quote by James Dean, "Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die

today" and I only wish that I could live my life like that. So many people put their good china on a shelf and save it for a special occasion. Most times, it sits on the shelf and people die with it still sitting there. "Live as if you'll die today?" Get out the china and eat your cotton-pickin' mac n' cheese on it! Stop saving things for "special" occasions and take the time to make your day special.

Also, the Broadway musical "Rent" (minus the unchristian parts) had a good point with the whole "No day but today" thing. What if there really is no day but today? What if this is it? If that were the case (and I knew it), I would live with zeal, ingenuity, and purpose. I'd utilize my time up to the very seconds and enjoy every last bit of it.

24 hours of life has immeasurable possibilities. Carpe diem, Freedies.

Carpe diem, Freedies

It's just a natural fact that life isn't fair. I know ... I know ... APALLING, but it's true. There are times that people are going to put more on your plate than you can handle and definitely more than you deserve. There are going to be times when seemingly nice people trick and take advantage of you. You're going to sit back and wonder how this could be so.

Here's the thing: some people are born into more money. Some people have more talents than you do. Face it, some people just

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Andrea Bigham
Columnist

This column was originally drafted by hand on the back of a confirmation sheet for a hostel in Cinque Terre, Italy, while I was sitting in a train station in Florence. I needed some paper to write this column, and as I was in the midst of free travel mania, I was fresh out of clean notebook paper, much less a computer. So I scrounged around in my coat pockets and finally dug a sheet of paper out of the bottom of my massive backpack filled with travel paraphernalia.

If you are reading this column, the group of 30 Freedies, Philippe

Belgium: The End of the Journey

Frerrot, Steve and Marie Johnson and the McLaughlin family are back at home in the United States. Our trip of a lifetime is over! It is difficult for us to believe, but unfortunately, it's true.

We have been all over Europe—Belgium, France, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Austria, Spain, Greece, Italy, Hungary and even Slovakia! We have kissed the Blarney Stone, been to the top of the Eiffel Tower, marched with the queen's guards in London, gone paragliding in Switzerland, been blessed by the Pope, sampled mouth-watering cuisine all over Europe and so much more. We have been on hundreds of trains, gone days without showers and learned to sleep just about anywhere, even in x-ray screening bins in airport floors.

All of these experiences have culminated into much bigger life lessons than just how to travel as light as possible, order food in German or make your camera battery last as long as possible. I think that we have a much better understanding of who we are and who we are called to be as well as how precious the love of a family can be. And that is just what the 37 people who lived atop the church building in Verviers, Belgium, are now—a family. Out of all of the different people from all over the world that I have met while traveling, none mean so much to me as the family that has lived and grown together in Belgium this semester.

Even though I have witnessed the breathtaking beauty of the Alps from the top of the Eagle's

Nest and the power of the ocean during a storm, when I think back to this trip, the awesome sights that I will remember will be ones with the whole group laughing and sharing a meal, having nightly tea parties and worshipping together.

In addition to what I have learned about history, travel and way of life in Europe, I have learned what it truly means to be a Christian from my brothers and sisters on this trip. I have heard travelers on previous Belgium trips say that the semester is a bit of a spiritual downer, but I feel that I have grown more in the past three months than I have grown since coming to FHU. I am so grateful to everyone for teaching me more about the love of God and His will for our lives.

We have been so blessed to be able to make this journey together. I encourage you to consider spending next fall in Belgium. The experience is life-changing and one that you will remember for the rest of your life!

Upcoming Games

Lion Basketball

- November 15th-3:00
vs. Lee University
Homecoming
- November 17th-6:00
@ Lee University
- November 21st-6:00
@ Tougaloo College
- November 22nd-2:00
vs. Belhaven College
- November 25th-7:00
@ Lindsey Wilson

Lady Lion Basketball

- November 13th-7:00
vs. Belhaven College
- November 15th-1:00
vs. Harris-Stowe
Homecoming
- November 20th-8:00
vs. Saint Xavier
- November 21st-10:00
vs. Azusa Pacific
- November 22nd-6:00
vs. Loyola

Home Games Conference Games Home Conference Games

The Bell Tower's College Football Power Poll

- Alabama
- Texas Tech
- Florida
- Texas
- Oklahoma
- USC
- Penn State
- Utah
- Boise State
- Ohio State
- Oklahoma State
- Georgia
- Missouri
- TCU
- North Carolina
- Michigan State
- Ball State
- Brigham Young
- Florida State
- LSU
- Pittsburgh
- Cincinnati
- Oregon State
- South Carolina
- California

FHU Baseball frightens students on Haunted Trail

By Hilary Mead
Sports Writer

Imagine being chased by Jigsaw waving a shovel down a dark wooden path. With nowhere else to turn, you keep running until you feel like you have finally gotten away. Suddenly, Freddie Krueger jumps out from behind a tree with a chainsaw. Stopping in your tracks, you let out a scream of terror and try to control your bladder.

Imagine this. It starts out as an innocent hayride going towards the woods of Mid-South Youth Camp. You look at the people sitting in the hay around you—everyone from the small children in Halloween costumes sitting nervously with their parents to laughing teenagers reminiscing about last year's experiences. Everyone seems ready to have a good time and generally be scared to death. You finally reach the entrance of the trail past the six cabins, and as you climb out of the piles of straw, you are given two guides, one in the front and one at the rear of your

group. As you gaze into the dark mass of trees hovering over the trail that you are going to be following for the next several minutes, you hear the distant sounds of the previous group, the roar of a chainsaw, bang of a shotgun, and deafening screams. With hair standing on end, you can only anticipate what will happen by the end of the ride.

This scenario may be familiar to Freed-Hardeman students and others who showed up at Mid-South during the week prior to Halloween. From October 24th through the 26th and the 29th through the 31st, the Freed-Hardeman baseball team hosted the annual Haunted Trail at Mid-South Youth Camp, a tradition that has been maintained by baseball coach Patrick McCarthy for over a decade and sponsored by the Carl-Perkins Center. This event is held to raise money for our baseball team and to help support the prevention of child abuse. Frank Bradford sponsored the Trail, and the baseball staff and team organized and worked it for

six days. The Haunted Trail was a different and exciting way to have fun while helping others.

The trail included a hayride, haunted houses, booby traps, spooky tunnels, strobe lights and fog machines. The baseball players also dressed as horror movie characters and used shovels, shotguns and chainsaws to terrorize trail hikers. Baseball player D.J. Lisch commented, "The kids got so scared! Even a few of the teenagers started freaking out. One girl actually peed her pants!" Among the adults, children, and students of Henderson and Jackson schools, the Freed-Hardeman volleyball and soccer teams also attended. Liz Blanton from the women's soccer team said, "It was pretty intense. It was kind of scary when you knew your friends were going to scare you, but it was fun and totally worth it."

The Haunted Trail proved to be a great success. Regular tickets for the Trail were sold at seven dollars, and tickets for Freed-Hardeman students were five dollars. All the



Alana Tucker/Belltower
Students were scared by clowns and other "monsters" along the trail.

proceeds went to the Freed-Hardeman Baseball team and the Carl-Perkins Center's Prevention of Child Abuse program. Over \$5,500 was raised, setting a record in Freed baseball fundraising. Overall, the Trail was a fun experience for everyone who came out to celebrate Halloween while supporting our baseball team and the

Lions fall to Bison but defeat Berry

By Jacob E. Wallace
Staff Writer

Basketball season has finally arrived for the Freed-Hardeman Lions. After losing a close game at the Convocation Center in Dekalb, Illinois to the Northern Illinois Huskies on Sunday by the score of 84-72, the Lions continued their exhibition schedule by traveling up the road to take on their oldest rivals, Lipscomb University Bison. Students from both FHU and LU packed Allen Arena for this, the most recent installment of the Battle of the Bible Belt. Scoring was at a premium early on, as after only five minutes of play the score was 6-0 Lipscomb. The Lions picked up the scoring and kept pace, staying within two possessions for much of the next six minutes. However, Lipscomb's Michael Lusk caught fire scoring four points, grabbing two steals, and giving an assist all in a four minute period, leading the Bison to 22-13 lead at the 7:27 mark in the first half. The Lions answered with a 16-4 run, led largely by Shun Trevillian, who scored eight points in the period to lead FHU. That run gave Freed-Hardeman a 3 point lead with 3:45 left in the half. Though LU retook the lead going into halftime, the game was far from over.

In the second half, Lipscomb pulled ahead despite

the Lions best efforts, taking an eleven point lead with just over eight minutes remaining. The FHU student section quieted down and started to accept another big loss that has dominated the series recently. The Freed-Hardeman Lions were not ready to resign to defeat just yet. FHU fought back into the game, going on a 13-4 run to pull with two with just under four minutes remaining. As the two teams battled it out over the remaining minutes, the Lipscomb faithful were visibly stressed as the game was considerably closer than had become the norm. Though they were as close as 61-59 with ten seconds left, missed shots and turnovers doomed the Lions, as Lipscomb won the nail biter 63-59. Though they left the Music City with a loss, the Lions showed promise for the upcoming season.

Freed-Hardeman opened their regular season on the ensuing Friday as the Sports Center played host to the annual Lion Backer Classic. Their opponent that evening were the Concordia College, Selma Hornets. The Lions came out a bit cold to start the game, falling behind 18-11 almost nine minutes into the game. To break the slump, Coach Jason Shelton sent in two freshmen, William Perry and Anthony Sampson. And jumpstart the scoring they did, as together they scored eight points in less than a minute. FHU continued

the run, scoring twenty two unanswered points to electrify the large crowd assembled at Smith-Kirk Court to watch the game. Freed-Hardeman slowly expanded that lead for the remainder of the game, securing a thirty three point victory 89-56. The Lions were led in scoring by seniors Kristoffer Smith and Tyler Jennings, who each had sixteen points.

Saturday night FHU hosted Berry College to wrap up the busy week of basketball. Berry struggled early, falling behind by 13 to the Lions in the first half. However, the Vikings recovered, whose improved shooting combined with a few turnovers for the Lions, made the score only a six point margin in Freed-Hardeman's favor at halftime. Though Berry pulled within five right after the intermission, the Lions showcased their skill at scoring in runs, completing a 20-2 run to give themselves a 23 point lead with eleven minutes remaining. Berry would cut that smaller, but never really threatened again, as FHU won the game 70-55.

The Lions have three more games before Thanksgiving, traveling to Brescia University on Veterans Day, and then hosting Lee University in the Homecoming Game on November 15. They follow those games by returning the favor to Lee, traveling to Cleveland, Tennessee to play them once more on the ensuing



Wes Mayes blocks out a Lipscomb player in last week's away game at Allen Arenas in Nashville, TN.

Halloween, cont'd...

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After the children left, it was the girls' turn to head out to the guys' dorms to get candy and show off their awesome outfits. Benson's "scary hall" and "haunted bathroom" along with Sewell's 2nd floor "rave" gave the girls something to talk about, proving that boys will try hard to impress the girls, not to mention outdoing one another. ms are given out about Halloween being childish or silly, nearly everyone can agree that it is simply fun. Getting to dress up and be someone else, even for just a night, can be a great stress reliever, not to mention the amount of laughing you do by looking at everyone

else's costumes. Freshman P.J. Buckner enjoyed her first Freed-Hardeman Halloween, which was "beyond my expectations." She particularly loved seeing the creative costumes such as the iPod dancers (also known as Laura West, Corrinne Balogou, and Bryana Newsome) and the blue man group including members (Daniel, Casey Webb, and Nolan Murray. No matter which costume was your favorite or whether you got your favorite sugary treat, it is fair to say that this year's Halloween was an exciting experience that will be hard to beat next year.

Lady Lions make FHU history

By Shannon Hargis
Sports Editor

The best season in Freed-Hardeman women's soccer history came to an end on Saturday night as the Lady Lions fell to Union (Tenn.) University, 2-0, in the TransSouth Conference tournament.



The rest of the Lady Lions team congratulate and celebrate with the five Seniors.

FHU finishes the season at 9-10, with the nine wins being the most in a season in the program's short history.

Senior Stephanie Field and Sophomore Goalkeeper Tiffany Harris were both named All-Conference players, making it the first time multiple players have

been named from FHU. Fields led the team in scoring with eight goals and six assists. Tiffany Harris was named twice as the TSAC Defensive Player of the Week and saved a conference best of 173 shots and had a .869 save percentage.



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Club Point Standings

CLUB	POINTS
PKA	600
EP	425
XBX	350
GTO	300
XI CHI	250

Homecoming '08: "Seems like Old Times"

FRIDAY, Nov. 14: Maroon and Gold Day

9 a.m. Associates' Crafts Fair, Country Kitchen, and Silent Auction (until 6 pm): Bader Gymnasium

9:30 a.m. University St. Cleared

10 a.m. Maroon & Gold Day - Loyd Lobby
Special programs for prospective students.
See www.fhu.edu for
schedule & registration or contact cbrush@fhu.edu

10:30 a.m. Chapel Program: Dr. Becky Cargile ('68) & Dr. David Lipe ('69)

11 a.m. Rev It Up! Students' Soap Box Derby Race

11 a.m. Associates' Holiday Luncheon
(until 2 pm): Bader Gymnasium
Adults: \$7
Children 12 & under: \$3.50

11 a.m. Tour of Black Box Theater

2 p.m. Artifact Preservation Workshop
Historical Room: Old Main
Speaker: Erin Adams
No Charge

5 p.m. Tour of Black Box Theater

6 p.m. School of Education
Hall of Fame Dinner -
Gardner Center Ed. Conf. Room
Tickets \$25 at 731-989-6074 or
gneed@fhu.edu

6:30 p.m. Sports Hall of Fame Dinner
(for inductees & guests)
Brown-Kopel Lobby \$15
For tickets: jarmstrong@fhu.edu

7 p.m. Homecoming Banquet & Introduction
of Homecoming Court
Auxiliary Gym Dinner, music &
Homecoming Slideshows. Open to all.
\$12 per person
For tickets, please RSVP to
mseratt@fhu.edu

7 p.m. FHU Theatre: It's a Wonderful Life: A
Loyde Auditorium
Live Radio Play \$11.50
Order tickets online at fhutickets.com or
pay at the door

7:30 p.m. Sports Hall of Fame Induction
Ceremony, Honoring Lee Burklow,
Mikki Dowell Vinson & Nancy
Bennett No Charge. Brown-Kopel
Business Center

SATURDAY, November 15:

8 am Associates' Country Crafts Fair, Country Kitchen, & Silent
Auction (until 2 pm)
Bader Gymnasium
9:30 am Pied Pipers Performance
Loyd Auditorium
No admission; donations accepted.

10:30 am Pep It Up! In the Commons - Student-led pep rally!
Open to all! GO LIONS!
Performance by Freed-Hardeman University Band
Old Chapel Hall

11 am THE LION WALK
Between Commons & Sports Center
Cheer for the Lions & Lady Lions as they walk to the
Lions Den!
Associates' Holiday Luncheon (until 2 pm)
Bader Gymnasium

11:30 am Lion's Tailgating on University Street Tailgating in
front of Loyd with Music, food, & club tailgating
Performances by the University Chorale & the
University Singers Old Chapel Hall
Noon Children's Activities Commons (until 5pm)
FREE children's games sponsored by the Office of
Alumni Relations

1 pm Lady Lions Basketball
FHU vs. Harris-Stowe State
Sports Ctr. Smith-Kirk Court
\$5 (includes men's game)
Halftime: Recognition of Lady Lions '07-'08 Final Four
finish

2 pm FHU Theatre: It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play
\$11.50
Loyd Aud. Order tickets online at fhutickets.com or pay at
the door
Between Basketball Games:
Homecoming Court Introduced and King and Queen
Crowned
FHU vs. Lee University
Sports Ctr. Smith-Kirk Court
\$5 (includes women's game)
Halftime: Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees Introduced
Homecoming Trophy and Amy Glass Spirit Trophy
presented
After Games: Cider & Peanuts
Free apple cider & roasted peanuts by Aramark, the food
service of FHU on the Sports Ctr. Lawn

6 pm Alumni Awards Dinner
Brown-Kopel Business Center Lobby
\$10 per person RSVP Jennifer Crowe at jcrowe@fhu.edu
Phi Kappa Alpha Chili Supper Reunion \$5.00
(includes Hootenanny) Sports Ctr. Aux Gym, RSVP
phikappaalumni@gmail.com or (615)585-1884

7 pm FHU Theatre: It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play
\$11.50
Loyd Aud. Order tickets online at fhutickets.com or pay at
the door

8 pm PKA Hootenanny:
Sports Ctr. Aux. Gym
Hosted by Phi Kappa Alpha; \$5.

Student featured in *Christian Woman*

By Hannah Colley
Staff Writer

Your fellow student Kimberly McLeod deserves your recognition. Many people don't realize what an impact this lovely young woman is making on Christian women all over the States. Kimberly, a junior Education major, won a special scholarship from the women who wrote and edited the book, *Woman to Woman*. When this ladies'

study book was published last year, it was decided by the editors and authors, including FHU's own Dwina Willis and Joyce Bloomingburg, that the proceeds from the book would be placed in a scholarship fund. The scholarship, they decided, would be awarded annually to a young woman who attends a Christian college. Kimberly was the first to receive this scholarship which was presented to her at the Gospel Advocate banquet during the Freed-Hardeman University lectureship this past February.

Janie Craun, another contributor of *Woman to Woman*, is the editor for *Christian Woman Magazine*, an increasingly popular publication written by, and for, Christian ladies. Recently, Craun decided to publish a profile on Kimberly in *Christian Woman* to honor her for her accomplishment. This complimentary article was written by Kimberly's high school history teacher, Fran Davis, who is a former member at Henderson Church of Christ and currently lives in Ohio.



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Kimberly McLeod received the first scholarship from the proceeds of the new book by FHU teacher Dwina Willis and Joyce Bloomingburg.

Mrs. Craun also asked Kimberly to write an article about what she experienced during her mission trip to Tanzania, East Africa, this summer. In her article, she describes what she learned in Africa about encouragement and being thankful for the little things in life like smiles—which, as Kimberly reminds us, are the same in every language.

It is obvious after communicating with Kimberly about this honor that she exhibits a Christ-like humility that all students would do well to emulate. When asked about the scholarship, she responded,

"...it was a complete surprise for me, because I see so many amazing Christian women on this campus. I cannot even compare myself...it was all such an honor." In reference to writing for *Christian Woman Magazine*, Kimberly said, "I was very humbled by this opportunity, because I never thought little old me would get an article in such an amazing and encouraging magazine."

In her free time, Kimberly enjoys singing, watching Alabama football, and being with her friends and staying active in her social club, Phi Kappa Alpha.

Sigma Tau Delta goes to conference

By Stephanie Pounders
Editor in Chief

While for most students listening to someone read their college English paper may not sound like the most interesting activity to take part in, a special group of scholars on campus did just that this past weekend. The members of Sigma Tau Delta, an English honors society, joined 10 other schools at the Midwest Regional Conference on November 7th to 8th to share various academic and creative writing projects. Hosted by Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, the conference welcomed 70 students from colleges such as Western Michigan and the University of Missouri for two days of reflection and discussion on literary texts and creative writing.

The conference was divided into categories by both genre and subject and included a variety of presentations ranging from critical reading and analysis to poetry and the Spoken Word. Out of the six students that attended from Freed-Hardeman, four of them

presented at the conference. Two of the students participated in the poetry competition. Matt Burnett read a poem called "Meager Fly," and Melissa Shaner shared her poem titled "Young Goodwife Brown." Kelly Tilton and Joel Slater both presented critical analyses for the academic writing sessions. Kelly presented in the category of Critical and Creative Reading: "The Potent Woman." Her paper, entitled "Morality in *The Little Foxes* and *Another Part of the Forest*," focused on morality as presented by playwright Lillian Hellman. Joel won second place in the conference with his paper, "Cognitive Dissonance in *Bartleby*." Presenting under the category of Critical and Creative Writing: "Power Plays," he examined the tension between capitalism and Christianity and the struggle of opposing value systems as found in Melville's *Bartleby the Scrivener*. Kelly had this to say about the trip: "It's interesting to meet other people who have literary interests as well as those interested in expressing themselves creatively. I feel it was a great opportunity for our



Photo Submitted by Melissa Shaner

English students take a trip to Columbia, Missouri for Sigma Tau Delta chapter of Sigma Tau Delta to spend time with other English majors and writers as well as to represent Freed-Hardeman. Apart from academic endeavors, the group also found time to visit Hannibal, Missouri, to see the birthplace of Mark Twain.

The Freed-Hardeman chapter of Sigma Tau Delta was formed last year and is sponsored by English professor Dr. Derrick Spradlin. Ian Wheat, a senior English major, is the president of the club; Joel Slater, a senior English major, is vice president of the club; Melissa Shaner, an English major and history minor, is treasurer; and Julie Gilbert, a senior English and Education

major, is secretary. The club currently has a membership of 10 students and sponsors campus-wide activities such as "The Epic Reading of Gilgamesh," which took place at Besso's last semester. Candidates for undergraduate membership must have a minimum of six hours in English grammar or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English, as well as a minimum of a B (or equivalent) in English and general scholarship. They must also rank in the top thirty-five percent of his/her class and must have completed at least three semesters of college course work.

FHU presents first ever homecoming banquet

By Laura Locke
Staff Writer

With excitement rising as the week's Homecoming activities kick off, Freed-Hardeman University's much-anticipated first annual Homecoming Banquet is just around the corner. The evening's merrymaking will top off a week of fun, games, and spirit ranging from pep rallies to volleyball competitions to a soapbox derby race. In keeping with the homecoming theme "Seems Like Old Times," banquet attendees are encouraged to wear their finest 1940's duds,

or in lieu of vintage style, some other formal dress. The banquet will feature the presentation and introduction of the 2008 Homecoming Court as well as food, music, a photo slideshow of past and present school years, entertainment, fun times, and memories to last a lifetime.

The festivities are sponsored by the Student Alumni Association (SAA) in conjunction with Alumni Relations and will be held on Friday, November 14, at 7 PM in the Sports Center Auxiliary Gym. All students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Freed-Hardeman are invited to attend the banquet,

which promises to be a fun and memory-filled evening. Tickets are limited, but a small number may still be available at the cost of \$12 each through SAA or Alumni Relations. For information, contact Melissa Seratt at 731.989.6021 or mseratt@fhu.edu.

SAA officers expressed their hopes that students and alumni alike would enjoy the events and show support for the 2008 Homecoming Banquet, the first of its kind, so that it would be successful enough to become a traditional part of Homecoming.

"Red, White, and Blue Christian"



By Micah Barnes

Dear God,
There is still so much I do not understand about being a Christian these days.

I open my ears to hear talks of politics from those who seem to care enough to act and from those who only act to seem to care.

I wonder what it is you think of my America. I suppose you have noted the absence of pledges to her allegiance in direct conflict with your name.

I know you alone have the authority to give and to take away life, but I guess I have thought here as of late that you could use my assistance in making these executive decisions.

I have been walking the first mile to oppose abortion with my lips, but it is in walking the second mile, to ensure youths in placement are having their needs met, that I can't seem to get through. Full stomachs, adequate shelter, and a positive

mentor helping to teach them about you just crams my already packed schedule. I know "be still and know," but what if we meet half-way on this one and I remain productively busy as long as I am still pretty sure of the bigger picture?

I was listening when you told me how even the birds of the air have their needs met by you and how much more you would see to it to meet mine, but I am a little concerned with the state of my economy.

Lord, I am fearful of terrorists and afraid of death. Sure, nothing present nor future, life nor death, nor powers nor

anything else in creation can separate us, but don't you recall the suffering of September 11, 2001?

Elections for my next leader took place recently and I thought you should know that I voted for the better of the two options. I wanted my voice to be heard. Although some say the apple had a worm, I guess I just felt like biting. I figure that I can tuck my sweater-vest boasting my parties colors back in my closet and quiet back down now, seeing that my candidate does not need my immediate assistance, and pick my cross back up.

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Now that you know there is a problem, you also need to know that there are ways to help. Although the donation boxes have been taken up, you can always bring donations, monetary and material, to Nita Mehr in the social work department. Many towns also set up soup kitchens, especially now that the holidays are approaching. If nothing else, ask an area church or homeless shelter if they know of a family you could cook for on Thanksgiving. Whatever you choose to do, realize how blessed you are and how much of a difference you could make for one family just by thinking of someone else.