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Campus Wide News

GET A CLUE: Homecoming 2010

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On November 8th -12th, Freed-Hardeman University celebrated its 57th annual Homecoming. Homecoming is a time for the Freed-Hardeman student body and alumni to come together and support both the Lady Lion and Lion basketball teams. Students had several opportunities all week to support the Lions by participating in events such as Paint-It-Up, Fire-It-Up, Dodge-it-Up, and Pep-It-Up. The week's activities revolved around the theme, "Get A Clue," which was chosen by the Student Alumni Association. SAA was responsible for organizing and planning the main events. Students, Jessica Biby and Brennan Williams, are SAA's primary student sponsors. Melissa Seratt and Betsy Hesslerode serve as faculty sponsors.

For social clubs, Homecoming is not only a time to encourage Freed-Hardeman's basketball teams, but to compete in the different events. Beginning on Friday, November 5th and ending Sunday the 7th, each social club participated in Paint-It-Up by painting their own mural on the windows outside of Wallace-Gano dining hall. Painting for hours in the cold weather, the social clubs uniquely displayed their murals using this year's theme. Bradley Field, Junior Media Arts major and member of Gamma Tau Omega, enjoyed Paint-It-Up, despite the low temperatures. "Spending most of my weekend listening to music and socializing with my friends while painting GTO's mural was a lot of fun and definitely worth all of the hard

work." This year, Chi Beta Chi was awarded first place for Paint-It-Up.

Fire-It-Up, the first official event of Homecoming week, exemplified FHU's spirit and unity. On Monday night, students gathered together to cheer for the members of the FHU Lion and Lady Lion basketball teams. After the players' names were announced, the teams' captains and coaches lit the ceremonial bonfire. For Meg Edwards, Junior Marketing

Lindsay Smith, Public Relations major, loved this event. "I enjoyed watching social clubs compete and especially seeing each teams' costumes." The final championship was held on Saturday during half time of the FHU Lion's basketball game.

Rev-It-Up, a soap-box car race, was conducted on Thursday morning, November 11th, directly following chapel. Club members crafted a unique soap-box car, which they raced down University Street between the Sports Center and the boys' dorms. The winner of Rev-It-Up was Xi Chi Delta. On Thursday night, "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," a play directed by faculty member Cliff Thompson, opened in Loyd Auditorium. Described as a "screwball" comedy, "Murders" featured students such as Hannah Hoyt, Jonathan Glass, and Jessica Johnson. Lisa Humes, Sophomore Public Relations major, thought the play was brilliant. "The acting was spot on; the physical comedy was perfect for the era, and the storyline had you trying to figuring out 'whodunnit' before the cast did." Thompson's play served as the inspiration for this year's Homecoming theme.

Friday night, all students were invited to Freed-Hardeman's Homecoming banquet, where the Homecoming king, Ray Baker, and queen, Jennifer Savage, were crowned. Junior class representatives were Colton Shannon and Jessie Hatfield. Sophomore

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major and member of Theta Nu, Fire-It-Up was her favorite event of the week. Edwards believes that "Homecoming is a great way for all of Freed-Hardeman to show school spirit," and Fire-It-Up was a great way for everyone to show support for the school. On Tuesday night, social clubs competed in Dodge-It-Up, a new event to Homecoming. Each team was judged on their standings in the tournament and the creativity of their costumes. Junior

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Students prepare to depart campus for a week

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As the ever coveted fourth Thursday in November grows closer, so does the anticipation on campus for this well deserved holiday break. Students and staff alike look forward to these days of family, friends, and food.

Unfortunately, these well-earned days off from school can sometimes be stressful. Relationships with parents, family members, and friends change when you go to college, and sometimes these reunions don't go as well as one would hope. With the end of the semester and final exams in the near future, it can be difficult to relax and enjoy the time off.

Many Freed-Hardeman students will be traveling home this break to places as far away as West Main Street to California and northern Maine.

Like most students, Senior Josh Caraway is excited at the prospect of spending sometime at home. "The first thing I'm going to do when I get home is kiss my momma on the forehead, give my old man a pat on the back, and watch as much football as possible

with my dog, Copper." For many students, trips home can often be a mix of emotions. Some college students are thoroughly frustrated by coming home to rules after all the freedom of being away. Parents may become frustrated by children who are "just not the same anymore." There is a certain amount of negotiation that has to go on as an adult relationship between parents and their children develops. Breaks at home are much easier with good communication. Parents and students need to discuss rules, responsibilities, and changing expectations.

Students Memorie Stults and Rachael Smith are keyed up for this year's Iron Bowl. The Stults' and Smith's, like many families, have decided to spend their Thanksgivings gathered around the television cheering on their favorite sports teams, while Freshman Laura Finch, says she really just wants to sleep. Sleep seems to be in the top five must dos for many Freedies during this holiday break.

Finch will also be attending a youth rally at her church in Indiana. Thanksgiving

break is also a good time to reconnect with your church. Freshman, Alyssa Sturgill, "I miss the family atmosphere of my home congregation. The older women at my church have been like grandmothers to me. I can't wait to get home and spend time with them."

Most students, when asked, admitted that they would most likely not be spending much time preparing for finals week during break. "Probably not any getting ready for finals, but I will be working on two projects I have due the week after break," says Junior, Katelyn Brown. "Once I get back I study and read through my notes some, but I don't confine myself to my room and studying." Another student, Hannah Duke, tells her plan for the week before finals, "I'll be at the library a lot, but I have to find something fun to do otherwise I just get too stressed and won't retain anything I'm studying."

Whether you spend your break at home with friends and family or traveling, Thanksgiving break is a great time to catch up some much needed rest and relaxation.

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Thursday
Nov 18



58° Mostly
31° Sunny
10%prec.

Friday
Nov 19



64° Sunny
38° Sunny
0%prec.

Saturday
Nov 20



68° Sunny
43° Sunny
0%prec.

Sunday
Nov 21



71° Partly
49° Cloudy
10%prec.

Monday
Nov 22



70° Mostly
52° Cloudy
20%prec.

Tuesday
Nov 23



69° Showers
41° Showers
40%prec.

Wednesday
Nov 24



63° Showers
38° Showers
40%prec.

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RAY BAKER & JENNIFER SAVAGE

Freed-Hardeman Homecoming King Ray Baker and Homecoming Queen Jennifer Savage were crowned at the Homecoming Banquet and presented before the basketball games on Saturday.

...REV it up...



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Throughout the week, many exciting events take place during the Homecoming celebration, including Rev-it-up! Rev-it-up is an important event to determine which social club will win the Homecoming trophy! Many people on campus enjoy watching the race and look forward to it every year. Student Katelyn Brown stated, "I always love seeing the different cars, and how they are painted and designed by the clubs, it's so fun to see everyone's work in action."

After chapel on Thursday, November 11, faculty and students headed outside to watch the cars of the various social clubs race down the hill of University Street.

This year Theta Nu had some bad luck! They built a car for Rev-it-up, but unfortunately it did not have steering or brakes, so they were unable to take part in the competition. However, many Theta Nu members still came out to show their love and support for the other clubs!

Chi Beta Chi had a bright purple car with yellow highlights. However, it wasn't able to roll down the hill on its own. Nevertheless, it made it to the bottom with some help from some Chi Beta boys.

Phi Kappa's sleek black car successfully rolled down the hill, but couldn't match the speed of the other three clubs.

Gamma Tau Omega's green car with pink and blue wheels rolled merrily down the hill, containing a happy Mr. Garvis Semore. It was undoubtedly the biggest car in the event.

Sigma Rho's "mystery machine" glided smoothly to the bottom of the hill, gaining a well deserved second place.

Xi Chi Delta's stunning knight-rider earned first place! Preston Pinson skillfully drove XCD's car quickly down the hill, impressing everyone who was watching.

This event was definitely enjoyed by everyone who took their time to watch after chapel before rushing to Gano to eat. Overall, this important event of FHU Homecoming 2010 was a shining success.



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...PAINT it up...

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Paint It Up is first to be completed and probably the most 'seen' of all the Homecoming events. Parents, alumni, staff, and students all pass by the huge glass windows in front of Wallace-Gano Cafeteria where the murals are painted.

As always, a sketch of each club's idea had to be submitted and approved before the work could begin. Students started painting on Thursday, November 4 and continued through Sunday, November 7. It was amazing to see some of Freed-Hardeman's best talent working, literally, side-by-side.

Requirements for each painting include: this year's homecoming theme, "Get A Clue;" our mascot, the lion; every social club; Freed-Hardeman; the Homecoming play; and alumni. Students were to incorporate all of these things into their murals, which were judged accordingly.



Each club had a different spin on the theme.

So much hard work was put into Paint It Up, but in the end everyone agrees the work was worth it. Everyday of Homecoming week people have been standing in front of Gano, staring in awe at the artwork and picking out their personal favorite.

The judges agreed and the members of Chi Beta Chi are the proud winners of Paint It Up for Homecoming 2010. Their mural grabbed everyone's attention with its dramatic, cool colors, jazzy tone, and old-school mystery feel. Located on the very end window, nearest Old Main, XBX really stood out from the competition.

Even though the windows will be washed this week, the memory of 2010's Paint It Up will live on in the photographs, hearts, and minds of all those who saw and experienced the art.



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...PEP it up...

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If you had thought about sleeping in this past Saturday morning, your efforts would have been in vain come 9:15 a.m. when the roar of hundreds of FHU students and fans filled the commons for the annual "Pep it Up" pep rally for the men and women's basketball teams.

In attendance were not only FHU social club members, but also on-looking alumni, other students, fans, community members, coaches, parents, and players from both teams. The weather was less than desirable for the event, being cold and rainy the majority of the time, however the six different social clubs were still able to show their FHU spirit to the crowd and teams by their maroon and gold costumes, posters, and banners.

Typically in the past, there is a spirit leader showdown during "Puff it Up," the girl's powderpuff football game. But since there was no such football competition, the spirit leader showdown was to be performed during the "Pep it Up" event.

The spirit leader showdown involves the social club gentlemen dressing up as lady cheerleaders to show off their best FHU spirit to a panel of judges, usually the Chester County High School cheerleading squad.

After setting up the mats for the showdown, the first club performed their cheer and were beginning to get ready for the dance part of their routine when the rain really started to come down. Not only would their

music not work, but the mats were becoming soaked and therefore too slippery to perform on. Because of safety issues, SAA and other members of the Homecoming Committee decided to cancel the spirit leader showdown competition, much to the dismay of the social clubs and the audience.

There has been uncertainty among students as to why the competition could not just be moved to another location or done elsewhere, but nonetheless club officers and members who spent multiple hours working hard on their routines, not to mention money spent on costumes, were very disappointed by the decision to cancel the showdown. "We had practiced well over five hours for the competition."

And so many of our club's members had worked hard on getting our costumes ready, not to mention the time spent choreographing our routines and getting the music right. It was just a big disappointment for a lot of people," said Michael Hill, a member of the Theta Nu spirit leader showdown squad.

Phi Kappa came away with the win for Pep it Up, as they made sure to keep moving and shouting until the event concluded in their original theme of "firemen."

Overall, the annual pep rally was, as always, an encouragement to the FHU basketball teams before their big Homecoming games.



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...FIRE it up...

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Fire-it-Up was by far the hottest event of Homecoming 2010. If you still smell smoke when walking near Sewell or beside BK, do not be alarmed. It is only the remains of the bonfire pep rally to kick off Homecoming 2010. In a mirror of Midnight Madness, Bradley Field introduced the Lions and Lady Lions. The seniors Whitney Johnson, Meribeth Boehler, Ken Bingham, Cedric Austin, Brian Pearson, Vincent Barns, and Jesse Moulton were given the privilege of initiating the flame while Student Alumni Association members stood by to squelch any flames tempted to travel away from the pile of wooden pallets to the branches dangling over the flames.

"Unlike last year, Fire It Up 2010 was more like an old school bonfire pep rally - a change that I really loved," quoted Ryan Davis, the SAA member in charge of Fire-it-Up this year. "Thanks go out to the cheerleaders, players, Coach Shelton for getting everyone excited all over again about being Freed-Hardeman students and about supporting our sports teams. Also, special thanks to the tree for not catching on fire..."

The crowds, consisting predominately of social club members and athletes, cheered along as the cheerleaders led some cheers and listened to Coach Shelton's speech, SAA member Abby Rutherford's favorite part. "He always gets me fired up to watch the Lions play basketball." Jessica Biby also commented, "I really liked Coach Shelton's motivational speech. I told someone that I felt like we were in a movie and then he said his quote came from the movie Hoosiers!"

Fire-it-Up is a relatively new event in the Homecoming activities and the only event not a competition between the social clubs; however, it is still a challenge for each club. Beginning at 9:00, social clubs had to take role in an attempt to have at least 75% of their roster present for the evening's activities. Each club that had all 75% present grew now 50 points closer to winning the Homecoming trophy after the men's basketball game Saturday.



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...DODGE it up...

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"Just remember the five D's of dodgeball: 'Dodge', 'Duck', 'Dip', 'Dive', and...'Dodge.' This is a quote from the 2004 movie 'Dodgeball' that all six social clubs participating in the first ever F-H-U Homecoming Dodge-It-Up had to keep in mind this past Tuesday night.

Phi Kappa Alpha president, Carter England, believes the reason PKA was able to play (and win) in the championships on Saturday, was because they often remembered the Dodgeball quote and used an "old PKA adage we've used as our motto this year for dodgeball: 'Ain't

nothin' to it but to do it.'" Junior, Becca Bourne commented, "playing in the dodgeball tournament was fun. I really enjoyed how all the teams got into it and were competitive. It's an honor to be a part of this team and to represent my club in the championship game." Austin Painter, Theta Nu's president said about the game, "Dodgeball was the most intense environment I have been in for a competition in a long time. I think every club enjoyed it more than Hoop It Up. The teams were a little more evenly matched up and everyone did great!" Sigma

Rho's, Julie Bracknell laughed as she recalled, "I was wondering why they would pick a soccer player to play dodgeball." Bracknell went on to say, "Everyone was yelling for me to kick the ball and when a guy from GTO kicked one at me, I got all excited and asked the ref if that was legal... It wasn't." Saturday during half time of the Lion's basketball game, the Phi Kappa Bulldogs triumphed over the Knights of Xi Chi Delta in the Dodge It Up championship game. Overall, Dodge It Up was a huge success and each club demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.



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Clubs tailgate before the big game

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The Freed-Hardeman student body did not let the rain dampen their spirits for the last homecoming event of the week. Students showed up in full force to represent their beloved social clubs during tailgating, which took place before the boys and girls basketball games. Each club claimed an area on the Sports Center lawn and took the opportunity to display their trophies, boast about their accomplishments, and show off club unity. The clubs did all while welcoming and entertaining homecoming guests.

Sigma Rho, who won first place award in tailgating, dressed up for the occasion and passed out candy coated sunflower seeds, FHU flags, and stickers.

Chi Beta Chi offered tailgaters a chance to throw paint at a cardboard lion. Gamma Tau Omega planned a Clue-like game based on the kidnapping of the famed fictional Freed Hardeman student, Ali Dodd, while the younger kids played Who Took the Cookie from the Cookie Jar. Xi Chi Delta wore black and white and handed out Hershey kisses and stickers.

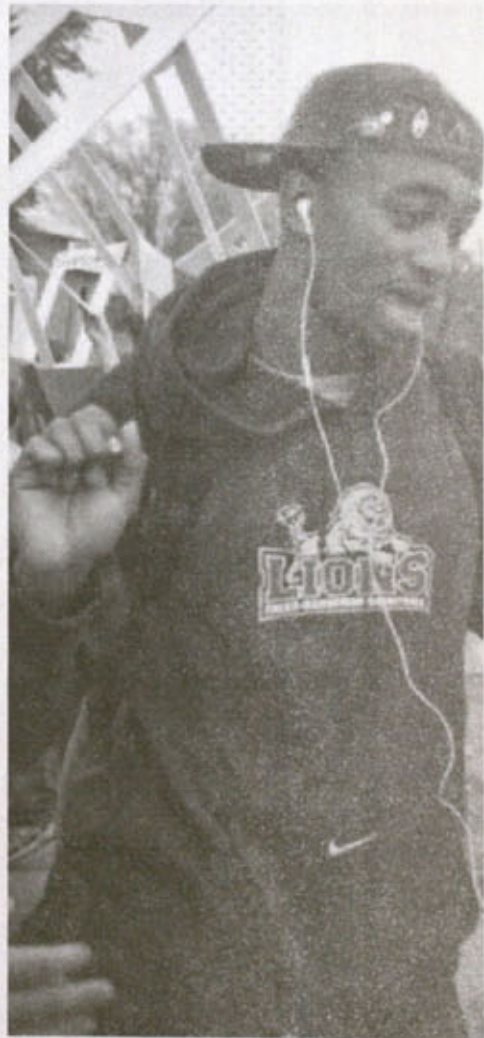
Theta Nu had a beanbag toss and gave out stickers, and Phi Kappa Alpha passed out stickers and provided guests with the opportunity to play a game of corn hole.

In addition to the club contributions, there were pony rides, a petting zoo with variety of animals that could be fed for \$1, and several

bouncy houses.

Also, author and Freed Hardeman alumna, Annalisa Daughety, held a meet and greet and book signing.

No matter what your age, tailgating had something to offer for everyone.



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Failure to Communicate ...Properly

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Basically every person I know communicates via Facebook and text messaging. It is a sad fact that our generation has fallen victim to extremely impersonal forms of communication.

Both of these tools can be useful, especially in long-distance relationships, but they have become a cover for many relationships today.

People use Facebook as a way of talking to people they cannot seem to bring themselves to speak to in person.

Text messaging saves you from having to articulate your actual feelings. A simple "lol" or "haha" can mask any emotion. Everyone needs to be conscious of the effect technology has on communication and using it at your discretion.

Text messaging can be extremely convenient. Sending out a mass text to tell your friends about a movie night or reminding them about an intramural game is easy and efficient. However, people need to be aware that when you send text messages

the emotions you are trying to convey are not always understood. It can be extremely difficult to understand when someone is trying to be funny or serious when all you have to interpret is a few lines of tiny text.

Another thing to be conscious of is the fact that not everyone enjoys text messaging. It may be convenient for you, but it can be a huge annoyance for another person.

This is especially directed toward iPhone users. Nothing is more obnoxious than receiving a text message and then receiving several more from the same person on the same topic.

Not everyone has streaming text on their phone and it gets a little out of hand when you cannot reply to one text for getting another.

Not everyone wants to dedicate their lives to typing on a tiny keyboard. Maybe try

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Finding Balance in Communication

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It is finally time for a long deserved break for all of us students.

While we are going to be at home relaxing with our families there are some things that us guys need to keep in mind.

Guys, if there is a special lady that you have been talking to but now you must part your ways for a week, please take a minute to read this article.

There are two grave mistakes that you can make when on break and you are missing your lady.

The first is the mistake of trying to talk to her too much or excessively. This can come in the form of texting, Facebooking, or calling. Women are sometimes hard to figure out, but the one thing that is always clear is that women like space.

I believe that space is needed in any relationship and especially in a relationship that has not even begun.

Gentlemen, let the girl breathe. If you want to really talk to her, hear her voice, or make sure she is not flirting with someone

from home, well trust her.

A girl finds it very unattractive when a guy cannot seem to stop getting a hold of her.

When on break, take a break. I am not saying do not talk to her at all, but guys relax and let her relax.

A girl will be very thankful when she knows that you are not clingy, needy, jealous, overprotective, but that you still enjoy talking to her.

I cannot give you an exact layout of how you should go about talking to your lady, but I can say that letting her breathe and spacing out when you get a hold of her will benefit you a lot more than just having a good break at home.

However, the other end of this spectrum is that you don't ever talk to the girl you like while on break. Some guys have the mind set that if the girl wants to talk to them she will text them.

This is wrong. A girl is not meant to initiate the contact for that is old-fashioned.

POLITICS, ETC.

I'm a Pacifist, Not a Passivist

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My mother and father probably don't know this, but they raised my brother and me to be pacifists. I remember my parents denouncing the grossness and immorality of violence and warfare throughout my childhood and teenage years. They taught Patrick and me the beauty of giving time and money to the less fortunate, cross-cultural understanding and exposure, and peace-making. Granted, Pat and Roderick did tell us it was okay to "defend" ourselves at school, but overall, they instilled within their two sons the solid practice of human dignity and kindness.

I decided to become a pacifist around age fourteen, after years of internalizing my parents' message of nonviolence. With the United States fighting two wars in two different countries, while standing on the brink of conflict in countless others, nonviolence is not the most popular option. I am friends with wonderful people who I totally disagree with on issues of war and violence (friends who are much more intelligent, cultured, and well-traveled than myself).

These friends often bring up the scenario of an "enemy" invading "my" home and "violating" someone I love. After coming up with such an original and creative scenario (actually completely plagiarized and sterile), the friend often says, "So Broderick, would

you just let the enemy violate your loved one?" Usually, I don't give the person the pleasure of an answer. As we are all aware, there are no simple solutions to complex circumstances. What I do know is this: Love does not defend itself or others. Love sacrifices itself for others.

The greatest martyrs we know never laid a hand on anyone. The greatest martyrs we know died as courageous practitioners of nonviolence. They were not passive in any sense of the word. Martyrs are peaceful agitators of the status quo who are ready to offer their bodies as a witness of justice and love. Martyrs are anything but passive. Martyrs are people of great moral strength who are willing to a high cost for beautiful and peaceful world.

My friend James is fond of saying, "The seed that blooms into justice will always be planted by those who embrace peace." Embracing peace is not a passive process. It takes time, prayer, negotiation, frustration, patience, tears, rejection, and ridicule. I'm sure if practitioners of the modern nonviolent tradition could talk (Dorothy Day, Mohandas Ghandi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Desmond Tutu, César Chávez), they would testify that peace really is a challenge. There is no doubt in my mind that they would also give witness to the truth that peace is a challenge worth pursuing.

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Pro-Life & Gun Rights not Mutually Exclusive

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The Constitution of the United States of America unmistakably grants the right and freedom to bear arms. The second amendment was further defined as an individual right in the conclusion of the Supreme Court case D.C. vs. Heller that took place in 2008. The question of "gun rights" is not a question at all. It's been answered, and has been and will continue to be more defined as lawsuits are brought against cities that have anti-gun ordinances.

While some may say that guns are inherently evil, they are wrong. Guns are amoral. They are tools, no more—no less. Guns are as good as or as bad as the person behind the trigger. Irresponsibility, abuses, and illegal uses of firearms are not the gun's fault, but rather the owner and user of the gun. To say that people who observe proper safety measures and practice responsible usage of firearms are pro-death is an insult to responsible gun

owners everywhere. Furthermore, should the second amendment be circumvented as it was (and ostensibly still is) in Washington D.C., such measures only take firearms out of responsible users' hands while leaving them in the hands of the thugs and criminals that use them to commit crimes. There is a reason why D.C. is referred to as murder capital, while possessing a high rate of gun crime and homicides—because a gun bearing criminal never has to worry that whoever he mugs might be carrying one as well.

I am a gun enthusiast. I support the right to hunt and the right to defend oneself. I make no excuses for that. However, I also know the value and the sanctity of human life. Not everyone holds that value. Not everyone is nonviolent at heart. It is for that reason—the reason of self-defense—that gun rights should not be restricted to law-abiding private citizens.



SHANNON in EUROPE

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Well, its officially over. I have been back in the states a little over a week, and my time gallivanting around Europe is complete. I guess the logical thing to do in this article would be to reflect on my times in Europe, but that will probably just make me sad and miss it even more than I already do.

I was lucky to be able to visit campus last weekend during Homecoming. I arrived on Thursday night and saw the play (which was amazing and if you missed it, shame on you) and then started the joyous times of reconnecting with long lost friends. It was actually quite a bit more overwhelming than I anticipated.

It was great to see all my friends and people that I have missed, but being on campus and still being a student but technically not living here, was a weird experience.

I bummed around and stayed on random friend's couches, floors and sometimes stealing their beds, but never had a place where I could go that was actually my own.

Like normally when it was nap time (around 2 or 3 p.m.), I would be able to just go to my room and crash when I am on campus, but I had to rely on the graciousness of my hosts this weekend so my nap time was significantly afflicted. It was like I belonged and was a student, but at the same time I was a visitor to campus. This campus is not my home. At least, not until January.

Until then, I will be leading the exciting life of a Demos' server and day care extraordinaire. Even though its been a week or so, it still feels like at any moment I should

be getting on a train to go somewhere else, or at least on a train to return to the facility in Verviers.

Getting to see my friends this weekend, specifically my Europe trip friends was such a tease. I think it will eventually hit me, maybe my first day of work, that sadly, I am not returning to Europe. Or at least not returning anytime before May (Graduation cannot come fast enough!).

Someone suggested that I talk about how all these European adventures have changed my life and made me such a different person (say that in a pretentious yet sarcastic tone of course) but I just don't have anything exciting like that to say.

I can tell I am different, I know that my life from here on out will be different, but I can't describe that feeling to you guys in words.

All I know is that I believe the majority of my life will be spent trying to save money and find ways back to Europe, or at least back to traveling to new and exciting places.

A friend of mine who graduated called me last week and asked what my plans are after graduation. Well, I don't even have a roommate or place to live next semester, so clearly my post-grad life is just as unplanned. She suggested buying a plane ticket and just going somewhere and seeing what happens.

All that sounds great to me, but if this trip has assured anything in me, it's that I want to just keep up this spontaneity, pretty much the rest of my life if that's alright.

Things I have not missed about Europe so far: no free refills, no free bathrooms.



freshman fifteen. Finals Countdown

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As everyone is aware, Thanksgiving break starts this weekend! It's not a secret around here. I know that a lot of students probably haven't been home in a while, maybe not at all since move in day back in August. Nonetheless, I know that everyone is pumped to have a break. On more of a somber note, finals week is on the horizon as well. I know, I know it's too early to think about finals, but is it really too early?

To be blunt, tests and assignments frustrate me. Especially when they're thrown into the mix with club activities, laundry, sleep deprivation and social life. Tests are a part of life though and since tests are a part of life, here are a few suggestions on how we can go into finals week with a level head:

1.)Get the proper amount of sleep. There was a study done in 2007 by the American College Health Association that found that only forty percent of college students feel well rested only two days of

the week. Hopefully by this point, we have learned to appreciate sleep.

2.)Study. Imagine walking into the classroom on test day knowing that you studied well. One thing I hate is sitting in my chair having to take deep breaths, hoping that it will somehow cure my ignorance of the material. Maybe you, like me, have come to learn that this doesn't work, so let's try this studying thing.

3.)Have confidence. How many times, before a test, have you repeatedly told yourself how badly you're going to fail? Yeah, I've been there too and it isn't fun. I believe that if we follow the first two suggestions—Sleep and study—we can have the confidence that we need.

We're all busy and have our own junk, but just consider the words of Shaggy: "No matter how you're sad and blue, there's always someone who has it worse than you. Sometimes you gotta pay your dues, so don't worry just push on through."





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Controversy. I'm not sure if there is a better word to describe the institution we know as college football.

Whether it be about the BCS playoffs, recruiting issues, agent issues, or whether non-BCS schools deserve a shot at the national title.

I don't really want to weigh in on all that individually, but talk about it as a whole.

Think about every other sport, whether college or professional.

How many of them have as much talk about controversy or chaos as college football?

Each sport has their own issues, but I don't think any other sport has so much right and so much wrong all at the same time.

College football is the biggest cash cow, but there are so many kinks in the process.

In the next few years, there will be a lot of stuff I think that will come out, just like the Steroid Era of baseball.

Baseball overlooked the ugly to experience success, and I think college football has done the same in overlooking the ugliness.

To me, part of the beauty of college football is the controversy, but sometimes it is just stressful.

The games suffer sometimes because of the news surrounding the game, players, or the match-ups (especially during bowl season).

All in all, you have to just take the bad with the good if you are going to be a true college football fan.



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Both teams taste victory during homecoming

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After an awesome week of bonfires, soapbox racing, and plenty of other campus activities made possible through the spectacular hard work and dedication of numerous student organizations, the "main event" came Saturday afternoon when the Lions took on Lee University and the Lady Lions played Milligan College.

First, the Lady Lions pulled a strong win over Milligan College early Saturday afternoon in front of the incredible and faithful crowd that came out for Homecoming weekend.

Thanks to several incredible three-point shots, the Lady Lions pulled ahead late in the game with less than ten minutes on the clock, putting on a great display of prowess early in the young season.

Hannah Parsley put on a show by providing a number of the team's last-minute three-pointers, accumulating a fantastic 22-point tally for the match. FHU struck up a sixteen-point lead over Milligan early in the second half, but that lead passed between the two teams more than once during the rest of the game.

However, the Lady Lions made it their own in the final minutes of play, starting with a few successful free throws by Whitney Johnson. In the end the Lady Lions pulled ahead with a decisive 80-72 victory, preparing now to enter the Jackson Rotary Classic, which begins this Thursday, November 18th at Union University.

Later that afternoon the FHU Lions posted a win over Lee University that was not only an

impressive win for the beginning of the season, but also a perfect end to what has been a wonderful Homecoming week.

The Lions had an impressive 40-20 scoring record in the latter half of the game, thanks in part to the Lions improving their game after halftime.

Going into halftime, the Lions barely held the lead of 50-47, but with a little over twelve minutes left in the game their lead increased to 71-54. Although Lee University started off strong with a 63 percent shooting record, they dropped dramatically to 27 percent in the second half.

The FHU Lions stayed consistent, with a 65 percent shooting record in the first half that only came down to 50 percent in the second half.

Kyle Teichmann, Cedric Austin, Austin Sampson, and Anthony Sampson all posted respectable numbers for the team. With a final score of 90-67, their win was more than respectable considering their history with this opponent.

Over the past few seasons FHU has had close games against Lee University, many of which went into overtime.

Next on the calendar will be the Lion's first away game at William Carey University this Thursday, November 18th.

Special thanks goes out to everyone that came out and supported the teams, as well as all of the other great homecoming events this week.

Also, thanks to those who put in so much hard work to make this week possible.

Basketball

LION GAMES

- 18 6:00pm @ William Carey
- 23 7:00pm @ Lindsey Wilson
- 26 5:00pm vs. Tougaloo College
- 27 2:00pm vs. McKendree U.

LADY LION GAMES

- 18 7:00pm vs. Azusa Pacific
- 19 9:00pm vs. Vanguard U.
- 20 5:00pm vs. Oklahoma Baptist
- 23 5:00pm vs. Columbia College

VOLLEYBALL WINS TRANSOUTH CONFERENCE

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Last week a champion was crowned at the Transouth Conference volleyball tournament. The championship banner was brought to Smith Kirk Court in anticipation of presenting it to the tournament winner.

At roughly 3:00 pm on Wednesday, the banner was hung over the stairway at the entrance to the Sports Center, and there it will remain.

The Freed-Hardeman Lady Lions swept the conference tournament, defeating all four of their opponents. This included a victory over Bethel once in the quarterfinals and again in the finals.

The opening round pitted the number two seed Lady Lions up against the Scots of Lyon College. The first two sets were closer than desired. FHU gained a narrow victory of 25-22 in the first set and the Scots took the second set with a score 21-25.

However, in the third set FHU posted an amazing attack percentage of .419, winning the third set 25-15 and finishing off the Scots in the fourth set, 25-18.

The win over Lyon College gave the Lady Lions the rest of Monday off, waiting to play the Wildcats of

Bethel at 9:00 pm on Tuesday.

The break proved helpful because the Lady Lions easily defeated the Lady Wildcats in three straight sets, the only sweep in the tourney for FHU. Defense was the key to this victory, with the Lady Lions holding TSAC Player of the Year Thaise Viera to only 5 kills, while FHU posted 11.5 total blocks. The scores of the sets were 25-21, 25-21, and 25-15.

By defeating Bethel, the Lady Lions were forced to take on the regular season champions, the Union Bulldogs. In the regular season the teams swapped wins; FHU winning first in Jackson, then the Lady Bulldogs coming to Henderson and beating the Lady Lions after trailing two sets to zero.

Things looked fantastic in the first two sets, with FHU pulling ahead with victories of 25-18 and 25-20. Union came roaring back winning the third set 22-25. Two Sydney Rice aces helped the Lady Lions pull ahead in the end, winning the fourth set 25-19.

This was only the second conference loss suffered by Union, both coming against FHU.

Wednesday was a big day for Bethel, who narrowly escaped from Union.

However, the Wildcats had no answer for the dynamic duo of Fernanda Ferreira and Sydney Rice who combined for 25 kills, leading the Lady Lions to their second straight conference tournament title, and their third title in four years.

The first set was a good one for Bethel fans, as the Lady Wildcats won 19-25, but the joy was short lived, for Freed-Hardeman woke up and rallied through the next three sets, winning 25-21, 25-16, and 25-14.

Throughout the tournament FHU lost only three sets, winning a combined total of twelve, and winning each set by an average of 4.1 points.

Sydney Rice, Sanda Montoya, and Fernanda Ferreira were named to the all-tournament team. Ferreira was also named the tournament MVP.

While most of the student body travels home this weekend the Lady Lions will roll into St. Charles, MO to face Lindenwood University in the opening round of the NAIA national tournament.

final say

Digging Deeper airs on FHn

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Each semester at Freed-Hardeman University there are always new shows that air on the school television network. Among those is one called *Digging Deeper*. So what is the show and what is it about? *Digging Deeper* is a show simply about biblical matters.

Since Freed-Hardeman is a Christian university, it makes sense for shows on the school network to have something to do with biblical studies or things of a biblical nature.

Digging Deeper was started by Michael Galloway, a student at FHU. The format of the show is question and answer. The idea, according to Galloway, is for students to submit questions to be answered during the show. When asked what the purpose of the show is, Galloway's answer was to teach God's word on the FHU campus.

Galloway said that he saw the need for a Bible program on the FHU network and wanted to begin something to further God's word. He also said that running this program will give him great experience in the field.

Obviously, Galloway will be the one coordinating the show, but it takes more than one person to produce a show such as this one. Bradley Field will be doing the graphic design, and David Dominique will be doing the

filming and editing. Professor Forrest Doddington will be overseeing the production, and Professor Stan Mitchell will be advising the producers on biblical content.

So, when should viewers be expecting *Digging Deeper* to air on the FHU network? Galloway said that the show should start this week, but to keep the show moving along, it is important to have help from students.



JESSICA PHILLIPS • The Bell Tower Student Michael Galloway starts Bible based FHn show, *Digging Deeper*.

Anyone can submit a question on the wall of the Facebook group *Digging Deeper* or in an email to Michael Galloway at michael.galloway@students.fhu.edu. Galloway's hope is that the show will catch on with the student body and that students will be eager to participate.

When asked whether or not he would watch the show, Seth Stewart, a student at FHU, said,

"Absolutely I would watch the show. I'm a senior at FHU, and there hasn't been a show like this one since I've been here. It's a great idea, and I hope everyone else watches it, too!"

Digging Deeper begins this week on the FHU television network. For show times, check channel two on FHN or check the Facebook group, *Digging Deeper*.

Correction.

In the previous issue of The Bell Tower, Heather Johnson was credited with the authorship of the article titled "Campus Wide Trick or Treat." The correct author is Rachel Tidwell.

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actually calling or talking face-to-face with someone if you need to have a whole conversation. Facebook is an extremely abused means of communication. Sending a happy birthday note or having a fun wall-to-wall with someone is fine, but there is really no need to pour your heart out via Facebook chat or a message. If you have that much trouble articulating yourself in person, then you should probably start practicing now because in the real world, your boss or spouse will not accept Facebook messages. If you like

someone, Facebook chat is not the best way to express yourself or flirt with someone, especially when you are unable to bring yourself to talk to someone in person. It is unhealthy to hide behind a computer screen. If you like someone, like them in person. It might be cute at first, but after a while you either need to grow up and talk to them or give it up until you have matured enough. Facebook can be good, but it can also make you look pathetic, so make your decisions wisely. Since we are about to go on our first long break, all the new relationships are sure to be tested by distance. I'm sure the temptation will be there to text everyone every five

minutes or stalk Facebook waiting for them to get online, but in all actuality that is probably not a good idea. If you happen to be online at the same time, it would be okay to say hello, but there is no need to incessantly talk to someone. Enjoy the time apart and use it to see how you feel. If you spend your entire break miserably wishing someone else was there with you, you will be wasting it. Take time to enjoy Thanksgiving with your family and rest up for the last part of the semester. Use technology wisely. It's okay to keep in touch, but be careful not to seem clingy or pathetic and not to become dependent on technology to communicate.

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class representatives were Lee Hagewood and Jessica Ashley, and Freshman class representatives were Harley Pope and Amber Alexander.

On Saturday morning, November 13th, students gathered in the commons to participate in Pep-It-Up. Social clubs competed based on their FHU-themed costumes and enthusiasm while cheering for the Lion and Lady Lion basketball teams. The Spirit Leader Showdown was planned to occur during this event, but because of the rain SAA was forced to end Pep-It-Up early. For Kelcie Willis, senior Biology major and active member of Chi Beta Chi, Pep-It-Up was a great way to support FHU. "I loved dressing up and cheering with my social club.

It's my last year to do Homecoming, so this year really meant a lot to see everyone having both school spirit and club spirit at the same time." After cheering, clubs made their way down to the Sports Center to create a tunnel for the basketball players, leading them in to the court. Since Pep-It-Up ended earlier than planned, students had more time to participate in Tailgating, a competition for social clubs that took place outside of the Sports Center, before the Lions basketball game. Each social club had a separate tent featuring different activities to involve alumni and visitors on FHU's campus. Junior Social Work major and member of Sigma Rho, Nikki Pointer, enjoyed Tailgating. "It was a great opportunity to meet alumni and discuss what I love about Freed-Hardeman." The winner of Tailgating this year was

Sigma Rho. There was a great turn out for both games on Saturday. The Lady Lions had a victory, beating Milligan College 80-72. FHU Lions played and beat Lee University with the final score 90 to 67. During half time, the final Dodge-It-Up championship was held, with Phi Kappa Alpha winning Dodge-It-Up, earning them the most accumulated points during Homecoming.

Despite unfortunate circumstances on Saturday, this year's Homecoming was a huge success. Gamma Tao Omega, the club awarded with the most Homecoming spirit, exemplified the true meaning of Freed-Hardeman. According to Smith, "it was a time for the student body, faculty and alumni to get closer. The family aspect was a lot stronger during Homecoming week. I'm really glad I participated this year!"

Letter to the Editor

A Response to Broderick Greer's "Pro-What?"

I respectfully disagree with Broderick's column in the last issue of the Bell Tower - in brotherly love, of course. In it, he criticized a Tennessee candidate who closed his election speech with "I'm pro-life and pro-gun," saying that such a statement grossly contradicted itself. "Maybe he doesn't know that people use guns to take the lives of other people," wrote Broderick. "It isn't right for a person to tell such a believable lie."

What Broderick does not know, however, is that most people use guns to save the lives of other people. Only a very small minority of people use guns for malicious purposes. The rest of us have guns for protection (to save the lives of others) and recreation. I know of a number of Christians who even carry a gun on their person while attending church services. I myself can usually be found legally carrying a concealed handgun in public, because I wish to protect myself and others from harm. (I don't carry on school property, of course.) Is Broderick accusing me of being 'pro-death'?

Owning firearms and being "pro-life" go hand in hand. Don't believe me? Look at the numbers:

- Firearms prevent an estimated 2.5 million crimes a year; that's 6,849 crimes a day[1].

- During its gun ban that lasted from 1976 to 2008, Washington D.C. had a murder rate of 56.9 per 100,000. However, across the river in Arlington, Virginia, gun ownership was less restrictive; the murder rate was just 1.6 per 100,000[2].

- Less than 1% of firearms will ever be used to commit a crime[3].

- Every day, 550 rapes, 1,100 murders, and 5,200 other violent crimes are prevented just by showing a gun. In less than 0.9% of these instances is the gun actually fired[4].

- Countries with the strictest gun-control laws tend to have the highest homicide rates[5].

This is just a small sampling of overwhelming statistics which demonstrate that gun ownership tends to reduce crime. On one occasion, Jesus actually told His disciples to sell their cloak and buy a sword (Luke 22:36-38). Should Christians be people who take measures to protect the innocent? I believe they should. Being "pro-gun" is about preserving life and protecting our God-given right to defense.

When we go back and rationally examine the politician's statement, we must conclude that there is no contradiction. Supporting the rights of gun owners and being "pro-life" are complimentary issues.

Signed,
Ben Giselbach

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