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## Sigma Rho wins speech festival competition

by Tim Dills  
Staff reporter

The intramural speech festival, an F-HC tradition for about 40 years, was re-instituted with pleasing results, according to Dean of Student Services Jim Selbe.

Last summer, a committee consisting of students representing each social club reorganized the social club system. From this committee, the spring intramural speech festival was revived to spur interest as an activity in which clubs could compete for points.

According to Dr. Steve Johnson, a former speech festival organizer, the event was discontinued after the 1983-84 school year. Johnson served as director of forensics but resigned. An unwritten duty of the forensics director was to organize the speech festival. Johnson said when he resigned, no one was willing to take on the responsibilities.

Selbe, a one-time participant in the festival as a student, said the integrating of the event into the social club point race makes the clubs more diverse. Clubs can now recruit not only for the student who is excellent at sports but for the student who is able to present himself well in front of others.

Selbe admitted this aspect of the speech festival was a goal of the social club restructuring committee. He added that president Gardner showed an inter-

est in the event and seemed very excited at its return. Selbe remembered the event as enjoyable when he participated in it.

Saying he was pleased with this year's participation, Selbe said he felt it ran smoothly considering this was his first year as organizer. He added that most judges felt the quality of material and delivery was good. Selbe recruited faculty and staff to serve as judges. The interest in judging this year was low, Selbe said. He said he believes this will change next year because the faculty now know there is interest in the event. Selbe said 42 students took part in the festival.

Selbe indicated a few changes in this year's festival from past ones. The most noticeable change included the addition of one judge to each category. In the past, only one judge reviewed each individual event. This year two judges reviewed the performances. One performance was given on Tuesday and another on Thursday. Judges were changed with each day. Selbe also said the debate category was dropped from competition.

This year's categories included Prose Interpretation, Expository, Poetry, Dramatic Duo, Persuasion, Bible Reading (Male and Female), Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking and After Dinner Speaking.

Selbe plans changes for next year's



David Hester

event. He said he wants to open the event to all students, not just those participating in clubs. He also said he wants to move the event to Monday and Tuesday in the late afternoon hours so students will not miss classes as happened a few times this year.

Johnson calls the festival "unique"



Karen Coleman

because he knows no other Christian college that has such an event. He added that many larger higher learning institutions such as the University of Tennessee and the University of Illinois do not schedule speech festivals. As a former coordinator of the festival, Johnson said he felt Selbe did an "excellent job" this

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## Alpha Chi inducts new members

by Frank A. Kemp  
Staff reporter

F-HC's chapter of Alpha Chi inducted new members last Friday during its spring initiation ceremony. Alpha Chi is a coeducational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those achieving such distinction. The society is comprised of more than 279 chapters in 44 states.

Requirements for membership at Freed-Hardeman College are a 3.7 GPA on 80 or more hours, or a 3.5 GPA on 104 or more hours, 24 hours in residence and good moral character. Dr. Allen Walker serves as official sponsor, and he is assisted by Carol Hayes and Ray Russell.

The induction was held March 6, in the Southworth room in the Loden-Daniel Library. Those being inducted are Gloria Anderson, Henderson; Bethany Barnes, Monroe, Mich.; Harry Calloway, Henderson; Karen Carnathan, Fulton, Miss.; Kenneth Chadwell, Crossville; Wayne Cox, Sharon;

Michael Dozier, Huntsville, Ala.; David Hester, Jasper, Ala.; John Hill, Birmingham, Ala.; Shelly Latham, Gordo, Ala.; Sherry Latham, Gordo, Ala.; Andy McClish, Denton, Texas; James Meadows, Mayfield, Ky.; Mark Montgomery, Bath Springs; Adrienne Sanders, Obion; Jodi Sees, Titusville, Fla.; John Sims, Midwest City, Okla.; Susan Skelton, Hohenwald; Susan Tatum, Clarksville; Greg Williams, Nassau, Bahamas; and Michelle York, Paducah, Ky.

Freed-Hardeman has sent five students to the National Alpha Chi convention, being held through Saturday in Williamsburg, Va. Those representing Freed-Hardeman with scholarly works are Brent Dodge, who is speaking on Neodarwinian Versus Limits to Biological Change; Jerry Burbee, who plays the mandolin; Kelcy Hahn, speaking on the Chinese Minority in Indonesia; Susan Poteet, speaking on Leaders of the Modern American Musical; and Sheryl McCash, speaking on Mathematical Anxieties.



F-HC's Clay Hobbs prepares to take a crack at a ball in last week's home opener in which the Lions brought in a doubleheader victory.

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# Viewing chapel with a different perspective

by Pete Baker  
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Chapel is an important part of life for students here at Freed-Hardeman. It has been pointed out that many alumni's fondest memories of college life are centered on chapel. In fact, it has been said that chapel is the part of college that many students miss the most after graduation.

It is a time of worship, enlightenment and entertainment that many of us take for granted. Much has been said about the purpose of chapel and what our attitudes and behavior should be toward it.

The purpose of this editorial, however, is not to remind us of what we already know.

Recently, we were told that we all have a right to our opinion, but that some opinions carry more weight than others. Because we all have opinions, it seems reasonable to assume that we will not agree on everything. For example, some people like Starship and some Stravinsky, while others prefer "Carmen" or "Don Giovanni" over "Days of Our Lives."

But what we do have in common is the ability to be open-minded about the preferences of others. It would be ideal if we

could come to chapel ready to learn or experience something new, instead of ready to read, study or sleep.

There have been several noteworthy chapel programs during the first half of the semester, but there have been some forgettable ones as well.

Let's look forward to the last half of the semester and the remaining chapel programs. Remember that the time will

come when you will no longer be able to meet daily to enjoy the variety of experiences that chapel has to offer.

## Campus gallery shows work of Jackson photographer

The Student Center's art gallery currently features the photography of Jackson resident Jim Davenport. The exhibition will be displayed through March 27; the gallery is open from 8:30 to 5 p.m. and will be closed March 14-21 for spring break.

Davenport, a serious photographer for the past 15 years, has had photographs published in "Guest Informant," "Southeastern Football" magazine, "The Memphis Commercial Appeal," "Jackson Journal" and other smaller publications.

He has owned a camera store, which was used as a retail store, a photography school, a processing lab and a personal studio.

Davenport's photography favors the straight, purist approach, best exempli-

fied by works of Fred Picker, Edward Weston and more notably, Ansel Adams. Although Davenport says he enjoys shooting a variety of subject matter, he most enjoys sports photography.

Currently a photographer for the "Jackson Journal," Davenport shoots sports and special events. He has covered the Miss Tennessee pageant, and his exhibition at F-HC includes a photo of Miss America Kellye Cash.

The display in the Student Center includes black and white and color photographs taken of older buildings, sports cars and unique people from the Southeast.

In addition to working as a photographer, Davenport has also served as a judge in photography contests.

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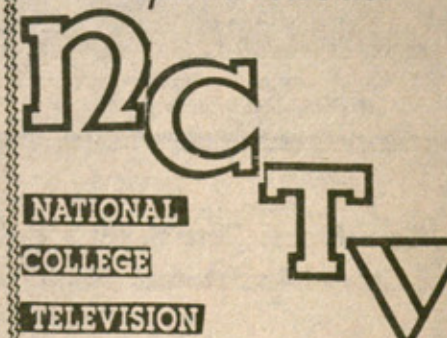
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# New members join S.G.A.; residents can move dorm beds

by Anna Eubanks  
Editorial assistant

Six new members joined the Student Government Association in their meeting Monday night, Feb. 23. Elections were held in six dormitories on Feb. 19 to elect new representatives because the former representatives will be unable to serve this semester.

New members of S.G.A. and the groups they represent are the following: Stacey Burgess, Benson upperclassmen; Melissa Goff, Hall-Roland upperclass-

men; Amanda Jamison, Dixon underclassmen; LaNita Meadows, Scott underclassmen; Suzanne Sidwell, Porter-Terry underclassmen; and Tom Tartar, Paul Gray upperclassmen.

Three new student interests involving women's dormitories were brought before the group. The concerns are (1) there are no working vacuum cleaners in Porter-Terry; (2) the ramp at the back of Hall-Roland needs rubber strips to prevent falling when it is wet and or icy; and (3) the 2nd and 3rd floor windows of the stairwell of Hall-Roland need blinds.

New guidelines regarding the moving of dorm beds have been adopted on a trial basis. The S.G.A. submitted the proposal at its meeting on Monday. Students may move beds from their original position to another place in the room. This includes dorms where beds are permanently attached. Students can also bunk their beds. However, the bunk frame must be free standing and cannot be attached to the bed frame with nails, screws, bolts or any other item that would harm college property.

Students who move their beds must

place them in their original position before moving out of the room. Failure to replace beds properly will result in the forfeit of one-half (\$25) of the student's housing deposit.

Roy Sharp and Jim Selbe advised the these guidelines are proposed on a trial basis for this semester. They affect all dorms except Brigance and Dixon. The Office of Student Affairs will review the proposal after the trial period to determine future policy.

S.G.A. members encourage everyone to continue to be aware of the bimonthly meetings of the organization.

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year. Johnson noted that F-HC's speech festival closely follows inter-collegiate tournament rules.



Jeff Snyder photo

Al Price delivers his presentation during the Honors Faculty Forum on Feb. 26.

Johnson summarized his feelings for the speech festival: "I'm glad to see it back. It's good for students. I think it is an excellent opportunity to get practice in oral performances."

Lora DeFore, who teaches speech classes, served as a judge this year. She said she went into the event as a judge with an open mind so she could be fair to the participants. She added she felt the event was a learning experience for many because of the preparation involved.

Johnson also teaches speech classes and served as a judge as well. He said he applied many of his standards from his speech classes to this event. He said he looked closely at how smoothly the material was delivered, as well as reasoning and organization of the material. Johnson said he participated in similar events throughout high school and college.

Tony Young, a senior communication major from Savannah, said he felt he gained "more poise speaking in front of people and performing." He said he felt the event promotes cooperation among the clubs because one cheers his compe-

tion on as they participate. Young participated for Sigma Rho.

John Hill, also a senior communication major, from Birmingham, Ala., said he believes the event gave club members not involved in athletics a chance to do something worthwhile for the club. Hill participated for Tri-Zeta. He said he believes the speech festival is good because it provides a good balance for the social clubs. He said, "It stretches the mind instead of the body as intramural sports do."

A cash prize was given to the three top clubs and to top male and female finishers. Clubs were awarded points on the performance of their competing members.

Here is a list of club standings:

Sigma Rho	79	\$100
Phi Kappa Alpha	56	\$50
Alpha Tau Lambda	51	\$25
Tri Zeta		43
Lambda Delta Phi		32

Individual winners were the following:  
Prose Interpretation: David Hester of

Sigma Rho; Expository: Melissa Mott of Alpha Tau Lambda; Poetry: David Hester of Sigma Rho; Dramatic Duo: Debbie Johns and Jodie Miller of Tri Zeta; Persuasion: Karen Coleman of Phi Kappa Alpha; Bible Reading (Women): Karen Coleman of Phi Kappa Alpha; Bible Reading (Men): Alan Robinson of Sigma Rho; Extemporaneous: Jeff Ingram of Tri Zeta; After Dinner Speaking: Melissa Tomlinson of Alpha Tau Lambda.

Hester and Coleman each received \$50 for finishing as the male and female with the most individual points. Hester scored 30 points for Sigma Rho. Coleman scored 23 for Phi Kappa.

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# Realistic 'Platoon' rates the price of a movie ticket

by Robert Wagner  
Editorial assistant

I am sorry — so please excuse the fact that I led many of you astray in the last edition of Backstage Pass. "Ignorance is bliss" and through it I told you the wrong title of Bryan Adam's upcoming album. "Heat of the Night" is the correct title and look for it this week.

"Big Generator" is the name of the new Yes LP and I apologize to the Yes fans (both of them) for getting the albums confused.

Let's turn our attention to the current array of celluloid heroes now appearing at a theater near you....

Everyone is talking about **Platoon** and

rightfully so. **Platoon**, starring Charlie Sheen and Tom Berenger, is an awesome movie. Besides the fact that it is up for eight Academy Awards, **Platoon** shows a realistic slice of life and how Vietnam affected the ideals of both soldier and civilian.

Writer/director Oliver Stone tried to get this film produced and went to several companies who refused to back it. He actually ran out of money two years ago trying to complete the picture, but he is definitely making some banker happy now with his deposit slip.

**Platoon** is so real it shows anyone the "hype and glory" of "First Blood" Rambo movies and utterly destroys them in the process. **Platoon** is a real war movie and

it will scare you...and I think it should.

"Outrageous Fortune" stars "Cheers" Shelley Long and Bette Midler as two actresses on a manhunt with the CIA. I think the writers and producers of this flick meant it to be a comedy....Oh well, not even funny man George Carlin can save this film. I'm not going to waste anymore time on it and neither should you.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: "From the Hip," starring Judd Nelson (Breakfast Club and St. Elmo's Fire) is a funny movie with a thriller-suspense ending. Laugh per laugh, it is the best movie going and you should go see it... even if you haven't heard about it.

Winding up the screen scene...I've heard "Mannequin" is funny although I haven't seen it because it seems dumb and "Return to Horror High" is also making its rounds on the film circuit.

The title alone should tell you something about this one. Just about my biggest surprise is that we all made it through another Friday the 13th without a movie being released in its honor.



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Members of the 1986-87 Lady Lions tennis team are (l-r) Amy Moore, Fabiana Cuggionni, Melissa Mott, Patrizia Cuggionni, Rhonda Hooper, Amy Clifford and Connie Lewis. Not pictured is Michelle York. The Lady Lions took their first match 9-0 against Cumberland University. They play Tennessee Tech in an away match today.

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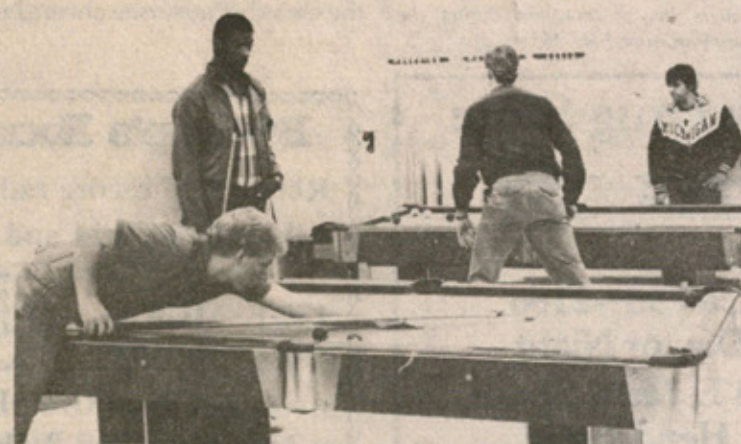
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