

# The Bell Tower

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## Loan Fund Directors—

Eighteen members of the Board of Directors of the Ira and Avon North Student Loan Fund, Inc. met at David Lipscomb College to discuss fundraising plans for the 1984-85 period. Shown are bottom row, (left to right) Steve North, Jim Bill McInteer, Mrs. Avon North, Ernest Taylor and Jim Wilhite; second row, (left to right) Dr. K. Timothy North, Phillip North, Larry Roberts, Paul Rogers and Willard Collins; third row, (left to right) John Stevens, Dr. James Baird and Dr. Tony Adcock; top row, (left to right) Jerry Sherrill, J.D. Elliott, Gary Bartholomew, Forrest Durrett and Craig Ellis.

## North Loan Fund to Aid Students

A Nashville-based student loan fund has been established by the family of the late Dr. Ira North, minister, educator, author and civic leader.

The Ira and Avon North Student Loan Fund, Inc. was established to grant loans for "tuition . . . to qualified young people who are either members of the Church of Christ or whose parents are members of the Church of Christ and who desire a college or post-graduate education."

"The primary purpose shall be to help students attend Christian colleges, but for good cause, the Board may, in its discretion, approve other institutions for undergraduate or post-graduate education."

Mrs. Ira (Avon) North, their three sons and daughter, will serve as permanent executive directors of the Ira and Avon North Student Loan Fund, Inc.

Dr. North was a Church of Christ minister for 45 years and served for 32 years

as minister of the Madison Church of Christ, the largest congregation among the Churches of Christ.

His death from cancer on Jan. 15, 1984, came less than two months after he proposed in his last public sermon that a non-profit, tax-exempt organization be established to raise funds to be loaned to students seeking to further their education at a Christian college or university.

In response to Dr. North's proposal, the Springfield, TN Church of Christ has made the first contribution to the Ira and Avon North Student Loan Fund, Inc. Forrest Durrett and Jim Wilhite, members of the Springfield congregation, coordinated the fundraising campaign.

The North Family is encouraging elders of more than 11,000 congregations of the Church of Christ to authorize a special annual Sunday contribution on or near Aug. 31 (Dr. North's birthday) to collect funds for the student loan fund.

Serving with Mrs. North as executive directors of the loan fund are Nashville attorneys, Ira Steven North and Phillip L. North, Dr. K. Timothy North, Madison pediatrician, and Mrs. Dolley North Stevens, Abilene, Texas.

Willard Collins, president of David Lipscomb College, has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors. Jerry Sherrill, associate minister and business manager of the Madison Church of Christ, is executive secretary.

Seventeen other ministers, educators and businessmen from throughout the United States have been elected to one-, two- or three-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Freed-Hardeman College faculty member Dr. Tony Adcock has been named to this board.

Directors are Dr. John Stevens, chancellor, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas; Dr. James O. Baird, president, Oklahoma Christian College, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Dr. Gary Bartholomew, president, York College, York, Neb.; Dr. Clifton Ganus Jr., president, Harding University, Searcy, Ark.; and Dr. Larry Roberts, president, Northeastern Christian College, Villanova,

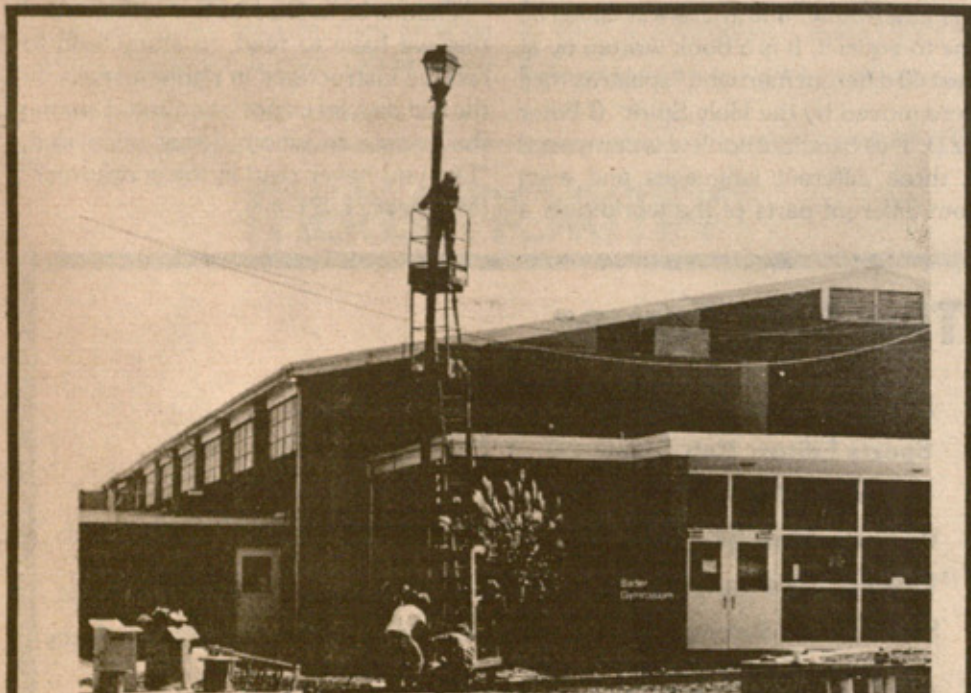
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Loans will be made at a low interest rate, and the proceeds from these loans will be paid directly to a Christian college or university for tuition, books and fees. Loans will be made only to students who are pursuing full-time education, maintaining academic standing, and making appropriate progress toward graduation.

Individuals, families and companies who wish to support the loan fund may send a check (payable to the fund) to the Ira and Avon North Student Loan Fund, P.O. Box 522, Madison, TN, 37116. Students who wish to apply for a loan from the fund should write to the same address.

Dr. North was a graduate of David Lipscomb College, Abilene Christian, the University of Illinois and Louisiana State University. He served as a professor of speech and Bible for 18 years at David Lipscomb. He was a member of the Goodpasture Christian School Board of Directors in Madison.

In addition to his pulpit ministry, Dr. North was founder and teacher of the "Amazing Grace Bible Class" telecast each week by stations from coast to coast.



### A Light unto Your Path—

Progress continued on completion of The Commons beautification this week as workmen installed lighting for the area.

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## Why is That the Rule

by Bobby McVey

"That's the rule; that's the rule; that's the rule," was the answer of the SAA in a skit during freshman orientation to the question of why F-HC has some of its rules. As uninformative as that answer is, it sounds as good as any I have heard in the last three years.

Some in the student body are of the opinion that we have certain rules so that they can be violated (i.e., rules are made to be broken.) At times this seems a very apparent reason for some of the pickier rules, apparent because of the lack of visible enforcement of these rules. Why aren't rules such as no sweats in the dining hall enforced more strictly? I don't know the answer, but I have heard that the enforcers think students are mature enough to stick to the guidelines so that rules shouldn't have to be strictly enforced. But if the students were that mature, the rule would be unnecessary. It obviously is necessary. I don't give the student body that much credit, so the administration can't be far behind in their estimation of our populace. That only brings us back to the original question of why some of the rules are not enforced. An answer would be helpful, if not needed.

Another stated reason for the types of rules in question is that we at Freed-Hardeman are trying to project a certain image for our society. (Oh no! Not another image problem.) The rules

that fall under this "image" category deal with shorts, beards, club jerseys, t-shirts, and other types of apparel. But our "collegiate or professional" image must not be that important to us if it can be so easily discarded on Thursdays and weekends, as is the case with jerseys and t-shirts. Are all visitors kept off campus during these unruly periods? They surely must be if our image is to be kept up to Freed-Hardeman standards. So, I ask, is this a valid reason for the rules we have that do not pertain to Biblical and moral standards?

An informal poll shows that the most perplexing new rule on campus is the one that voids the wearing of tank tops for outdoor athletic activities such as softball and soccer while making them acceptable for indoor sports. What is the practical use for this rule? It would seem to me that the situation should be reversed. Example: The temperatures outside are normally greater than they are indoors during the outdoor sports seasons. Isn't the purpose of the tank top to keep the user cool? I thought so. The rule does seem somewhat impractical.

The purpose of this editorial is not to get rules changed. It seeks the reasoning behind the rules that we have. If students heard a logical answer to the oft-asked question, "Why?" there would be less room for complaint aimed toward our rules.

### To the editor:

It has come to my attention and to the attention of a few other students at Freed-Hardeman that the Social Security numbers of the entire student body are on display in the Student Center. I am not sure how many students are aware of this "mistake," if that is what it can be called, but it seems to me that someone somewhere has made what could be a serious blunder. I personally do not care to have my Social Security number on display for all the world to see and use at their own whim. I am well aware that these numbers are used as Student Identification Numbers and that many persons already have access to my records through this number, but this is for administrative purposes.

While on this earth our Social Security numbers are one of our most vital links with the government, educational institutions and other facets of our lives; if you have a person's Social Security number, you have their life. It is not impossible or even improbable that someone could charge purchases to your account at the bookstore, or if they had the proper access, they could even tamper with your own personal records or account. If you have not been to the Student Center and marked through your number or removed it, it would not be a bad idea to do so immediately.

Sincerely,  
David Florida

### To the editor:

Well... let's tear up the "Commons"... pull up the shrubs... and peel off the grass. A letter [editorial] appeared in the Sept. 20 issue of "The Bell Tower" saying that F-HC believes it can solve its problems by pouring concrete and building buildings.

I do not know what problems he [the writer] is talking about, but I know some problems it did solve... All of those "moon craters" in front of Bader Gym are now gone.

I could take much more space and challenge his thoughts, but I can

spend my time doing more profitable things. I am happy to be on the bandwagon to help F-HC become a better place. Instead of criticizing the "wagon," why not jump on and enjoy the ride. Sure, the road may be rough at times, but I see a nice paved road ahead... Who cares if it might be "concrete?"

Remember, F-HC... (not DLC, OVC, ACC, or LCC) is the place to be!

Sincerely,  
Frank McMeen

## Letter Voices Concern

### To the editor:

It is my opinion that everybody has a right to his own opinion. This includes students, teachers, administrators, parents and alumni. I may not agree with someone else's opinion, but that has no bearing on his or her right to own and express that opinion as long as it is not forced upon anyone.

The last issue of *The Bell Tower* included an editorial expressing our features editor's opinion that many people associated with Freed-Hardeman College are too concerned with promoting an image that he did not believe showed what F-HC is really all about. Since that issue appeared, the writer has been criticized by various people—including a spokesman for the administration—for voicing that opinion in *The Bell Tower*.

I'm sure that some people would like for *The Bell Tower* to publish only articles and editorials that are positive and show the college in a good light, while some may wish that the paper concerned itself more with "real news" than with

publicizing the college. As assistant editor, I can say that the newspaper staff tries to walk the thin line between the two extremes. In my opinion, the editorial staff has done a good job of showing the positive side of F-HC, but I also see the need to address issues which are questionable. Opinions on such issues are expressed on the editorial page.

If anybody—students, teachers, administrators, parents or alumni—disagrees with an editorial opinion, they are invited to present their viewpoint in a letter to the editor which will also appear on the editorial page. They should not criticize the writer for expressing his opinion, especially on the editorial page, which is a vital part of all newspapers.

Remember, the motto of Freed-Hardeman College is "Teaching how to live, and how to make a living." If we are to grow as individuals, we must be able to think for ourselves and express what we think.

Bob Jones

## Please Read Me

by Steve Wiggins

Can you guess what the two most widely used books in the U.S.A. are? Although you probably use them daily, you may have not realized the popularity of these books. If you guessed the cookbook and the checkbook, you are correct. Another interesting fact is that since the invention of printing, between 20 and 30 million books have been written. One-third of these have been written since 1960. We, as Americans, are blessed to be surrounded with such good books from which we can read, study and learn. Even though we are surrounded by literally millions of good books from great authors of the past, THE BOOK, whose author is God, still shines forth as no other book on earth.

The Bible is the greatest book which has ever been written. There has never been a book like it in the past; there is not one like it now; and there will never be one to equal it. It is a book written by at least 40 different men who "spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (1 Peter 1:21). This beautiful book was composed in three different languages and even from different parts of the world over a

1,600 year period. The Bible is actually a book made up of 66 different books.

We as Christians can make this book come alive by reading it, studying it, and putting it into action in our lives. By being doers of the good book, we can be Christians who are "known and read of all men" (II Cor. 3:2).

It is so important that we read our Bibles daily. By simply reading from these inspired pages we can know the way to heaven. Remember when the certain lawyer stood up and asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life? Our Master's reply was, "How readest thou?" (Luke 10:26). Now, I can better understand how the spiritually minded apostle Paul could write to Timothy and say, "Give attendance to reading" (I Timothy 4:13). The beloved John said, "Blessed is he that readeth" (Rev. 1:3).

Thanks be to God for the written word that we have to read, to study, and to receive instructions in righteousness. In the last day, let us not be counted among the people to whom Jesus once said, "Did you never read in the scriptures?" (Matthew 21:42).

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# TOPIC/Honors: Fulfilling Potential

by Royce Webb II

Until ten years ago this fall, Freed-Hardeman College had no honors program. Now, 92 of F-HC's 1133 students are involved in one of the nation's most active honors programs. In just one decade the Freed-Hardeman College honors program has projected itself into national prominence, joining those at UCLA, the University of Michigan, Memphis State University, and many other large colleges and universities.

The roots of F-HC's version go back to 1972, when John Hollingsworth began selecting the top ten students from his Survey of Civilization classes and guaranteeing them an A or B if they agreed to do special projects rather than the normal criteria. This novel (to F-HC) approach led to competition among the students and caught the attention of David Thomas, then the academic dean. In Fall 1974, when F-HC began expanding to senior college status, Thomas attended the Southern Regional Honors Council convention to learn how to begin an Honors Association chapter here.

In 1974, Hollingsworth left to teach in California, but upon his return in the fall of 1977 he was promptly given directorship of the honors program. What he received, however, was a program still in infancy. "We were very small," recalls Hollingsworth. "We would have meetings and only five or six people would show up."

In the seven years since, however, the program has grown phenomenally. Hollingsworth attributes the rapid and somewhat unexpected growth spurt to constant, steady work: "We've just worked at it every day." Obviously, though, the main reason for the growth—the person most responsible—is Hollingsworth himself. For seven years he has seen that the best students have an opportunity to develop and show their talents.

Besides Hollingsworth, at least two other factors have played great roles in the program's growth. One of them is merely the announcements of the honors

graduates in the commencements ceremonies. The second, and more important, factor is the opportunity to travel. Each semester several selected student delegates have the chance to attend either the National Collegiate Honors Council convention or the Southern Regional Honors Council convention. For the first several years, few students took advantage of this opportunity; Hollingsworth "couldn't even fill an Olds 98." Recently, however, the trips have become the most popular aspect of the honors program. This past month, about sixty people applied to attend the NCHC convention and serve as delegates. Due to lack of funds, only about half will be able to attend.

Bart Rogers, a former F-HC Honors Council chairman who is now enrolled at Vanderbilt University School of Law, commented, "The program gives great travelling opportunities. Honors trips are some of my greatest memories of college." Recent students such as Rogers have had the opportunity to visit Philadelphia, Washington, Albuquerque, and Charleston, among others. Future scheduled trips include those to conventions at Memphis, Jackson, Miss., and Salt Lake City.

While on campus, the honors students are given a variety of ways to reach their academic potential. Each year twelve students begin their college career in Hollingsworth's *Introduction to Honors*; "To be picked for this class is an honor in itself," says Hollingsworth. "I pick 12 students and give them all I have."

The class itself is not only an introduction to honors and college academics, but also, according to Hollingsworth, it is a preparation for life. "I'm teaching people how to function. I want the student to know how to be employed and work his way up."

Each semester several honors sections—classes consisting entirely of honors students—are offered. In addition, most regular classes are available for honors credit, using a system called

in-course honors. Both of these approaches use the F-HC honors method: the student formally makes and defends written and oral presentations, and also evaluates current literature in the field. In return for completing the work, the student is guaranteed a grade no lower than B, with the possibility he will receive an H—an A with honors. Hollingsworth says, "This approach helps teach the student to be able to think critically and respond."

Rogers concurs, "The program relieves the pressures of grading and asks the student in return to do *quality* work, and it allows opportunities for extensive, individualized research, writing and oral presentation. It also allows for learning in unique environments, particularly in small discussion classes (honors sections)."

The honors council consists of seven elected positions—representatives from each of the four classes, the secretary, the vice-chairman, and the chairman. Under Hollingsworth's guidance, these seven plan and implement the activities of the Honors Association, which is the F-HC chapter of the National Collegiate Honors Council. Hollingsworth gives much of the credit for the rapid progress

of the F-HC honors program to the council: "The council has become stronger each year. It's increasingly more effective, especially in the recruitment of students."

With its tremendous growth, the honors program has found its place among other leadership organizations. Hollingsworth comments, "The Student Government Association has an interpersonal thrust, the Student Alumni Association has a social thrust, and the Honors Association gives us an academic thrust."

Though he is pleased with the recent growth in the number of students in the honors program, Hollingsworth has several goals in mind. "I want to raise the quality of what we're doing here," he says. Because the program exists solely on budgeted funds, one of his goals is to improve the financial situation. "I want to be able to spend more money to let the students go to the limits of their imagination of creativity without financial limits. We need more and better scholarships, and the opportunity to allow more people to travel more widely. We absolutely must open up every opportunity and keep no student from reaching his or her potential because of lack of funds."

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## Treasure Chest Needs Workers

by Kay Owen

The Freed-Hardeman College *Treasure Chest* staff is working again to publish a quality edition of the pages of Freed-Hardeman history as it is made during the 1984-85 school year.

This year's staff leaders include Shasta Randolph, editor; Jennifer Brown, copy editor; and Norman Curington, business manager. Terry Thacker will serve as sponsor. Other staff members are volunteers who work on each section of the yearbook. Randolph said she feels this year's staff is a capable one; however, it is in need of hard-working and dedicated volunteers who can help fulfill the responsibilities of producing the yearbook.

This year's annuals are scheduled to arrive on campus between the second and third weeks in April. Earlier editions of the *Treasure Chest* are available for

sale, and there is no deadline for purchasing a 1984-85 copy of the *Treasure Chest*. To order a copy (\$22) or to become a member of the yearbook staff, contact Shasta Randolph, 989-3036, P.O. Box 10261.

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## Portmanteau offers Versatile Entertainment

by Pamela Jo Delk

Originally, a portmanteau was a storage trunk or suitcase which traveling actors and actresses would carry to keep their vast array of props in. The props would need to be versatile to complement the varying backgrounds and images their plays would require.

Dr. Hank McDaniel, director of alumni relations, wanted to interject this idea of versatility into the name of the new traveling musical group he would be sponsoring. He decided to name it Portmanteau. This group would need to be versatile, indeed. Its members would fill the void left by The Hardeman Boys, Phoenix and The New Dimension Quartet.

While these latter groups were definitely effective recruiting tools for Freed-Hardeman College, the admissions and alumni offices wanted to create a more defined group specifically to entertain their audiences. A member of the admissions offices or one of the newly appointed student admissions representatives (SAR) will travel with Portmanteau to recruit students.

Seth Chandler, director of admissions and consultant to Portmanteau, said he believes that this new approach of specialization and teamwork will prove to be a more efficient means of recruiting students and enhancing public relations.

The members of this new group are Carolee Owens, Peggy Weaver, Sherry Smith, Roger Lapointe, Jeff McGee and Allan Hamblin. The group's director is Dale Alden Jr. While all members are highly talented vocalists, Lapointe will focus his instrumental ability on the drums; McGee and Hamblin will play guitar; and all three ladies will take turns playing keyboards. The group will be performing a variety of musical styles in attempt to please both the young and the young at heart.

"This group will be one of the most impressive vocal groups to ever travel for Freed-Hardeman College," says Chandler. "We're very excited about the potential they have." Plans for a campus concert by the band are in the making. We look forward to hearing and supporting Portmanteau.



Members of F-HC's newest entertainment group, Portmanteau, rehearse for an upcoming performance. Members are (left to right) Allan Hamblin, Roger LaPointe, Sherry Smith, Carolee Owens, Peggy Weaver, and Jeff McGee.

## Chess Club to Form

by Bobby McVey

Are you tired of being treated like a pawn? Do you find yourself on the front lines of life and have nowhere to go but forward? If so, come and be a part of a newly formed chess team on campus.

Bill Taylor, chairman of the Art Department, is holding an organizational meeting to gauge campus interest in forming a tournament level chess team. The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. tonight in Room 210 of the B-C-WE Building. Once the interest has been determined, club by-laws will be set; officers will be elected; and a club name will be chosen.

Non-players who wish to learn the game are welcome. There is a great need for playing boards, and anyone who wishes to loan a set will be greatly appreciated.

After the club is organized, members will compete to determine the members

of the tournament team, according to Steve Gunter, a student, who along with Taylor, is primarily responsible for the club's organization. Tournament players will also be rated on a national basis, which is important to avid chess players. Taylor will sponsor the club, and said he hopes for a good turnout at tonight's meeting.

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# Laughter Abounds in 'As You Like It'

by Kay Owen

After devoting many hours of time to rehearsals, set construction and costume designing, the play "As You Like It" opened Oct. 2 and will be performed on the 4th, 5th, and 6th at 7:45 p.m. in Loyd Auditorium. Tickets cost \$3.75 per person.

The Shakespearean play is a comedy. According to director Winston Harless, many people today don't even think of Shakespeare as a writer of comedy.

The play is a story of wrongfully treated people who, in the midst of their own sorrows find out they are not alone and that life is what one makes of it. The use of many subtle Biblical references adds to the plot.

The set is designed simply in a fashion which Shakespeare might have chosen. In Shakespeare's plays the set and costumes are not what matters. What's important are the actor and his lines. It is the actor's responsibility to bring his lines to life before the audience.

Many in the cast are appearing in a play for the first time. Harless said, "There are many major roles, and this is great because it has given a lot of people

an opportunity to get involved" and sharpen their acting skills.

The cast includes Trent Allen, Randal Barrow, Darren Bellows, Frank Bell, Jeffery Bryant, Roger Bryant, Darryl Cox, Jeff Hand, David Holmes, Mandy Kendall-Ball, Tammy King, Lynn Lovelace, Julie Marshall, Kerry McAlister, Randy Mead and Lanny Poteet. Student Director is Robert Lambert.

An interesting fact about the department is all of the hired students in the Theater Department are female. "There is nothing in the theater a woman cannot do," Harless said. The shop foreman is Celine Holder; Jamie Dodd is the business manager; and Kelley Brady designed the costumes.

Tuesday night's performance provided laughs for all in the audience. Although there were times when the lines were hard to understand, the cast was able to make the lines of Shakespeare come to life in their comedic renditions.

Frank Bell as Touchstone gave an excellent performance as a jokester and had the audience captivated in laughter. Darrell Cox as Orlando and Mandy Kendall-Ball as the fair Rosalind also

brought their characters to life. Overall, these actors presented excellent performances which should not be missed. "As You Like It" offers you two hours of light-hearted Shakespearean entertainment. Don't miss it!



Cast members in Shakespeare's "As You Like It" rehearse a scene from the comedy. Shown (left to right) are Roger Bryant, Kerry McAlister and Lanny Poteet. The play will be performed tonight, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Loyd Auditorium.



Regina Ford



Bryan White

## F-HC Models Give Dinner Show

by Brenda Lacy

"The Latest Wrinkle" is the name of F-HC's new traveling fashion show. Seniors Donna Sadler and Sharon Burch will coordinate the fashion show. Both are majoring in Home and Consumer Economics with concentrations in Fashion Merchandising. The models include Darrel Sharp, Darrel Cox, Jeanette Cariker, Sherry DePriest, Connie Evans, Jeanie Michael, Jolie Harrison, Joe Perian, Patty Curtis, Pat Kendrick, Delicia Rouse, Sherry Smith, Pamela Overall, Regina Ford, Kim Gray and Amy Strange. These students come from several academic departments on campus.

Reba Thomas and Hank McDaniel serve as faculty advisers for the fashion

show. Thomas is a member of the Home and Consumer Economics faculty, and McDaniel serves the college as head of Alumni Relations.

The models will travel within a 200-mile radius of F-HC. Not only will these students get valuable experience as fashion models but they will help in the recruiting of students. They will model the latest fashions provided by area merchants. Thomas asks that everyone "visit these stores and say 'thank you' to these generous people for helping us."

The Latest Wrinkle premiered on Monday evening in Gano Dining Hall during dining hours with three presentations.

# It's A Pepsi Day!





# Dixon's Cubbies are Winners at Last

by Royce Webb II

For once in his life, his Cubbies are winners. Nothing can take the luster from what Tom Dixon's waited for since he was a child. "Some of the fans of other teams talk about how long it took the Cubs to win, but it's just a real joy for me," Dixon said. For the first time since 1945, the Chicago Cubs can fly a championship banner (albeit only a division one at press time), and Dixon, Freed-Hardeman College's associate dean of students/assistant men's basketball coach/head men's tennis coach/assistant women's tennis coach, couldn't be more pleased.

If America has a favorite baseball team, it is the Cubs. Our president broadcasted the Cubbies' games way back when he was known as Dutch Reagan, and America's favorite artist, Norman Rockwell, drew them for the cover of the Saturday Evening Post. The only thing columnists Mike Royko and George F. Will ever agreed on is how lovable the Chicago Cubs fans are. Their ballpark—Wrigley Field—still has brick walls covered with ivy planted 50 years ago, and the grass there comes from seed, not the factory. They play only day games at Wrigley; the only light they use is 93 million miles away, and it shines only half of the time. The park, the uniforms, the team—they're all as quaint as lovebirds swangin' on the front porch.

But the Cubs wouldn't be nearly so lovable if they didn't lose so much. It is inconceivable that a team located in America's third-largest city has not been champs of the national pastime since 1908, but it's true. Year after year they've managed to blow it somehow, setting new standards for ineptitude, but never losing hope. And that's what first attracted Tom Dixon's father, Allen, to the Cubbies. "My dad has always been for the underdog, so the Cubs were naturally his team," says Tom.

While he didn't inherit such tendencies, Tom has stuck with his team through thin and thinner. "Because of my dad, I've liked the Cubs since fifth grade, but I really fell in love with them when we moved to Valparaiso (in Indiana, 35 miles from Chicago), and he started taking me to ball games." All the losing years run together in his mind, but he especially and bitterly recalls 1969, the season the Cubs blew the pennant to the Miracle Mets: "What can you say?—they choked. It was depressing. It set the stage for many years of losing." But to him, as it is to most Cubs fans, this is the year to forget all others.

Thomas Allen Dixon was born in a Jackson parking lot in 1958, 13 years after the Cubs' last National League pennant. "Well, my parents didn't quite make it up to the hospital, so my mother had me in the car," Dixon seems to recall. "In fact, I'm told the nurse saved

my life because the car door was open, and when I popped out, I slid down the seat and the nurse caught me just before I hit the pavement." That bizarre arrival foreshadowed his life on the move; for after that he lived in Trenton, Millington, Dixon, Ill., Bloomington, Ill., and Valparaiso, with his family—two sisters, his mother, Mary Jo, and his father, Allen, a Church of Christ minister.

Allen Dixon passed his interest in sports to young Tom, who had only marginal talent but desire aplenty. Tom's athletic career was shaped by a series of what he calls "discipline coaches," particularly his seventh grade basketball coach in Bloomington. "I think he must have been a former Army commander," says Dixon. "He even made us shave our heads. We all got buzz-cuts." Now he credits these coaches with teaching him "the discipline part of life." "Paul used sports analogies," says Dixon, "and I've always compared the discipline from sports to that in the Christian life."

By his senior year in high school, Tom had grown to 6'4" and had progressed to all-star status in both tennis and basketball. His greatest thrill in sports occurred in the 12th grade when he was selected to an all-tournament team at Notre Dame's 15,000-seat coliseum. His exploits brought him offers from several schools close to home, but he chose Freed-Hardeman. He attributes his decision to the strong influence of his grandfather, H. A. Dixon, F-HC's fourth president.

While at Freed-Hardeman, Tom lettered for four years in both basketball and tennis and received all-conference tennis honors. He says the most important result of his F-HC years was meeting Amy Whitman. They were the perfect college couple: they met their freshman year; dated for four years; were named Mr. and Miss F-HC; and married in June 1981 after graduation. Amy is currently assistant manager of Heritage Towers, where she and Tom reside.

Upon graduation, the Dixons moved to Memphis, Tom attended graduate school at Memphis State University. After he earned teaching degrees in both school health and physical education, they moved to Paris, where he coached freshman football and basketball and taught high school math and biology. A year later, Charles Smith called and offered Tom several hats, four of which he wears now.

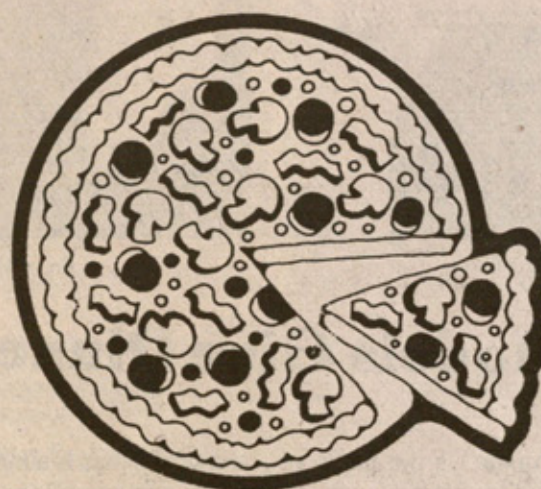
Through all of the moving and playing and marrying and coaching, Tom has not forgotten his first love: the Chicago Cubs. If you have an appointment with Associate Dean Tom Dixon in the next couple of weeks, better make it in the morning, because in the afternoon he'll be in his Cubbie hole of an office witnessing something for the first time—his team playing when it counts.



Chicago Cubs fan Tom Dixon may see his childhood dreams come true if the Cubs win the Major League pennant. The Cubs are playing the San Diego Padres for the National League championship and led 2 games to zero on Wednesday.

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# Cubs, Tigers Take Centerstage in Postseason

by Bob Jones, Sports Editor

It's finally playoff time in major league baseball, one of the few pro sports left where the regular season actually means something. Almost everybody, myself included, seems to think that the Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers will meet in the World Series, but don't be surprised if San Diego and Kansas City happen to show up. The Padres have strong pitching and a solid offense, while the Royals came on strong the last half of the season after suffering through an injury-plagued first half. Anything can happen in a five-game series.

My picks for the postseason awards in the National League are: MVP - Ryne Sandberg. He had the best all-around year offensively and is a Gold Glove in the field; Cy Young Award - Rick Sutcliffe, 16-1, enough said; Rookie of the Year - Dwight Gooden, 17-9, led the league in strikeouts and set records for strikeouts by a rookie and most strikeouts per nine innings.

In the American League: MVP - Kirk Gibson. He may not have had the most impressive stats in the league, but without his consistent production the Tigers would be at home watching Toronto play the Royals. Cy Young Award - Willie Hernandez. No starting pitcher had a really outstanding year and Hernandez was simply awesome in relief for Detroit all season. Rookie of the Year - Alvin Davis, .284, 27 home runs and 116 RBI's for the dismal Mariners.

As soon as Joe Torre was fired, for the second time in his managerial career, there was speculation that the Montreal Expos and San Francisco Giants were interested in hiring him to run their clubs. This just goes to show how little most managers really affect how well their teams perform. A Major League manager shouldn't worry about job security; as soon as one owner fires him another one will hire him, and then fire him two seasons later when his team doesn't win the division.

The Major League umpires have gone on strike for the playoffs, they must be playing follow the leader. Umpires see

the players being grossly overpaid to play the game so they figure they should be grossly overpaid to umpire the game. They turned down an offer of \$12,000 for the league championship series and \$17,000 for the World Series. Wouldn't you be offended if they only offered you \$3,000-\$4,000 per game to watch the World Series from the field?

It seems like more strange things occur in college football every year. Something must be wrong when Pittsburgh is 0-4, and Alabama is 1-3, and Syracuse has no right beating Nebraska. At least my pick for the No. 1 team in the nation, Ohio State, has managed to avoid the upset jinx. The Buckeyes stand at 4-0 for the season and passed their first real test, against then 14th-ranked Iowa, with flying colors. Tailback Keith Byars led the way in the 45-29 win with four TD's - two rushing, one receiving, and one pass-

*"Keith Byars is the best all-around running back in the country."*

ing. Byars, who led the Big Ten in rushing (1,199 yards) and touchdowns (22) last year, is unquestionably the best all-around running back in the country. He appears to be the top challenger to Bos-

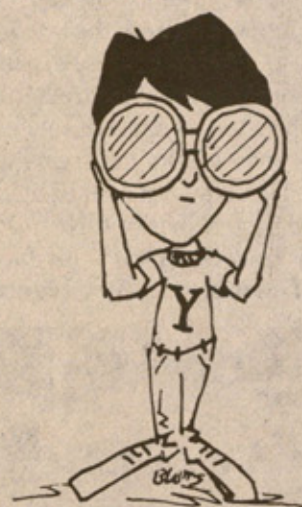
ton College quarterback Doug Flutie in the Heisman Trophy competition.

Flutie is head and shoulders above the other college quarterbacks, despite standing only 5'9" tall. Anybody who saw him almost single-handedly lead the Eagles back from a 31-14 third quarter deficit to a 38-31 victory over Alabama had to be impressed. Anybody who saw him connect on six, count 'em, six touchdown passes against North Carolina had to be amazed. If I had time for only one play and had to get the ball in the endzone, Flutie is the guy I'd want run-

ning the play for me.

Here's an update for all those Franco Harris fans out there. His statistics after four games—47 carries for 134 yards and no TD's. Walter Payton's statistics against the Cowboys—25 carries for 155 yards and one TD. Who said Franco didn't have anything left?

Well, Gerry Cooney managed to win his comeback bout with Phillip Brown last Saturday. He says he'll be ready for a title fight after one more tune-up match. Tune in around 1986 for further developments.



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# Lions Baseball Makes Progress with Training

by Royce Webb II

Baseball coach Bill Boley has been "pleased" with the overall performance of the Lions during the fall scrimmage season, but the team is still "making some mistakes we shouldn't make." Currently the F-HC Baseball Lions are 2-4-1, including a 5-3 victory in the first annual Alumni Game last Saturday.

Boley says that the hitting has been "sporadic—weaker than I would like," but that the pitching has been rather strong, especially that of Mike Stamps, Mike Logan, and E.T. Ross. Besides Ross, other freshmen who have immediately made their mark include Carey Ramsey, a centerfielder, and Marty Young, a pitcher/first baseman.

Boley gives much of the credit for the progress being made to student assistant Michael Gibbs: "He's doing a tremendous job." Gibbs, a former Lion catcher, has established a special training program for the squad, and has been particularly valuable working with the pitchers and catchers.

In the Lions first scrimmage game of Fall 1984, they defeated Lambuth at Carnes Athletic Field by the score of 5 to 4. The next weekend they were at the University of North Alabama, where UNA took both games of a doubleheader. The Lambuth rematch in Jackson gave the Eagles an opportunity for revenge, of which they took advantage by winning 6-5.

In the last week, the Lions have played three games, with a record of 1-1-1. The current Lions followed the dedication of the Barney Ward press box by coming from behind to defeat a team composed of former Lions. Then Monday, at Bethel, the Lions suffered their worst defeat thus far, 10-5. Tuesday's game versus Jackson State resulted in a 3-3 tie, being called because of darkness.

In the next two weeks the Lions will play Union University twice (Oct. 6, Jackson, and Oct. 9, here), UNA (Oct. 12, here), Jackson State (Oct. 16, Jackson) and UT-Martin (Oct. 18, Martin).

The dates October 6 and 12 will feature doubleheaders.

The fall baseball season is merely an opportunity for evaluation; thus, Boley is hardly concerned with the team's mediocre record. "The aggressiveness and

intensity have been good," Boley comments. If the Baseball Lions keep those two qualities intact, they may be as successful in the spring as they were last year.



Mike Gibbs (Alumni) demonstrates his sliding techniques to avoid being tagged by student player Kevin Hedden in Saturday's first alumni baseball game. The Lions beat the alumni 5-3.



Bobby McVey, defender on F-HC's extramural soccer team, makes a slide to steal in Saturday's game against Christian Brothers College in Memphis. CBC went on to win 2-0.

## F-HC Soccer Team Loses 2-0

by Bob Jones

The F-HC extramural soccer team found the going tough in its season opener, being shutout, 2-0, by the Christian Brothers College Buccaneers last Saturday afternoon at Harding Academy in Memphis.

The game was scoreless for the first twenty minutes before Matt McGrory broke through the middle to score what turned out to be the winning goal. Teammate Scott Klock added an insurance goal a few minutes later to give the Buccaneers some breathing room.

A quick passing offense and an aggressive defense helped the Buccaneers control the flow of play for most of the game. The Lions had difficulty breaking away from the CBC defenders and could not capitalize on the few

scoring opportunities that they managed.

One bright spot for F-HC was the play of goalie Brian McDonald, who made numerous saves on shots coming from all angles and did not allow the Buccaneers to score while he was in the goal.

Coach Phillip Satterfield managed to see some bright spots in the team's first game, despite the outcome, saying, "We played well at times. I think we can beat them when we play them in the Homecoming game. One thing we have to do is improve our offense. We need to develop more of a fast-break type attack with long balls. Defensively we were missing a few players and I think we'll be stronger when everybody is able to play."

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