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### Briefly:

Finals Week is approaching quickly. Finals begin Monday, December 14th.

Work for the 74th Annual Bible Lectureship week has already begun. FHU will host Lectureship Week this Feb. 7-12, 2010.

December Graduation will be held at 6:00 pm on December 18th in Loyd Auditorium.

### Upcoming Events:

The Scholastic Bookfair is being hosted from December 11-15th in the Loden-Daniel Library

Come celebrate Christmas with FHU Athletics and the David Johnson Chorus on Saturday, Dec. 12th @ 7:30 in Loyd Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds benefit FHU Athletics.

Residence halls will close on Friday, December 18th at 5:00 p.m.

### Soul Food

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

- Isaiah 7:14

## Mike Huckabee speaks at 45th annual benefit dinner

By Rachel Ryan  
Assistant Editor

This past Friday night, December 4, 2009, the Advisory Board held the 45th annual Benefit Dinner, with guest speaker Mike Huckabee.

The Benefit Dinner has been an annual event since 1965. This year's fiscal goal for the dinner, according to Dave Clouse, was \$1.3 million, a goal surpassed with another record year.

Dave Clouse is the Vice President for University Advancement and is responsible for putting the Benefit Dinner together. He said, though, that he has a good team of people who do all the hard work. They make up the Benefit Dinner committee and split the responsibilities for putting the night together.

The committee includes Tonya Hyde, Clouse's Administrative Assistant; Judd Davis, who attends to advertising, audiovisual needs, and promotion material; Freda Hall, who is in charge of tickets; and Burton Williams, who takes care of fundraising.

Another important member of the Benefit Dinner committee is Wanda Pulse, who is the Alumni Events Coordinator for FHU. Pulse said that her duties include reserving all locations and buses for the event; scheduling an ambulance on location; renting tables, chairs, a piano, and other needed materials; organizing the

menu; purchasing decorations for the event; and overseeing cleanup after the event is over. She takes care of the menu, caterer, set-up, and decorations.

Clouse said that most people do not realize all the work that goes into making everything

the committee gets together for a debriefing. They discuss what went well and what did not seem to work. They are constantly seeking for ways to improve, Clouse said.

The next phase is choosing a speaker. Clouse explained that,

the list of potential speakers has been narrowed, the committee sends out a survey with several options to choose the speaker.

This year the popular choice was Mike Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas. Huckabee also ran for the Republican

Baptist minister, and, according to Clouse, "his politics seem to coincide with our main constituency at FHU."

Once Huckabee was decided as the prospective speaker, the Advisory Board scheduled a speech with him through the Speaker's Bureau. The Speaker's Bureau, according to Clouse, is "like a travel agency for speakers. They deal with the celebrity and they get a portion of the speaking fee."

As soon as the speaker is secured, the committee begins fundraising for the event. "The last three or four months are the most intense," Clouse explained. That is when they work out of the details for the night.

The proceeds of the dinner go entirely to fund student scholarships at FHU. FHU awards about \$6 million in scholarships each year, according to Clouse. He said, "Every penny we raise goes to help students."

Over \$15.5 million has been raised since the first Advisory Board Benefit Dinner. Twelve million of that was raised in the last 14 years alone. The Benefit Dinner began, according to Clouse, with "big-name preachers giving an after-dinner speech."

Today, the Benefit Dinner has become more and more popular with the celebrities Freed-Hardeman invites to speak. The appeal, Clouse said, is the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of even getting to be in the same room as these distinguished guests.



Former presidential nominee and governor Mike Huckabee speaks at the 45th Annual Benefit Dinner.

look good, which is Pulse's job.

According to Clouse, work on the Benefit Dinner is year-round. "When the event is over Friday night, they start planning improvements for the next year," he said.

The weekend after the dinner,

"If you can book a speaker nine months out, you're doing really well."

In order to decide on a speaker, the committee begins by taking suggestions via a survey sent out to thousands of staff, alumni, and friends of the university. Once

nominee for president in the last election. Clouse said that Huckabee was "more popular than I gave him credit for."

The appeal of Huckabee to FHU seems to be rooted in his similar value system. Before entering politics, he was a



Runners in the St. Jude marathon hope to raise awareness and money for the institution.

## Runners hit the streets for a cause

By Shelley McClelland  
Assistant Editor

A sea of people covered the streets of downtown Memphis last Saturday as runners participated in the St. Jude Marathon, the proceeds of which benefit cancer research at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. FHU traditionally is well represented in the race, and this year was no exception. A team of FHU runners did their part to contribute to the hundreds of thousands of dollars raised for the operational costs of St. Jude.

While runners were motivated by numerous supporters lining the trail, they were also able to enjoy several attractions along the way. The Mississippi River, Beale Street, Sun Studio (where Elvis Presley first recorded), the National Civil Rights Museum, and the campus of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital were memorable landmarks. AutoZone Park, home of the Redbirds, Memphis' AAA baseball team, served as their finish line as hundreds of fans cheered.

Runners came from nearly every state and were from 16 years of age to over 60 years old. Most were dressed in typical running attire, though some wore silly hats to stand out, and a few dressed in banana suits. The marathon, 26.2 miles, was completed by 2,450 individuals. This number includes two Freed-Hardeman students, Joseph McKenzie and Jonathan Woodall, and one professor, Nathan Judd. Former

faculty member Rich Brown finished 169th overall and was the 150th male to complete the marathon.

To prepare for such a demanding race, McKenzie and Woodall say they followed a special marathon training schedule. They both agree that the supporters along the side of the road were great motivators, but at times they were forced to rely on self-motivation. "The most difficult part of the experience was to keep pushing yourself to run when the supporters along the road dwindled, as well as passing mile marker 25 and knowing there was only one more mile left, because it seemed like it went on forever," says Woodall.

Two other races were run in addition to the marathon. The half marathon, 13.1 miles in length, was completed by 6,815 people, and 2,897 people participated in the Grizzlies House 5K race, which is 3.1 miles in length. Freed-Hardeman students were among those numbers. FHU student Abbe McCarroll completed the 5K this year and hopes to complete the half-marathon next year. McCarroll explains how enjoyable this experience was for her: "It was so exciting to me that I, along with thousands of people, was able to donate to help people with the toxic disease of cancer. Running and seeing some former patients along the road cheering us all on was extremely inspiring and encouraging to me and my soul."

Significant assistance is provided to the runners during the race. At each mile, an aid

station includes all the necessities a runner might need during the race, such as a visual display clock, bathroom facilities, band-aids, water, and PowerAde. Mile markers 9, 15, 18, and 21 provided the runners with energy gel to sustain them until the end of the race. In case of any accidents, medical support was ready on the course, and a full emergency field hospital was located at the finish line.

Some might wonder why anyone would run for over three hours at one time. The elite know there is plenty of award money to be won. Not only do the young St. Jude patients, struggling with illness, benefit from the race through the thousands of dollars raised for the hospital, the runners have a chance to profit.

Prize money was awarded to the top three male and top three female finishers of the marathon. 1st place was awarded \$5,000, 2nd place was awarded \$3,000, and 3rd place was awarded \$2,000. Each person who completes the race receives a medal, certificate, and an invitation to the afternoon post-race celebration.

This year presented difficulty in determining the official marathon ranking. Certain cones left from the Memphis Grizzlies 5K race created confusion for the first few runners. They were led off course and did not complete an entire 26.2 miles. They were 647 feet short of the total. These runners were Jynocel Basweti in 1st, Teklu-Tefera Deneke in 2nd, and Richard Kessio in 3rd. The new winner is Kipruto Rotich, followed by Hillary Kogo and Brian Baillie. Though they were not originally placed in the top three, they will also receive the official prize money.

Preparation has already begun for the next St. Jude Memphis Marathon, which is scheduled for December 4, 2010. To find out how you can support this cause all year long, visit [stjude.org](http://stjude.org). Further information about registering for the next year can be obtained at:

[www.stjudemarathon.org](http://www.stjudemarathon.org).



Shelley McClelland/The Bell Tower  
Runners await the start of the marathon in Memphis, TN.

## International students make special plans for the holiday break

By Brad Kelley  
Assistant Editor

This Christmas break, most Freed-Hardeman University students will be headed home to spend time with family and friends, enjoying the holidays; however, there is a small contingent of students at FHU who will not be able to enjoy such a luxury.

FHU is home to students from all over the world. With representatives from North and South America, Australia, Asia, Africa and Europe, Freed plays host to six continents worth of cultures and peoples. These students who live outside the boundaries of the United States often have to stay within the U.S. and away from their homes over breaks.

The international students have several options left open to them for places to stay within the country. Some will remain on campus, working to save money. Others will travel with friends to their homes, and a few now have their own homes within the country at which to stay when not at Freed. A lucky few will be able to return to their home nations for a few short weeks.

Mauricio Campos, a senior here at Freed-Hardeman from Lima, Peru, will not be able to return home this year. "The cost is too high. This year, I'm going to have to stay at home and hopefully accomplish some studying, though I'm definitely going to miss a sunny Christmas on the beach," Campos said. Campos lives off campus in a small home shared with his roommates.

"I'm not yet sure if I'll be able to go home this Christmas. If not, I'll be staying with the Turner

family in Kentucky. If I do make it home, I'll be looking forward to family time and soccer," said Lucas Alves, a junior from Brazil.

Nikki Ceeny, a senior from Melbourne, Australia, is going to be able to make it home. Ceeny said, "This year I'll be visiting Sydney for a few days and catching up with family and friends. Last year I didn't get to make it home for Christmas, though, and the thing I missed most was backyard cricket on Boxing Day."

Some international students will be staying on campus this break, including Ryan Engineer, from India.

Engineer says the purpose of his staying on campus this break is to earn whatever money he can to save up to hopefully return home this summer. Pasun Zarif, from Germany, is another student staying on campus over break.

Archibald Marowa, from Zimbabwe, will be traveling to Cincinnati, Ohio to enjoy the Christmas break, and more importantly to him, the weather. "I'll be sure to spend some time in the snow. I have fallen in love with it since I came to the United States. I guess you could say it is my other sweetheart," Marowa said.

One thing about some foreign students that several U.S. natives might not understand is the lack of emphasis on Christmas. Tony Ma Bin said that back in China Christmas was not celebrated; he is used to a New Year's break spent with his family. "I'll be sure to use Skype to talk to them. It's great, helps relieve part of the homesickness I feel," said Ma Bin, who will be staying on campus over the break.



Photo Courtesy of Subjects  
Lucas Alves and Nikki Ceeny are making special holiday plans.

## Graduating seniors discuss future plans and favorite memories



Stephanie Pounders

I am graduating with a B.A. in English and have no idea what I'm going to do except get married, move to Des Moines, Iowa and try to survive the snow. My dream is to be a hot housewife that sits around and smokes (candy cigarettes) like Betty Draper. That doesn't really pay well, though, so who knows.

The work experience I have is as a writer. I've had a couple internships with magazines and am currently working as a writer for OMUR. I'll probably look for a writing job if the Betty Draper thing doesn't work, but I think

I'd like to eventually become a librarian, although I will admit, its mostly just for the pencil skirts and sexy reading glasses.

My best memories of Freed are the ones I've made with friends. There is a depth of character and compassion I've never seen anywhere else and I can't imagine what it would have been like to go through the past three and half years anywhere else.

I've grown spiritually and intellectually and got a future hubby and awesome friends out of it all. Things couldn't have turned out better.



Jeremy Jenkins

I am graduating with a B.A. in something...I'm not sure what yet, so I'll just be surprised on graduation day. After that I plan to go into professional fly fishing and open a bait shop with my wife Lara.

My best memories are pretty much all from my travels in Europe. This one time I robbed a bank. It was a European bank so no one really cared.

In all seriousness, I feel that Freed-Hardeman has prepared me for the future in several ways. Most importantly I have

been prepared to accept the importance of the relationships I will make with others once I leave school. So many people come away from their Freed experience with an understanding of the true importance we must place on the relationships we develop with individuals throughout the course of our lives.

Freed has helped me place more importance on the people that surround me. Sometimes I have trouble valuing others and I think I am more prepared to face these challenges after leaving.



Laura Newberry

I am graduating with a degree in Arts and Humanities and in Elementary Education grades K-6.

Luckily, I have already been hired to teach Elementary Art at Jackson Christian. I feel so lucky to have the comfort of knowing that I will have a job when I graduate. I am even more excited that it's in my hometown of Jackson!

Some of my favorite memories while I've been here at Freed are doing Makin' Music every year that I could.

Specifically, one time in Makin' Music, when Phi Kappa Alpha did the bank show, I was a police officer guarding a bank.

Part of our costumes were a big doughnut belly made from a pillow stuffed in our shirt. While I was selling programs out front before the show, a little old lady said "Oh honey! How far along are you?" Personally I didn't understand how she could get past the mustache painted on my face.

The next year, was "A Novel Idea" year. I was a fairy. It

was a really fun role to play, but of course I would have an embarrassing story from it.

At one point in the show, all of the fairies ran to the middle of the stage and held our wands up and jumped up and down together. My wand, however, was caught under the girl's skirt in front of me and of course lifted it up all the way. Since I didn't want to mess up the show, I just kept going with the choreography. Luckily she realized what had happened and fixed the problem before our next transition. I

apologized profusely but it is still a funny memory to think back on.

While at school, I've also really enjoyed being a member and officer of Phi Kappa Alpha (and meeting my "suite family" through the club). We've had so many great times together and have lived together for 3 years now! I love my family and I'm very sad to leave them. I hope to be able to visit a lot though since I will still be close by.

I've also really enjoyed being involved in Homecoming for 5

years and winning Intramural championships.

Another huge memory I have of Freed-Hardeman is the campus wide devotionals. It's the high points of my week every Monday and Thursday. I feel that they have helped me grow as a Christian and learn more about God's will.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at school and I am sad to be leaving, but excited about my future. I feel very well prepared and anxious to begin my adult life!

## Students prepare early for finals

By Kayla Carnagie  
Staff Writer

Late nights, all nighters, caffeine overloads, study parties, flashcards, packing, stress, and headaches often accompany finals week. Students are overloaded with studying for the finals in the classes in which they procrastinated, and teachers stress over the loads of tests that have to be graded, along with the worry that the tests were good enough.

Studying takes a variety of forms among students. Some prefer silence, like Madison Chandler, who stated, "I don't like study groups. I find them to be very distracting. I like to study in total silence and get it done all in one sitting, even if that means it takes six hours." Others like the hustle and bustle to give some relief, like Victoria Borts, who likes "to study in the student center. I study better when there is noise." While many others find a happy medium between quiet and noisy, like Liz Blanton: "Usually all of my roommates and I just study in our living group spread out throughout the room and tell a couple jokes every once in a while to lighten the mood."

Noise or silence, the majority of students seem to prefer a place where their concentration won't be interrupted. Quite a few students stay in their rooms to study, either late at night or early in the morning. Many times, roommates join the studying party or provide some sort of break time, which is what happens with Russell Shaw's study time: "My test preparation time usually just involves brewing a big pot of coffee, sitting on the couch in a big pile of blankets

... and, of course, intermittent breaks of running to Sonic with roommates."

For the most part, studying will start the week before finals, with the most intense sessions occurring the night before a particular test. For many students, the night before a test is the only time they get any studying done (and maybe the weekend before, if they are lucky) due to a college student's worst enemy, but constant companion: procrastination.

If you like the course and are interested in the material, the studying appears to come easier. "My easiest final will definitely be Crime and Delinquency because it is my favorite subject to study for, so information seems to be retained more readily," stated Blanton. Shaw agrees, stating, "My easiest final will probably be Principles of Marketing because it's an interesting class, so it's easy for me to sit and enjoy learning the material."

Everyone has a different style of studying. Some people are visual, like Borts, who rewrites notes while she studies and who must have a hard copy to look at so she can highlight key notes. Freshman Justin Hammond "look[s] over material again and again. I read it out loud and try to predict which part will come next without looking."

However you study, remember what it took to make the test and how much time the teachers put into finals week. Just like students, professors have a variety of ways to get through finals week. Quite a few teachers spend hours making up the tests, not to mention the grading for all of their classes. Mrs. Lisa Beene spends up to three hours making her tests, and with her departmental secretary helping,

it can take up to two hours to grade a large class's tests.

Teachers hope that every student will study hard and perform well, and they try to take into consideration that every student is different. That is why Dr. Becky Cargile allows students to choose which short answer questions they will answer: "My personal opinion is that students may be able to discuss quite a few different issues, just maybe not the ones that I decide to include on the test. As a result, I like to give them options."

Professors also have stresses, just like students. Mrs. Beene says, "We are also grading other work ... It is also a busy time for writing references for students ... It is often hard during finals week to find stretches of uninterrupted time where you can just grade. It is sometimes frustrating."

For the most part, every student and teacher's favorite part of finals week is the last day of work, when break will start and they can be free from school stress.

Teachers have some advice for finals week: Dr. Jim Barr would tell students to review exams and homework; study a little for a few days before the exam; review the difficult topics and skip the things you already understand. Dr. Derrick Spradlin tells his students to try to keep things in perspective: "I like to tell my students that I'm a big fan of keeping it together. Sure, exam week is a big deal, but learning to keep it together even in stressful times is one of those non-textbook lessons that college is good for."

Whatever your easiest test will be, or your hardest, and whether or not you are in for a week of all-nighters, good luck on exams!

## Club presidents express success

**Phi Kappa Alpha:** Phi Kappa Alpha started the year off right with a group of incredible freshmen and jumpers! We couldn't be happier with the progress we have made, and have all of our members to thank for such a great semester. Many new members have shown remarkable leadership potential, and upperclassmen could not have a better group of excited and talented students to inherit their tradition of excellence. Finishing second in homecoming and currently ranked first for the sports' trophy, Phi Kappa is blessed with many wonderful and active members.

Throughout this semester our devotionals have been centered on "Family." Phi Kappa is more than a group of athletes, students, and members. We are a family. Everyone has their ups and downs, but being in Phi Kappa has always meant never celebrating or struggling by yourself. Yet through all of the semester's obstacles, Phi Kappa continues a tradition of inspiring devotionals where members can come for support and encouragement. With excited new officers and new challenges, Spring will give PKA another opportunity to grow closer.

**Sigma Rho:** Sigma Rho is built on a long-lived Freed-Hardeman tradition, and we have continued to build that tradition for 97 years. We were able to start the semester with a great freshman class who will lead Sigma Rho and Freed-Hardeman. Our new freshmen class started out by helping us host our 19th annual Fun Fair where we made the transition from a carnival to a Tiki Hut. At the Tiki Hut we sold shirts and food, gave away tickets to the movie Up and an SEC game, and hosted a video game competition. This transition proved to be very successful, allowing us to raise over \$3200 to support the mission work in the Dominican Republic. Sigma Rho continued strong in this success by winning our 10th homecoming sweepstakes trophy. Sigma Rho's desire to win carried throughout the homecoming week and

rushing the court proved us stronger than ever. "It's the love I have for the things we've done that's why I'm a Sigma Rho." This traditional Sigma Rho quote from the 1928 Sky Rocket sums up the great semester for Sigma Rho and the great semester that is yet to come.

**Gamma Tau Omega:** Gamma Tau Omega has had a great semester. We have had some really good meetings this semester. There weren't very many intramural games this semester, but the ones we did have we had very much fun playing in. We have done well at growing closer and enjoying each other. We got a great group of freshmen this year and everyone is excited to see their talents and abilities in the coming semesters. We had a blast putting homecoming together and that helped us to grow closer as a club. Our retreat this year was great. The topic was Transformed: The Life Of The Chosen. This was a very spiritually uplifting weekend and helped everyone in GTO grow closer to each other and closer to God. Overall, this has been a good semester for Gamma Tau Omega and everyone is looking forward to another great one next semester!

**Theta Nu Epsilon:** From a Lion King reenactment to Thursday morning's at the homeless shelter, Theta Nu Epsilon has had a successful semester. Our goal was to be a "social utility that serves" and we can honestly say we achieved that goal. The start of the semester exceeded our expectations when over 60 freshmen chose to be in Theta Nu. From that moment on we have grown together by service and friendships. As a new club, we knew we had a lot to live up to. Our goal was service and our goal was reached. Theta Nu has helped with the Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, Gift Card Giver, Open Arms Homeless Shelter, Jackson Gardens and numerous other outreach ministries. Our goal was to serve, not only on-campus, but also off-campus to serve the community in order to glorify God. Not only have

our service goals been achieved, but we are also proud of our on-campus activities. Theta Nu is currently in 2nd place in intramural points and was very successful in Homecoming this year, placing 2nd in the event, "Paint-it-Up." We are looking forward to a spring semester of continued service, sports, and Makin' Music! Theta Nu Epsilon is excited and looking forward to the future.

**Xi Chi Delta:** This fall, Xi Chi Delta started off with the mindset of getting igKnighed. We wanted to get igknighed for each other, for our club, but most importantly, we wanted to get igknighed for Christ. For the first time in 3 semesters, the club had a new president, Preston Pinson. Preston and the rest of the officers worked hard to make sure the semester started off strong. By getting a group of amazing freshmen, Xi Chi Delta was able to become the club that last years officers set the foundation for. Xi Chi Delta truly has become a family, and each member is valued. By working hard together and actually competing for Homecoming this year, the bond we all share became even stronger. Xi Chi Delta won two softball championships, Puff It Up, Rev It Up, the Amy Glass Spirit of Homecoming award, and placed second in Tailgating. The most significant highlight of our semester was when one of our members, Jeremy Sanders, was baptized at our retreat. Xi Chi Delta was also granted the opportunity to visit and serve at the City of Children orphanage in Ensenada, Mexico during spring break. So far this year has been awesome for Xi Chi Delta, but we have not forgotten who got us to where we are. We know all the credit is due to God. We hope to carry the same spirit and love for our club, for each other, and, most importantly, for God into next semester. To those who are in other clubs, and who have supported and encouraged us as we have tried to mold and shape our club into the best that it can be, we want to say a special thanks to you. We truly appreciate your support.

## Intramural Options during the Fall of 2009...



Swim meets at the the lighted field

New style of Softball....



...in knee deep water



Competitive Fishing in The Commons



## Artist brings new light to the vibrant dimension of life with exhibit "EUROcolor"

By Becca Phillips  
Staff Writer

For its final showing of this semester, the Troy Plunk Art Gallery will be featuring the work of Meg McGehee, a senior studio art major from Jacksonville, Florida who will graduate in December.

This show is called EUROcolor because it features works that are based upon a five-week photography trip Meg took all over Europe in the summer of 2007.

There are twelve paintings in this exhibit, which makes use of various styles mediums,

including watercolor and acrylics. McGehee's favorite piece is a large painting of an interior view of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France, in which she incorporated oils, spray paint, and metallic acrylics.

The Notre Dame piece holds a viewer's attention, and not only because of the scale, but because parts of the painting are in focus and very much central in the piece, while others are more hidden, like shadows that keep you looking and interested in the piece.

McGehee has a series of gorgeous watercolor and ink pieces that only feature a central

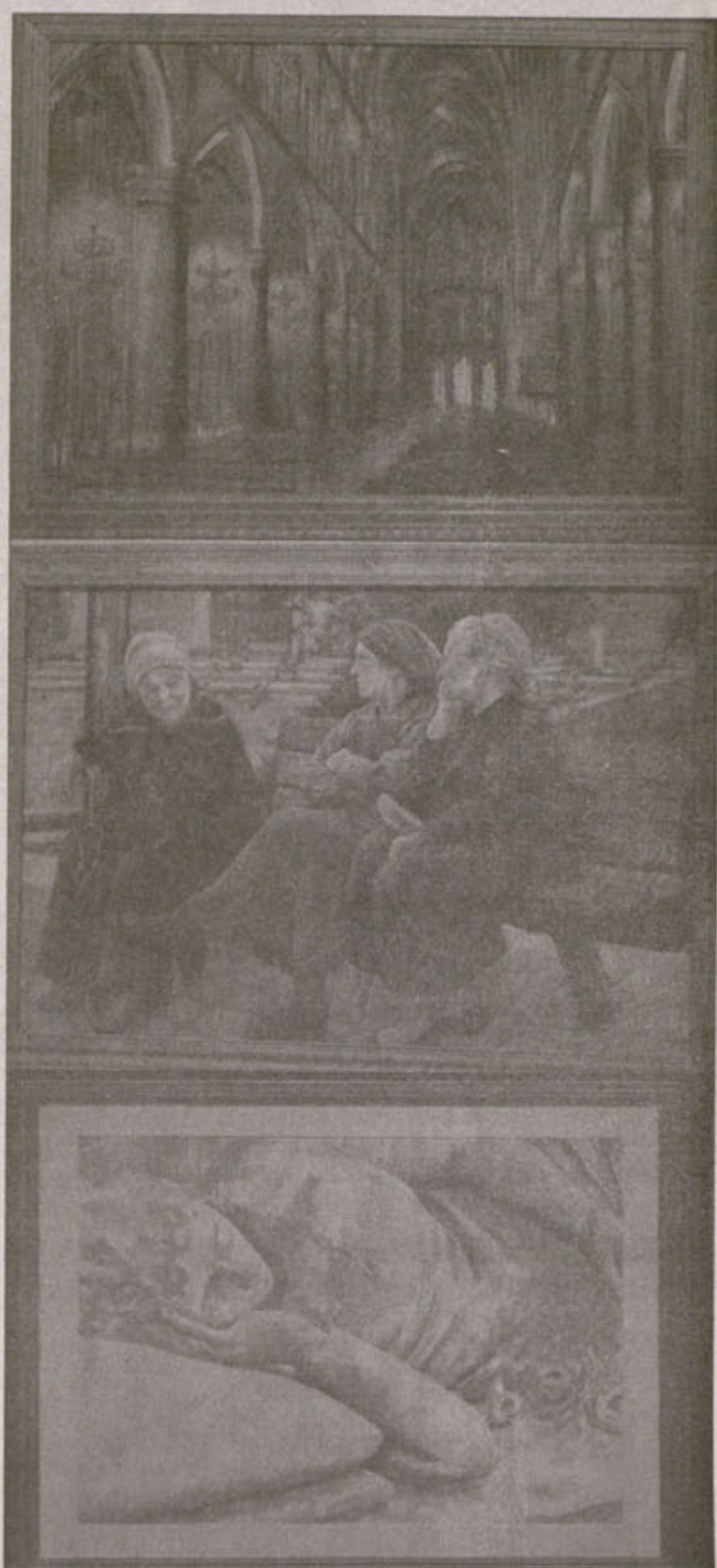
character. By doing so, McGehee allowed for a very beautiful and vibrant piece in which you can see the movement.

Her use of vibrant colors, unique styles, and a wide array of mediums make for a very interesting and visually appealing exhibit.

Regarding her work, McGehee said, "My work thrives through high contrast, strong colors, and bold strokes I create to display the vibrant dimensions of the life we all experience in a new light. It is a challenge unifying mind and matter through art. My ministry in life is to reach my audience preaching the beauty of creation

through creation. A true artist is someone who has learned to view the world honestly and overtly, using their God-given talent to create art from what they discover. As the French novelist Andre Gide proclaimed, 'Art is a collaboration between God and the artist, and the less the artist does the better.'"

EUROcolor opened on December 7 and will be on exhibit until December 14, but the best time to see it will be Thursday, December 10 at 5 pm, when a formal reception will be held in the Bulliner-Clayton Visual Arts Center. Food and drinks will be provided.



Kristina Toland/The Bell Tower

Above are some examples of the work currently being exhibited.

## A Freed-Hardeman Christmas lights up Loyd

By P.J. Buckner  
Staff Writer

Freed-Hardeman University pulled out all the stops when it came to this year's "A Freed Hardeman Christmas." I have been able to attend for two of the three years the production has been in existence and I can personally attest to the incredible amount of talent the Freed-Hardeman student body possesses. Each and every moment was filled with a new adventure brought to life by the performers. Not only were their voices beautiful, but also the performances were fun to watch. The seasonal cheer was almost palpable and there wasn't a person in the audience without a smile on his or her face.

Not only should the performers be commended for the wonderful job they did, but the productions crew should also be applauded. Loyd looked beautiful. The Christmas lights and No-no's chair were reminiscent of a Christmas at home mixed with Christmas as depicted in a catalogue.

You may be wondering (if you were not one of the lucky students who attended) what I mean by No-no's chair. As following tradition of "A Freed-Hardeman Christmas," 'Twas the Night Before Christmas was read aloud to the audience. This year, the director tried something a little different, which was a risk I personally believe paid off. Lois

Mays, Momma Lo, or now more affectionately known as No-no, brought her two year old granddaughter, London onto the stage and read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas to us all. It was refreshing to see a child hear the story for the first time in her short life. I was able to recall the days when I couldn't recite the old poem by heart and allowed me to hear the story with fresh ears. It also didn't hurt that London may have been the cutest little girl I have ever seen.

This year's cast was the largest Freed-Hardeman has had in three years. No two voices sounded alike. Every person brought his or her own special style to the stage and made the two-plus hour experience of listening to nothing but Christmas songs not just bearable, but extremely enjoyable and entertaining. Anyone could find enjoyment from this year's show. There were so many different styles of Christmas songs there was no other choice but to love it. We were given a rock-and-roll rendition of "What Christmas Means to Me," by Scott Utter, a bluegrass "Run, Run, Rudolph" by Jeremy Jenkins, Aaron Palmer, and Scott Utter, and a soulful "Opera of the Bells," by Deondra Bender, Diamond Duboise, and Natorria Ross just to name a few.

Every year during a Freed-Hardeman Christmas, a special someone decides to drop by

Freed-Hardeman and say hello to all the good boys and girls that attend here. Santa Claus again made his appearance this year and stayed to take pictures during intermission. Playing the role of the jolly man in red was President Joe Whaley. It only seems right that he acted as the beloved gift giver because he is the one who brought the iKnow program to our campus. It means a lot to the students every year to see our president participating in such a huge and real way. It warms my heart and may very well be my favorite part of the show to see Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whaley walking down the aisle followed by elves throwing snow not just bringing joy the young children who come and watch the show, but also to the college students who would like to sit in his lap and ask for a larger scholarship. With a simple "Ho ho ho," President Whaley warms the hearts of all who attend here for another year.

Santa Claus aside, what I love most about "A Freed-Hardeman Christmas" is that it's not just a simple talent show. "A Freed-Hardeman Christmas" is here to serve the community. This year all of the proceeds went to two very important funds. Some of the money was put into the Shane Ruiz Memorial Student Emergency Fund, which is a fund whose purpose sounds very much like its name. Money is given to students to help them get home whether by plane or automobile in a time of crisis. It's a fund that many students have had the blessing of using since its conception. The rest of the proceeds went to the West TN Cystic Fibrosis Fund. I am overjoyed that Freed-Hardeman is attempting to better the community around it.

All that is left to say is to those who didn't attend "A Freed Hardeman Christmas." Bless their hearts, they missed out. This was the best \$5 I've spent all year.



Kristina Toland/The Bell Tower  
Jeremy Jenkins, Scott Utter, and Aaron Palmer perform together.



Kristina Toland/The Bell Tower  
The cast of 'An FHU Christmas' sing a group number.



Kristina Toland/The Bell Tower  
The night also included a reading of "The Night Before Christmas."

## Ultimate Top 25 Christmas Playlist

1. "I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm" by Frank Sinatra
2. "Don't Shoot Me Santa" by The Killers
3. "What Christmas Means to Me" by Hanson
4. "Hula Hoop" by Alvin and the Chipmunks
5. "Last Christmas" by Cascada
6. "So This Is Christmas (War Is Over)" by John Lennon
7. "Winter Song" by Sara Bareilles & Ingrid Michaelson
8. "Believe In Me" by Fun.
9. "Feliz Navidad" by Jose Feliciano
10. "Snoopy vs. The Red Baron" by The Royal Guardsmen
11. "Come on! Let's Boogie to the Elf Dance!" by Sufjan Stevens
12. "All I Want For Christmas Is You" by Mariah Carey
13. "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby
14. "The Hanukkah Song" by Adam Sandler
15. "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays" by Nsync
16. "Santa Clause Is Coming To Town" by Jackson 5
17. "Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!" by Michael Buble
18. "Baby It's Cold Outside" by Zooey Deschanel
19. "Xmas Cake" by Rilo Kiley
20. "All That I Want" by The Weepies
21. "Santa Clause Is Coming To Town" by Weezer
22. "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)" by Death Cab for Cutie
23. "Donde Esta Santa Clause" by Guster
24. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" by The Temptations
25. "Jingle Bell Rock" by The Beatles

## Bryson Makes a List: The Top 10 Albums of 2009



By Bryson Leach  
Columnist

Here it is, the roundup of my ten favorite albums of 2009. This year was a year for great music. I mean a lot of great music! A lot of bloggers and writers have already made their top ten lists for the year, and they didn't include the music that has yet to come. I know that to most of you who read this, the music I talk about is a foreign language. I assure you, however, it is not. I really hope that over the break you take the time to check out these artists and give them a listen. There's a lot of amazing music being made and sometimes to find it you have to look beyond television music channels, radios, and top ten lists on iTunes. So here it goes. In my opinion, these are the best albums of 2009.

10. Manners - Passion Pit



Pulsing rave beats and high-pitched vocals make for an entire album of awesome. You know you have a good album on your hands when you can listen to the entire album without skipping a track.

9. Monsters of Folk - Composed of indie-idol M.Ward, Bright Eyes members Connor Oberst and Mike Mogis, and My Morning Jacket front man Jim James, Monsters of Folk has caught the attention of indie and mainstream music lovers alike.

8. Blueprint 3 - Jay-Z

I know I don't seem like the person that would enjoy some hip-hop, but here and there I do enjoy it. This album is definitely one of my favorites. His collaborations with Rihanna, Kanye West, and Alicia Keys are absolutely incredible.

7. Far - Regina Spektor

Spektor's 5th album Far really packs a punch in the music world that I think anyone can enjoy. Her anti-folk piano and pop beat mix with a unique vocal talent that always produces musical gold. Though some critics said this wasn't her best I felt that it deserved a spot. Hey, I'm not a



professional critic anyways!

6. Absence - Paper Route

Nashville natives, Paper Route are making noise at venues and in the media. Their recent tour has earned them some coveted attention from the people at MTV.com. If you like groups like Mumfath, then you will love Paper Route.

5. Aim and Ignite - Fun.

Comprised of indie favorites, The Format, Steel Train and Anathallo, this musical trio combines complex big band sounds and anthem like lyrics into one powerful album.

4. I and Love and You - The Avett Brothers

The Avett's have earned themselves some fame with this most recent album. Produced by famed producer Rick Ruben, this album really showed their dedicated fans that they can be a little different and still be great performers. It may not be my favorite of theirs, but it deserves a spot in this year's greatest albums.

3. Noble Beast - Andrew Bird

With a vocabulary bigger than an English teacher, Bird's slow but steady following continues to grow with each album he



produces. Noble Beast is his best yet. A self-proclaimed world-class whistler, violin player, guitarist and whatnot, Bird makes for the perfect studying music or soundtrack for a pleasant thought.

2. Fiction Family - Fiction Family

Friends Jon Foreman and Sean Watkins got together for a great indie acoustic duo known as Fiction Family. These already talented musicians make great music with their other bands (Switchfoot and Nickel Creek, respectively) but put them together and they make a great, heartfelt, lyric driven, guitar filled album.

1. Merriweather Post Pavillion - Animal Collective

I seriously cannot stop listening to this album. Since its release, the indie music scene hasn't shut up about it. You can find this album in everyone's top ten albums of the year and of this decade. This album is incredible.

For all things music, movies, and photography, check out Bryson's "Photo-a-Day" blog at <http://brysonleach.tumblr.com>



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## Labels Confuse but Love Clarifies: A Reconsideration



**Broderick Greer**  
Columnist

A few weeks ago, a wonderful person asked me whether I was liberal or conservative. If you want to confuse me or confuse yourself, ask me what specific political ideology I subscribe to. My answer may surprise you (if you even care whether I'm a liberal or conservative). For the record: I'm neither. Don't wipe your eyes; you read it right. Liberal and conservative are two words we do not know the meaning of but use a lot. It is my privilege to be a student at a school with a conservative political, social, and cultural heritage. I am not ashamed of FHU's strong conservative

convictions. I am also not ashamed of my Democratic family roots. What's funny, though, is that at the tender age of ten, I became a self-identified Republican. I have no idea how I could have taken such a strong ideological stance at such an early age, but I did so, nonetheless. Later on in high school, I became disenchanted with what I saw as the political hijacking of the Religious Right. This was soon after the time in my life when I would have considered myself as a part of the Religious Right, and if I could have, I would have voted a straight conservative Republican ticket in any election. Again, I have no idea why my convictions were so strong early on. There is one lesson I learned from being a former political ideologue: my personal political labels did nothing good or bad for anyone. That is, whatever I felt or thought about politics or the direction of America simply did not matter. It did not matter because

ideas mean nothing if they are not embodied with actions. For instance, I considered myself pro-life, but I never took an active role in comforting or caring for a single teenage mother who was contemplating abortion. I supported Bush's War on Terror, but I never waged war on the hatred, xenophobia, racism, or ethno-centrism that emerged in the shadow of September 11. We can sit around all day and argue about how wrong the Democrats are, or how much we hate Barack Obama, or how Bush was not chosen by the American people to become president in 2000, or how this or that political party caused the economic meltdown. But, those arguments will not feed one single mouth, clothe one naked body, or fill one ignorant mind with knowledge. So, where do I land on the political spectrum? Liberal? Conservative? Moderate? Apathetic? I would like to give a quick no to all of the above. Those labels

don't feed, clothe, or educate people. Those labels will not win peace in war-torn regions or take care of Somali political refugees living in Nashville. I can claim to be conservative, but if I do not conserve the dignity of every unborn and born human being, I'm not really conservative. If I claim to be liberal, but am not liberally distributing love and worth to everyone, I'm not really liberal. I have challenged myself to expand and probe and create new and vibrant meanings to old words that are quickly losing substance. I encourage you to find creative ways of expanding your political imagination, leaving behind polarizing terms like liberal and conservative. Labels confuse but love clarifies. If you ever want to discuss anything I've written, please contact me at Broderick.greer@students.fhu.edu. I would enjoy a healthy political conversation with you. I'm confident that we have a lot to learn from each other. Be patient with me.

## MATT'S MUSINGS

*thoughts from a student abroad*



**Matt Burnett**  
Columnist

"Are Europeans really as rude as they seem?"  
"I've heard they don't bathe!"  
"Were you ever solicited by anyone?"  
"Do the women really not shave?"  
Above are just a handful of the comments that I can remember hearing upon my return to America. I had expected to receive some questions about European culture, but questions like those above made me laugh a little on the inside. The funny thing is—I had the same questions about four months ago. The truth is that there is not an absolute answer to any question addressing European stereotypes. People are not always as predictable as you would like them to be, and the actions of one individual in a group do not necessarily constitute either the character or the behavior of anyone else in said group: you might be accosted by a tiny, bald Italian man who caught you taking his picture only to find him friendly and selfless later on. Actually, Europeans are only as rude as Americans are ignorant. Therefore, there are those who have a large helping of feistiness and those who are patient, even timid. I saw both extremes.

One stigma about body odor is that Europeans smell worse than Americans. I definitely encountered my fair share of B.O. on all forms of transportation; however, I'd like to point out that a great deal of Europeans have emigrated from other places where one's smell is an important feature of his or her identity, so it would be silly to wear deodorant in such cases. In other cases, I do not know why, but they just didn't smell the same as Americans. I only saw two women with visible axillary hair, and I actually did not think anything about it for some reason until a friend pointed it out. Does that make it a rule that European women don't shave? No.

European males, I learned, are extremely outgoing with women, especially the Italians and the French. Even while hanging out with Melissa in our hometown of Verviers, we noticed that she got around 25% more ice cream in her McFlurry each time we went to McDonald's and plenty of fries as well. That's just the way it was—some European men were just really, really nice. I think that the girls got the "special price" at some of the shops simply because they were pretty—and maybe American. I don't know whether to call it chivalry or knavery, but the girls did not seem to have a problem with it in most cases. Perhaps the idealized perspective on the situation is that American males are perverted and European ones are simply "persistent."

While an impersonal

perspective is the easiest to relate here in this medium, I would also like to share a personal one. There are about five Europeans whom I will always remember when I think of FHU Belgium 2009: Ali the ice cream man, Franziska from Freilassing, the Frerots, and the waffle guy in the fountain square in Verviers. Each one of these individuals taught me some simple lessons from which I think American youth can learn.

Ali was notorious for capturing and single-handedly fleeing me out of my precious time. I would sometimes avoid the ice cream area because I thought (pridefully so) that he would want to try to talk to me. One night when I was supposed to be planning free travel, he pulled me aside for what seemed to be an eternity to introduce me to his friend. I eventually told him that I had to go get to work on travel plans, and he said that he would be joining me at McDonald's in ten minutes to share his special price with us. Sure enough, after a few minutes, he waltzed into the establishment and immediately slid through the light crowd to the head manager. They talked for about two minutes, and Ali told me I could go sit down. I must have waited 15 more minutes for him to get through the line. Since he couldn't get his "special price," he actually bought my food for me, and he would not let me pay him back. Ali taught me the value of following through and of keeping my word—principles that even college aged people need help with sometimes.

Franziska was a young German girl about my age who was staying in the hotel that we had booked in Freilassing. One night we were singing outside the hotel in front of a large cathedral when Franziska came out and sat among us. Wearing a light cold and a bright smile, she began to listen attentively to our songs, and the air of enjoyment and peace was written all over her face. After the singing, I walked up to her, and she had been crying. She was not sad. She had just witnessed what she called sincere worship. She appreciated it so much because she works with the German youth in a church nearby. In fact, she was so kind as to open a room of the church up to us so that we could get out of the cold. Franziska's kindness and openness taught me that people really are seeking God everywhere and that there is soil for the truth.

I will forever be thankful for and indebted to the Frerot family for their labor of love in Verviers, Belgium. Jean-Marie, in his polite way of saying things, told me upon my departure that it was a joy to see me so positive all the time and that he was really going to miss us students. His wife was so sweet. On the second week of our stay there, we approached the facility to see her dusting off the doorframes of the church building and sweeping some dust out of the lobby. Madame Frerot was always busy and always sweet, and I really miss her.

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## Her view: Maintaining Health and Sanity when Finals are Drawing Near



**Hannah Colley**  
Columnist

Stress. Frustration. Little sleep. Energy shots. Nightly McDonald's runs. Hibernation in the dorm room. Late night breakfast in Gano. Sound familiar? All of the above seem to be typical of the average Freed-Hardeman student during finals week, which, unfortunately for us, begins in just a few days. The very words "final exam" seem to scream all the things that make us uncomfortable, afraid, and stressed. For many, it's the most dreaded week of the every semester.

In my curiosity, I asked a few friends about their behavior during exam weeks. Their responses, though slightly unique, all shared many of the

same basic ideas. Junior biology major Kelcie Willis said she survived finals week with lots of Diet Dr. Pepper. She admitted to losing sleep during finals, but said her "cut-off time" was 3:00 AM. Senior English major Kody Scott confessed that he often utilizes 5-hour energy shots the nights before tests. Senior history major Derek Broome revealed that his typical night during finals includes four or fewer hours of sleep. He admitted to frequent fast-food runs, especially since he procrastinates and does not begin studying until the weekend before finals. Sophomore social work major Miranda Graham said, "Sleep definitely doesn't happen much over finals week... sometimes food runs are required to stay awake, though."

The less trivial question I asked were whether students believe comprehensive final exams are an adequate technique in measuring a student's understanding of course concepts. Kelcie Willis answered, "Not really. I think they're just another grade in most classes. Even the cumulative tests

really aren't a clear indicator of measuring understanding." Kody Scott answered, "Most of my finals are not comprehensive, so I would say no. Final exams are just that—final exams."

Derek Broome replied with confidence: "Finals are not an adequate way to test anyone's knowledge for any class. They are just another test for students to study for—not a good way of examining knowledge." To emphasize his point, he added, "I do not like how finals determine most of your grade when you have spent some fifteen weeks or so in a class."

Miranda Graham, on the other hand, agrees with our faculty's decision to administer these dreadful tests that devour a week of our lives and leave us mentally and physically exhausted. When asked her thoughts on final exams, she responded, "I think finals are a good way to measure [understanding], especially if they are comprehensive because they require students to remember what they have already learned and been tested on."

On a personal note, I'm not dreading finals week too much because it's just a step closer to home. Will it be an easy week? By no means. I still fully expect to follow through with my unhealthy exam week habits: junk food, potential all-nighters, energy shots, dorm room hibernation—the works. Thanks to my lovely teachers, however, I'm happy to say that most of my exams are not comprehensive.

At any rate, it is my sincere and heartfelt wish that you all do what you have to do to conclude the semester with a bang. Be healthy. Be safe. Despite the all-nighters you endure during the upcoming week, be sure to get enough sleep to stay wide-awake while driving home to be with your families. During the holidays (my favorite time of year), take advantage of all the homemade food, mistletoe moments, and simple family time 'round the old Tannenbaum. My best advice for finals week is to study hard, but keep Christmas as your focal point to maintain sanity. Merry Christmas, Freedies.

## His view: SURVIVOR-Finals Week Edition



**By Brad Kelley**  
Columnist

The semester is coming to a close. We've got two days left, then finals week. Oh my. I thought about doing something along the lines of Christmas for the final "His View" of the semester, but honestly, we just did things on thankfulness, and that is enough for now. Besides, we are all adults here (kind of) we can admit there is something weighing much more heavily on our minds: Finals (the previously quiet background music rises and

crashes into a crescendo that has those of a fainter heart jumping from their seats).

Starting Monday, and if you are as particularly unlucky as I am, continuing through Thursday of this coming week, you will be plagued, beleaguered even, by the onslaught of tests and papers and final projects due. So, I, in my kindness and wisdom, would like to share with you some tips and pointers that just might help you out in these final days. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the only official copy to ever hit the press of Brad Kelley's Guide to Surviving the Eleventh Hour (B.K.G.S.E.H.).

When you have inevitably put off all studying until the night before, you are going to need several things to make it through to the end of the test. These are, in this exact order

with no allowance for a change of order the following: coffee, food, distractions, study materials, and coffee. To properly study, one must stay awake. Contrary to popular belief, sleeping on top of your book is not a viable method of absorbing information (osmosis, has been thoroughly tested by several college students of days past and present and has been thoroughly proven worthless). Thus the coffee, and it's listed twice on purpose. Food will also be required for energy; the lack of sleep will keep you from recharging the normal way, so eating a bit more than usual and snacking periodically will help keep you going. The distractions seem counter-intuitive at first, but hear me out. Ever sit and stare at your book for an hour before realizing that you know nothing more than you

did previously? Well, that's why distractions are necessary, but within limits, check Facebook every now and again, stalk people, watch a few YouTube videos, then get back to your mad-dash for last minute knowledge. Now we return to coffee—its second mentioning. Make sure you always have at least half a pot brewed, but don't leave the hot-plate on for too long. I guarantee you burnt, evaporated coffee is a smell you never want to deal with, and anyone else studying or sleeping before the final will murder you to death for waking them up with a fire alarm at three in the morning.

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## For Your Future: Apathy is a Killer



**By Caroline DeBerry**  
Columnist

I consider myself a Republican, but more importantly, I am a conservative on the political spectrum. According to an email I recently received, FOX News reported that a survey has found there are twice as many Americans who call themselves conservatives as there are Americans who call themselves liberals.

Why am I a conservative? There are many reasons, but the chief reasons are centered on freedom and morals. Abortion is wrong. "Gay marriage" is an abomination, not true marriage, and should not be recognized legally as real and binding.

Countless Americans have died for our freedoms—freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from persecution, freedom to live.

The framers of our Constitution labored hard to design a system of government that recognized the vitality of liberty. They believed the best government is that which governs least. These principles are at the heart of why the United States is the nation it has been and is today. (In fact, we have an illegal immigration problem partly because so many people wish desperately for the prosperity made possible by our system of government.)

Apathy kills. If you are apathetic when a fire begins in the basement of your home, you will suffer greatly. We have many dangerous "fires" burning in our nation today, and if too many conservatives remain apathetic, these "fires" will consume our nation. Watching a news channel for even five minutes reveals this.

There are, however, other

dangers arising that are less well-known and discussed. For example, there are those—most significantly, President Obama's diversity czar as well as the "Free Press" organization, which was founded by an avowed Marxist—who are pushing for "redistributing the current ownership strata in radio."

We should be greatly concerned about a policy is being advocated by a group with close ties to Communism. History shows us clearly the stifling control, atrocious persecution, and cultural and economic devastation that results from Communism; present day China, North Korea, and Cuba evince this.

As Christians, we are blessed to be citizens of this nation; we must be good stewards of this blessing of freedom. As I have discussed in previous articles, we CAN make a difference. We must not sit back and watch our nation—our freedoms and heritage paid for by the blood of American soldiers—disappear

into smoke and ashes. It is time to be alert. The nation does not have an effective smoke alarm system—aside from us. We must instead be interested citizens, eager to protect our rights. Or else our rights will vanish right before our apathetic eyes.

At the Benefit Dinner last Friday, Mike Huckabee told a story that illuminates this theme. He related how he took his daughter, when she was eleven years old, I believe, to tour the Holocaust Museum in Israel. He gave him no true indication whether or not she understood why he wanted her to see the horrible photographs and exhibits until the end of the tour, when she wordlessly took his pen, wrote her name and their address in the guestbook, and then added the following question: "Why didn't somebody do something?"

As Gov. Huckabee said, she got it. She understood. The ghastly events of the Nazis' mass murders proved what can happen if no one speaks up and stands for decency, truth, and freedom.

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## Upcoming Games

### Lion Basketball

December 11th 6:00  
@ Lee University

December 19th 7:30  
@ Florida Southern

January 7th 8:00  
vs. Blue Mountain

January 9th 4:00  
@ Cumberland Univ

January 11th 7:00  
@ Lamuh University

January 16th 4:00  
vs. Union University

### Lady Lion Basketball

December 11th 2:00  
vs. Lane College

December 20th 4:00  
vs. Pacific University

December 21st 8:00  
vs. William Carey

January 7th 6:00  
vs. Blue Mountain

January 9th 2:00  
@ Cumberland Univ

January 16th 2:00  
vs. Union University

## College Football Top 25 Power Poll

- Alabama
- Texas
- Cincinnati
- TCU
- Florida
- Boise State
- Oregon
- Ohio State
- Georgia Tech
- Iowa
- Virginia Tech
- LSU
- Penn State
- Brigham Young
- Miami
- West Virginia
- Pittsburgh
- Oregon State
- Oklahoma State
- Arizona
- Stanford
- Nebraska
- Utah
- USC
- Wisconsin

# Lady Lions soar to top of coaches poll with victories

By John Armstrong  
FHU Sports Information

The Freed-Hardeman Lady Lions moved down one spot to No. 7 in the first regular season NAIA top 25 coaches poll released on Monday, Dec. 7.

The Lady Lions (8-1), who debuted at No. 6 in the pre-season poll, were passed in the ratings by St. Xavier (Ill.) University. SXU, which jumped four spots to No. 3, has started the season 10-0 and handed No. 1 Union (Tenn.) University its only loss of the season.

This is the 27th consecutive poll in which the Lady Lions have appeared in the top 10, dating back to the Oct. 31, 2007, pre-season poll. FHU has been in the top 25 for 123 straight polls dating back to the sixth poll of the 1998-99 season.

Defending national champion and TransSouth favorite Union (Tenn.) University remained at No. 1, while Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.) dropped three spots to No. 16. Bethel (Tenn.) University also fell four spots to

No. 24. In a game of runs, Freed-Hardeman made one when it counted the most.

The Lady Lions finished the game on a 23-7 run over the final six-and-a-half minutes, pulling away from No. 9 Lambuth (Tenn.) University for a 84-66 win on Tuesday night in the FHU Sports Center.

The win improves No. 6 Freed-Hardeman to 8-1 and marks the fourth top 25 team that the Lady Lions have defeated this season. FHU won the first meeting between the two schools, 68-64, on Nov. 12 at Lambuth. Tonight's loss was the largest of the season for Lambuth (6-6), which had lost five games by seven points or less coming into tonight's contest.

The Lady Eagles opened the game with back-to-back 3-pointers and went on a 15-5 run over the game's first five-plus minutes. But Freed-Hardeman began to find openings in the Lambuth zone, scoring on five straight possessions - including 3-pointers on three consecutive trips - to move ahead, 21-19, on the heels of a 16-4 run. After a

pair of Kelly Hufstедler free throws tied the game, the Lady Lions went on a 13-2 run to go up by 11 points (34-23) and carried the same cushion into halftime with a 40-29 advantage. That lead extended to 18 early in the second half as FHU appeared primed to pull away.

But Lambuth made a furious comeback, getting points on 14 of its next 15 possessions while outscoring FHU 26-10 over an eight-minute span to pull within two points at 61-59 with 6:51 to play.

The Lady Lions, however, had an answer in the form of a 14-0 run of their own to go ahead by 16 points (75-59) with 3:28 to play, this time putting the game away for good.

Jana Cross led all scorers with 22 points and recorded her third double-double of the year with 12 rebounds. Maria Bagwell also had a double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Tara Deatheridge (16 points), Natalie Shumpert (14 points) and Hannah Parsley (12 points) also scored in double figures for the Lady Lions.



Photo Courtesy of FHU Sports Information  
Freshman Natalie Shumpert gives an impressive performance.



Photo Courtesy of FHU Sports Information  
Freshman volleyball player Diana Silva is named to the NAIA All-American Volleyball team.

## Volleyball season ends, Silva named to All-American team

By John Armstrong  
FHU Sports Information

Freed-Hardeman's Diana Silva was among the 42 players named to the NAIA All-American Volleyball team as released by the NAIA on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Silva, a freshman outside hitter from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was named to the second team. The TransSouth Conference Player of the Year was the only player in conference to appear on one of the three teams.

She was also the second-highest placing freshman, behind California Baptist's Ingrid Carmona.

Silva totaled 476 kills on the season at an average of 4.0 per set with a .339 hitting percentage.

She also led the team in digs with 2.9 per set. Freed-Hardeman advanced to the NAIA National Tournament for the first time in school history this season.

The Freed-Hardeman Lady Lion volleyball team's season came to a close in the NAIA National Tournament Opening Round after a 3-1 loss to Lee (Tenn.) University on Saturday, November 21.

All four sets were close. FHU took the set one, 25-23, but the No. 19 Lady Flames rebounded to take the next three sets by the scores of 25-22, 25-21, and 25-22.

TransSouth Conference Player of the Year Diana Silva had another outstanding night, recording 18 kills with a .459 hitting percentage. Nataly

Gutierrez added 12 kills and Sydney Rice chipped in 10.

Both teams had the same amount of kills (53) for the match but Lee did a good job of countering FHU's attack at the net, getting 14 points off of blocks.

Senior Karim Raymond had six kills, 20 digs and three aces in her final match as a Lady Lion. Fellow senior Emily Hicks had nine digs.

The Lady Lions end the season with a 23-13 record and won both the TransSouth Conference regular season and tournament championships to earn their first trip to the national tournament.

Lee (33-5) advanced to the NAIA National Volleyball Championships in Sioux City, Iowa, last week.

## Intramurals face odd season due to rain

By Brittani Burroughs  
Staff Writer

Intramurals is a loved tradition by the students here at Freed-Hardeman. Whether you play for health, sport, or the coveted championship t-shirt, it is a big deal. Intramurals is usually a time when students come together for fellowship and a healthy dose of competition. It is a time looked forward to by most.

This semester, however, proved to be a difficult one. The softball season saw fewer played games because of the torrential downpours that frequented the area. Games were constantly being cancelled due to the rain or the fact that the fields were not in a playable condition. Soon, players began to get used to messages flooding their inboxes telling them that games were called off that day.

Cancelled games not only affected players but the intramural office as well. Seth Stewart, a student intramural worker, said that, "Scheduling in the intramural office has been tough this semester due to all the rain. I can't think of a time when it has been this bad."

Scheduling hasn't been the only problem facing student

workers. With the lack of games comes the lack of hours, which in turn results in a lack of money. Student worker Kaylan Long said that she only worked one game this season due to the inclement weather.

The over abundance of cancellations caused the softball season to be extended, which took away time from football. The softball tournaments frustrated many because most teams went into the tournament having only played one or two games.

Players entered the football season with hopes that the rain would not interfere with games, but Mother Nature proved otherwise. Although the weather was the cause of many rainouts, the football season was still less affected, even though a few tournament games have been rescheduled for Saturday because of heavy precipitation.

Despite the many irritations that accompanied this season, players still continued to show good sportsmanship and outstanding athletic performance. Just ask Allyson Dillard, who after scoring the first touchdown of her college career, received a flag for spiking the ball out of sheer excitement. Andy Samburg would have been proud.



Kristina Toland/The Bell Tower  
Theta Nu single A girls play in a game of intramural football.

## "Matt's Musings" / from pg. 4

These two servants of God taught me that I really do have family all over the world and that I ought to appreciate and cherish the family I have.

My final memory is that of the waffle man. One day we went for an outing in French class to order waffles, and he had negotiated beforehand to give us a half-price deal for the large group of students. It turns out that he was content to give us the same price even when we were on our own. Most of the time, he didn't even have to ask if we were from the school. I noticed him recognize me when I would approach his stand on one of

my solitary afternoon outings, and all he'd say was "American!" Then he would get to work on a waffle immediately. While I never found out his name, I always appreciated the feel of being remembered. It seems in a society so impersonal and cold as our own that we could afford to be a little more personable.

In the meantime, maybe we can think twice before we slight an acquaintance or break our word with a friend or share ill words with a brother or sister in Christ. Despite the difficult, sometimes comical, stereotypes of Europeans, I quite liked them.

## "His View" / from pg. 4

Now that you have your study habits all done up right, I am sure you think you're ready to go face next week, but you've not yet begun to prepare properly. Some might say that you should study in small, set periods over the next few days and review and retain information. You are, of course, welcome to try this method. Since this is my official Guide to Surviving the Eleventh Hour, I'll suggest something else. That something else is to completely

ignore my method and start studying now, which is the true secret of my B.K.G.S.E.H., available only to those dedicated enough to read all the way to the end. So, you, faithful reader, now have attained access to my true suggestions for finals week, and with these suggestions you shall succeed at finals to such an extent, a Disney music montage involving adorable, animated forest animals will soon surround you and your intelligence.

## Lions basketball move up two spots in recent polling

By John Armstrong  
FHU Sports Information

The Freed-Hardeman Lions moved up two spots to No. 16 in the first regular season NAIA top 25 coaches poll released on Monday, Dec. 7.

The Lions (7-3) debuted at No. 18 in the pre-season poll for the first time since the 2002-03 season and rose based on strength of four wins over pre-season top 25 teams.

This is the ninth consecutive poll in which the Lions have appeared dating back to Jan. 19, 2009, marking the program's longest streak since the 2002-03 season when FHU was in 13 straight polls.

Pre-season TransSouth favorite

Union (Tenn.) University moved up one spot to No. 10. Trevecca Nazarene (Tenn.) and Martin Methodist (Tenn.) both were in the receiving votes category.

The No. 21 Tougaloo (Miss.) Bulldogs used a 51-point second half to post a comeback victory over No. 18 Freed-Hardeman, 82-76, on Friday night in Kroger Gymnasium.

The Lions (7-3) took a 38-31 lead into halftime, but Tougaloo shot 57.1 percent in the second half to rally for the win and avenge an 87-74 loss to FHU earlier this season. Freed-Hardeman also committed 25 turnovers in the contest and the host Bulldogs shot 37 free throws to FHU's 14.

Zack Frey posted his second

straight double-double and third of the season with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Jesse Moulton broke out of a shooting slump by going 4-of-8 from 3-point range to score 18 points. Kyle Teichmann added 10 points off the bench.

FHU has now lost two straight games, both to ranked teams, with an exhibition loss to NCAA Division I Austin Peay State (Tenn.) University sandwiched in-between.

Freed-Hardeman returns to action on Friday, Dec. 11, when it hosts No. 13 Lee (Tenn.) University. FHU won the first meeting between the two schools, 90-86 in double overtime, on Nov. 23.



Photo Courtesy of FHU Sports Information  
Lions basketball climb up in the rankings as their season continues to move forward.

## Lifeguard Andi

### Student Spotlight: Andrea LeMasters

Andrea LeMasters is a junior Elementary Education major. She attends Western Kentucky Youth Camp, where she worked as a lifeguard and counselor for two years. She loves getting to spend all summer serving God by influencing the lives of the children who attend.



Andrea loves camp. Her favorite thing about being there is the people who come. "The people are amazing. Getting to spend all summer with wonderful Christian people is such a blessing. I have made so many friends who have influenced my life." The one negative thing she mentioned about camp was how boring it was on the weekends. She said, "when people would leave at the end of the week things would be so quiet. I could not wait for Sunday to come."

Of course, spending two summers at camp will give you tons of great memories. She actually ran across a pack of coyotes one night! Andrea says some wild things happen when you spend your summer at camp. One crazy experience happened during a tornado warning. "We really wanted to do something fun. Even though we were under a warning we decided to proceed with our plan. We took the floaties from the pool and went down to the creek. We floated down the creek for a while. The weather got worse and the creek turned into rapids! It was so scary but so much fun!"



Christian camps are a wonderful blessing in the lives of many people. Andrea talked about singing around the fire at night and how uplifting that is. Attending a Christian camp can change your life forever, and obviously it has changed Andrea's.

## Graduate Success Stories: Professional Life after FHU

By Erin Haddock  
Assistant Editor

### Jake Stoffregen

Major: Elementary Education

Employer: Kids R Kids

Position: Pre-K Teacher

Chasing around small children all day is a feat that few of us want to tackle, but teaching them is something that students in the education field look forward to. Among these proud few is Jake Stoffregen, a man who is not afraid to take on challenge. He is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman from the spring of 2009 and, in fact, a child at heart himself.

Jake graduated with a major in Elementary Education and enjoyed almost every minute of it. He feels that not just one of his classes, but all of his education classes helped him to prepare for a future in education.

Most importantly, however, was his real experience working with children. With clubs and social groups, he was able to get involved at many events such as

mission trips and community service projects. He is especially thankful for his ability to be involved with the Carl Perkins Center and volunteering at elementary schools. While nothing can prepare a teacher for having their own classroom, Jake felt that his practicum hours and especially his student teaching helped him get a real feel for what being a teacher would be like. He was able to learn how to manage a classroom and how to create the best atmosphere and attitude that children can learn in.

Along with experience with children, Jake also feels that his experience as a Makin' Music director helped him see what it was like to manage a large number of people. He feels that the strategies and approaches for keeping a group of "big kids" on track was very similar to those he uses and will use in future classrooms.

While there is not much that Jake feels could have better prepared him for his career, he does feel that he would have taken advantage of the career resource center and would have also looked into a Special Education minor.

The career resource center would have helped him gain more confidence while in interviews and possibly tips on portfolios. He feels that the special education classes would have helped him immensely because of the immense need for special education teachers. That knowledge would give any education major an advantage when trying to find a job.

Jake feels that he was very prepared for interviews from attending school here. He feels that while personality and passion for teaching are important, future educators should have a knowledge about what they are doing and also be able to explain why it is they want to teach.

Out of all the things learned while at school, Jake feels that his background in love and in Christian learning has prepared him to work with children. "There was no particular class that helped me more than really learning to love kids before trying to teach them. It shows in how well they learn."

Jake strives to one day have his own classroom and hopes to be teaching 3rd and 4th grade one day. He enjoys being able to



better communicate with his students and feels that at this level, he would be able to do that. He also hopes to employ his own ideas of discipline through love and respect in his own classroom and hopefully make a huge difference in students' lives.

### Get Involved!

Makin' Music Director

Carl Perkins Center

Chester County Fall Festival

Social Club Service Projects

Mission Trips

### Final Exam Schedule Fall 2009 December 14-18, 2009

The Faculty Handbook, section IV, page 6, paragraph 4.07.1 reads in part, "Final exams must be given at the time scheduled at the end of the semester unless special arrangements are approved by the Vice President for Academics." THIS POLICY IS IN FORCE!

The time of the course examination is determined by the time period in which the course begins on the schedule of classes.

If a student has four or more tests in one day, he/she may arrange one of these for a later time by consulting with the teachers. Each teacher may work out any conflicts or special problems. Major conflicts should be reported to Diane Smith.

Physical Education activity courses will have final examinations on the day of their last class meeting. One-hour activity courses are not scheduled during the examination period. ALL OTHER CLASSES SHOULD HAVE WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS AS SCHEDULED.

Samuel Jones, Vice President for Academics

Chapel will meet at 10:00-10:20 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 14-16, 2009

### Combined Class Examinations

English Composition I (All Sections) ..... Monday 08:00 a.m.-09:50 a.m.  
Payne—GC 201; Raskopf—GC 202; Shull—GC 301; Spradlin—GC 302  
English Composition II (All Sections) ..... Monday 08:00 a.m.-09:50 a.m.  
Cargile—GC 304; McLaughlin—BK 309  
Values in Human Thought/Action ..... Monday 08:00 a.m.-09:50 a.m.  
Gardner—BK 110; Gilmore—BK 308; Myers—BK 111; Pack—BK 310

### Classes Meeting Daily or Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Fall Classes Beginning:	Day & Time of Examinations:
M W F 07:30 a.m. ....	Tuesday 08:00 a.m.-09:50 a.m.
M W F 08:30 a.m. ....	Monday 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
M W F 09:30 a.m. ....	Wednesday 08:00 a.m.-09:50 a.m.
M W F 11:30 a.m. ....	Thursday 08:00 a.m.-09:50 a.m.
M W F 12:30 p.m. ....	Monday 01:00 p.m.-02:50 p.m.
M W F 01:30 p.m. ....	Wednesday 03:00 p.m.-04:50 p.m.
M W F 02:30 p.m. ....	Tuesday 01:00 p.m.-02:50 p.m.
M W 03:30 p.m. ....	Thursday 01:00 p.m.-02:50 p.m.

### Classes Meeting Tuesday & Thursday

Fall Classes Beginning:	Day & Time of Examinations:
T R 07:30 a.m. & 08:00 a.m. ....	Thursday 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
T R 09:00 a.m. ....	Tuesday 03:00 p.m.-04:50 p.m.
T R 11:30 a.m. ....	Wednesday 01:00 p.m.-02:50 p.m.
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### Periods for Rescheduling of Exams

Thursday 03:00 p.m.-04:50 p.m. .... Friday 08:00 a.m.-09:50 a.m.

### Commencement

Commencement Rehearsal ..... Thursday, December 17, 05:30 p.m., Loyd Auditorium  
Commencement ..... Friday, December 18, 06:00 p.m., Loyd Auditorium

## Cooking Corner



## Michael's Simple Salsa Chicken

### Ingredients:

- Black bean and white corn salsa, 1 jar [you can use any kind of salsa, depending on your heat toleration and personal preference]
- 2-4 Chicken breasts

### Directions:

1. get a crockpot
2. put chicken (can be frozen) into crockpot
3. pour salsa on chicken
4. turn crockpot on high
5. leave on high for at least 4 hours
6. serve with rice or chips with cheese on top

