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ARTS IN THE ALLEY

A COMMUNITY JOINS TOGETHER

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Arts in the Alley is a monthly event hosted by the Henderson Arts Commission (HAC). Hundreds of guests, musicians and all-around artists gather together in downtown Henderson to celebrate and showcase talent around the area. This month's Arts in the Alley was held last Thursday evening, April 21st, on Main Street next to Besso's.

The mission of the HAC is to recognize, educate, enrich and entertain through the arts in not only Henderson but all of Chester County and the surrounding areas. Arts in the Alley events are planned for every third Thursday and will go throughout the summer.

At this month's event, the featured band, After Hours, included local residents who

have been performing together for the past four years. The band members include Tony Ervin, T.J. Ervin, Rick Bowlin, Tim Stratton, and Joe Noles. The band entertained the crowd of all ages at the event by playing a variety of classic rock music.

Patrons could enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers that were grilled on site as well as coffee drinks and fresh gelato next door at Besso's. Another interesting food item available this month at the event were the

rising in popularity, cake pops.

There was a large variety of art featured and sold at the event including: sewn crafts, oil paintings, wood cuttings and crafts, photography, jewelry, altered art crafts, yard art, stained glass, handmade cards, and much more. Even the Chester County High School art students hosted a booth.



"Henderson Arts Commission is thrilled that FHU students have been involved in several ways, including setting up a booth for eXile international in April."

-Dawn Bramblett

Da w n B r a m b l e t t, an important leader in the HAC said, "Arts in the Alley has begun well in 2011. The weather has cooperated, bands have been great, and we've enjoyed seeing a diverse display of art from talented individuals. The HAC is thrilled that FHU students have been

involved in several ways, including setting up a booth for eXile International in April."

The HAC plans to host an inaugural Front Street Arts Festival that will be held on Saturday, June 4. If you are interesting in participate, please e-mail Jason Bramblett at Jason@bramblettgrp.com. You can also connect with both Arts in the Alley and Henderson Arts Commission on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HendersonArtsCommission.

STUDENTS WIN FREE iPADS DURING VISIT FROM SACS

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The Southern Association of Colleges (SACS) has been the buzz around campus for the past few months, not only among faculty and staff, but also the students. First mentioned to the students of Freed Hardeman University in the fall semester of 2010, few students knew anything about the accreditation process and even fewer knew about all of the work that was being put into presenting Freed Hardeman University accountable to SACS.

However, with three chapel talks this spring semester and the added incentive of winning an iPad, FHU students have become fairly well informed of the QEP proposal aspect of the reaccreditation process. Despite that, there was still an immense amount of unexplained, behind-the-scenes action that has accompanied the entire process.

Every ten years, FHU must undergo the accreditation process with SACS. The mission statement of SACS according to the 2010 Edition of The Principles of Accreditation reads: "Accreditation by SACS Commission on Colleges signifies that the institution (1) has a mission appropriate to higher education, (2) has resources, programs, and services sufficient to accomplish and sustain that mission, and (3) maintains clearly specified educational objectives that are consistent with its mission and appropriate to the degrees it offers, and that indicate whether

it is successful in achieving its stated objectives." Basically, for graduates of FHU, accreditation means that diplomas received upon graduation will be legitimate and have authority, rather than simply a piece of paper saying the date and place the student graduated from.

The four members of the Accreditation Team – more affectionately known as the "A-Team" – were appointed in the summer of 2009. The group included professors Vickie Johnson, Mike Johnson, Becky Cargile and Stephen Morris. These are the individuals that have put hours upon hours of work into the entire accreditation process and have done their best to present FHU at the highest possible level. In addition to the A-Team, there was also a Leadership Team comprised of President Joe Wiley, Sam Jones, Dwayne Wilson, Mike Johnson and Vicki Johnson.

The first step in the accreditation process was the Compliance Certification Report. This report was a 400-page document compiled by the A-Team and turned in to SACS in September 2010. The second step in the accreditation process was when the off-site SACS committee reviewed the provided Compliance Certification Report in November of last year. The third step was a completed Focused Report along

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SENIORS GET READY TO SAY GOODBYE

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It may be annoying to hear for a whole hour at graduation, but the classical piece "Pomp and Circumstance" symbolizes an end as well as a new beginning in a student's life. Graduates will be at peak stress levels when May 14 comes around. Families and friends of 2011 seniors will flood Lloyd Auditorium to scout out prime seats and shout embarrassingly loud as their son, daughter, or best friend walks across the stage. And while graduation is stressful, it's not nearly as stressful as considering what to do with your life after you toss your cap into the air.

Where should you live? What should you say in an interview? Which job you should take? Why didn't you find a spouse at FHU? When will you start a family? Why is your only option to move back in with your parents? These questions are and probably have been running through soon-to-be graduates' minds since the beginning of the year. Your past four, five, or six years have flown by.

Many May graduates have short and long term aspirations. Josh McReynolds from Zachary, Louisiana, regarding his plans for the next ten years, said, "Become a member of a God-fearing and people-loving congregation that I can get involved with. Find a job coaching soccer. Find a place to live. Travel some, to Europe most likely. Meet a nice Christian girl, get married and have kids (in that order)." Jared Gaines said, "I would like to go to Tanzania in the next couple of years and do mission work for a while."

Some students plan to continue their education after graduation. Abbe McCarroll said, "I plan to work for the Mount Juliet Church as an intern this summer, and following that, I intend on attending Lipscomb Graduate School for Psychology and Counseling." Emily Cochran said, "I plan to take a few other courses at Southwest Community College in preparation for applying to their Physical Therapist Assistant Program." Another May graduate, Whitney Johnson

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Festival of Awesome / LOVE IN STEREO

Students, faculty and community members gathered for an evening of fun and benevolence as they learned of ways to help refugee children in Africa.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness." The students of Freed-Hardeman University certainly took King's words to heart. On April 16, Love in Stereo, teamed up with Amanda Adebambo, Amber Oliver, Mary-Rachel Leach, and Katelyn Collison, to present A Festival of Awesome, which featured an Easter egg hunt, a TOMS "Style Your Sole" party, and a screening of Invisible Children's "Tony."

The day began at 1:30 with an Easter egg hunt presented by FHU's own radio station, FM 91. Senior Dustin Semore and Junior Bradley Field planned the egg hunt and encouraged the community to come out to the Brown Kopel Business building. After weeks of planning, 500 eggs were filled with a total of three pounds of Hershey's Kisses and were then distributed around campus early Saturday afternoon. Some of the top prizes included free pizza, a gift certificate to the University bookstore, and a free pair of TOMS shoes, which

bit more time to prepare for it." Needless to say, the event was sweet!

Directly following the egg hunt was the TOMS "Style Your Sole" party. TOMS Shoes is a company founded on the promise that with every pair you purchase, one new pair of shoes will be given to a child in need. Love in Stereo provided art supplies for participants and a number of art majors attended to help design shoes.

After the "Style Your Sole" event, musicians Seth Wood and A. N. Palamara performed. Brad Montague, Assistant Director of Marketing and Co-Director for Love In Stereo, was excited to have Seth and A. N. on campus. "They were not only a great addition to the evening, they were also impacted by the message of the night and the response from campus." Love In Stereo has been working to increase collaboration between artists, causes, and everyday people. "This event and others has helped in building relationships with so many great people and organizations who are making an impact all over the world," said Montague.

The last event of the day, a screening of Invisible Children's newest documentary, "Tony" was shown at 7:30. Invisible Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending the longest running war in Africa. The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), led by Joseph Kony, has been kidnapping and killing for twenty-five years, forcing children to become soldiers or sex slaves. According to their website, they are "part of a generation eager for change and willing to pursue it" and aim to "transform apathy into action." Senior Amanda Adebambo is extremely passionate about what Invisible Children is doing to change the world. "This conflict has been going on longer than I've been alive, and I'm sure that's the case for a lot of IC activists. There's a generation of Africans who have grown up without knowing peace, and IC is working to give it to them."

Over 200 students, faculty, and local community came out to the Ayers Auditorium to attend the screening of "Tony," exceeding the expectations of all who were involved. When asked what his favorite part about the festival was, Field said that he enjoyed getting to hear from Invisible Children again. "Their new movie was a great update on all of the happenings in Uganda and Congo, and their new plan to set up radio posts in

places where communication is a problem is brilliant." Jessica Tkachuk and Katie McKenzie, two of the traveling "roadies" on the IC's Spring tour, confirmed the success of their visit on FHU's campus, informing the Festival's planners that they raised \$2,500 by the end of the night!

Invisible Children teamed up with another non-profit organization, Resolve, to raise awareness about the atrocities happening in Africa. Resolve encouraged everyone at the festival to sign a petition to go before Congress to ensure funding for the President's LRA strategy and over 200 names were added to the petition.

For freshman Katelyn Collison, the Festival of Awesome was definitely one of the highlights of her first year at FHU. "So many people at Freed and in the community came, and that was beautiful. They truly want to help, but often need a way to do that. They need a tunnel. We got to be that for them."

Helping others through action is something that many people believe in, including those who helped plan the Festival. This event has definitely sparked interest into the hearts of the student body and staff—interest to work harder to help. Albert Pine explained altruism best: "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal."

STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE SUMMER

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As classes come to a close, finals draw nearer, and students become excited to leave their beloved Freed-Hardeman University, we are all anxiously looking forward to our summers. Freed-Hardeman students are planning to spend their summers at home and all around the world.

Senior Cameron Crawford will be graduating with a major in Social Work. He will begin his summer by working at Department of Children Services (DCS). Here, he will be doing home visits, casework, working with abused children, and working in the courts during his internship. This internship will give him direct practice for working in his career field. He will also have two paying jobs this summer. He is working at Chapel Hill Church of Christ in the outskirts of White Bluff as a summer youth minister, and will also be working at Best Buy. The most exciting part of his summer, however, will be getting married. He will be marrying the lovely Caitlin Quarles (business major at Tennessee Technological University) on July 23rd. The following week they will spend their honeymoon going to the beach, Disney World and a Braves game.

Freshmen Aaron Rumford and Brendan Felts will be interning at White Bluff Church of Christ as youth ministers. They will be planning and scheduling lock-ins, retreats, devotionals, and other various activities including white water rafting. They will also be counselors at a weeklong summer camp at Leatherwood. Since White Bluff is their home congregation, they will get to live at home while also interning.

Elizabeth Blanton and Riley Pate are going to Michigan to spend their summer as volunteer youth interns at Saint Joseph Church of Christ. They will be living at Blanton's grandparents house. They are going to be rebuilding and encouraging the Saint Joseph church and forming a youth group there.

Ralph Gilmore and Jeremiah Tatum will be taking a group of Freed students to New Zealand including Lauryn Talbert, Miranda Graham, and Lisa Bundy. They will be in New Zealand for 17 days and will live with members from the church in Porirua. They will be spending their time door knocking, letter boxing, and teaching people why they need God.

Spencer Davidson plans to leave June 1st for Athens, Greece where he will be working with Dino Tzanetos. He will be assisting him to work with a congregation in the "Omonia" section of Athens. He will mostly be working with children and youth, but he is also scheduled to make a few prison trips. Overall, he would mostly like to be an encouragement to the Greeks

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Freed-Hardeman Students BREAK THE SILENCE in Nashville and Henderson

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From 7:00 p.m., Sunday, April 24 to 8:00 p.m., Monday, April 25, the world heard the silence of over 90,000 people who were "speaking out" for those who are not heard by not speaking at all. The Invisible Children organization has been challenging people all over the United States to be silent for 25 hours in order to spread the word about the longest running war in Africa.

"I decided that the people who are struggling needed someone to be their voice. I can't keep my mouth closed on a normal day. Being silent was me being their voice," said Freshman Katelyn Collison when asked why she partook in the silence.

For those who chose to take on the challenge, they first registered and created their own fund-raising page. Each person was asked to raise a minimum of \$25. Up until April 24th, participants flooded Facebook, Twitter and any other social network tool they had available to tell people about the war in Africa and how to help.

The fundraisers raised over \$1.6 million, which went to fund Invisible Children protection programs. According to the IC website, the aim of these protection programs is "to implement a strategy in the Lord's Resistance Army affected areas that will protect innocent civilians from brutal LRA violence, provide rehabilitation for children rescued from the LRA and facilitate progress towards apprehending the top LRA commanders." They plan to do this by building radio towers in the remote African villages that otherwise have no contact with the outside world.

Even though people were sacrificing their physical voices for 25 hours, they were asked to overtake the social networking world by proclaiming the events in Africa and pleading with people to take action. People who participated carried around cards that explained what they were doing or wrote down an explanation when someone would try to communicate with them.

At the end of the day on Monday people gathered in 25 major cities all over America to "Break the Silence." About 16 students from Freed-Hardeman University traveled to Lipscomb University in Nashville to share this moment with people from all over Tennessee. For those students who were not able to drive to Nashville for one reason or another, Jordan Utter along with others set up Freed Hardeman's own "Break the Silence" event in the Black Box Theatre.

"It was nice to see all of those who were dedicated enough to come out and celebrate together even though we could not travel all the way to Nashville for one reason or another. It was really awesome to have Brad and all those who helped him plan out and provide this opportunity for us to be involved. Even though we

weren't able to go to Nashville, we still felt as though we were a part of it because of the live feed," said Sophomore Caleb Vivio.

In Nashville, people began filing in around 6:30 to partake in all the events the IC roadies had set up for the participants. The walls of Allen Arena were covered with pictures and news clippings from the war, and there was a section of the wall for people to sign and tell what drove them to remain silent for 25 hours. After signing the wall, people got into groups for the silent photo shoot. A table was also set up for people to write letters to their congressmen asking them to sign and stand by the funding for aid to go to the Congo.

At 7:35 p.m., everyone observed 25 minutes of complete silence. People barely even moved. For most it was a very somber and thought-provoking time. As soon as the clock struck 8, everyone went crazy. At the event hosted on FHU's campus everyone shouted one word that they had wanted to say all day.

"The 25 minutes of silence seemed even more intense because it was so few people in a dark room, you almost felt as though you were alone and it really made you think about how alone the people in Africa must feel," said Vivio.

After the silence was broken, a video was shown describing the progress made and the work that is still left to be done. A woman named Evelyn who actually lived through the war as a child was there in Nashville to describe her experience. Everyone then began to celebrate the accomplishment of raising so much awareness and money for this cause by listening to live music. In Nashville, David Archuleta and Landon Pigg performed, while Garrett Hinson and Hope Montgomery performed in Henderson.

This is an event that will not be soon forgotten by all those who were involved. To find out more about Invisible Children and how to get involved, visit their website at www.invisiblechildren.com.



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Senior Art Exhibits

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Take a deep breath in and out. Imagine a place that inspires you. A place that motivates you, moves you. For Becca Phillips and Bethany Simpson, whatever happens to be going in life is a potential inspiration for their works of art. This past weekend, the Bulliner-Clayton Visual Arts Building hosted some beautiful art exhibits. Freed senior, Becca Phillips, entertained a dynamic group of guests for her senior gallery. The atmosphere was lively as people from the community, school, and friends came to visit and enjoy the hard work of an imaginative artist. The evening started with appetizers and finger foods for people to enjoy as they strolled through the gallery. Phillips then began to give a speech about the meaning and creative genius involved in each one.

The works spanned over a period of three years. "My gallery featured works done in collage, print, oil paint, and photographic media," says Phillips. The talent and passion that went behind each one of these paintings was evident. Caleb Vivio elaborated by saying, "She is very talented, and her uniqueness in her work makes it stand out. One of the professors described Becca's work as 'Becca's Swirliness.'" One fond admirer, Anna Taubken, had a painting really stick out to her entitled, Flight. "It was a picture of a girl jumping in the air with swirls all around her," said Taubken.

Bethany Simpson, a senior at Freed, produced a very classical and creative art gallery this weekend as well. There was a wide variety of art including anything from classical sculptures to vivid paintings. Simpson's exhibit featured works of sculptures, photography, paintings, and charcoal. She pays close attention to detail to imitate her favorite classic artists. "I have a high respect for the classical artists and their attention to detail and accuracy," says Simpson. You can never judge a painting at face value. For most of the art, deep thought and time went into its creation. Each is unique and deserves a second glance. Simpson has several different series and will hopefully have many more to come. Simpson concludes, "I plan on continuing each of the different serious seen in the exhibit and hope to be able to paint on a larger scale in the future."

Both of these exhibits were fabulous. The time and skill that went into them over the past years is something that can be looked upon with deep appreciation. It goes to show that once again Freed is full of genius abilities. There will be many more exhibits to come. Make sure to make a point to involve yourselves in both the creative and spectator aspects of the vast talent at Freed. Who knows, maybe you will find something inspiring to move you to paint, write, play music, act or just try something new! Go out and get inspired.



The Taming of the Shrew and The Woman's Prize performed

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Katherina Minola is renown in all of Padua for her scolding tongue and contentious nature, while her younger sister Bianca is known for beauty and modesty. Unfortunately for all Bianca's suitors, she cannot marry until Kate weds. Money's the matter here for Petruchio as he agrees to marry and tame the shrew, Katharina. Bianca's suitors, Lucentio and Rowland, pose as tutors in an effort to win her heart. Witty banter, shrewd schemes, and feigned insanity follow Kate and Petruchio's mad marriage until Kate is finally pacified by her husband's clever tactics. Bianca marries Lucentio, to the dismay of Gremio and Rowland, though she rebuked by Kate herself for not being submissive to Lucentio.

A few years down the line, Katherina has died and Petruchio marries again, unknowingly caught in a bad romance. His new wife, Maria, conspires with Bianca to tame the wife-tamer. Rowland

and Gremio are at odds once again, this time over the fair Livia. Barricaded from their husbands and suitors, Maria, Bianca, and Livia refuse all attempts at reconciliation until agreements upon equality are met. Sickness, the plague, and even death are all feigned until Petruchio finally yields and Livia escapes marriage to Gremio by marrying Rowland.

Freed-Hardeman graduate Andrea Kelley directed the Scott Palmer adaptation of The Taming of the Shrew and The Woman's Prize. Kelley described the play as "a battle of the sexes with 400-year-old words."

Sarah Missildine played the parts of Katherina and Maria. Although she is a senior, this is her first theatre production. When asked what she liked most about the play, she replied that the best part was, "pretending to be mean." Missildine went on to say that putting the show together was a lot of work, but it was also a lot of fun. Steven Laden played the part of the stubborn and charismatic Petruchio. A double major in Psychology and Bible, this was his first FHU theatre production.

Bianca was portrayed by senior Ashley Crawford, previous director of Exit the King. Jonathan Glass held the role of the troubled father of Kate and Bianca, Baptista, as well as the part of Petronius. He has been in four previous FHU productions. Stephanie Benge played the part of Tranio, the ever-faithful servant and eager doppelganger of Lucentio. A senior studying graphic design and photography, she aspires to be a photographer after graduation in December.

Casey Norris took the role of Rowland, one of the initial suitors to Bianca and eventual husband to Livia. This was his first production and chance to take on the FHU stage.

Sarah Bernhardt played the part of Biondella, the ready and willing imposter for Vicentia, as well as

the part of gentle Livia. A third-year interior design major, she played the part of Anne Frank in the production And Then They Came for Me.

Allie Martin played the parts of both Curtis and Peter. A senior English major and an executive officer for the Student Alumni Association, this is the first play she has been involved with at Freed-Hardeman. Annie Wright tackled the part of the aged Gremio. A senior Theater major, she has been the stage manager for two homecoming shows. This was her last show at Freed-Hardeman.

Lucy Lopez played the part of the Vicentia,

mother of Lucentio. She is a freshman double majoring in English and Theatre. Chris LaFever plays the part of Grumio, faithful comrade of Petruchio. He is part of the Masters of Counseling program.

He was involved in several theater productions as an FHU undergraduate. Ryan Pickens plays the part of crafty Lucentio,

son of Vicentia and suitor in disguise to Bianca. This is the seventh performance on an FHU stage for the sophomore Theatre major, though he as also worked tech for many other shows here. Having begun work on the play since just after spring break, the cast collaborated to put on a show worth seeing more than just once.



bryson's beatitudes for a happy campus life no matter classification

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This article is the last article I will write as a student at FHU. I pondered for a long time what type of musical wisdom I could bestow upon my readers, but I came up short every time. As it is my final article, I felt that it would be appropriate to impart some wisdom that I have learned in the last four years I have spent on this campus. I bring them to you in the form of beatitudes:

1. Happy is the man who chooses to attend campus events.

The number one thing I hear after every event on campus is, "Man, why didn't I go to that?" As a member of UPC, I know that some events flop, but other days we produce some awesome showstoppers. I implore you to consider attending as many events as you can; it will boost campus involvement and boost your own spirit.

2. Happy is the man who tries new things.

I'm thankful for the person who decided to try the first chicken egg, for without him/her we would not have cakes or brownies or omelets. I've spent the past three years writing about new music and movies and the one thing I hear the most from my readers is, "Never heard of 'em." This statement, instead of implying curiosity, tends to imply that anything beyond one's knowledge is not worth exploring. Exploring uncharted experiences will always be rewarding and exciting, and the awkward element of considering eating an egg for the first time obviously paid off.

3. Happy is the man who learns to laugh.

I've seen my fair share of chapel walker-outers and pouty-lipped people who fold their arms in protest of something with which they disagree. I, too, have had my fair share of disagreements, but I have found greater peace in laughing about something I disagree with than pulling out my stationery to write up my next complaint. Besides, pouty lips are not flattering on anyone.

4. Happy is the man who sends campus mail.

We all can agree that getting campus mail is uplifting. Even that Spiritual Sword pamphlet everyone gets induces the most wonderful someone-cares-about-me feeling. But why is it not done as much as it could be? Put down the phones and sign off of Facebook, pick up a scrap of paper and write your friend a note.

5. Happy is the man who includes the un-includable

Never, I repeat, never assume that a friend is unavailable. I've left too many people alone on weekends because I assumed they were busy doing something else and I have spent my fair share of time alone because I appeared to be too busy for anyone. Humble yourselves and always be available, inviting and compassionate. Include those you may have previously considered un-includable. And no matter how tired or busy you may be, always open your door to anyone who knocks.



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Just Friends?

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This is the most overused cop out for a relationship in the history of the world. That is a fact I generated completely on my own, but I feel almost certain it is true.

The fact is, people are afraid of caring more than the other person in a relationship. Everyone is afraid of getting their heart broken. Nobody wants to risk ruining a friendship for a relationship that may or may not fail. But here is the thing, you will never find anyone if you are not willing to take a risk. So for once in your life, go out on limb. Do the thing that you think you cannot do. Being scared is a complete waste of time. Being afraid of messing up a good thing is ridiculous because you could be missing out on something better. Sometimes the clichés are true.

If you care about someone, tell them. All the time you spend sitting around wishing you had the courage to say something is time you could spend by being happy. By not saying anything, you are just wasting your time and theirs. Chances are, if you are comfortable enough with someone to care about them as more than just friends, then they

could feel the same way about you. Be secure enough in yourself and your own emotions to take a chance and see what could be there.

But, to be fair, relationships are a two way street. You can be just friends with a person you are genuinely not interested in having a relationship with. You can have feelings for someone who does not actually have feelings for you. The worst thing you can do, though, is to string someone along. Nothing hurts more than having a person who has faked feelings for you shut you down when you try to express how you feel. So here are some things not to do if you do not want to date someone:

1. Do not call or text them incessantly. Doing this makes people think you really care about them, but if you don't, then don't.

2. Do not favor them over everyone else. Treating someone in an obviously different way than you treat other people will definitely give them the wrong idea.

3. Do not use them. A person you

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Differences in Perception

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Perception is a funny thing. If you have ever seen the movie, *A Bug's Life*, then you might remember the scene where it rains on the ants. The raindrops are seen like bombs falling out of the sky and terrifying the ant community; however, my perception of rain as a child was something to enjoy. To me, rain was seen as playful and harmless. I find it funny that the same object, rain, has two completely different perceptions of terror and enjoyment.

I believe a lot of things in life are like this differing perception of rain. To one person, an action could seem harmless, while to another person, that same action hurts them deeply. To avoid being the person that produces actions or words that can be taken in a way never intended, there are a few things to keep in mind.

The first is whom we are talking to. Sometimes the words we say may not be hurtful in themselves, but it comes down to whom they are said to. Next, be mindful of a person's current situation. If someone just had a relative pass away, do not make a joke about death. Third, be respectful. It is so easy to want to do

something or say something that seems funny or amusing at the time. We can all think of times someone set themselves up for a good joke, but that does not mean we have to take that set up. Be respectful of people and mindful of what your words can do.

It is odd at times how a simple statement or action from us can deeply impact the day of another person, but it happens, and since it does, we must do our part to not hurt others.

Now that does not mean to walk on eggshells or over-think your every word or action, but it does mean centering yourself around Christ so that your words and actions only build others up. Just like a raindrop to one person can mean joy but to another mean terror, words and actions can be the same



POLITICS, ETC.

Let's Throw A Better Party

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"If you're not one, you're the other." So goes the mantra of Americans who cannot think outside of the box of political polarization.

Whoever made the rule that people must choose between the two major political parties needs to be put in timeout. Politics is not as simple as conservative or liberal, Democrat or Republican, progressive or old school.

This practice of either/or political affiliation is completely insufficient, especially in a time when both parties are failing the American people.

With 47 million uninsured Americans, rising fuel prices, a widening gap between the poor and rich, a war in Iraq, a war in Afghanistan, air strikes in Libya, it is becoming more obvious how the two parties are failing everyday Americans.

Which leads to an interesting set of questions, beginning with this one: If the two major political parties were actual parties, what kind of parties would they be? Would they be fun? Would they include everyone? What would the admission price be? What kind of music would be played? Who would foot the bill for all the expenses?

If you are considering registering or voting for one party or endorsing one politician over another, I want to encourage you to ask those questions. We need to begin to expand our political imagination beyond boundaries of exclusion and isolation. We need to throw a party for America that includes the poor, underprivileged, marginalized, and oppressed among us.

This begins with strengthening schools, simplifying the process of citizenship, deinstitutionalizing sexism and racism, and empowering the economically disadvantaged.

Our party should include the powerless, the rich, the conservative, the poor, and the liberal. Our party should have catchy music, abundant refreshments, and no admission price.

Public philosopher Norman Arthur Sullivan said it best in his book *America Needs a Surprise Party: How to Throw a Political Party that Everyone is Invited To*: "When we cease practicing the triple-headed evils of violence, consumerism, and poverty, we will enter a new day of existence. This new day will not be defined by the love of power. This new day will be defined by the power of love."



HANNAH in EUROPE

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Our "grand adventure"—as Dr. McLaughlin likes to call it—is coming to a close. During these next couple of weeks, all of the Freed-Hardeman study abroad students will be scattered throughout Europe trying to cram in as many of our last-minute dream vacation experiences that we can. As you read this, your fellow students could be anywhere from Switzerland to the U.K. to the Balearic Islands or Spain. And it really does feel like a vacation since we all took our finals before leaving Verviers.

Have I made anyone want to come to Europe yet? If you've already been, then a lot of what I have to say will hopefully remind you of the wonderful experiences that you had. If you haven't

traveled abroad, then you should. Stop what you're doing right this minute, go to Dr. Jenny Johnson's office and put your name on the list. And then you should probably go find a summer job, because it's not exactly cheap. But seriously, every penny that I scrimped and saved to come here has been absolutely worth it. You don't realize it when you sign up to go, but what you gain from a semester abroad is so much more than seeing all the famous museums and monuments.

One of the things that I will take away from this trip is a new level of confidence that I never knew existed. Traveling to all of these countries can be really stressful—especially if you're like me and like to have everything

planned out in advance. But the more you experience it, the easier it becomes, until you feel as if you've been doing this for years. And you can forget ever having any kind of travel anxiety once you return home. It amazes me that I ever worried about traveling alone on an airplane from state to state—and road trips just seem like child's play.

Another thing that has made this experience so rich is the people I've shared it with. It's been wonderful having some of my close friends—and my fiancé—here with me. Today I sat amid the Swiss Alps with Brandyn, Jessica Johnson, and Becky Thompson, and the breath-taking views were made all the more sweet by the talking and joking around that we did

at the foot of some of God's most beautiful creation. Perhaps even more than the people I already knew, I've appreciated sharing this trip with the people I didn't know beforehand. One of the nights we were in Germany, a few of us decided to play truth or dare. Don't worry, it was the clean version where all we do is drink water filled with salt, toothpaste, and gummy bears or stick nasty socks in our mouths, so no harm done.

Anyway, it was then that I realized how fearless Lacie Shannon was, and since then she has lived up to the adventurous spirit I know she has. I didn't know Lacie

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It's Not Easy Being Green

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Recently I've become addicted to Pinterest. Pinterest is a website that allows you to pin various things you find online to specific boards on your profile. For example, if you find a picture of a cat you thought was funny you can pin it to a board entitled "CATS," or if you found pictures of a fun DIY project you'd pin it to a board called "Crafty."

The more time I spend on this particular website the more I realize how many Do-It-Yourself projects there are that require nothing more than materials you already own. I can't think of a more creative way to recycle than that. Here are a few websites that have tutorials on making everything from clothing to your own eco-friendly cleaning products:

1. www.elleapparel.blogspot.com-- This website has the coolest tutorials on making your own clothes and how to recreate pieces already hanging in your closet. My personal favorite is the DIY cardigan tutorial, but the site teaches you how to make so much more - everything from a nautical shirt-dress to an infinity scarf.

2. www.craftynest.com-- Crafty Nest is the best place to find super cute things to make for your dorm room or room at home. One tutorial teaches you

how to make Hemp Pendent Lanterns that really add character to a room. The best part is that all the items you need you can find in your mom's craft room and in a junk drawer somewhere. Crafty Nest also teaches you how to refurbish old furniture and turn it into something new. This cuts down on buying new products to replace perfectly good, slightly aged pieces.

3. www.ecocycle.com-- This site prides itself on working to build zero-waste communities, and with their easy recipes for household cleaners you can do just

that. Ecocycle has recipes for everything from oven cleaner, to drain cleaner, to disinfectant. All of the ingredients needed are super cheap and most likely already in your possession. You'll never have to pay full price for cleaning supplies ever again.

These are just a few websites to help get your creative thoughts flowing. There are tons more out there and even more artistic ideas just waiting to be discovered by someone like you. Going green is about more than remembering to recycle soda cans or choosing to drink out of a reusable water bottle. It's about inventing new ways to give old items purpose, creating less waste in the process.





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FHU Lady Lions 2, Trevecca Nazarene 11
at Trevecca Nazarene



FREED-HARDEMAN BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

As spring sets in the FHU Lions and Lady Lions hit the dirt and play hard.



Baseball Coach Reflects on Season

In a recent interview, FHU baseball Coach Estes looks back on the season and what has made our young team stand out from the rest.

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The FHU Lions Baseball team has had an incredible season so far. Although they are a very young team, it has not stopped them from playing hard, and winning tough games. The team is looking forward to the Conference Tournament that will be starting on Monday the second of May.

Coach Estes is very proud of all the work his team, and all that they have accomplished. "We are getting better, and winning more games every year. The last year that we went to the Tournament, we were in 6th place, this year we are in 5th," Estes said.

The team's ratio to wins and losses is 24-25, and those 24 wins came with great satisfaction and determination. "The highlight of our season has been when we beat Union University, our rivals, and Blue Mountain," Estes recalled. Union has been ranked as 16th in the nation, and it was very rewarding to win."

Not only have their games been great, but their players have also improved the team's quality. Two FHU players, Robert Prieto and Kyle Dearing, have been awarded as Conference players. Concerning his two players, Coach Estes said, "Robert was also named National Player of the week, which is a big honor since it is only awarded to one person. Kyle is the only freshman to be named a Conference player in the nation."

However, these accomplishments have not come without some set backs. For the past month, Charlie Overturf, the head pitcher, was unable to play due to an arm injury.

Along with this, Dearing, the second baseman, suffered from a slight concussion. Coach Estes stated, "This was not a huge problem, it actually gave others a chance to step up their game." Roberto Furgeson pitched the last 3 games, and Lincoln Lakoff stepped in for Dearing and became the designated hitter.

Although Dearing and Overturf are back playing for the team again, Furgeson and Lakoff have stayed on bringing more talent to the team. "Yes we are young team, but we have been playing hard," Coach Estes said. "If we continue working so well, we will do some major damage."



FHU SOFTBALL / moving forward

Softball faces defeat but looks forward to future wins

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With spring in full force and a blistering summer not too far away, the students at Freed Hardeman University are busy making summer plans, whether that's retreats, summer jobs, or just enough time with family and friends to last through August. However, softball season is already in full force, and we couldn't be prouder of the great success the Lady Lions team has had. Just last Monday the team used a win against Mid-Continent University to earn third place in the TranSouth Conference. The FHU Lady Lions were strong enough to bring the game to a tie in the first few innings of the game, but towards the latter half of it all they were able to score off of Sarah Elizabeth Cousar, the same FHU starter that held the Mid-Continent Cougars to one run at the end of the same game.

In part two of the double header, FHU came to play, and they were there to make sure the second game counted. The Lady Lions pulled out five runs in the third

inning, but it was the extra runs in the sixth and seventh innings that really set the win for them. By the time the fourth inning came and went, the team had a five point lead over Mid-Continent with 8-3, a five point gain that was matched by Mid-Continent in the next two innings.

At the top of the sixth Brittany Yates bunted a single and advanced to third base, beginning a streak that would put FHU back in the lead. Complimented by Amanda Hostettler's throw to first, FHU's lead came back into full swing with a 9-8 lead.

Once Cousar had to step out as pitcher for the team, Savannah Cole came in towards the bottom of the inning and set the field ablaze along with some help from Natalie Nelson in right field. The afore-mentioned lead was only reassured in the seventh when an extra two points were added to the Lady Lions' lead. The victory was a great way to round out the Mid-Continent double header.

Last Thursday, FHU paired off with the formidable Trevecca Nazarene Trojans in what was a close, game that resulted in a loss to one of the best teams in the NAIA. The two teams started out evenly matched in the first game of the double header, matching each other with 11 hits, but FHU was quick to put in five runs in the last two innings of the game. However, thanks in part to TNU's own Haylee Rogers, they were able to put in an impressive five home runs.

The Trojans pulled ahead with 9-2 four innings into the game, and FHU put in two runs of their own in the sixth inning and three runs in the seventh inning. The final score for the first game came out to 11-7, but it was a quick series of runs in the end of the second game that put Trevecca Nazarene ahead with 11-2 to end the game. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the team, be sure to come out and support the team against Lyon College, along with the rest of the games this season!

courtside with Justin Stubblefield

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With the NFL draft on the horizon many fans cannot help, but get excited about the new players. Even with all the hype of all the rookies entering the NFL, there are still issues between the NFL owners and the players. The issue of the NFL lockout has been going on for too long for many fans. People are tired of hearing all the drama and are ready for the whole issue to be solved; however the issue may be far from over.

Judge Susan Nelson has been overseeing the case between the NFL owners and players. It is predicted that Judge Nelson will come to a decision sometime this week, but that does not mean the issue is solved. If Nelson rules in favor of the players then it is predicted that the football season will basically return to normal. If the players win then the owners are predicted to appeal the case to a higher court, and the drama will continue. If Nelson rules in favor of the owners then the lockout is assumed to continue, and the players are predicted to also appeal the case to a higher court.

Are there any positive things that can come out of this whole lockout drama? One thing that it has done is make other professional sport organizations take a look at their owner-player contracts. The NFL has shown that money issues between players and owners must be talked about before contract deadlines. For example, the NBA is also on the verge of a lockout for the 2011-2012 season. The issue for the NBA is no different than the NFL drama; it is all about money. The owners of the NBA want to set a hard salary cap that will lock in a certain amount of money that they are allowed to pay the players. The price of the salary cap would be locked in and would not be up for negotiation until the contract runs out. The players of the NBA want a soft salary cap so that they can have the opportunity to continue the advancement of their income through their NBA career.

Will 2011 be known as the year of no sports? It is hard to say how long all the drama will last in the NFL and the NBA. The only thing that is certain is that the fans are tired of the drama and are ready to enjoy rooting on their favorite team.

Seniors from FRONT...

of Lexington, TN, said, "After graduation I will be attending the dental hygiene program this fall at Tennessee State University." No matter what plans graduates have, they all express how much they will miss FHU. Not only will they miss their friends but also their professors and faculty as well. McCarroll said, "There is a lot I will miss about FHU. I will miss the atmosphere here. Everyone is so nice and caring. I will miss all of my friends that I've made here. I will miss singing in chapel. I will miss my teachers. And strangely enough, I will miss this little town of Henderson." Johnson agrees and said, "I will miss so many nice students and professional Christian people at Freed. Also I have been a part of the Lady Lions basketball team for four years so I will really miss being a part of that."

Another aspect of FHU that graduates will not be able to participate in any more is the spiritual side of campus. McCarroll said, "I've received so much more here than just a degree. Perhaps the most beneficial thing I have gained from here is an increased knowledge about the Bible and how to better my spiritual life. I am so thankful not only to the Bible teachers but also to all of my teachers for the great Christian influence they have had on my life and for guiding me towards my future." All seniors will miss the uplifting devotionals, singings, lectureships, and so much more that occurs here. McReynolds said, "Learning about difference in cultures, in worldviews, and outlooks on politics from my friends has really challenged me as a Christian, and helped me to build a stronger, more solid foundation in God's word and His plan for my life."

To the graduating class of 2011: Good luck, and remember that you are never alone.

SACS from FRONT...

with the QEP Proposal that the A-Team provided for review about six weeks prior to the SACS visit to campus.

On April 18-20, 2011, FHU had the SACS On-Site Committee visiting on campus. While here, the committee reviewed the Compliance Certification Report, Focused Report and also the QEP Proposal. "The indications from the exit conference with the On-Site Committee and Leadership Team were very positive," said Mike Johnson. Additionally Johnson added that, "The On-Site Committee members were tremendously complimentary of the students, faculty and students."

When asked what the most challenging aspect of the entire accreditation process, Mike Johnson said, "Specifically for preparing for the On-Site Committee campus visit, one of hardest parts was orchestrating the logistics of arranging the interviews that had been requested of individuals and groups. The second hardest part was the education of the campus regarding what to expect from the SACS On-Site Committee and what they might be asked by any of the Committee members."

Finally after much time and effort by the A-Team and Leadership Team, the Southern Association of College Commission will vote regarding the reaffirmation of FHU in December of 2011. After receiving such a positive feedback in the steps of the process thus far, the team feels quite confident about FHU's reaffirmation. However, FHU will eagerly await the outcome of the Commission's vote in a few months.

SACS from FRONT...

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Overall, there are some exciting, beneficial, and evangelistic activities and opportunities planned for the students this summer!

Hannah from OPINION...

at all before this trip, but I'm so thankful to know her now. Her zeal for life and for God (seriously, she'll talk to anyone on trains and invite them to church) has really inspired the rest of us. And she's just one of the dozen or so people that I didn't know before this trip who I now feel truly blessed to call my friends.

Well, I'm out of time and out of words. I would encourage anyone who is on the fence about it to seriously consider traveling to Europe. If not now, then do it someday. Just be sure to take some friends with you—and try to make some friends along the way. The people you share life with and the people you encounter along the way are what make life so meaningful.

Is it worth it to make the switch to e-books?

● With the rising popularity and increasing number of books becoming available in a digital format, Andrew discusses the pros and cons for changing over to e-books from textbooks

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As the e-reader market grows and an increasing number of e-books become available, avid readers must decide whether the switch to digital is worth the trouble. Amazon.com promotes the Kindle, Barnes & Noble advertises the Nook, and major companies Samsung, Sony, and Kobo each provide their lines of similar devices. The question is no longer of availability, but of practicality.

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Some libraries have begun e-book lending programs, but these are still relatively few and in development. The variety of titles available in such cases is also limited. Borrowed e-books self-delete after a certain amount of time, requiring returns to the library – online or otherwise – for renewal downloads. This entire process is somewhat ridiculous. Libraries have return dates to allow other patrons access to paper books that might otherwise get stuck at your house; access to e-books you checked out would in no way be impeded by how long you chose to keep them. The file would still be available for any other interested parties, making the e-book's self-deleting process completely pointless. The library system for e-books appears frustratingly foolish.

An interesting characteristic of e-readers is that no one can tell what you're reading. This has the potential to save you embarrassment if you happen to be reading a self-help book. Alternatively, it prevents those around you from appreciating your taste in books if you are sampling more erudite selections such as Cervantes or Jane Austen. Who knows, having an actual cover on your book might lead to a flirtatious, literary conversation with your future husband or wife. Just saying.

One obvious e-reader advantage is great portability. In the same way that your iPod allows you to carry thousands of albums in your back pocket, e-reading devices can store thousands of books in one of your smaller backpack compartments. Though this sounds great at first, is it necessary or even helpful? While there have been many road trips on which I have blown through mp3 playlists comprised of over 300 songs from 150 different albums, I have never felt the need to read chapters from more than two or three books in one sitting. And while I may get the sudden urge to listen to "Sigh No More" by Mumford & Sons, I doubt I will ever require the instant, on-the-spot satisfaction of reading the fourth chapter from *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. I can only imagine myself tackling two or three books in a single road trip, and such a small number hardly presents a transportation challenge. The margin of e-reader portability is in fact rather superfluous.

On a related note, e-reader companies often tout the ability to have all your books in one place as an incredible advantage. I already have all my books in one place: a bookshelf. In fact, having all your books on one piece of technology can be problematic. If your device breaks or malfunctions, you will have to replace it like you would a broken iPod. Dropping a book in a puddle on the street might require you to leave it on a sunny windowsill for a while; in the worst-case scenario, you would have to buy a new copy. If you accidentally drop your e-reader, however, you will probably have a shattered screen to deal with. When you get beach sand in a regular book, you simply shake it out. E-readers are not so durable. If your warranty runs out before this happens (a concept strange in itself – warranties for books?) you will have to buy a new device costing upward of 100 dollars – over 400 dollars for some models. That's suddenly a pricey puddle.

E-readers and e-books do have a couple of true, unarguable advantages: they are very environmentally friendly, and when you are traveling in foreign countries they make books in your native language much more accessible. Their portability is to some degree more convenient than regular books, but not exactly necessary. At this point in the development of e-reading technology, it would be wise to save your money, use your local library, and buy used books. Besides, I would hate to have a book run out of battery life.

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Go to this site to register: onewalkforjapan.com

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Please join our team, you can make a difference.

HER View from OPINION

do not want to date should not be a filler until you find someone you really like. If you are just friends, just be their friend.

4. Make your feelings (or lack thereof) known. Be honest. If you just want to be friends, openly communicate those feelings.

5. Respect boundaries. There are things that friends don't do, so if you just want to be a friend, don't try to cross or blur those lines.

Summer from CAMPUS...

Athens. He is also looking forward to practicing his Greek while he is there.

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