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## Former President Ford to address \$100 Benefit Dinner

Former President Gerald R. Ford will discuss "The White House and Congress" during his address at the 21st Annual \$100 Benefit Dinner tonight. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in Pruett Banquet Hall, and Ford's address will begin at 7:30 in Loyd Auditorium.

Ford became the only president of the United States not to be elected by the people. In 1973, then Vice President Spiro T. Agnew resigned, and Ford was nominated to replace Agnew on Oct. 12, 1973, and confirmed on Dec. 6. He succeeded to the presidency after Richard M. Nixon resigned in 1974. Ford served as president from Aug. 9, 1974 to Jan. 20, 1977.

Ford entered the Navy in 1942 and served for almost four years during World War II. He was discharged in 1946 as a Lt. Commander, U.S.N.R. After his

service in the Navy, he practiced law and then was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and served 25 years.

He was elected chairman of the Republican conference in 1963 and Minority Leader 1965. Ford also served as permanent chairman of the 1968 and 1972 Republican National conventions and as a member of the presidential commission investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Ford maintains a pressing speaking schedule delivering addresses on economic and political topics each year to diverse groups across the United States. He serves on the board of directors of several major American corporations including Santa Fe International, Shearson/Lehman Bros. and American Express Co. He recently accepted an appointment to the Board of Regents of Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif.



Gerald R. Ford

## Alumni Association presents awards to four faculty members

by Christie Chaney

The Freed-Hardeman Alumni Association announced its annual award winners during the 1985 Homecoming weekend. Four of the 1985 winners serve F-HC as faculty or administrators: Ralph Gilmore, Clyde Woods, Hoyt Kirk and E. Claude Gardner.

Committees decide the awards, and the entire board votes on winners. The awards are based upon outstanding service in respective areas.



Ralph Gilmore

Dr. Ralph Gilmore, assistant professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and of Bible, was named "Outstanding Young Alumnus."

In addition to his responsibilities at the college, Gilmore serves as minister to the Campbell Street Church of Christ in

Jackson. He and his wife, the former Joyce Thornton, are the parents of two daughters, Jenny and Jill. In addition to being involved in her husband's activities, Mrs. Gilmore attends F-HC and is a member of the F-HC Chorus.

While a student at Freed-Hardeman, Gilmore was a member of the Sigma Rho social club, Chorus, intercollegiate debate and was vice president of religious debate.

Gilmore was named an "Outstanding Young Man of America" in 1975. He obtained a graduate degree at Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis. While living in Memphis, he served as vice president of the Memphis chapter of the Alumni Association (1975-76).

He returned to F-HC in 1981 as a teacher. As a faculty member, Gilmore voluntarily assists with the Honors program and sponsors Tri Zeta social club. He also works with the religious debate team and Campaigns Northwest, which in 1984-85 had a record 19 participants. He also is a member of the American Philosophical Association.

Gilmore has had several works printed, including one book titled *What About? A Look at Some Critical Issues*. He has also written articles published in "The Spiritual Sword," "The Gospel Advocate," "The Bible Beacon" and "The Church of Tomorrow: Horizons and Destiny." Five are included in lectureship books.



Clyde Woods

Dr. Clyde Woods received the honor of being named to the list of "Distinguished Faculty." He serves as professor of Bible and director of Old Testament studies. Woods, a Henderson resident, also operates his own book and literature business.

He graduated *cum laude* from F-HC with an associate's degree in 1957. As a student, he was also very involved. He served as president of Phi Kappa Alpha, was a member of *The Treasure Chest* staff, Alpha Gamma Delta, Future Teachers of America, SNEA, Chorus and the tennis, basketball and baseball teams.

He married the former Ann Tatum, who teaches English at F-HC. They have three children: Scott, Mark and Tricia.

He returned to Freed-Hardeman to begin teaching here in 1963. As a member of the faculty, he has won several awards: "Outstanding Educator in America," 1972; "Coach of the Year" in the VSAC West conference in 1977; and followed with recognition in "Who's Who in Religion," "Who's Who in American Education" and "Who's Who in the South." In 1978, Harding Graduate School presented Woods with an alumnus citation.

He now serves on the Development Council and the Academic Affairs and Lectureship committees. He also volunteers his services with the Honors program.

Also a writer, Woods wrote two commentaries on the Pentateuch and is writing one on Isaiah. He edits other authors' works and writes numerous articles. Woods also allows time for speaking at lectureships and gospel meetings.

The Alumni Association honored Henderson resident Hoyt Kirk for "Outstanding Service to Youth."

Kirk is an associate professor of health, physical education and recreation at F-HC, and he serves as assistant basketball coach.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from David Lipscomb College, Kirk attended George Peabody College and was graduated with a Master of Arts in physical education.

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# First Person

by Ralph Gilmore

I understand that this is my opportunity to say whatever I would like to say to the Freed-Hardeman student body (whatever can appear in print, that is). I also understand that I wish to write about something that is a little less controversial than previous letters to the editor because I don't wish to take the time to write many letters in reply to a letter that I wrote. Besides, my life is complicated enough right now. If I have anything controversial to say, I'll just let one of my friends in the business department say it for me. So, I want to talk to you about expectations.

My brother-in-law, over a fine Thanksgiving meal that the family enjoyed together recently in Georgia, told me about how General Motors ordered some car parts from a Japanese firm. GM told the firm that they did not want more than 5 percent defective parts in the large order that was to be processed.

When the Japanese firm shipped the car parts, a letter was enclosed saying, "Here are all the car parts. We don't know what you want to do with the 5

percent that are defective, but we have wrapped them separately and put them under separate cover." I am sure that the Japanese thought that GM had a funny way of doing business.

I wonder if we often do not similarly send out the wrong messages on campus when we leave the impression that we will be satisfied with less than the best because even though it is not always true, it is often true—one must search for the best or he will receive much less.

Many times in the midst of a semester, especially during that critical time known officially as the "class pre-selection period" and unofficially by names that cannot appear in public, students will ask me, "Are you a hard teacher?" At that point, I must confess that I don't exactly know what to say.

Should I say, "Yes, I am so hard that seven students in my classes died last semester from academic overwork" (a malady infrequently present on most college campuses). Or maybe I should lie by saying, "No, I am not a hard teacher; no one in my classes has to do a thing except

warm a seat." As a matter of fact, both extreme responses are incorrect. I am not the hardest nor the easiest teacher on campus, I suppose.

But no matter, because the question is quite irrelevant. Perhaps a better approach is apparent in these questions. Does the teacher give relevant information? Does he or she appropriately challenge you, given the limitations of your time and ability, to accomplish your best? Is your teacher attempting to be fair to all in a loving, Christ-like way?

You should not be interested in classes that demand too little from you. Your money and your time are too valuable to be spent in classes that only reaffirm what you already know. I am no genius, but I knew as a student that because I was paying for my education, I did not want to choose only those teachers who would expect so little from me. I am thankful that at Freed, our classes and our teachers are, by-in-large, demanding. And the academic work that you are receiving here is first rate.

"Are you an easy teacher?" someone

says. The answer is "No." But I am interested in searching for the best, both in myself and in my students. I want to be fair, interesting, enthusiastic, relevant, knowledgeable and Christian. I don't desire the "5 percent defective parts" in myself (even though I am sure that more than that about me is defective) or in those who pay to take my classes.

I do realize that students have other classes besides mine, but it seems to me that good teachers should expect close to the best from their students, or they will get much less.

I was told that in this article I could have my "say." So here it is: we as people often give and receive far less than our "best," but that doesn't mean that we have to be happy with it.

"Searching for the best" is an intriguing idea. Tom Peters has made a fortune in amplifying these ideas in two books that he has written. Perhaps these ideas have been worthy of a few minutes of your time. I love you all.

# Viewpoints

by Tony Taylor

When a person says the words "creed" and "religion" in the same sentence, it often leads one to the thought of denominationalism. To many people's astonishment, the New Testament church has a creed. It is not quite like that of our denominational neighbors; it is the word of God.

The three main ways it differs from denominational creeds are that it was given by the inspiration of God; it is perfect; and all shall be judged by it.

The religious creeds of the denominational world have been written by men. We know that this is wrong because Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for this very same thing in Matt. 15:9, when he said, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." The Christian's creed is the Bible that was given by the inspiration of God (2 Tim. 3:16).

Another difference is that of perfection. We are told in Psalms 19:7 that the

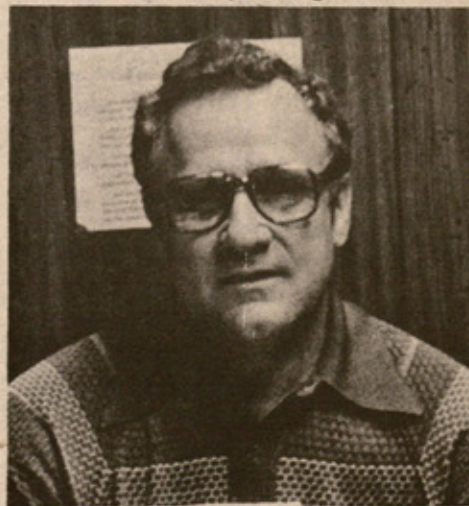
law of God is perfect. The laws and teachings of men, concerning religion, cannot be perfect because all men sin and fall short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23). We must realize that we can only be saved through obedience to God's word, not through obedience to the words of men.

The third major difference between the Christian's creed and denominational creeds is that we will be judged by the word of God. Christ said in John

12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken the same shall judge him in the last day."

Christ said that we will be judged by the words he spoke, not the words that men spoke or will speak in future times. Therefore, we must diligently study and obey the inspired and perfect Christian creed. When the judgment comes, we truly want to be prepared.

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Hoyt Kirk

Kirk served as director of Mid-South Youth Camp from 1963 to 1984. During his tenure, the camp expanded from a four-week to a 10-week operation. The camp serves about 2,000 campers each year. Kirk now serves on the Mid-South Youth Camp Board that meets quarterly to plan projects for the camp's improvement and to aid in its promotion.

Kirk married the former Bettye Lou Doyle, and they have one daughter, Patti Haston.

Honored with the "Director's Award," F-HC President E. Claude Gardner presides over general policies, chapel and religious life at Freed-Hardeman.

Gardner earned an associate's degree from F-HC in 1944 and continued his education at Abilene Christian University (B.A.) and Southwest Texas State University (M.A.). He has received honorary doctorates from Pepperdine and Morehead State universities and from Oklahoma Christian and Magic Valley Christian colleges.

Gardner has filled several positions during his tenure at Freed-Hardeman. He began teaching Bible in 1949, and for 20 years maintained the position of chairman of the Department of Education and Psychology. He then served as registrar, dean and vice president. These positions have enabled him to understand the various aspects of others' roles here at F-HC.

Gardner is busy with all areas of campus and college life; he serves as ex officio to the Board of Trustees and is a member of the Development Council. He also works with the planning of the



E. Claude Gardner

annual Bible Lectureship.

Activities outside the college also require Gardner's attention. He is a member of the Chester County Chamber of Commerce and serves on the board of directors for Chester County Bank. He also is a staff writer for "The Gospel Advocate."

Gardner married the former Delores Tatum, and they have four children:

Phyllis (Mrs. Sam Hester), Rebecca (Mrs. Larry Cyr), Claudia (Mrs. Mark Goodson) and David.

Freed-Hardeman could not remain the college that it is without alumni who are willing to continue to devote their time, talent and lives to their alma mater. Congratulations to these award winners for their years of dedication to Freed-Hardeman College.



## Editor's Note:

The Bell Tower transposed portions of Elmo Robison's article in the Nov. 22 issue, and this error may have produced errors in understanding the article. We apologize for this mistake.



## Christmas movies hope to produce abundance of holiday cheer

Well, the holiday season is upon us! While we're shopping for Christmas gifts, moviemakers are hoping they can bank on their Christmas gifts to moviegoers...a seemingly endless barrage of hopeful holiday hits.

Let's see...Sylvester Stallone has made the seemingly impossible possible by starring in yet another movie featuring the Italian Stallion, the Boxing Bonanza, Rocky Balboa, in...yes, you guessed it...*"Rocky IV."* In the fourth installment of the Rocky Balboa saga, our hero Rocky fights a boxer from Russia to defend the American honor. Friends who've seen this movie say it's a winner and maybe the best *"Rocky"* yet.

If you want to see a U.S./Russian encounter of a more sophisticated nature, *"White Nights"* may have the answer for you. This movie stars Mikhail Barishnikov and Gregory Hines as dancers who meet in Russia. Barishnikov plays a Russian dancer who defected to the United States, and Hines portrays an American who defected to Russia during the Vietnam War.

If you have a desire to see a movie about life on the Broadway stage, get

tickets for the movie *"A Chorus Line."* The Broadway play of the same name has produced one of the longest performance records. The movie's producers have tried to create the same emotional charge that the play produced. *"A Chorus Line"* deals with the hectic, heart-breaking lives of unknowns who want to be stars of the stage and promises to be a winner. *"A Chorus Line"* stars Michael Douglas and was directed by Sir Richard Attenborough.

If you're in the mood for a less serious movie, Dan Ackroyd and Chevy Chase team up for comedic behavior in *"Spies Like Us."* Perhaps Chase will finally be able to say he's performed in a successful and memorable movie.

Movie wunderkind Steven Spielberg offers audiences two movies during the 1985 Christmas season. *"The Color Purple"* stars comedienne Whoopi Goldberg. Spielberg's second production, *"The Young Sherlock Holmes,"* details the childhood and teenage years of one of the world's finest sleuths. This movie, from what I understand, is a fictional account of how Holmes and Watson meet and track clues to boggling

mysteries.

What would the Christmas season be like without some true holiday movies that produce Christmas cheer? This year, Walt Disney has released *"One Magic Christmas,"* a movie that promises to tug audiences' heartstrings and recapture the lost sentimentality of the yuletide season.

For all of us who've wondered if there really is a Santa Claus, the answer may be found in *"Santa Claus—The Movie."* Now I'll have to warn you; I just read the review of this movie in *People* magazine (a very reliable source). *People* called this

movie a disaster and said it was strictly for the juvenile audience. However, Dudley Moore (*"Arthur"*) plays Santa's chief assistant and may produce enough enjoyment for older audiences.

If none of these movies caught your interest, I'll try to get your attention with adventure movies. Richard Chamberlain stars in *"King Solomon's Mines,"* a remake of a 1950 story about adventurers searching for Solomon's mythical riches. Does this theme sound vaguely familiar to the pursuits of Indiana Jones or Jack Colton in *"Romancing the Stone"*?

## Adventurers head for Africa in 'Romancing the Stone' sequel



Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner are back as adventurer Jack Colton and novelist Joan Wilder, with Danny DeVito as their arch-foe Ralph in hot pursuit, in *"The Jewel of the Nile."*

Speaking of *"Romancing the Stone,"* Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner return in the movie's sequel, *"Jewel of the Nile."* *"Romancing the Stone"* was a box-office winner in 1984, and Twentieth Century Fox is hoping for a sequel at the bank as well.

Because it's the season of giving, I'll provide you with a peek at *"Jewel of the Nile."*

Joan Wilder (Kathleen Turner) always thought it would be just like the ending of one of her best-selling novels: the villains are routed; the heroine falls into the hero's arms; and they sail off together into the sunset. But that's not what happened when she and Jack Colton (Michael Douglas) sailed off together after their

thrilling South American adventure in *"Romancing the Stone."*

In *"Jewel of the Nile,"* this couple encounter the mystery of the Jewel and find themselves caught in the wildest adventure of their lives. Douglas plays the fearless rogue and adventurer, while Turner portrays the sultry romance novelist. Danny DeVito (*"Taxi"*) continues in his role as Ralph, the puny, obnoxious, gold-grubbing leech who is dogging their trail.

The movie begins with Jack and Joan six months after their hair-raising adventure in South America and sends them on a trek to the deserts of North Africa, via the glamorous French Riviera.

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## Lady Lions hope to start new winning streak on the road

by Stacy Jaggars

The Lady Lions ran their winning streak to six games before finally bowing to Harding University in a game against the Lady Bisons in Searcy, Ark., on Nov. 25.

The Lady Lions won game number five over a tough Belhaven College team 72-68 on Nov. 21. Marcia Young led the team with 14 points. Shelia Welch added 13 points, and Alicia Mays chipped in with 12.

Victory number six came over Lane College on Nov. 23 by the score of 83-77. Five Lady Lions scored in double figures in that game. Mechelle Ellis poured in 17 points to lead the Lady Lions, while Shelia Welch, Lisa Page and Marcia Young added 14 points each. Lesley Eakins also added 11 points.

The Lady Lions saw their winning streak come to an end at the hands of the Harding University team with a score of

75-69. It was a tough game that could have gone to either team.

Marcia Young paced the Lady Lions by pulling in 15 points, and Alicia Mays scored 14.

The Lady Lions own a 6-1 record and are playing an exciting brand of basketball. They hope to begin a new winning streak that will begin with a road trip to Missouri for a game against Evangel College in Springfield, Mo., tonight. They will

play Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo., on Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Lions then return home to Bader Gym for a game against Lane College next Friday (Dec. 13) at 7:30 p.m.

The team shows promise for a successful season but has a long way to go on the road to the TCAC championship. Coach Bill Boley invites everyone to help the Lady Lions continue a winning season at the game against Lane next week.

## Two Lions named to all-star team in Jackson Bicentennial Exchange

by Stacy Jaggars

Two Lions basketball players, Renard Carpenter and Ernesto Ramos, were named to the Jackson Bicentennial Exchange all-tournament team this week. The Lions basketball team came home with a second place trophy from the annual tournament held at Lambuth College on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Defending their 1984 tourney championship, the Lions lost to Union University in the final round of the tourney played Tuesday.

The Lions squared off against Lane

College in Monday night's action and defeated Lane 74-73. Union University defeated Lambuth College in the other Monday night game.

The F-HC team split two games played before the Thanksgiving holiday against the College of the Ozarks and Faulkner University.

The Lions got 33 big points from Renard Carpenter to beat the College of the Ozarks 74-64 in a Nov. 23 game at Bader Gym. The Lions shot a sizzling 61 percent from the field and 83 percent

from the free-throw line.

Carpenter was just too much for the Ozark boys, hitting 13 out of 19 shots from the field and a perfect 7 for 7 from the charity stripe. Steve Avery added 15 points, and Ernesto Ramos scored 13 to bring home a Lions victory.

The Lions then lost a tough game to the talented team from Faulkner University by the score of 80-66. Renard Carpenter continued his great play by pouring in 24 points. Freshman Stacy Mitchell added 16 points, and senior Nate Samuel

chipped in with 11.

Coach Charles Smith said he is happy with the team's performance, but he said, "The Lions need to improve defensively." He added that Faulkner was one of the best teams in this area.

Playing teams of this caliber will help the Lions down the road against their tough conference schedule. The Lions will play their next home game on Monday against Harris-Stowe of St. Louis, Mo. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. in Bader Gym.



Members of Lambda Delta Phi social club and maintenance men decorate the campus bell tower for the Christmas holidays. The garland is made of pine branches and features red bows on each column of the tower. Thanks to Lambda Delta Phi for spreading this holiday spirit!

### 1985 Christmas Activities

The remaining two weeks of the fall 1985 semester at Freed-Hardeman offer several festivities for students, faculty and staff to enjoy while coping with finals and last-minute work.

The campus is taking on the Yuletide look with the lighting and decorating of the Commons by the Student Government Association, garland hung around the bell tower by Lambda Delta Phi, and decorated windows in the dorms.

As professional and social clubs enjoy their own Christmas gatherings, several activities have been planned for everyone on campus. If you find you need a little Christmas cheer, why not attend any of the following events?

Tonight, Dec. 6

\$100 Benefit Dinner  
featuring former  
President Gerald Ford

Dec. 7  
7 & 9:30 p.m.

Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"  
starring Jimmy Stewart

Dec. 10

Christmas caroling and  
dorm window decorating contest

Dec. 11  
9 p.m.

Movie: "My Little Chickadee"  
starring W.C. Fields

Dec. 14

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