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## Gardner to Represent Chester County in Japan



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**Randy Baumgardner**  
staff reporter

The campus of Freed-Hardeman College will be absent of its president for a few days this fall. In October, President Gardner will represent the state of Tennessee at the 14th annual Japan/Southeast-Southeast U.S./Japan Association meeting in Tokyo.

Gardner, serving as a representative from Henderson and Chester County, is one of 70 delegates from the state. Other southern states will be represented as well.

The meeting, which will be held October 5-7, is part of a plan to promote and bring industry into Tennessee. Governor McWherter believes the delegation to be of certain significance. "The growing Japanese presence in Tennessee makes this year's meeting of particular importance," McWherter said. "It will provide a valuable forum for discussion of investment and trade opportunities, the economic outlook, and further strengthening our bonds of

friendship with Japan."

Gardner is very humbled to have been asked to be a part of the delegation, which consists of business, education, and local government leaders. "I have known Governor McWherter for 37 years, and I was very honored when I received his invitation."

The president and Mrs. Gardner will fly through Taipei, Taiwan enroute to Tokyo. They will briefly tour the city before resuming their flight into Japan.

At the conclusion of the three day delegation, the couple will travel to Seoul, South Korea. Dr. Gardner will speak at Korea Christian College sometime around the ninth of October, although the scheduling is tentative. "Since I will be over there, I will have the opportunity to visit the Christian campus in South Korea."

Dr. Gardner has high hopes concerning the Tokyo conference. "Hopefully it will provide a thorough overview of U.S. and Japanese economies, and invite Japanese industry to come to Tennessee," Gardner said.

## Mission Interface: a tremendous success

**Ronnie French**  
staff reporter

This year's Mission Interface was a tremendous success. Getting one of the largest freshmen classes in the history of F-HC off on the right foot was no easy task. This year's success was largely due to the hard work and planning of the directors, Danny Sorrell, and the two student coordinators, Chris Anschultz and Sheri Veregge. Mission Interface for these three individuals actually began in the spring with the selection of the Interface leaders and the intense brainstorming activities. During the summer, a list of the students in each Interface group was sent to the appropriate Interface leaders and then

they, in turn, wrote each student an encouraging and informative letter of what to expect from Interface '89.

On Friday, August 18, the Interface leaders arrived on campus and underwent and orientation of their own the next day to prepare them for following 12 days. That Sunday, freshmen checked into their dorms and the festivities began with a "get acquainted party" that evening after church services. The following day, the freshmen received a formal welcome. Then they divided into two groups. One went through advising and registration, and then pizza in Jackson. The other groups went to Mid-South Youth Camp for a day of fun and games. Tuesday, August 22, the groups re-

versed schedules which completed freshmen registration and allowed the two other groups to enjoy the excitement of Mid-South. During these two days, one could see friendships beginning to blossom and groups beginning to develop a certain closeness.

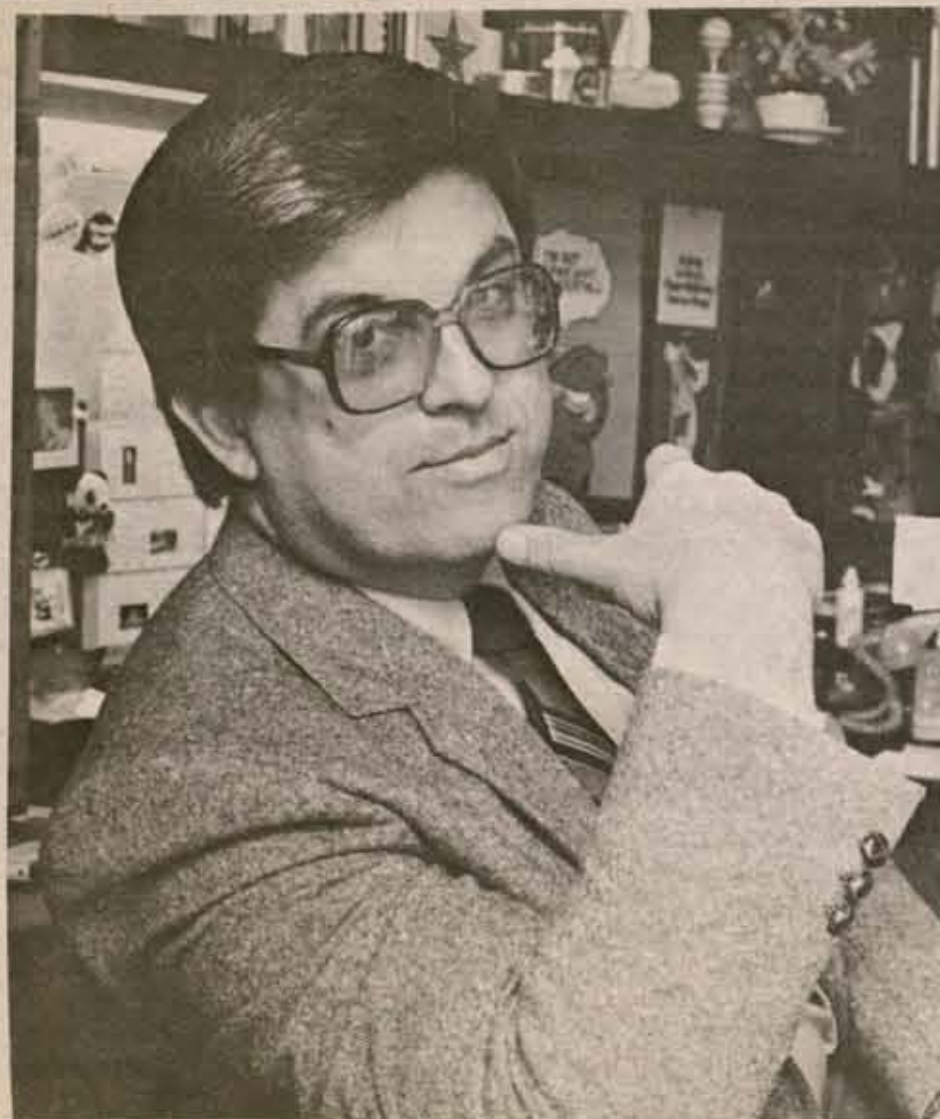
Wednesday was a day full of activities. The morning was filled with interest sessions, which are designed to aid the students in adapting to college level academics and lifestyles. That afternoon was the "Battle of the Interface Groups" which was followed by the new student reception.

The following day classes began, but the remaining eight days of Mission Interface were still packed with great, well-planned fun and activities. Dinner

at faculty homes, the Sing-a-Long in Lloyd Auditorium, the John Paul Walters concert, and the new student lock-in filled Thursday and Friday. Saturday, August 26, one group went to the Buffalo River and the other to the mall in Memphis. They returned to attend a Hawaiian Luau in Pruett Banquet Hall that evening. An ice cream and volleyball extravaganza, a 1950's party, the new student banquet, and the Potpourri talent show are just a few of the activities that filled the schedule for the remainder of Mission Interface.

As anyone can see, Mission Interface was a very busy 12 days which ended on Thursday, August 31, with the first social club meeting.





## Lawn Party Kick Off for SNEA

**Amala Rainwater**  
staff reporter

The Freed-Hardeman College chapter of SNEA (Student National Education Association) held its first meeting September 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ron Butterfield. The party, which was held on the lawn, will be an annual event.

Students attending the gathering enjoyed refreshments which were made possible by Linda Helm, co-sponsor of SNEA, who obtained donations from various businesses in the surrounding area.

Some 75 students, including graduate students and their instructor, Dr. John Barton, attended.

SNEA is an organization for prospective teachers and is affiliated with the National Education Association. The organization is the voice of the student teachers in the United States. Leadership training, special services, and insurance for all members are some of the many benefits given to SNEA members by the organization.

Dr. Butterfield began the festivities by informing the students of the role of SNEA and the services it performs each year. The club competes with other colleges and universities in the state to

order to receive one of these awards, the club earns points from various activities performed during the year. These activities include the total of new freshmen membership, participation in American Education week, programs offered at the college by SNEA, and speakers from the TEA office who come to speak at the monthly meetings. These awards will given out in April 1990.

The officers for SNEA this year are as follows: Cristi Wilson, president; Jana Bentley, vice-president; Kim Laird, secretary; and Leigh Ann Abernathy, treasurer.

If any prospective teacher would like to join SNEA, the dues are \$28.00. Dues should be paid by October 1.

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Words are very hard to come by to say a proper "thank you" for the honor you bestowed on me and my family Tuesday. I have never ceased to learn from the students here. You give love, friendliness, and understanding.

I know this is not heaven. I am sure it must be a shade of it.

Again, thank you for one of the highlights of my tenure at F-HC.

Sincerely,  
**Dr. Hank**

## Freed-Hardeman "Wall Street" Closes Points Ahead

**Kelly Johns**  
staff reporter

It's Tuesday, August 22, 8:55 a.m. The Freed-Hardeman registration line commonly referred to as the F-HC Wall Street, is about to open for the second day of new student registration. The brokers, cleverly disguised as F-HC teachers, are busily watching "the tape"—a computer print-out of all the latest closed classes. Yesterday the tape was just a half page long; today it barely fits on two pages. Brokers begin to discuss the tape among themselves and predict that the "plitt" will be

hectic today. Some brokers rush off to prepare themselves for the influx of stockholders, also known as new students, while others just pace back and forth.

The voice over the intercom tells the brokers the market is now open. Immediately the phones begin to ring. Stockholders rush to their brokers' advice. Brokers let the stockholders in on the latest closings and give them their best offer. Some of the stockholders begin to show the pressure and anxiety that comes with the decision making. Brokers keep an eye on the monitors and send runners for the latest copy

tape. Tension and excitement builds as classes seem to close with each passing moment. One stockholder is seen pleading with her broker to do something. Two of her classes are closed and she just has to graduate on time! Now the real "wheeling and dealing" begins. The broker knows someone who knows someone who just might be able to let one more person in this closed class. Bargains are made and another runner heads towards the computer terminals to make a purchase. Three shares of English Comp. I and four shares of Biology have just been successfully purchased. A happy stock-

holder gives her broker the thumbs-up signal and the buying and selling continues.

It's now 5:00 p.m. and the market is closed for today. The phones have finally stopped ringing, the monitors have been turned off, and crumpled paper lies scattered across the floor. The weary brokers collect their materials and smile as they think of the successful trading that went on today. The stockholders have brought their shares for this semester and the broker hope that they won't decide to sell the first day of classes. Brokers agree that the market had a good day.

## Fun-d Run Brings Bigger Prizes

**Rod Priester**  
staff reporter

On October 24, 11 a.m. until sundown, Freed-Hardeman College will host Fun-D Run. This event is to help raise money to pay for the recent renovations on the student center and for a gift to be presented to President E. Claude Gardner for his up-coming retirement after 41 years of service. It is also to be used to help pay for Makin' Music 1990. In 1988, Fun-D Run raised about \$50,000; the 1989 goal is \$55,000. Everyone is eligible, faculty and staff included.

All entries will have a chance at \$50 cash, every Friday in chapel until October 24. All entries also receive social club participation points for the social club trophy competition.

Entering is easy. First, entries must address their forms, drop them in entry boxes around campus and then show up to run. Danny Sorrell, assistant dean of students, gave an example of how easy it would be to raise money: "If each student had 10 sponsors at 50 cents per lap, and then ran 20 laps, it would equal about \$120,000." Getting sponsors should not be difficult; friends, relatives, alumni, matching gift

companies, and your home congregation. Remind everyone that pledges are tax deductible.

It will not take as long as you think to participate. You can show up anytime from 11 a.m. until sundown. Just one hour at your convenience and all participants will be excused from classes. Forms are available outside the Student Affairs Office and will be accepted until 11 a.m. the day of the event.

Jogger numbers are already assigned. Check the Fun-D Run box or the office of student affairs. Participants in the Fun-D Run may run, jog, or walk at their pace. The event will take place around the soccer field which is approximately 1/4 mile. (Participants

with five sponsors receive a free T-shirt.

On December 8, the prizes will be distributed. First prize with a minimum of \$5000 raised is a 1989 Toyota Pick-up truck; second prize with a minimum of \$3000 is \$1500; third prize with a minimum of \$2500 is \$1000; fourth prize with a minimum of \$2000 is \$750, and fifth prize with a minimum of \$1500 is \$500. That's approximately \$10,000 dollars in cash and prizes. It is easy; it is fun; and it will help make Freed-Hardeman College a better place.

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## Two New Clubs Join Social Scene at F-HC

Mark A. Barber  
staff reporter

Eight social clubs are active at Freed-Hardeman College for fall 1989. Chi Beta Chi and Theta Alpha Gamma, two new clubs, will be making their premier this fall. This will be Chi Beta Chi's first year at F-HC.

Student Affairs felt a need to develop a new club to keep the number of students in each club lower. Danny Sorrell, social club coordinator, said, "The low number will provide more opportunity for leadership, involvement and club unity." Many hours went into creating Chi Beta Chi, such as selecting officers and sponsors.

By the end of April, the officers and sponsors were named: Barry Fortner,

president; Mike Johnson, men's vice-president; Tessa Yenny, women's vice-president; Peggy Eldridge, secretary/treasurer; Donny Watson and Kip Long, men's sports captains; Peggy Board and Susan Stauffer, women's sports captains; Jenny Segars, historian; Jay Thornell, chaplain; and Candace Short will serve as the SGA representative.

The sponsors of Chi Beta Chi are Charles Corley and Paul Pinkley. Mike Johnson said the major goal of the club for this year is, "To keep from being prejudice toward any other club or toward any member inside the club."

Theta Alpha Gamma is somewhat different than Chi Beta Chi in that it is for married students and their spouses only. In this case, instead of Student Affairs taking the initiative, a group of

last active at F-HC in 1984. Not much is known about why Theta Alpha Gamma became inactive in 1984, except the number of married students declined that year.

The people known as the "back bones" of Theta Alpha Gamma are Robert Lindsey and Tim Rogers. Lindsey said that many of the married students felt a need for their own social club. Over the summer, Lindsey and Rogers met with the other married students, elected officers and selected a sponsor.

The officers for 1989-90 are Robert Lindsey, president; Tim Rogers, men's vice-president; Michelle Overstreet, women's vice-president; Cerenia Lindsey, secretary; Donna Snow, treasurer; Tony Milam, men's sports captain; Jacqui Jenkins, women's sports captain;

Darrell Venable, historian; David Stofel, chaplain; and Raymond Overstreet, SGA representative. The sponsor for Theta Alpha Gamma is Jim Chandler.

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## Midweek to Debut on Channel Five

Amanda Edwards  
staff reporter

Midweek, a new television talk show on Channel five, will be a new experience for students in the communication department.

Midweek will be geared toward college students and toward their interests. The format of the show will consist of fun demonstrations such as T-shirt painting, an interview, movie reviews, and announcements of campus events.

The new show, which is student produced, will be under the direction of three communication majors. Suzanne Taylor and Amanda Edwards will be serving as hostesses of the show while Todd Music will be serving as the movie critic.

From an educational point of view, the show will teach much more than any text book ever could. "Learning by doing is always more effective than

learning by reading," said Edwards. Interviewing skills, speaking at ease in front of a camera, and self-confidence are just a few of the things that the show will provide. These skills are mandatory for anyone working in the field of television broadcasting.

The idea of Midweek began last spring as Taylor, Edwards and Music discussed the need for a talk show. They wanted a television show for the students of Freed-Hardeman College to watch and enjoy, as well as improve their communication skills.

As the communication department grows, Midweek has the potential to be a great part in this growth. The support and interest of F-HC students will be a great help and encouragement to those working with Midweek. Taylor, Edwards and Music all agree that Midweek will be a fantastic experience and are looking forward to being involved with the show. Music said, "This could turn into something really great."

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## "Wait Until Dark" Opens October 3

Ron Gray  
staff reporter

Freed-Hardeman College's theater season will be starting October 3, with the suspenseful play, "WAIT UNTIL DARK." Two conartists who would not mind getting their hands on some filthy

lucre once again, are played by Joel Baxley and Trey Parker. They are hires by the shrewd and sinister Roat, played by Christopher Davis, to deceive a blind woman into giving them a doll laced with heroin. The victim, portrayed by Christie Oliver, proves her prowess when faced with the superior craftiness of these three villains.

Although her husband, played by

John McCall, has left for work, she does receive some valuable help from a little girl upstairs, played by Tricia Wood. To tell you anymore would be telling too much, but be prepared for a roller coaster of a play. Also appearing on stage will be Todd Farmer and Troy Williams as police officers.

"WAIT UNTIL DARK" is directed by Pam Brown and Celine Sparks. Keven Smith serves as Student Director. The play opens October 3 with following performances on October 5, 6, and 7. Tickets will go on sale September 25, and can be purchased from 3-5 pm Monday through Friday at the ticket office or reserved by calling 6761. They are \$4.00 each. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

## Problems Plague Potpourri Talent Show

Mary Ellen Cheatham  
staff reporter

If you went to Freed-Hardeman College's Potpourri on Wednesday, August 30, you probably had to perk up your ears to hear part of the show. This year's event encountered major sound difficulties.

What went wrong with the sound equipment?

Dean Danny Sorrell, Student Alumni Association sponsor, explained that the heavy job of setting up the equipment normally requires between two and four hours. Before Potpourri started, the equipment was set up in only 15 minutes. Due to the length of the area-wide gospel meeting, the show started at 10:15 pm, much later than originally planned.

In addition to the shortened preparation time, two amplifiers used in the show were faulty.

Dean Sorrell said that the equipment had been transported to three different places in three days. Because of the amount of movement, it was highly susceptible to damage.

After only a few performances and schedule readjustments of acts, the show had to be stopped temporarily so that the technical crew could repair the failing sound equipment.

Hosts Kevin Cain and Steve Lerro, along with Darrel Sharp and "Potpourri Pixie" Todd Farmer, kept the audience entertained during the delay by leading the crowd in "Row, Row, Row your boat." Horace Smith, who performed with sound earlier in the show, again entertained the audience with his singing.

After a while the sound crew, consisting of Randy Lane, Greg Robison, and Todd Sanderson, repaired the

equipment and Potpourri resumed.

Those who performed in the show were: Mike Briley, with Bob Bloomingburg, Nancy Jackson, Janet Stephens,

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— Danny Sorrell

and Dana White; Todd Cottrell; Tammy Franks, Ryan Fraser; David Gann; Ty Jones and Ken Rinehart; Kendall Joseph and Jeff Shocklee; Jesse Robertson and Scott Miskelly; Helen Robinson; Horace Smith; and Jon Tatum and Mark Woods.

Two bands also performed. They were Third Gear, consisting of Randy Barber, Vonadl Davidson, Derek Hancock and Brian Lowery; and Stuck in Neutral, with Ronnie French, Tony Miller, Derek Taylor, Dan Truitt and Thomas Wilson.

"I appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation," said Sorrell. He also stated that those persons involved with the show put hard work and preparation into the event. Gina Anderson and Rebecca Nash directed the show.

After such a not-so-resounding success with the technical equipment, what does SAA plan to do with next year's Potpourri? Sorrell said that he plans to schedule Potpourri for a night other than Wednesday night. Since many students attend Wednesday night worship services, having Potpourri on a different evening would give more time to set up the equipment.

## Dinning Hall Renovations Complete

David Hale  
staff reporter

There have been many changes made around the campus over the summer. Probably the most noticed and most wanted change is the new look inside the upper level of the Student Services Building. Hill Food Service, the company that operates Gano Dining Hall, is making some major changes to help in beautifying the campus and cafeteria.

The new booths that were added make a stationary dining area for couples or small groups. The movable tables and chairs can be pulled together to make room for larger groups. There is also a large wall booth in the smaller, private dining room.

Director of Operations John Donely said the renovations are being paid for by Hill Management Service. The cost for all the renovations made is approximately \$142,000. This is being paid for on a monthly basis over a three

year period. The money for the renovations comes from the operating cost of the food service budget.

The students here at Freed-Hardeman College seem to like most of the changes made to the cafeteria. Some have mixed feelings about the booths, others seem to dislike the color of the carpet, but overall the student body seems to be happy with the new look.

The only real complaint received when talking to students was about the old trays. The new trays are here and are two inches shorter than the old trays. They seem to fit the tables better and do not fall off the line holder as you get your food. This makes the renovations complete.

Enjoy the new look in Gano. It has been 10 years since the last major change. It may be that long or longer before any more changes are made.

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## Mission Student Benefit Greatly From Summer Internship Programs

Bob Noland  
staff reporter

As most agree, mission work is a very important part of World Evangelism. This summer, five Freed-Hardeman College students spent 12 weeks of their summer doing mission work in the United States and foreign countries. Linda Record and Brad Blake went to Nigeria; Wil Perkins went to

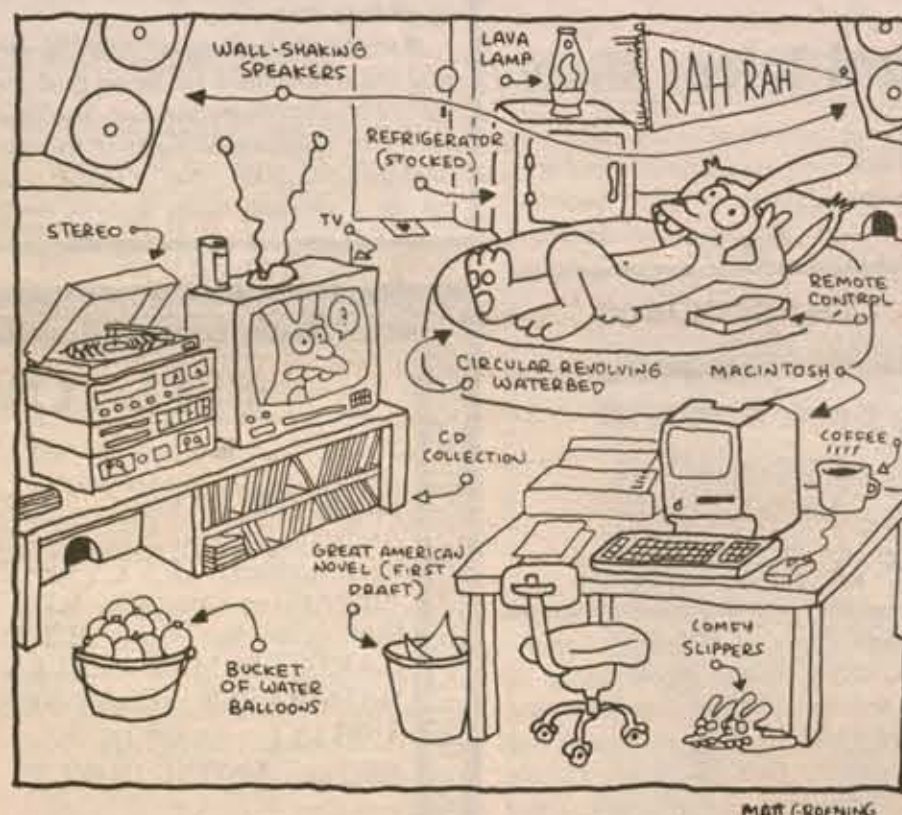
Singapore; Randall Atkins worked with a church in Gainesville, Georgia; and Randy Barber worked with various congregations as part of Campaigns Northeast / Southeast. The Estes church oversees the internship program. The students worked under the direction of a field sponsor who assigns the work. The field sponsor is either a missionary or a preacher. He is also responsible for

sending monthly evaluations of the student.

Some of the job they did were teaching classes, printing work, personal work, helping the missionaries, street and pulpit preaching, homestudies, doorknocking and working with young people. Atkins' main job was working as a youth minister. The reason my work was considered a mission work

was because of the county I worked in had a population of 90,000 people, and the one church in the county consisted of only 120 people," said Atkins. He did some preaching, worked at camp and spoke on a radio program. Atkins described his summer as the best summer of his life. "I learned a lot more than I could have in class and I have learned that I have a lot more to learn them again."

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## Chester County: 1887 to Present, Part I

Suzanne Austin  
staff reporter

Chester County has changed in many ways since Goodspeed published the *History of Tennessee* in 1887. How did it begin? How has it changed? To answer some of these questions a two-part series will delve back some 100 years in history to explore how Chester County came to be. Part two will trace the education system from the first college in the county to the present Freed-Hardeman College.

In 1887 Chester County was composed of 167,000 acres and was on the watershed between the headwaters of the South Fork of the Forked Deer River and the small tributaries of the Tennessee River. The counties of Madison, Henderson, Hardin, McNairy and Hardeman surrounded it. The surface was comparatively level and had an elevation about the sea level of a little over 400 feet.

The drainage was almost entirely through the Forked Deer River. The tributaries of this river were Ozler Creek, Horse Creek, Turkey Creek, Sugar Creek, Clark Creek, and Jacks Creek. Middleton Creek flowed east into the Tennessee River, and Clover Creek, west into the Big Hatchie River. Because of the level surface of the country these streams were generally sluggish and frequently clogged by drifts of logs and brush.

The channels of these streams were shallow and frequently overflowed following heavy rains.

Sand Mountain in the northeastern county was the highest point and was probably the highest point between Henderson and the Tennessee River. The rather high knob of 100 feet or more was covered with a growth of "black jack" and other timber.

The soil was generally light and clay

riddled, intermixed with sand. The soil was well adapted to the growth of cotton. The quantity of cotton raised was not as great as in other counties yet the quality was excellent. The soil was also suited to producing quality sorghum. Corn and other cereals did well but were not considered staples.

The first settlers came to what is now Chester County in 1820-1824. They were from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and a few from Alabama. Many first came to Middle Tennessee and then migrated to West Tennessee. The first settlement in the county was in the Milfin vicinity about 1821. Colonel J. Purdy from Pennsylvania came to Milfin in 1821. The village was named by him in honor of a town in his homestate. Purdy was a surveyor, a prominent businessman, and a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1834.

The first road was cut through the country from Lexington, by way of the Jacks Creek and Milfin neighborhoods, to Montezuma and then to Bolivar.

Meats were largely game, such as turkey and deer, which were numerous at that time. The first mills in the county were on the Forked Deer River and Clark Creek.

The enabling act creating Chester County was passed on March 1, 1879. Section one of the act called for portions of Madison, Henderson, McNairy and Hardeman Counties to be cut off and to be made into a new county known as Chester. This name was given as a compliment to Colonel R. I. Chester of Jackson, who was at that time a representative from Madison County.

The same section also designated what portion of the respective counties should be attached to the new county. Section two of the act named the commissioners to run the boundaries. Sec-

tion four called for an election in several factions, which required a two-thirds vote of all the voters in the faction to vote the "new county." Section eight required the new county to be divided into 10 to 12 civil districts. Section 9 appointed persons to hold election of county officers; and section 10 selected commissioners to select a site for a county seat.

These commissioners were ordered to select a site not more than three and a half miles from the center of the county and were to take into consideration the regards of health and convenience. Section 11 provided for purchase and erection of public buildings; and 12 required the voters of the several factions to vote at their old locations until authorized by further notice.

The question of the county seat was left to a popular vote. The only two places in nomination were Henderson and Montezuma. Henderson won by an overwhelming majority.

There was a June 1879 meeting to receive donations for public buildings. Several conditional bonds were tendered on condition that the new county was made and that certain lots were chosen. In July 1883 the court square was laid off, and buildings were examined. The final decision was the purchase of a large two-story building, having a court room and offices for the county officers.

Colonel Chester donated the bell for the courthouse as a return compliment for perpetuating his name in the county.

In January 1886, the county court appointed a committee to select a jail site and to confer with the builder for its erection. The site chosen lay a little north of the courthouse and adjoined a portion of the jailhouse. The building was a two story with two cells, the sheriff's residence and a cook and din-

ing-room. The total cost of the building was \$1,900.

The outlet for the produce and travel of the county was the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. The railroad extended through the central part of the county for 29 miles.

Henderson was situated on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad near the center of the county. It was said the town was named for Henderson County. It was not laid out until the building of the railroad. The first lots were sold in 1857-1858, and the land was owned by J.D. Smith. Then there was little cleared land. The community was originally called Dayton but was soon known as Henderson.

Like most other towns, Henderson received a check by the war but soon recovered to its normal state. It had a steady, healthy growth, but it was by no means rapid. It did not operate under a charter, thereby avoiding the sale of intoxicating beverages. From a moral standpoint few places reached the standard of Henderson.

The business was largely cotton trade, amounting to the sum of 5,000 bales in some years. Henderson also boasted several good livery, stables, hotels, boarding houses, and shops.

The magistrates that comprised the first county court met in Henderson on June 3, 1882. The court organized itself by electing a chairman and then proceeding to make bonds for several county and district officers. On July 24, 1882, the court canvassed a vote to determine the location of the county seat. There were 796 votes in favor of Henderson and 55 votes in favor of Montezuma. The county court on January 1, 1883, asked the General Assembly to allow Chester County to remain in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit and in the Tenth Chancery Circuit. This was granted.

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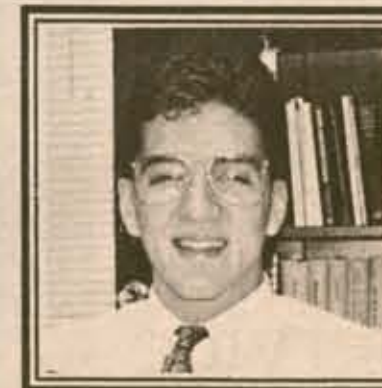
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# Baseball and Tennis: A Great Year

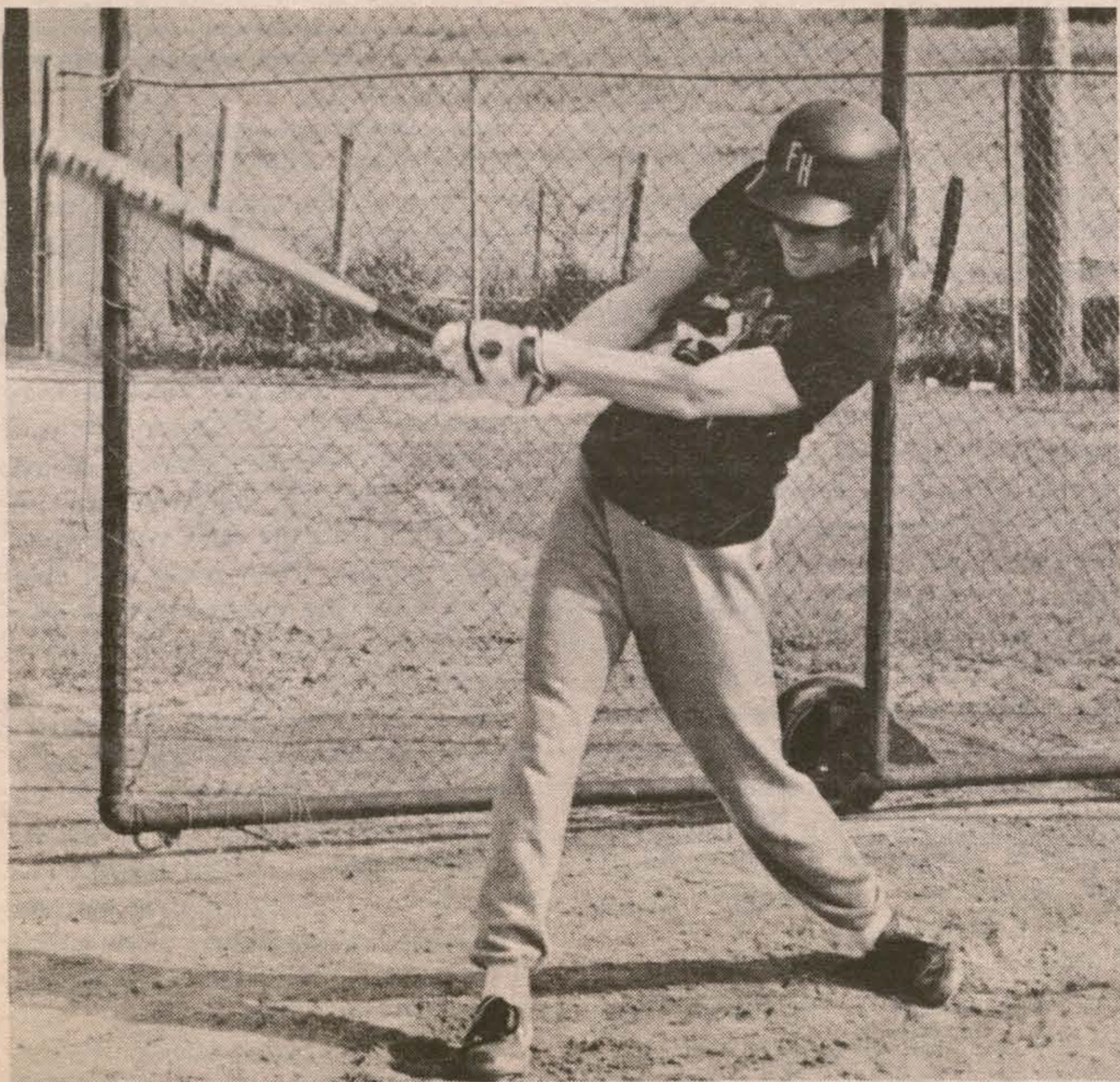


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Coach Randy Brown is expecting bigger and better things from the Lions baseball team this year. Last year the Lions lost several pitchers due to injury which restricted the teams performance. The Lions ended the season with a record of 6-30. Coach Brown said, "Last year the team lost several one run games which took a lot out of the team early in the season."

This year the team will try to get off to a better start and try to be a more enthusiastic team. The team will also try to establish a supportive role for each player. Last year the team put too much pressure on each other to perform.

According to Brown there are four tough teams in the conference: Union, David Lipscomb, Trevecca, and Cumberland. The team is made up of mostly juniors and a few senior players.

The Lions will start the season September 9 against Belmont. They will start their season in March and play approximately 30 games.

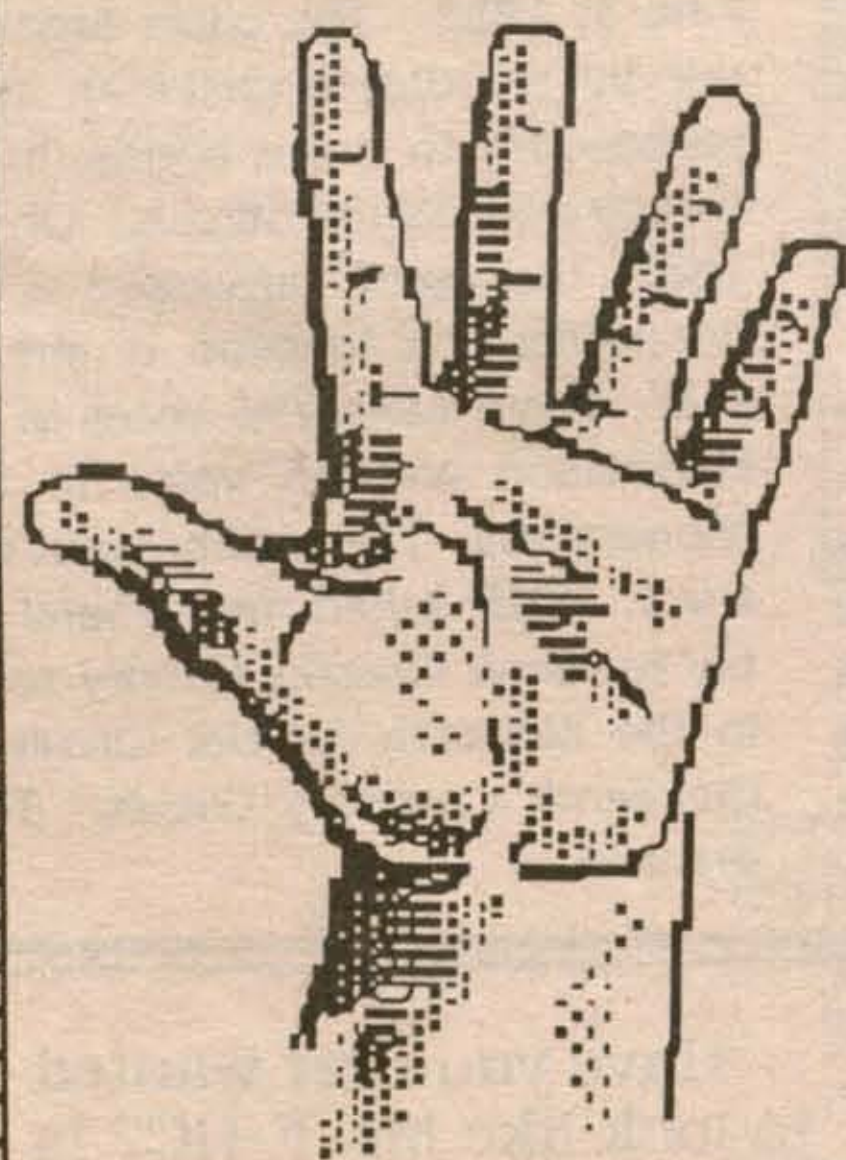
The athletic team that seems to draw

the most attention on campus is the womens tennis team. The last several years the Lady Lions have finished among the top teams in the conference. Last year coach Charlie Smith was named coach of the year in the T.C.A.C. Conference.

The Lady Lions tennis team ended last year with a one loss season. With their 22 wins they won the T.C.A.C. Conference title for the fourth year in a row and also won the District 24 championship for the first time in the school's history. The Lady Lions ranked eighth in the nation.

In 1987, the team finished sixth in the nation. Smith's goal for the team is to finish in the top five. The Lady Lions will travel to Pensacola, Florida to play in a tournament; this tournament will hopefully give the team more national exposure.

The Lady Lions have five returning players; sophomore Anoreina Yanes, junior Johanna Mitterhammer, junior Mary Ann Guinn, senior Macelle Marion, and senior Fabiana Cuggionni. The Lady Lions are hoping for another great season this year.



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