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SACS committee moves forward

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Freed-Hardeman University recently reached a milestone on the road to accreditation reaffirmation with the submission of its SACS Compliance Certification report, but the process is far from over.

Freed-Hardeman has been accredited since 1956 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the body authorized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit more than 13,000 educational institutions from preschool to college in 11 southern states. Accreditation is critical for students and graduates of Freed-Hardeman because it grants legitimacy and the approval of a respected education association to their degrees.

Every ten years schools are required to reaffirm their accreditation with SACS. Last fall semester a Compliance Certification Committee and ten subcommittees were formed to compile a report documenting Freed-Hardeman's compliance with SACS standards.

SACS requirements cover almost every aspect of a university: the relevance and rigor of academic programs; qualifications of faculty; financial stability of the institution; adequacy of physical resources like academic buildings, technology, and dorms; qualifications of the governing board; availability of support services like advising, counseling, and library resources; etc. Each subcommittee was responsible for reporting on their assigned area and submitting their findings to the Writing Committee for editing and compilation with the other subcommittee reports.

One of these subcommittees is responsible for writing the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). A required component of SACS accreditation, the QEP is described by the official website of the SACS Commission on Colleges, www.sacscoc.org, as a "carefully designed course of action that addresses a well-defined and focused topic or issue related to enhancing student learning."

The QEP will be a continuing process to improve the university rather than a once a decade occurrence. Following the results of student and faculty surveys, one part of the current QEP is further utilizing, integrating, and expanding the iKnow Program and other technology initiatives to improve and enhance student use of technology in the classroom, giving them an edge in an increasingly technology-driven world. Students can expect to hear more details about the QEP during the spring semester.

In September, the Writing Committee submitted its final report, hundreds of pages of documentation, support, and commentary. The report will be reviewed by an off-site committee that will then determine whether or not Freed-Hardeman is in compliance with SACS regulations.

The university will then have the opportunity to respond to the off-site committee's comments before an on-site committee visits the campus in April. This committee will evaluate the campus and conduct interviews, so students should expect to be asked questions about things like the competency of their teachers, availability of student services, and overall quality of the education they receive.

After the on-site committee evaluation, Freed-Hardeman will have one more opportunity to respond and make changes before the SACS Commission's Board of Trustees announces its decision in December 2011 as to whether or not it will reaffirm the university's accreditation.

Becky Cargile, English Professor, and Stephen Morris, Political Science Professor, both members of the Writing Committee, expressed their satisfaction with the reaffirmation process, saying that while "there are certainly things to be fixed, we're making progress and in a very good position."



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Honors program finds positivity in change

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The Honors Program at Freed-Hardeman University has undergone several changes in the past few years.

Last year Dean Jenny Johnson took charge of the program and Dr. Jim Gardner became involved, bringing a new ambiance for the members.

The group plans many trips together and really tries to unite all members of the program, no matter what year they are. The group recently had a picnic at Chickasaw State Park.

"The highlight of it all was a devo on the bridge at sunset and a talk by Dr. Gardner," said Ethan Kershaw, a Junior Senator of the honors program.

The group has other trips planned for later this semester and hopes to get more people involved. The program's purpose is to enrich its members' university experience and to help them achieve their goals in their personal, career, and academic lives.

The program has five fundamentals that were part of its foundation in 1974:

- 1) Recognize and foster academic excellence and leadership.
- 2) Encourage and assist able students to progress beyond normal course activities.
- 3) Provide opportunities to integrate learning and individual interests.
- 4) Enable students to work more closely with teachers.
- 5) Promote academic responsibility, independent thinking and the development of students' initiative to learn and work on their own.

Through these five principles and a solid group of student leadership, the program will continue to achieve their purpose for many more years.

Josh Barber, the Chair of the Council in the Honors College, has been involved in the honors program since his very first day at Freed-Hardeman. He was a member of his class's Honors Freshman Cohort and has enjoyed his experiences in the program.

"From the start, the program challenged me to broaden my horizons, think critically, and approach each of my classes with an interdisciplinary frame of mind, and it has only continued to challenge me in these ways," said Barber.

The honors program offers its members a chance to "contract" a class. Students can negotiate with their teachers in general education classes to possibly exempt the final in a class and write a paper that links their studies to their major.

Sophomore Chris Wright claims, "It is a good balance between making things a bit harder but not doing wasteful busy work."

Another benefit of the honors program is the Honors Lounge, which is open each night Monday through Thursday, typically from about 8 until 10:30. The members of the honors program are encouraged to bring their books and notes to do their homework there.

Another change to the program is the recently added scholarship for its members.

"It makes us feel like we get a bit of a tangible reward for the extra work," said Barber.

The members of the program are all happy about the changes that have been made.

Connie Singleton adds an additional

Community News

CHESTER COUNTY BBQ FEST ANNUAL EVENT STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY

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The Chester County Barbecue Festival—a focal point for students and community members alike—returned to Henderson last week, marking over three decades of food, fun, and fanfare. What began a fundraiser in the late 70s is now a much-anticipated yearly event put on by the Chester County Chamber of Commerce and spanning three days every fall.

The festival's location—surrounding the courthouse and stretching out into Main Street—provides a delightful, small-town feel that can only be experienced once every year. A talent show and live music on the courthouse green provide entertainment to the endless stream of patrons who find themselves drawn in by the alluring sound. The petting zoo, pony ride, trampoline, inflatable slide, and Lit'l Train provide thrills for the youngsters. Vendors and local businesses set up booths promoting both their merchandise and strong feelings of community.

And who can forget about the food? The mingling smells of barbecue and fried almost-everything-you-can-think-of floating through the air help to create the atmosphere unique to this festival. From homemade vanilla ice cream to deep-fried Moon Pies to old-fashioned barbecue sandwiches with slaw, there is something for everyone. Patrons come from far and wide for the Chester County experience. Leslie Roberts, a sophomore at Union University, has made coming to the Barbecue Festival a yearly tradition.

"I came last year and really enjoyed myself. I couldn't wait to come again this

year!"

Roberts regretted that not all of her friends could make the pilgrimage with her this time around, but she was sure that everyone would be present for next year's festivities. "The Barbecue Festival will be here next year, and so will we."

For some, the festival's main draw is not the barbecue. If you had listened in on conversations all around campus on the days leading up to the festival, you might have heard conversations about fried Oreos, Twinkies, and Snickers bars before you heard anything about the southern delicacy that gives the festival its name. "Each year I can't wait to try the fried Oreos," says one local Freddie, proudly holding up four (actually, make that three and a half) plump, golden-fried, sugar-powdered Oreos arranged like medallions atop a wooden skewer.

He isn't the only one pining for fried goods. Take a quick look at the crowd, and you're likely to see at least a dozen festivalgoers clutching golden-battered goodies. In the end, the barbecue is still reason enough to celebrate. Just wait in line for a plate, and time alone will tell how eager people are to sink their teeth into a pulled pork sandwich or perhaps even a slab of freshly barbecued ribs. Volunteers work tirelessly to satisfy the crowd's cravings. From the back of the line you can see them moving constantly, filling order upon order. The festival runs smoothly, thanks largely to the efforts of these kind men and women who dedicate their time every year to ensure its success. And what a success it is.



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7 DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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48° Sunny
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Oct 8


86°
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Tuesday
Oct 12


80°
49° Sunny
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Wednesday
Oct 13


78°
46° Partly Cloudy
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RUSH 2010: BEFORE and AFTER

Admissions team hosts another successful RUSH event this year on the campus of FHU.



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Record number of teenagers attend annual event

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Every year hundreds of high school students are driven in from all over the South East to come to Freed-Hardeman's campus for a weekend. They're armed with sleeping bags and duffel bags alike, ready to try out the campus experience for a short time. One high school girl shared her favorite thing about R.U.S.H. "I get to spend a weekend at my potential college, while I grow spiritually." That opinion was echoed by a high school boy who said, "R.U.S.H. is an opportunity to realize you're a part of something bigger and make you feel like you're never alone. You meet people with a common bond that they love God."

Being a part of something big is definitely what the R.U.S.H. team was going for this year. The theme for this year was "Before & After," focusing on who you were before Christ and how you change after you find Him. The main focus they had was that awkward teenage moment of not being sure your identity. That being especially hard to hold as a Christian. They wanted to focus on what it means to live your life differently, everyday as a Christian in this modern world.

Brad Montague said, "Last year a kid from a small church in Alabama told me that he felt like his spiritual life was 'suffocating.' He had experienced an amazing summer that was spiritually uplifting, but then he had to go home to a bad situation and to a school that has very few Christians. He said coming to R.U.S.H. was like coming up for air. I feel like Freed-Hardeman has a

responsibility to provide opportunities like R.U.S.H. that give kids like him the chance to come up for air. Being around other people of faith isn't something many people get to experience on a daily basis. Hours of work go into every detail of creating an experience like RUSH, but it's worth it when that one kid talks about how it changed them."

The speaker this year was Eli Hooper. He works at the Church of Christ in Grass Valley, CA. He was a very theatrical speaker, who kept a firm grasp on everyone's attention. The R.U.S.H. team also tried something new this year by asking students here to lead small discussion groups. There were about 150 student workers leading these groups, which have gotten a fair amount of great feedback.

There were also performances such as recording of high school students, videos of students such as Chris Malone and Natalie Cravens, an Ambassadors performance, and a group monologue.

Last year there were 1,711 high school students attending R.U.S.H. This year that grew to an exciting and startling 1,732. This almost maxes out the R.U.S.H. attendance that Freed can hold.

They want, of course, as many people as possible without inconveniencing any of the students here. No one can question that R.U.S.H. was a huge success this year, and everyone is looking forward to it continually growing!

"You meet people with a common bond that love God."

Social clubs induct new members from freshmen class

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At the beginning of every fall semester, Freed-Hardeman experiences a change of sorts. New faces, blossoming relationships, and strange sights bring on this change. What is this new change you might ask? The change is referred to as new students, or in other words, a new freshmen class.

Freshmen are being weaned of their old high school lives by meeting new individuals. During the first few weeks, a secret is kept by the FHU Veterans that holds in store for these new freshmen a fresh world of opportunities. After the tedious first weeks of fitting into social criteria, these "cliques" begin to slowly divulge information. Social clubs have been a huge part of Freed-Hardeman social life for a while now. Freshmen are given a performance by each club in an activity called a mixer. Freshmen then attend meetings set up by each club and hold a separate activity. Finally, freshmen rank which club they like the best on a sheet compiled with the names of each club. Designated officers in each club then hand pick freshmen to join them based by their ranking.

Between PKA, THETA NU, XBX, SIGMA RHO, XI CHI, and GTO, freshmen are dispersed based on the number of each club's capping level. Each social club has a list of random actions freshmen can perform to secure their membership with the club. The clubs may even have a special name given to their freshmen. Theta Nu, for example, has aptly named their freshmen "dragon babies". One might expect the freshmen to stray away

from the club scene after hearing these names and seeing some of the things the clubs make them do; however, freshmen at Freed hardly seem to mind.

Officers tell freshmen to paint their windows with the name of the club they're joining, take an officer on a date, kidnap officers, or do some other ridiculous thing in the public eye. Bradley Field of GTO spoke well of all of the freshmen that they gained this year. "They definitely have that GTO swagger we are looking for," Fields said, "We are very pleased with all of them." Fields also mentioned that for induction points freshmen were told to go to an intramural game, in which GTO wasn't playing, and cheer for GTO.

While club inductions are all fun and games, bonding with the freshmen is also another important factor. Heather Fortenberry of Theta Nu was extremely excited about how well the new freshmen meshed with the rest of the club. "The freshmen that joined Theta Nu are very involved already. We have three freshmen officers who have already brought so much to the club and are already hard at work planning things for this semester. Last year the 'Nu' club on campus exceeded everyone's expectations, and, from what we have seen the past couple of weeks, things are only going to get better."

Everything so far seems to be going great for the social clubs here on campus. Freshmen are continuing to find which club they enjoy and the people they love to be around. Freed-Hardeman social clubs have done

RUSH 2010 Included:

SPEAKER ELI HOOPER

California minister speaks to teenage students, youth groups, and prospectives about their spiritual life.

SMALL GROUPS

Small group settings provided RUSH attendees with a comfortable atmosphere to discuss with and learn from one another.

HYPNOTIST JIM WAND

RUSH regular and Freed Hardeman favorite, Jim Wand, performed his usual laughter inducing show with FHU students and RUSH guests.

AMBASSADORS PERFORMANCE

FHU's own acapella group performed a number of songs for RUSH guests Friday night to kick things off right.

SIGMA RHO FUN FAIR

EP social club held its annual 'Fun Fair' to raise money and awareness for the club's related causes in the Dominican Republic.

Leadership summit held

• The second Annual Leadership Summit helps students realize goals and keep their character.

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During such a trying economical time, top business owners are thriving. One might wonder how these successful men and women have achieved their goals and how they are still doing well through economic difficulty.

On September 21st, Freed-Hardeman Business majors had the opportunity to learn how experts in the field have continued to succeed in their financial endeavors when the Business Department held their second annual Leadership Summit. The event featured successful leaders such as Carl Kirkland, Co-Founder of Kirkland's, Inc., and John Law, Chief Operating Officer of Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee. These men discussed their personal stories to becoming successful businessmen as well as teaching future entrepreneurs how to reach their goals.

Professor Jim Brown, Director of Admissions and Career Development, explains that the Leadership Summit promotes leadership through the success stories of the chosen speakers. "Everyone can benefit from this event. Every aspect of one's life can always be improved." According to Brown, the goal of this Summit was to provide students with the fundamentals to become successful in areas such as government, business, church and their own personal lives.

The purpose of the program was fulfilled, according to senior Finance major, Cameron West. "Most of what I learned was in relation to the character it takes to be a successful entrepreneur and how the featured professionals adapted their business model to be successful during a tough economic time."

Matt Kisber, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, motivated business majors with personal stories and tips. Kisber, who served ten consecutive terms in the

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an excellent job of bringing people together all the while giving them something to thoroughly enjoy and get excited about. Whether you're walking through the nearly completed commons and see freshmen proposing to an officer or eating in Lion's Pride and witnessing a "flash mob" to Haddaway's, "What Is Love," you can be sure these students are having a blast earning their induction points and gaining new friends.



ANNA TAUBKEN

Freshmen go to club events in their search for a club home.

FINE ARTS WEEK INSPIRES STUDENTS TO EXPAND CREATIVITY

• FHU's Department of Fine Arts hosts a week dedicated to the furthering of the arts on campus and throughout the community.

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With endless studying, intramural sports, work schedules and campus-wide events, it is difficult to take a moment to stop and appreciate a subject that can so easily be forgotten: the arts. However, Fine Arts week, which was held from September 24th to October 1st, gave students at Freed-Hardeman a chance to explore this subject.

Fine Arts week consisted of a series of events and performances designed to spark the artistic interest of students while recognizing and supporting those who pursue the arts.

"I am excited that Freed-Hardeman students and the Chester County community will have an opportunity to focus on the arts through events hosted by the Fine Arts Department," Chair of the Department of Fine Arts, Dr. Barbara England, said.

Fine Arts week began on Friday the 24th with the performance of Harding University pianist Scott Carrell in Old Chapel Hall. The event was a Brown Bag Lunch Concert in which those present were encouraged to bring their own lunch while listening to Carrell's expertly delivered performance.

After the weekend, Fine Arts week picked up momentum with a Broadway Speaker's Bureau Video Conference, which was held in the Brown-Kopel building. Afterwards, Denise Rhoades held a lecture and gallery reception in the Bulliner Clayton Visual Arts center. To wrap up the evening, Commedia dell'Arte performer Laura Rikard held a workshop for Freed's students in Loyd Auditorium.

On Tuesday, Fine Arts week trickled into the Chapel services as the students were informed of the importance of the arts in today's society. Tuesday evening held another treat from Rikard, who gave a one-woman performance in the Black Box Theatre. Rikard, who was trained for years by Commedia master Antonio Fava in Italy, presented a unique and skillful show.

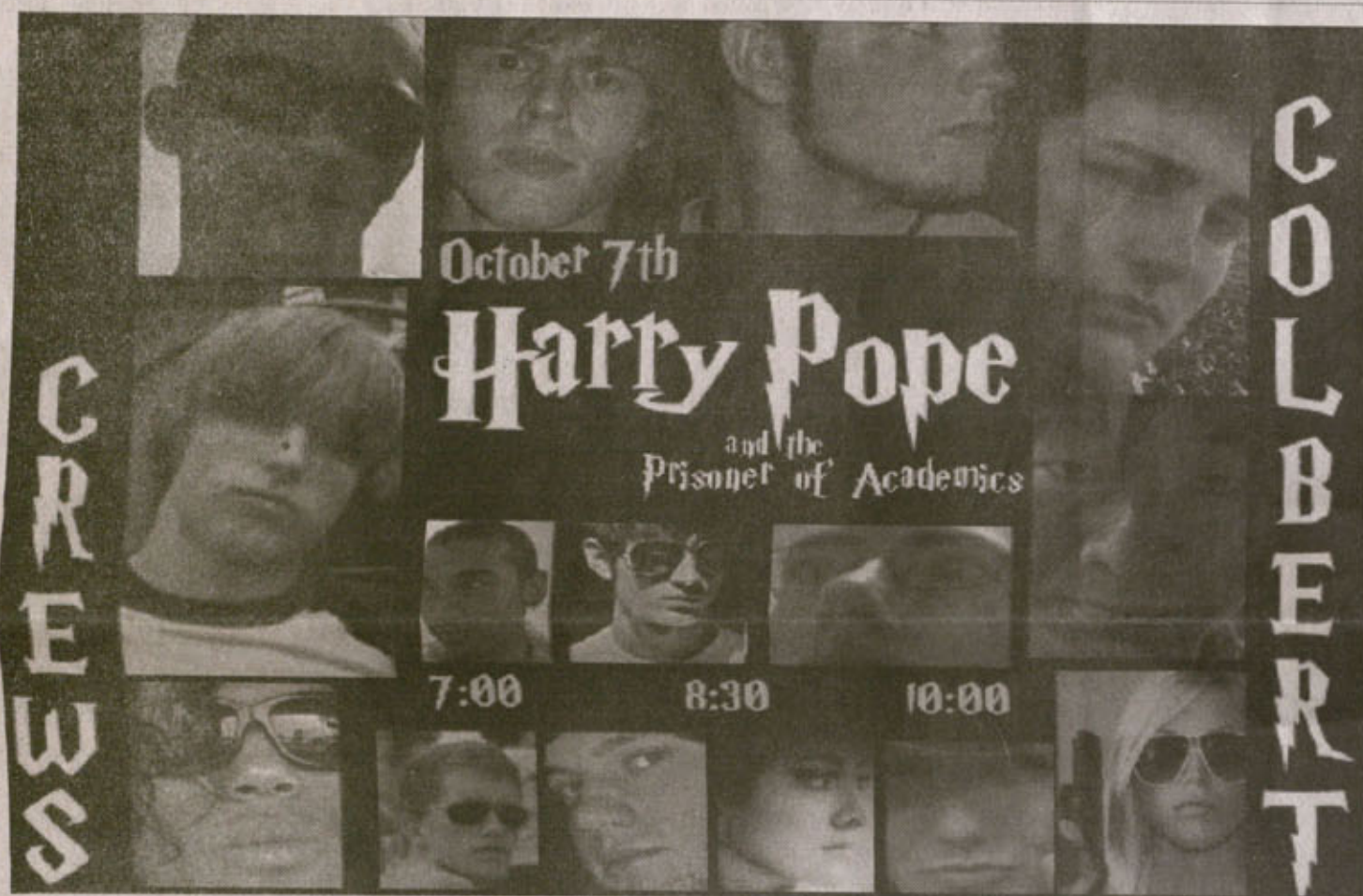
For the Chapel service on Wednesday, the FHU Band gave an accomplished performance.

Thursday offered another intriguing Chapel service as the students of FHU learned about "The Wisdom of Crayons" from Dr. Barbara England, chair of the Department of Fine Arts. Studio art major Brandyn Graves remarked, "I appreciated England's comments concerning dreams and imagination because I feel we so often forget about these things." Later in the afternoon, guest speaker Ruthanne Hanlon came to the Black Box Theatre. Hanlon discussed the current color trends and the influences behind them. Although the subject may, to some, seem trivial, Hanlon's presentation was useful to marketing professionals, interior designers, architects, psychology, and, of course, art students.

Fine Arts Week came to an end on Friday with an outstanding performance from the FHU Chorale at the Chester County Barbeque Festival, entertaining both students and community members alike.

Mary Tesh, a member of the Chorale, later said "I enjoyed performing at the BBQ Festival because our audience came from a wide variety of backgrounds. Some people who watched us were FHU students who are Christians. However, other audience members were people I had never seen before, so I didn't know whether they were Christians or not. I hope that Chorale encouraged those who are already Christians and sparked curiosity about God in the hearts of those people who haven't obeyed the Gospel yet."

Fine Arts week was full of remarkable presentations and performances that were both encouraging and inspirational to art-lovers and pursuers alike.



Commedia dell'Arte

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Laura Rikard was ready for action when the unsuspecting students shuffled into Loyd auditorium at 7:00pm on Monday, September 27. This actress, teacher, and director came from humble beginnings in South Carolina. After receiving a degree in Theatre at the College of Charleston, Rikard went abroad to study in Denmark and Italy. After studying commedia from Antonio Fava, Laura Rikard then moved to England and to teach. She has continued teaching, currently employed at the University of Virginia.

What this active teacher had to share with the students of Freed-Hardeman was a wonderful lesson in Commedia dell'Arte. Explaining the origin of commedia, Rikard stated, "in a nutshell, it is 16th century Italian Theatre performed with masks and is extremely physical. The characters are basic stock characters that have influenced almost all major playwrights." She went on to say that this type of theatre even influenced Shakespearean plays.

Jumping to her feet, Rikard then asked all the students to get up on stage and create a circle, emphasizing the point that commedia troupes function as a family. Because the 16th century troupes depended on the revenue from their performances for food and shelter, the importance of dependability was stressed. Showing the class a genuine commedia mask, Rikard illustrated a pivotal point in commedia: respecting the mask. She then introduced the students to Zanni, a main component of Lazzi commedia. Through Zanni, the students experienced the commedia run, rooster walk, triple step, and tired walk. Rikard demonstrated the need for authenticity by having a few students act in front of the others. These courageous students faced a friendly but brutal challenge in trying to impress a professional. In the exercise, Rikard instructed the students not to only their body only, but their voices as well. She taught the students the power of impromptu with the statement, "Always go to gibberish, because eventually the words will come."

After their invigorating experience, the out of breath students hopped down from the stage and pulled on their shoes, snatched up their backpacks, and headed out into the night.

What did the students think of the experience? Obviously, not many knew what to expect at first. Freshman Leah Wright put it this way: "When I first walked in, I was thinking, 'What are we about to do?'" The majority of the students enjoyed their learning experience. "It's a good way to get people out of their comfort zone," commented Wright.

We can all learn from what Laura Rikard taught the students that night: what we feel is expressed through our actions.



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they just don't make em' like they used to.

• Bryson lists some of his favorite classic films and wants you to know why they are important.

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With the ever-growing popularity of Netflix, Hulu and On Demand, people across the globe are watching more movies than ever.

Frankly, I believe there are a lot of older movies that have been lost in the glow of computer magic and multi-million dollar budgets. Don't get me wrong, I love a good blockbuster, but sometimes these movies are sparked from older movies. As soon as you watch these older movies, you will start to see where today's film gets their ideas.

Here's a list of great movies that are considered pillars in cinematic history and I highly recommend that you watch.

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington – Before Jimmy Stewart became a household name around Christmas time in *It's a Wonderful Life*, he played the part of Mr. Smith, a makeshift senator that uncovered political corruption in congress when nobody expected him to do anything at all. This movie is full of powerful, patriotic monologues.

To Kill A Mockingbird – Not only is this a great book, it's a fantastic movie. Lead by the incredible Gregory Peck, I've never seen such a wonderful example of perseverance and strength in a man defending an innocent black man in the middle of the depression-era south.

Annie Hall – If you are a fan of relationship/break-up movies this one is for you. Considered one of Woody Allen's best films, this movie defined dry and awkward humor. Great dialogue and chemistry between Allen and Diane Keaton propelled this movie into Oscar stardom.

12 Angry Men – Shot almost entirely on one set, this movie is the story of 12 members of a jury during a murder trial and how they decide who is innocent. More than deciding whether or not the defendant is guilty, this movie is about personalities and character, how they interact and how difficult it can be for 12 people to make important decisions.

Rope – Alfred Hitchcock's mystery-suspense film stretched the boundaries of production for its time. Shot in 10-minute reels, the film was made to look like one continuous scene being that the entire movie takes place during a late night dinner party. Jimmy Stewart stars in this one as well.

Casablanca – Watch this epitome of love movies and you will see why it is considered cliché. It is just perfect. There are so many lines in this movie that other movies have stolen from and made their own. It's one of the first stories of a couple that split up after a lovely summer together and then run into each other in different circumstances halfway across the world. Sound familiar?



HIS | HER View

What Every Man Needs

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Everyone and everything needs something. A car needs gas, a person needs food, and I need sleep. So, when it comes to relationships it is no different – everyone needs something. Ladies, what does a guy need in a relationship? I'll admit that we are difficult to figure out. Guys are supposed to be tough, so do you give us less emotional talk? Or, since guys like "guy time," do you give us a lot of space? There can be a lot of questions to answer, and sometimes the solutions are hard to see. Therefore, I will do my best to explain some basic needs that males need in a relationship.

The first thing that guys need in a relationship is assurance, and then reassurance. It is important to make sure that the guy knows you are with him for a reason. Make sure that he knows how you feel. If he becomes insecure don't blame yourself, but realize that guys need to know that they are appreciated. It is not a sign of his ego, but rather a basic need. All guys need to feel wanted and desired. Tell him something about how much he means to you, or how he makes you feel. Ladies, do not always assume that your guy knows what you are thinking; instead, share it and let it be known.

Secondly, a guy needs to be a leader. We have all heard the joke, "Who wears the pants in the relationship," but it holds

a lot of truth. I am by no means saying that men are to rule over women with an iron fist. What I am saying is that guys want to know that they are the leaders of the relationship. This includes spiritually and anything else that may arise. However, once again, this does not mean that the guy should make all the decisions, order you around, or make the relationship a dictatorship. I strongly feel that in a healthy relationship fair and equal communication is a must, and compromises are necessary. So, what do I mean by saying that a guy needs to be a leader? I mean that he needs to lead you closer to God and lead you in a path that makes you happy. If he is not doing that, then you need to reevaluate the relationship.

The final characteristic that ladies need to be aware that guys need is space. Now, I realize that everyone has his or her own definition of what "space" means and how much space is appropriate in a relationship – that would be a good thing to discuss with your guy. For my explanation, I will draw from my definition of space. Truthfully, it is not just guys that need their space, but also the ladies. We all need time to ourselves

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The Ideal Man

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I'm just kidding. Girls really do like boys. Guys do not have to have a nice car or lots of money to be successful in dating. There are, however, a few things that can really give them an edge. I'm sure all the guys on campus are terrified of the seemingly high standards girls have set, but in reality we are not asking for much.

The first thing that girls love is a man of faith. Men who can pray and will pray with them, men who always go to church, men who sing in church, and men who genuinely love God – nothing is more attractive to a girl. If a guy truly loves God, he will follow His ways, which means that he will treat any girl right.

Girls also love leaders. You may not be the president of your social club, but that is not necessary. Being a leader means you are willing to take charge. Many women protest about submission, but submission is not a bad thing when the man who is leading is worthy of being your leader. In a relationship, the guy should be the leader; he should have plans and make decisions, and he should make the girl he is pursuing feel secure in their relationship and his intentions.

For me, guys get more attractive when there is something they are passionate about. Music, art, sports, writing, any skill can make a guy more attractive. Knowing that he has disciplined himself enough to

master some craft is impressive. It is even better when you can share your passion with the girl, find a common ground, and build the relationship on this mutual enjoyment. Take time to include the girl you like in the things you enjoy.

Finally, a good personality is very important. Guys who can make you laugh and make you happy have a far better chance than a guy who is boring or mean. Manners and appropriate behavior can make a man beautiful. Whenever guys are acting up, I just want to tell them how unattractive they are being. Last week at a softball game, I commented to my roommate about how attractive a guy was as he passed by our bleachers, only to look on in horror as he hocked phlegm in front of everyone. I was completely disgusted. I will never look at him in the same way. I probably won't ever look at him again. So always remember your manners, and always remember where you are and who could be there.

The basic thing to remember is that you don't have to be perfect, but you do need to be conscious of yourself and of the affect you are having on the people around you. Keep God first and be willing to work things out. Relationships are not really all that hard, but both people have to be dedicated to finding a balance and making time to be together.

POLITICS, ETC.

Politics Are Personal

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This is a question a friend of mine asked me at the end of conversation a few weeks ago:

Sarai: Broderick, I hope this doesn't offend you, but do you have something personal at stake in all of this?

I find it curious that we question another's bias only when they disagree with us. If someone agrees with me, likes the things and people I like, shops at my favorite stores, and concurs with my conclusions, I won't question that person's bias. But when a person is in sharp disagreement with "my values" and poses uncomfortable questions and chips at the foundation of my worldview, I automatically label that person as biased, or in the words of my friend, develop a "personal stake."

Justice and dignity are not isolated human practices. Justice is embodied when marriages, churches, and families are transformed from networks of strife into communities of goodness. Justice is

social in nature.

Dignity is bland unless it is practiced in the context of one person or a group of people lifting up another person or group of people. Every human being is interrelated in a complex web of justice, dignity, respect, and love.

When an orphan in Uganda goes without food for days at a time, I have something personal at stake.

When a teenager in New Jersey commits suicide after ruthless bullying, due to his sexual practices, I have something personal at stake.

When a grandmother is not cared for because her family has forgotten her, I have something personal at stake.

Even though I don't know the Ugandan child, New Jersey teenager, or abandoned grandparent personally, I know they are all human. I know they have been abandoned to the margins of

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POLITICS, ETC.

Change Will Happen to Congress

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In just a little over a month, Congress could look drastically different from the current representation. Congress's approval ratings and popularity have tanked over the past year, and Republicans are looking to make huge gains in the house and, with a little luck, gain slight majority, or at least an equal ground, in the Senate. Congress, an institution where incumbency holds many advantages, might see those advantages turn into weaknesses at the voting booth in November.

The results of the congressional races will change the face of American politics for years. Should the Republicans receive a majority in just one of the two houses, President Obama will be unable to push through Congress any more of his legislative agenda. In addition, polls indicate that the public is not happy with congressional bills such as the healthcare bill, cap and trade, the stimulus plan, and more leftist legislation. Perhaps, and I

think that this is the case, the American public has finally cleared their eyes and minds and have seen Obama's "hope and change" promises for what they are – another "Great Society," but even a step beyond Lyndon B. Johnson's. Should this be so, the 2010 election will not only be a rejection of individual Democrat congressional candidates, but also a referendum on President Obama. Should the liberal majority in Congress be lost, Obama's plans for legislation will hit a standstill. This block for Obama would be a huge victory for conservatives and the Republican Party, and perhaps some of the damage the administration has done can be repaired. Election Day is getting close, so I urge you to make your voice heard through the power of the vote. One of the things that make this country great is the transference of power through peaceful and democratic means. Consider all the options and vote for the best person for the job.

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A Necessary Bond

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For the past few weeks, many of us have enjoyed the start of football season and cooler weather. This past weekend, I'm sure a lot of you stayed on campus and maybe even stopped by the BBQ festival to get some ribs and a fried Oreo or two. The rest of us were blessed with a break to go home (or elsewhere) for the weekend.

Fall brings many changes and various activities with it, but one big topic that has been thrown into the mix at Freed is the social club dilemma. Many questions and concerns have been tossed around over the past few weeks regarding social clubs, but really, is it worth the hype?

"Which club has the most diversity?" "Which club will best fit my needs?" "Which club has the most potential?" "Who has the best sports

teams?"

We new students can't deny it: these questions have been on all of our minds since we arrived in August.

I will say that social clubs certainly aren't for everyone, but for the vast majority of students, it's what makes school enjoyable. The social club system sets the stage for really great things at FHU. Friendships are formed, faith is strengthened, and the idea of having a family is honored. While one doesn't have to be part of a social club to experience these things, clubs do give extra opportunities to make this a reality.

However, one danger that comes with the social club system is that many can, very easily, form the "We're better

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JARED in EUROPE

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I hopped off the plane at BRUX with a dream in my khaki backpack. Welcome to the land of H&M excess – am I gonna fit in?

Well, I've been in Europe for all of 31 days and have already learned some important ways that I do not fit in. Here are five lessons from a scrawny white boy wearing all the wrong brands, in all the wrong places.

The first lesson is a broad one, but significant nonetheless. There is a saying that we go by in Europe: "Que sera sera." It means, "What will be, will be." It is different here than back home in the States, where we live such ordered lives and expect all of our plans to work out in a happy-go-lucky sort of way.

In Europe, you never know what will happen next. A bit of an exaggeration? Of course, it is. We have

schedules and plans that, for the most part, work out wonderfully.

Sometimes, however, the unexpected happens. You might have a delayed train that causes you to miss another train, thus leaving you stranded in a train station for the night. Guard that iPod with your life, or it will be gone. If you're really unlucky you might have your laptop stolen by the natives. As unfortunate as these things are, you have to learn to not let such mishaps get in the way of your European experience.

The second lesson has to do with trains. Let's just say that trains go much faster than you think. A group of us had ridden a train from Aachen, Germany

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LADY LION GAMES

14	7:00PM @ Union U.
19	7:00PM @ Trevecca
21	7:00PM vs. Martin Methodist
23	2:00PM vs. Union U.
25	7:00PM @ Cumberland U.

SOCCER 2010

LION GAMES

15	7:00PM vs. Trevecca
19	7:00PM vs. Lyon College
23	7:00PM vs. Brescia U.
25	4:30PM @ Tennessee Temple
30	7:00PM vs. Mid-Continent

LADY LION GAMES

15	5:00PM vs. Trevecca
19	5:00PM vs. Lyon College
23	5:00PM vs. Brescia U.
25	2:30PM @ Tennessee Temple

Cross Country 2010

MEN'S & WOMEN'S MEETS

23	10:00AM @ TranSouth Championship Conference
05	3:00PM @ NAIA Championship Conference

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SPORTS with MICHAEL YOUNG

Surprise! In my last column, I stated three teams that could be playing for a national championship. Those three are now #1, #2, and #3, respectively, after Oregon jumped Boise State (whom I wrote about in the last column as well) by beating Stanford on Saturday night. Alabama smoked Florida and Ohio State, who played well against an upset-minded Illini team. I thought it might be a little bit closer, but it wasn't that surprising that the Tide won.

What I am surprised about is the fact that "my" Georgia Bulldogs (1-4, 0-3) lost again to PAC-10 bound Colorado. I don't feel the need to elaborate, but don't be surprised if Coach Richt is out of a job at the end of the season. There have been too many arrests with no production on the field; it may be time for a new regime in Athens. I was more surprised that they were still in the game, but Tennessee had a chance to beat LSU down in the bayou, so they decided to add an extra guy to make sure LSU didn't score at the end of the game—which ended up costing them the game.

I was also surprised that Texas dropped out of the top 25, the first time they haven't been ranked in over 160 weeks. In other sports news, I am surprised that the Braves made the playoffs, but I'm glad to see them back after missing the chance for the past four years. I know everybody predicted that the Chiefs would be the last unbeaten team in the NFL, so that isn't very surprising. There has been a number of storylines and surprising players step up in the NFL so far, making this season very interesting. I know you will disagree with me, but I have a rather surprising opinion: pro sports are better than college sports. Go ahead, tell your friend sitting beside you that I'm dumb. I don't care. Talent trumps passion. Maybe I haven't surprised you, but maybe that's not a surprise at all.



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Both the Lions soccer teams and volleyball squad see big wins.



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Soccer Scores Big

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2010 has easily become a benchmark year for the sport of soccer. Millions of viewers tuned in to watch Spain take its first title in the behemoth of a sporting event hosted by South Africa. Here at Freed Hardeman University it continues to be a great year for soccer fans.

Although the season has started to wind down as the much welcomed cold weather comes in, it has been a successful season for both the Lion and Lady Lion teams thanks to the incredible determination from both players and coaching staff.

The Lions soccer team has held a formidable record of 7-3 this season, trouncing opponents like Pikeville College and Johnson Bible College, among many others, throughout August and September. This past week they faced off against Union University and will continue to fight against a few other teams for the rest of the season. They have led an impressive record so far this semester, and they look to continue the trend as they move toward their next adversaries: Lyon College on October 19th and their final match on November 2nd against Cumberland University. Most recently the guys went up against the Bethel University Wildcats, who handed up a loss of 5-0, making this our second conference loss.

The team is led by its talented coaching staff, including Jason Elliot, on his tenth season as the head coach for the team. Elliot has been a part of the soccer program since its creation in 2000, and his incredible input for the team is continually appreciated.

Adimou Berry and Landon Murray both serve as graduate assistants. The team also has some great leaders in the team's senior members: Josh Bessert, Saul Simpson, Joshua Mankey, Ryan Engineer, Joshua Reynolds, and Alek Floyd.

The Lady Lion team has also had great success this year, pulling up a solid record of 8-4-1 over the past 2 months. They are also led by head coach Jason Elliot and his two graduate assistants. Last Saturday the Lady Lions played a great game and overcame Midway with a solid 6-0 score, bringing in their 8th win this year.

The team jumped on the scoreboard early in the game with an off-corner kick with another two goals coming from junior Helena Yegros with an assist from sophomore Whitney Newby.

Early in the second half Yegros, junior Julie Bracknell and sophomore Briley Collins each scored a goal for the team, securing their victory. The team has a great group of seniors leading the way, including Tiffany Harris, Nikki Ceeney, Lindsay Riggs, Cassie Perkins, and Leanne Harbach.

It goes without saying that the FHU faculty, staff, and students are proud of both the Lions and Lady Lions soccer teams as they finish their seasons.

Both teams will play against Trevecca Nazarene University on Friday, October 15th at 5:00 PM. So pack your maroon and gold, be sure to bring a coat, and come out and support the team.



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Volleyball Wins Again

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The Freed-Hardeman Lady Lions saw a long streak come to an end on Thursday night as they lost their first home match in over two years, falling to Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.) University in four sets. The loss broke a 20-match home winning streak that dated back to September 2008. FHU (5-6, 4-2) fought back from nine-point deficits in the first two sets but came up a little short both times. In the first set, the Lady Lions fell behind 20-11 but got back within two points at 24-22 before Trevecca (12-9, 4-3) finished off the set.

It was almost the exact same score in set two at 21-12, and again Freed-Hardeman rallied to get within four points. However, they could not finish the comeback and the Trojans went up 2-0 with a 25-20 set win. The Lady Lions turned the tables in the third set, taking the first 10 points to build a commanding lead. This time it was Trevecca who made the comeback, pulling within two points at 21-19 before FHU pushed back ahead to stay alive with a 25-21 win. The fourth set went back and forth with neither team holding more than a two-point cushion until TNU was able to open a four-point lead at 18-14 and again at 20-16. After FHU rallied to tie the match at 23-23, the Trojans had match point but failed to close the door. Freed-Hardeman then had three chances to even the match at set point, but each time Trevecca stayed alive and eventually took the match by pulling off three straight points to win 29-27.

Cassidy Watkins led Trevecca with 17 kills, six of which came in the fourth set. Maddie Burford added 13 kills to go along with six blocks. FHU's attack was led by Sydney Rice's 17 kills, while Fernanda Ferreira recorded 15. The Freed-Hardeman Lady Lions snapped a two-game conference losing streak with a three-set win over Mid-Continent (Ky.) University on Monday night at the Cougar Center. The win improved the Lady Lions to 6-6 overall and 5-2 in conference play, putting them in third place at a half-game behind tomorrow's opponent, Cumberland (Tenn.) University.

FHU once again showcased its balanced attack that helped the Lady Lions to a 4-0 start in conference play, winning by the scores of 25-8, 25-21 and 25-14. Six players recorded multiple kills in the match, led by Sydney Rice's nine on 19 attempts. Sandra Montoya followed with eight kills while Fernanda Ferreira added seven and Rachelle Prince added six. Amber Turner and Renata Ferreira each assisted on 16 kills, while Montoya led the defense with 17 digs. For a while, it looked like the Freed-Hardeman Lady Lion volleyball team was primed to move back into second place in the TranSouth Conference. Unfortunately for FHU, things didn't stay that way by the end of the night. Visiting Cumberland (Tenn.) University rallied from a 2-1 deficit to best FHU in five sets and maintain its second place spot in the conference standings. The Bulldogs (19-6, 6-1) now hold a 1.5 game lead over both Freed-Hardeman and Martin Methodist, who have 5-3 conference records. FHU (6-7 overall) appeared to be in control after bouncing back from a 25-18 loss in the first set, posting 25-14 and 25-19 wins in the next two sets and led as much as 18-5 in the third. But Cumberland turned a tight fourth set into a six-point win and then took eight of 10 points in the fifth set to open a 10-4 lead. FHU would pull within four but could get no closer as the Bulldogs closed the match out with a 15-10 win in the decisive set. The Lady Lions haven't lost back-to-back home matches since 2007, when Union (Tenn.) University handed FHU consecutive home losses on Nov. 1 and Nov. 16. It was also Cumberland's first win over Freed-Hardeman since 2005. Sydney Rice, Fernanda Ferreira and Sandra Montoya all posted double-digits in kills as Rice led the way with 12. Ferreira and Montoya each added 11. The Lady Lions also had 10 service aces, led by Ferreira's four.

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EXAMINING other PERSPECTIVES

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Sitting in a comfortable corner of KC's coffee shop, Adimou Barry was kind enough to grant me an incredibly interesting interview. He has what is possibly the most unique perspective on Freed-Hardeman: not only is he from Guinea, West Africa, and a native French speaker, Barry is also to his knowledge the only Muslim in the student population.

The idea of a Muslim on Freed's campus is a foreign idea to many. Whenever Barry reveals his religion to friends, he gets an almost universal reaction. He said, "Once I tell them I'm Muslim, they say 'Really?!' in surprise. I guess they expect to see me wearing a turban." When he first arrived on campus, he was actually not aware of the degree to which the Christian aspect saturates everyday life. "I didn't know about chapel every day, or mandatory Bible classes every semester, or all the devos. I was too focused on soccer at the time," he explains, "and it was only once school started that I realized where I was."

However, this atmosphere isn't a bad thing to him. "The way the Church of Christ worships is different from any other form of Christianity I had seen before. Back home in Guinea," he continues, "we only really see Catholicism – maybe a few Methodist churches."

Barry has attended various Church of Christ congregations in the area, and, commenting on one in particular that is very popular with FHU students, finds a personal point of common ground: "The service there is actually similar to a Muslim worship service. It's not about concerts and bands, or about movies and extra media. It's basic, and the focus is on the holy text; this is similar."

In fact, when asked to contrast his positive and negative experiences in the FHU religious climate, quotidian chapel was one of the first things to come to mind from the positive side of the scale. "Daily devotional

is something else we have in common. After all, we pray five times a day."

While the doctrinal beliefs of Christianity and Islam are at great variance, there is much common ground in the area of ethical living. Drinking alcohol, cheating, lying, neglect of duty toward one's parents, theft, bearing false witness, extravagance, squandering money, cursing, bribery, backbiting, adultery, breaking promises, and homicide are equally prohibited in both religions. Barry takes this into account; he explains: "The fact that we have the same kind of values keeps me grounded. Temptations would be much harder to deal with at the bigger state schools, where people are always partying. I'm glad that [the religious environment] is here. I'm an easily distracted individual. The biggest thing I like about FHU is that it keeps me grounded. When I came here, I realized, 'Wow, this is actually good for me.'"

On the other hand, Barry perceives a good deal of ignorance on the part of Freed students when it comes to other religions, particularly his own. He recounts a classroom experience: "One day, this guy started going off about Islam and saying all sorts of nonsense. I finally spoke up and told him how it was in reality. That kind of thing is frustrating, you know? People are not educated about it; they just know what they hear in the media."

When asked what could be better about the school, Barry's answer was rather surprising: "Most Christians here do not know enough about the Bible." Coming from a person whose value for the Bible is not ultimately of the Christian nature, this thought becomes even more sobering.

The lack in Bible literacy is undoubtedly felt in society at large, but a fresh perspective – such as Barry's – could provide the motivation to brush up on our knowledge on a more personal level.

Student in the Spotlight: Chad Greene

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It's not often that you get the chance to meet someone extraordinarily talented and driven. It's even less often that you meet someone with those qualities who is also humble. For that very reason, it has been a joy and a privilege to get to know Chad Greene and share his story.

Chad has recently been accepted into the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. Not only did he get accepted earlier than most applicants, this was also his first choice in schools. The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine is an affiliate of Virginia Tech University, which opens doors to many opportunities.

It's not hard to see why Greene got accepted. He has an extensive résumé. Chad is vice-president of the Student Government Association, vice-president of the Biology club, chairman of the community service board, and advisor for the Freshman Advisory Council.

And it doesn't end there. Greene also works as an EMT in Jackson, volunteers at a local fire department, worked recently as an interface director here at FHU, was a soloist for PKA in Makin' Music, and is a member of the Freed-Hardeman Honors College.

As a kid, Chad dreamed of being a fighter pilot,

but as he spent more time with EMS crews and his dad, an assistant fire chief, his big pursuits turned to the field of medicine. His decision was solidified when he went on a mission trip to Honduras. Upon returning, Chad said, "After the mission trip, I decided that I wanted to help the underprivileged and those that don't have the same resources that we do."

And the best part? He is deeply devoted to God. On his Facebook page, he writes, "I am first and foremost a Christian and strive to live every single day for Him." His face glowed as he told me about the mission trips that he has taken; it is clear that it has forever changed him. When I think things can't get any better for Chad, he mentions one of the greatest loves of his life: his fiancée. Chad is engaged to Lauren Denison, and with a smile on his face, proudly reminded me of it.

Though his journey is leading him other places than Freed-Hardeman University, his impact will still be felt. He has made an impression on the campus here with all that he has done, and I have a feeling this won't be the last time we hear from Chad Greene. Big things are waiting for him in his future and we at Freed wish him the best in all that he does.

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His View

friends. I recognize that there are couples who can always be together and stay perfectly happy. To them I have immense respect. Yet, there are the rest of us that need "me" time or time with our best friends. So ladies, please remember the importance of this. If your guy tells you he just wants to chill in the room tonight, do not be alarmed or upset, but realize that we all need time to unwind. Think of it this way: when you spend time away from each other, it makes those moments you are together better. These are just a few things that I feel will help ladies better understand guys. I do not pretend to represent all guys, but what I personally think are common topics that cause stress in a relationship. Ladies, you all are incredible and we thank you for your tender care, loving hearts, and beautiful souls. May

God bless you in your search for your future spouse.

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relational existence and deserve a chance to love and be loved in an unapologetic and holistic way. Just because I don't know someone on an eye-to-eye level does not mean I can't hurt when that person hurts, sigh when that person sighs, or rejoice when that person rejoices. We have a personal stake in the world because this is the world we live in, and we are all connected. What began as a repulsive and offensive question has now become a deeply transformative critique of the way I relate to others. Now, the question is, "If I don't have a personal stake in the suffering of strangers, why don't I?" Politics is personal. Let's start giving, listening, and loving like it is.

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than you" mindset. Let us keep

in mind that Jesus prayed that all men might be unified. I think that we can properly apply this to social clubs. I'm not saying that there is anything wrong with competition or club unity because I personally enjoy that aspect of it, but there is something wrong with shutting the door on people just because they're not in your club. Yes, we have bonds within our clubs, but we should all have a stronger bond in Christ.

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another German location (which has a long German name that I could never recall or attempt to spell). Upon our arrival to the "unknown German word," we realized that we needed to get back to Aachen. Since it was only a seven-minute train ride and the next train wasn't coming through for another 40 minutes, we figured that we could just walk the distance back. So, on the tracks we went. It was

like our own Boxcar Children adventure. An hour and a half later, we were still 30 minutes away from Aachen. We were given a free bus ride by a lady who, no doubt, had the greatest pity on us. The third lesson is an expensive one to learn. It is extremely rare that anything in Europe is free. Water at restaurants can sometimes be even more expensive than sodas. When you order a drink, never ever expect free refills; you better make it last. Don't drink too much though because it will cost you more than a pretty penny to use the bathroom. The most I've paid for a bathroom has been 50 cents (roughly 75 cents in the U.S.). Every time you sit down on the porcelain throne today, just go ahead and add 75 cents to your bathroom tab. As much as you might want to save money, fasting is never the way to go. The fourth lesson comes from a time when Shannon and I decided to fast

for three days in order to save some extra cash. We went a little over 24 hours before we decided that we couldn't take it anymore. Everywhere you go the streets are lined with vendors taunting you with the most alluring gaufre sucre or pain au chocolat, just begging to be eaten. We couldn't bring ourselves to tell the others we couldn't fast, so we would eat in secret each night only to return to the hotel room "hungry" and "miserable." We kept this up for three days until we came clean with our group. The last lesson I learned recently, since we've been in the United Kingdom: never take English for granted. For the first 25 days we were surrounded by people speaking French, German, Spanish, Dutch and Flemish. We have never been so happy to hear people speaking English as we were when we stepped off the train onto platform nine and three-quarters in London.

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House of Representatives and as vice president of Business Development for First Tennessee Bank, shared his motivation for success, "When running for a position in office, you are not running against somebody; you need to be running for something." West enjoyed learning from speaker Jim Haslam, founder and Chairman of the Board for Pilot Corporation. "Haslam's discussion on personal leadership was the most motivational for me." When Haslam founded Pilot Corporation in 1958, it was only a small family business. Currently, the company has grown to become North America's largest operator of travel centers in 43 states and six Canadian provinces. For West, Haslam's discussion "reinforced the fact that you do not have to compromise your morals to be successful in business, even in tough times."

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change she would like to see. "I would like the honors program to become more mainstream and accessible to other students, which I think it has been doing. More students seem to be aware of it, and they need to be aware that they can join at any time given they meet the appropriate requirements." The requirement for someone already at the university is the completion of 30 hours with at least a 3.3 grade point average. "One thing I would like to see more of in the program is for Honors participants to maintain their involvement with the program even if they don't intend to graduate with University Honors. One of my favorite things about honors is the community. Some of my most favorite people in the world I met through honors," added Barber.