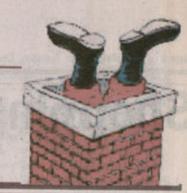
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ing for the Spring 06

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Tuesday, December 6,

at 7 pm in the Student

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Disclosure forms for

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nounced the 2005

Soccer All-American

Scholar-Athletes and

FHU had five Lions and four Lady Lions

recognized. Recipients must be a junior

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Congratulations to

the following student-

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Tara Leonard

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John 14:9-11

Jesus answered:

Don't you know me,

Philip, even after I

have been among

you such a long time? Anyone who

has seen me has

seen the Father. How

can you say, 'Show

us the Father'? Don't

you believe that I

am in the Father,

and that the Father

is in me? The words

I say to you I do not

speak on my own

authority. Rather, it

is the Father, living

in me, who is doing

his work. Believe me

when I say that I am

in the Father and the

Father is in me; or

at least believe on

the evidence of the

works themselves.'

John 14:9-11 TNIV

Bible

Question of the

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Campus Christmas Party SPECIAL HOLIDA December 8 from 7 pm 10 pm in BK Lobby. Tickets on sale now in the Student Center. For details check student email.

Barbara Bush draws crowd to \$1.2 million record fundraiser

By Office of Marketing and University Relations and Katie Peska

Former first lady Barbara Bush was not the only highlight of Freed-Hardeman University's 41st annual Advisory Board Benefit Dinner

At the conclusion of the evening, a record \$1,220,953 in sponsorships for the event was announced by Advisory Board Chairman Buddy McClain. The previous record was \$1,050,277

"This Benefit Dinner is and always has been an event to support the student scholarship fund," McClain said in his announcement. "While we cannot put a price tag on the value of a Freed-Hardeman education, it does involve considerable costs, which is why scholarships are so important. ... We can - and must - make the Freed-Hardeman experience available to deserving students."

FHU's Benefit Dinner has raised more than \$1 million for student scholarships each year since 2001. Re-

cords dating back to 1976 show a total of more than \$10 million. The dinner began in 1965.

FHU president Dr. Milton Sewell said the proceeds from the 2005 Benefit Dinner will account for almost 20 percent of the total to students for the year.

by many generous alumni and friends," Sewell said. "When a student wants to attend a university like changing difference."

As in years past, the eveentertainment and inspiration to those who attended. In addition to musi-Castleberry on the Beyond so far raised \$55.3 of the \$80 million hoped for by 2009.

During the main event, Mrs. Bush reminded the crowd of some of the past

scholarship funding awarded

"A college experience of the high-quality standards we hold must be supported Freed-Hardeman, scholarships really do make a life-

ning proved to provide both cal entertainment, guests received an update from Mark Believe campaign, which has



Photo by Patrick Flanagan, Bell Tov

Former first lady Barbara Bush greets west Tennessee reporters as they attend a press conference at the 41st annual Benefit Dinner fundraiser, Dec. 2. The event raised a record \$1.2 million for scholarships.

speakers, including her husband, and thanked the school for allowing her to "have the last word." Her speech was laced with many humorous stories and anecdotes, some she had heard over the years

and some she shared about

her own life.

One of the comments that generated the most laughter wasn't intended to be humorous at all. In the course of discussing the future of our nation, Mrs. Bush said that she suspected not many of Freed-Hardeman's stu-

dents were thinking about marriage or children. This assumption was disputed not long after her speech by Advisory Board Chairman Buddy McClain, who stated that the former First Lady had obviously never "been on a second date at Freed.



Amy Beliew

Freshman Amy Beliew dies after tragic car accident offering as much spiritual

Freed-Hardeman University freshman Amy Beliew, 18, of Collierville, Tenn., died the night of Nov. 22. She had suffered complications following an automobile accident Nov. 17. Funeral services were held Nov. 25 at the Southwind Church of Christ in Memphis.

"The Freed-Hardeman family is pained by this loss, but we know that Amy's family is hurting in a way that most of us cannot understand," said Wayne Scott, FHU's vice president for enrollment management.

"Leaning on God is the only way to truly heal from those wounds, and so we are

and emotional support as we can for Amy's family."

Amy was a business major, a member of FHU's Sigma Rho social club, and a resident of Hall-Roland

Sophomore Jessica Tucker, who was a friend and fellow dormmate of Amy's, said that she will be "greatly missed" by everyone who knew her.

"Amy was an amazing and beautiful girl who always brought a smile to my face," Tucker said. "She was always so sweet and full of laughter. I am grateful I could call her a friend and

I am thankful for the time I knew her."

Junior Matthew Henry also shared fond memories of the student that many remember for her smile and her faith in God.

"Amy will always be remembered at Freed Hardeman University as a beautiful Christian and an inspiration to all who knew her," Henry said.

"I can't wait to see her again, but until then, we will remember her, and be thankful for what she did for us."

Amy is survived by her parents, Jim and Lisa Beliew of Collierville, and two brothers.

oing king and queen Freed-Hardema

Office of Marketing and

University Relations Seniors Gavin Pinkston and Andrea Beck were named Freed-Hardeman's Homecoming king and queen at the university's Grand Coronation ceremony Nov. 12.

FHU's Homecoming king and queen are selected from the senior class by the student body each fall.

Pinkston, of Columbia, Tenn., is a missions and biochemistry major planning to work in medical missions following medical school. As a student at FHU, he has been a member of University Student Ambassadors and University Program Council.

Pinkston has also been an officer for Chi Beta Chi social club and a group leader for the Interface freshman orientation program. His involvement in student missions has involved work in Guyana, Haiti and New Zealand.

Beck, of Savannah, Tenn., is a social work major planning to work in children's services after completing a master's degree. As a student at FHU, she has been a member of University Program Council, the Student Government Association, Missions Group and Social Work Students in Action.

She also played for the Lady Lions basketball team, helping win two TranSouth

Conference championships, and has been a group leader for the Interface freshman orientation program.

Other nominees for Homecoming king and queen were Michael Alan Bowen I, Kristi Jackson, David Knox and Stacey Renee

Freshman Homecoming court attendants were Emilee Alyse Harris, Tyler Hughes, Garrett Meggs and Chelsea Smotherman. Sophomore attendants were Amy Acree, Amanda Bennie, Darryl Culberson and Tristan McPherson. Junior attendants were Hannah Ary, Jared Gott, Joseph Horton and Rebecca Jo Schwartz.



Homecoming King and Queen for the 2005 festivities held in November - King Gavin Pinkston and Queen Andrea Beck

ERRY CHRISTMAS THE BELL TOWER EMILY, DANIEL, AMANDA, PATRICK, SARAH and ALL OUR STAFF REPORTERS

Week: Why is the name of the phobia for the

fear of long words Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia?

OPINION

Shopping is not for everyone this holiday season

By Sara Tunstall **Assistant Editor**

I dislike shopping. Oh yes, that's right- I said it. I'll go ahead and give you a second to reread that first line and to rack your brain for any male "Sarahs" you might

There aren't any (except maybe on your father's side of the family), and you can rest assured that I am both of the female persuasion and also just admitted my dislike for shopping.

I guess somewhere along the line I had a particularly listless X chromosome that forgot to deliver that extra little burst of shopping twinkle that most all women possess.

And that makes me different. And different is bad. You should see the intense looks of disdain I get from well-meaning friends upon hearing that I slept in on "Black Friday" - shopping's Holy Day.

However, 1)- I'm not Jewish; and 2)- Any day of the week that is named after a nationally recognized color of mourning is one in which I usually try to avoid being awake for any serious length

Maybe if it were named "Jungle Green Bonanza of Fun Friday" I'd be more apt to get up for it. Crayon shades and bonanzas do a lot to influence my behavior.

But I digress.

You see, I have this love/hate relationship with clothes. While I am definitely not so much of a trendy person per se.... I'm not against clothes. I mean hey, I even like wearing

However, when it comes to waiting in Atlanta traffic that's backed up to Topeka to compete with scads of clothes-ravenous females to forage for toasters and bargains - well, I'd mostly rather practice my at-home appendectomy skills. (Saves money and time! I mean who really needs anesthesia when slicing open their own flesh? Painkillers are for the financially irresponsible.)

And the idea of waking up at 4:56 in the a.m. just to make sure you get that jumbo, fluorescent, highoctane, rotating juicer at an extra 37% off gives me the urge to crawl into a fetal ball of anti-shopping safety. (It's widely known that no one will drag a friend in a fetal ball out of bed, Holy Day or

My idea of a good shopping trip would be to wake up, roll out of bed (literally... I hear it's better on your joints), put on something soft, fluffy, and preferably pastel, and lounge in my living room while an assembly line of clothes floats slowly by in my size and style pref-

erence. And I say slowly, of course, because who wants to go diving after a pair of levitating breeches? And why are breeches spelled with twoe's instead of a P-A-N-T-S?

Wikipedia.com confirmed

language is stupid. And that potato sacks do not count as breeches.

Another element of my hovering clothes montage would be that any article of clothing that did not meet my standards in any



my darkest fears: "Breeches are an item of clothing covering the body from the waist down, with separate coverings for each leg.

The spelling britches reflects a common pronunciation, and is generally used in casual speech to mean pants'."

So the next time you go casually referring to your everyday leg covering, remember that the English way would be immediately vaporized and humiliated. In front of a jury of its

It frustrates me to no end to dig through endless mountains of assorted clothes and discounted lighting fixtures only to find the sizes: 00, extra small, extra extra small, no really I promise this is tiny, and extra large. How about extra medium for the chronically

average among us?

There's also something else that disturbs me about this holiday shopping season. It's something that goes back to the core of who we are, and what we stand for as a nation. It's a question as to how far we will let our country's morals and values go before saying, "No. This is too much, I've had enough."Emu boots.

Also known as UGG or sheepskin boots. Oh yes, you knew I was gonna say it. Well folks, something has to be said about these most loathed furry creations of high fashion. Who decided that pairing mini skirts and foreboding hairy mid-calf boots would be a good winter trend?

Probably the people at the ALL EMU ALL THE TIME website (name changed to protect the terminally trendy). You'll be happy to know that this site is your "premiere online store dedicated to bringing you the latest in sheepskin footwear and accessories". I'm glad someone cares about my sheep footwear

This site also touts a large selection of cheap boots, shoes, kid boots, baby booties, pink boots, tall boots, handbags, sale UGG boots, and most importantly, an UGG boot keychain. You know granny's gotta

I'm prone to believe that this UGG boot peddler is the same person who decided a good idea for a purse would be a big lumpy sack covered in sequins. Which, of course, is most aptly known as a "hobo bag".

Man, if I had a nickel for every sequin I've seen on your basic standardequipped hobo... why, I'd have at least a buck three

As for geniuses in the naming field, I'd have to say my favorite goes to the guy who thought up "Dress Barn". I don't know a single woman that doesn't like to buy clothes at a store that compares its wares to the dwelling place of large dairy cattle.

But enough of my ranting. Contrary to popular belief, I am not endorsing painful medical procedures in place of making holiday purchases. Nor do I claim to be an expert on all things fashionable.

Rather, I ask you to stop and think about what's important during this season of giving. Focus of family and friends, and try to think about ways to give back to your community. And please, when it comes to offspring, if you're ever in charge of passing on an X chromosome, make sure it's

Due to software complications. results from the last issue's online survey are not available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused those who participated in the survey. Results from the current survey will be available in the first issue of the The Bell Tower next semester. Again, thank you for your participation this semester in the Bell Tower online surveys.

Got finals stress? No need to panic

By Bonnie Alice Smith Staff Reporter

Facebook can wait. Finals week is just around the corner, so students are advised to start studying now. The week of Thanksgiving break seems ages away now as the dreaded stress associated with finals is here.

Many students will wait until the last hours to start studying for their final exams, while others will make many preparations along the

What's the biggest problem that students have with finals week? According to the American Institute of Stress, it's not sleep deprivation or the difficulty of remembering a lot of infor-

The biggest problem and America's top health problem is the stress associated with these things.

This type of stress can produce something called "test anxiety". Symptoms of test anxiety can include headaches, irritability and difficulty concentrating, according to www.healthyplace.com.

Dr. Mike Cravens, professor of Family Studies and Counseling at FHU, said the biggest psychological stress of finals is everything that goes into it.

"Stress is a part of life," Cravens said. "Our stress levels elevate during finals because there is so much to do and so little time to get it all done. Sleep deprivation is another aspect of finals week."

Cravens suggested at least three hours of sleep the night before an exam. This is how long it takes to experience the entire sleep cycle.

He offered four pieces of advice about finals:

1. Get organized Take credible notes that will make studying easier. Have your materials ready

and do not be pulling things

off the L-drive at the last

minute. Plan how you are going to use your time.

2. Be Physically Prepared Keep as much of your normal routine as possible. This involves both what you eat and when you eat, your regular sleeping routine, and staying involved with recreation.

3. Get Mentally Ready-Study!

Understand the kind of stress that your finals are going to take out of you. Know what challenge lies before you. Make decisions about which courses you should spend more time studying for. Know how much your professor weights the final so you will have a good idea about the grade range you are aiming

4. Take the Test

The key, Dr. Cravens stressed, is to visualize. Get ready to walk into the exam and know you are prepared for what is coming. Use your time in the best way while



Freed-Hardeman sophomore Casey Jennings does a little late night cramming at Farrow Hall earlier this week. With finals next week students will be pulling late nighters regularly.

studying. Use flashcards to help you remember things. Don't study in your bed. You will only fall asleep. Cravens also offered some

advice for cramming: 1. Maintain a positive at-

titude. 2. Do not let doubt or worry hinder you from studying. 3. Take study breaks.

exam questions

5. Identify main points. 6. Use your textbook.

7. Have a back-up waking up

plan.

8. Briefly review notes be-

fore taking an exam.

9. Eat breakfast.

10. Get to class early. Following these guidelines will surely help you increase

4. Think about possible your grade this semester. Students advised to method

Chad Biggar Staff Reporter

Finals week is fast approaching and students are beginning to feel the effects of stress from studying and trying to finish projects. But students are not the only ones who have to deal with stress.

There is the often-overlooked faculty and staff, those who are taking care of the school in the last few days before break, those who have to make out the tests and others.

So how should these people deal with the stress? "Stress can be a very powerful motivator and in and of itself can be both good and bad," said Lisa Beene, one of FreedHardeman's counselors.

"Stress is an inevitable part of life. It is not going to go away, so therefore the sooner we learn effective ways of dealing with stress, the easier we are going to make it on ourselves."

Beene went on to talk about the different ways people deal with stress and the importance of finding a way that works for each individual person. She offered five steps to help deal with stress.

1. Plot

Figure out what you are going to do ahead of time. Plot your important tests and projects on a calendar so you won't be surprised when something comes up. Even take time to plan extra busy days so you can prioritize your day.

2. Piece

Break big projects into smaller parts that you can do over time. Instead of working on that huge nine-page essay the night before, take time throughout the week to do bits and pieces. That way you'll have time to make sure everything flows together. 3. Prioritize

Plan ahead. Try to finish the major projects first so you won't be stressed out when the minor projects come along. Waiting until the last minute to complete a big

project or study for a big test will only cause

Talk to yourself. Give yourself a pep talk when things come down the wire. "I can do this! I will do this!" is more effective than, "I have no hope of finishing this." Thinking negatively also adds stress and can be immobilizing.

4. Ponder

5. Prize When you accomplish something difficult, treat yourself. Or even better, give yourself a treat while working to motivate yourself to finish the next difficult project.

So when finals week does roll around make sure you do your best to ease the effects of stress on the faculty and staff so your own stress won't be amplified.

What do you want for Christmas



"Tickets to see 'Wicked' and 'Movin Out'"

Jennifer Crowe



"For Christmas all I want are A's!!!"

James Long



"A bunch of khaki pants, dawg! And maybe some portable MP3 playing device, preferably the pod kind."

Sparkie

All I Want For Christmas By Ethan Rinks

Growing up burdens many young adults. While life transitions and other challenges are major tasks in developing, none could be as hard as Christmas wish lists. Excluding clothes, money and that sleek new iPod you've been dreaming about all semester, isn't it time you sat down and thought of some cool presents for Ol' St. Nick to bring? Or maybe you need some great gift ideas for giving. Whatever the case, here are some really cool gift ideas...

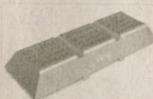


If things are going to slow down for you after Christmas Day (or you know of an avid reader in the family) then you might just need to pick out a tome for Christmas. If Pride and Prejudice has done you in on reading then Malcolm Gladwell's Blink is just the thing. His writing style transforms research into easy reading about a complicated but interesting subject - the human body's uncanny ability to make instantaneous decisions. He focuses on trying to make us understand the importance

of the small pieces of time in our lives. Entertaining and informative, this quick-read should be on everyone's holiday list.

Ah, the beauty of TV on DVD. There is no greater advocate for this cause than Seinfeld episodes being at your disposal. If you haven't bought seasons 1-4 - then do. Afterward, purchase the newly released seasons 5 & 6. If you think that's too much money to spend on circles of video data - it's not. Jam packed with commentary and interviews of the best comedy ever to





Named by Time magazine as one of the best inventions of the year, the Slingbox has taken television to another level. Just connect the small oblong "box" from your TV cable to your internet modem and instantly you can transfer your home cable to any laptop or desktop you wish. There is no subscription fee - it's a single purchase

item that keeps on giving. Now, all you have to do is find a reason you need one. Still, it's a neat gift.

hit the small screen, this is one gift idea you can't pass up.

Although this neat new invention has been on the market for over a year, it is just now making itself known to the general public. The "burn, flip, burn" method is not a double-sided data disc capability, but an ingenious way to get rid of those pesky Sharpieladen CD/DVD covers. Once you burn the data, music or video to a disc you can flip the disc over in the same drawer and burn an image into the cover side of the disc. You

can burn pictures, text or graphics to personalize every disc you create. This cool feature is just catching on (it only burns images in non-color) so you may want to hold out for the all color burner, which hasn't been announced - but inevitably will be released.



Designer Maria Vinka wanted somewhere to keep her feet warm besides under the pillows of her couch, so she created the Slipper Pillow. Just be careful when you stand up.

Give a cow, water buffalo or rabbits as gifts. No, not to that freaky aunt or uncle, but you could do it in their honor. Heifer International is committed to fighting hunger around the world and you can help. This non-profit organization gives all kinds of livestock to villages and families around the globe to help support their



needs. Cows can produce milk for a family to drink and sell, water buffalo can help farmers with their crops as they raise a family. Make someone else have happy holidays, too. www.heifer.org

Musical was a big h

Mandy Center Staff Reporter

"We are frankly shocked that so many of you are here. We were not prepared for this," Dr. Cliff Thompson said to the opening night audience of the Freed-Hardeman Homecoming play, "Little Shop of Horrors." The crowd of 720 people he was referring to filled up almost all of sections C, D and E of Loyd Auditorium.

When theatergoers arrived at Loyd, those without prepaid tickets were greeted with the sight of a line that stretched from the business office window to President Sewell's office.

"Every other time I have come to a play, I just walked up to the ticket table in the lobby and sat down in a seat. I have never had to wait in line before," senior Vanessa Kelley said.

Attendance was so high that the performance slated to start at 7 p.m. did not begin until 7:20. The show opened with a 50's style video about the evils of bringing food, cameras and cell phones into Loyd.

What a great way to open a show," senior Stacey May said. "I have never seen such a creative way to warn the audience about all those things before a play."

Little Shop of Horrors tells the story of Seymour played by junior Joseph Kelly, a meek florist who yearns to leave the rough area of Skid Row and live a better life.

Accompanying his same desire of leaving Skid Row is Audrey (sophomore Katie Powell), Seymour's co-worker who succumbs to the beatings of her sadistic dentist boyfriend Orin (junior Dennis Guinn).

One day, Seymour finds : plant during a total eclipse of the sun. The plant, resembling the shape of an avocado and a Venus flytrap, intrigues him and he names it Audrey II (after his secret love Audrey), and takes it back to Mushnik's Flower Shop.

Once displayed in the shop window customers start flocking to the less than successful store, leading Seymour and the owner Mr. Mushnik (freshman Chris Pate) to realize its potential and capitalize on it. Seymour and Audrey II become celebrities and then

everything starts to change. Soon, Seymour realizes that the only thing that will make Audrey II grow is human blood so he must begin to cut himself to feed the plant.

While Seymour and Audrey II's fame grows, so does the desperation of Audrey's condition. Shown at various points with a sling, black eyes and several other bruises, the intensity of abuse that she receives is prevalent throughout the first act. It is one of the few serious social commentaries that run throughout the

Among others is the lack of hope many of the characters feel about ever leaving Skid Row. Ronette, Crystal and Chiffon, the "street urchins" and almost backup singers for the whole play, reveal how they quit after grade school and now live on the street looking for opportunities to make money however they can.

As Audrey II continues to grow, his appetite becomes much larger and drops of blood from Seymour just will not do. To appease the plant and to get rid of the evil Orin, Seymour plans to kill Orin and feed him to the plant.

However, Seymour fails to shoot in Orin's dentist chair. Coincidentally, Orin, while wearing his nitrous oxide helmet, which bears a striking resemblance to a fishbowl with tubes attached. suffocates. In another film the theater department put together, Seymour is depicted feeding Orin to Audrey II, limb by limb.

Act II opens with an emphasis on how well Mushnik's Flower Shop is doing. Audrey and Seymour are inundated with calls for personal orders to the Rose Bowl requesting that they completely supply all the flowers for the parade.

Later, Seymour and Audrey express their real feelings for each other, and start to dream about their lives together away from Skid Row. As events progress, the "mysterious disappearance" of Orin leads Mr. Mushnik to suspect that Seymour had something to do with it. In a memorable scene Audrey II entices Seymour to get rid of the suspicion and feed Mr. Mushnik to him. Seymour does so almost heartbreakingly; it is from this point on that Seymour

becomes wrought with guilt. With offers being thrown at him from all aspects of the media, Seymour finally decides that he has had enough of Audrey II and plans to destroy him. But before he has the chance.

Audrey II convinces Audrey

to pour him some water and

in the act he eats her.

Seymour arrives while Audrey II is devouring her, and pulls her out. But it is too late. Audrey declares that if Audrey II eats her. then she will be a part of the plant and then always with Seymour, so she sacrifices herself.

Overcome with grief, Seymour decides to slash Audrey II from the inside and inevitably gets eaten as well. At this moment a botanical specialist arrives in the shop and starts clipping leaves from Audrey II in an effort to make more Audrey II's available in homes across the world.

It is there that the audience learns that the plot of the diabolical plant is to conquer the world. In the final scene of the play, the whole company (including the eaten characters) warns the audience to not feed the plants.

As the play concluded, senior Erin Carney said, "This is the best play I have seen at FHU, and it's a wonderful showcase of the talent we have. Hat's off to the dentist (Guinn), he was hilarious."

Echoing those sentiments was junior Kimber Loktu, "The cast was amazing; they picked all the right people for this play. I hope they can do the same thing next year."

Included in the cast were the street urchins Chiffon, Chrystal and Ronnette. Played by junior Kathryn Guinn and sophomores Jessica Stults and Hannah Taylor, they accompany Dennis Guinn, who not only played Orin but several other minor characters, and Joshua McGhee as the voice of Audrey II. Despite some. apparent microphone malfunctions, the cast performed as though nothing was out of the ordinary.

"I am really impressed with the way the cast and staff have reacted to the sound difficulties," Becky Pickle said. "It just goes to show how professional and how very well trained they are."

Producers rack up on Christmas season

potential hits during

By Ethan Rinks Staff Reporter For years, Christmas was purely a gift-giving phenomenon. Mistletoe and jingle bells were donned with hopes that Saint Nick would somehow land his jolly fat self onto rooftops with the help of eight regular reindeer and another with a big red nose. He would gobble up milk and cookies and take off into the frigid night, leaving behind warm fuzzy feelings for children

waking before dawn to open

presents. While Kris Kringle still makes his stops, it seems that movie studios are trying their best to play their own little Santa Claus. They are donning every visible advertising space with previews and posters with hopes that a slew of cast members and exciting stories will drive you to movieplexes during the holiday season. While the day after Thanksgiving proves to be huge for retailers, it is the month afterward that counts

most for Hollywood During this time, there

is so much riding on the line. Studios are primarily getting back the huge chunk of change they spend on such enormous pictures (see "King Kong"), and secondly, promoting sleeper hits that will last through awards season up until the Oscars in March (see Munich). Nevertheless, you can't pass up the wonderment that the screen beholds during December. You've got a lot to choose

No movie has gotten greater free publicity than The Chronicles of Narnia"



this holiday season. Because of its strong biblical overtones, many publications have been following the film with a close eye until it is released. It follows a group of siblings through the cursed land of Narnia as they attempt to overcome an evil witch with the help of a wise lion. (opens December

Probably the most anticipated movie of the season is Peter Jackson's next effort after "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy - "King Kong". Boasting a budget of more than \$250 million, and an interesting casting decision (Jack Black in a semi-serious role), and more special effects than the LOTR trilogy combined, only Jackson could pull off what he has dreamed since childhood.

The original King Kong was his inspiration to take on filmmaking as a career. After trudging through negotiations about the film, LOTR got his dream fasttracked to the big screen. So, can this remake be any good? Hello! It's Peter Jackson! (opens December 14)

When "Moulin Rouge" hit it big in 2001 and "Chicago" followed it up with a Best Picture win, it seemed musicals on the big screen had been revived. That is, of course, until "Rent" arrived. This film's less than stellar performance during

Thanksgiving leads the way for "The Producers" this De-

as Matthew Broderick, Nathan Lane and Uma

man try to revive musicals on film once again. The two plot a way to rip off a Broadway show when things suddenly change. This farce was a movie first, then a stage show, and now they'll try to go back to its roots with the help of Will Ferrell in a cameo role (opens December 16).

No Christmas season is complete without the arrival of a feel-good romantic comedy or two. This year, two former leading television ladies are taking up that responsibility in "Rumor Has It" and "The Family Stone". Sarah Jessica Parker headlines "The Family Stone" and tries to fit in at her boyfriend's family Christmas, but doesn't.

Things go awry as her personality doesn't fit with his

family. Diane Keaton and Luke Wilson co-star (opens December 16). Jennifer Anniston, fresh off her November

release "Derailed", shows her softer side in the romantic comedy "Rumor Has It" where her character finds she's confused about the boy she has agreed to marry. Kevin Costner and Shirley MacLaine step in to try to help (opens December

Steven Spielberg changes gears from this summer's 'War of the Worlds" and releases a film about the assassination of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic games in Munich. Publicity around this film is hushhush as Speilberg wants to let he movie speak for itself. But word is, this film could be in serious consideration for Oscars when March rolls around (opens December

TOP 10 MOVIES OF ALL TIME

1. Titanic (1997)

2. Star Wars. Episode IV - A New Hope (1977)

3. Shrek 2 (2004)

4. E.T. the Extra Terrestrial (1982)

5. Star Wars. Episode I - the **Phantom Menace** (1999)

6. Spider-Man (2002)

7. Star Wars. Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005)

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9. Spider-Man 2 (2004)

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Freed-Hardeman says goodbye to Dixon, former FHU first lady

Office of Marketing and University Relations

Former Freed-Hardeman University first lady Louise Cowan Dixon, 100, died Nov. 9. She had been the university's first lady from 1950 to 1969.

Funeral services were held Nov. 13 at the Henderson Church of Christ, with family members Steve Sargent, Tom Dixon, Sid Dye, David Sargent, David James and Glenn Sargent officiating. Burial followed at the Henderson City Cem-

"We've lost one of the dearest members of our Freed-Hardeman family,"

said Dr. Milton Sewell, FHU at Carson Newman College president. "She had been a great influence both on campus and Henderson."

Dixon had been honored by FHU and the community May 28, the day following her 100th birthday. She had also received an honorary doctorate from the university in 1990.

Dixon was born to Andrew Walker Cowan and Eva May Harris Cowan May 27, 1905, in Jefferson City,

After attending public schools through the 10th grade in Jefferson City, Dixon enrolled in the college preparatory program in Jefferson City, where she later earned a B.A. degree in English and history.

Following graduation, she moved to Hampshire, Tenn., where she became a schoolteacher and met her future husband, H.A. Dixon. They were married

Oct. 5, 1929, in Jefferson City. Over the next two decades, Dixon lived in Memphis, Martin, Tenn., Springfield, Mo., Tuscaloosa and Florence, Ala., and Jackson, Tenn., where her husband served as a minister and schoolteacher before becoming president of FHU in 1950.

Dixon was instrumental in establishing the FHU Associates, a national women's group to raise scholarship funds for the university. Dixon, a faithful Christian for 71 years, was also known for her service as a church Bible class teacher, writer and public speaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H.A. Dixon, in 1969. She is survived by her son, Allen Dixon of Memphis; daughter, Sara Dixon Sargent of Mobile, Ala.; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-greatgrandchild.

Volunteering can help warm holiday spirits

Sarah Tunstall Staff Reporter

With the holiday season approaching, and the Christmas spirit kicking. into high gear many people want to give back to the community. Students at Freed-Hardeman University are no different.

"Volunteering is one way I feel like I'm really doing something worthwhile," senior psychology major Rebecca Kello said. "It allows you to form relationships with people who you would not normally come in contact with."

Junior social work major Stephanie Clark agreed that she also liked to help people. "It gives me a good feeling to know that what I am doing will help someone else.

Brandy McAlister-Jones, an alumnus of Freed-Hardeman University, recently came to speak to a group of students at FHU about the opportunities of volunteering with the Exchange Club-Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

McAlister-Jones, the operations manager for the center in Jackson, spoke about the many ways in which the center provides opportunities for helping children. Sophomore Meredith Fletcher said the lecture was so effective that it not only convinced her to go volunteer, but the act of volunteering could help her decide on a major.

The Carl Perkins Center is a non-profit organization with 14 locations in West Tennessee. It serves as a haven for abused children and an educational place for those struggling with abuse, program director Sherry Stanfill said.

Stanfill currently serves as a director at the Madison County location on College Street near downtown in Jackson.

The center was started in 1981 as a joint effort of the Exchange Club and singer/songwriter Carl Perkins, and according to Stanfill, "has served thousands of children and their families.'

The Center's volunteers are there to help both parents and children meet the practical needs of preserving and improving the quality of family life. "The mission of the Center is to provide support to families in preventing and dealing with child abuse in West Tennessee," Stanfill said.

There are many different ways in which a student can get involved. Students can conduct a food drive for the Center, collect personal hygiene items or teddy bears, and organize fundraising activities to name a few.

"Being in college it's hard to be actively involved in the community when we're only here for nine months," Kello said. "The Carl Perkins Exchange Club is very willing to work with FHU students to provide an outlet for them to serve the community.'

The Exchange Club is open to anyone who wants to serve the community, develop leadership skills and enjoy new friendships. There are many opportunities for volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities, according to their talents.

Doing something to benefit others is one of the greatest joys in life," Kello said. "In volunteering, the smallest thing you do can have the largest impact."

hang in Henderson for holiday **Students**

By Kendra Roberts Staff Reporter

Several Freed-Hardeman students found themselves stranded this Thanksgiving

These students had the true experience of discovering what Henderson is like without Freed-Hardeman. Some weren't too impressed with what they found, such as some Freed-Hardeman basketball players and cheerleaders who were required to stay in town for games.

"Honestly, I wasn't happy because I had to stay in the dorm by myself," said Tammi Philips, a junior and captain of the cheerleading team.

Lady Lions sophomore Megan Thompson said the girls' basketball team was only able to go home Wednesday and Thursday.

The team had practice on the Friday after Thanksgiving and another game on Saturday.

"We didn't get to do anything," Thompson said. "We had practice and sat around the dorm."

Fortunately, the Lady Lions won all of their games that they played over Thanksgiving break. Last year, the team wasn't able

to go home for Thanksgiving at all, but this year they were allowed to go home for

The boys' basketball team, however, wasn't able to go home for Thanksgiving and even held practice on the holiday.

Many international students also stayed on campus during the break.

Kostadinka Atanasovska, a junior from Macedonia, spent Thanksgiving on campus. Atanasovska along with five other international girls stayed in a house on campus.

The group of students didn't do anything special, Atanasovska said.

They "hung out", talked, watched television, played Super Nintendo, and relaxed.

"For Thanksgiving, Janis Taylor cooked for everyone staying on campus," Atanasovska said. This group included around 15 to 16 international students.

"One week was just perfect to relax and take time off to do nothing and catch up on studying," Atanasovska said.

"We felt kind of isolated, but it wasn't bad. If it had been two or three weeks, we would have gotten bored."

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npioyee passes away

Freed-Hardeman lost a member of the family Nov. 8 when a facilities employee died from complications of a heart attack. Marshall Boles was cleaning up after a basketball game in the Sports Center on a Tuesday evening when he suffered from a heart attack.

Boles, a relatively new

employee to Freed-Hardeman, worked on the housekeeping staff for two months. He was laid to rest Nov. 14, in New York, where his sister survives.

He will certainly be missed by those that knew him and by students around campus as he went about his daily duties.

Mike Dunnavent, head of facilities, spoke glowingly of Boles and his contribution as an employee.

"Mr. Boles was a hard worker and very concerned about always doing the best job he could. The entire Facilities team is saddened by his passing."

Student government in action: What's up with this year's SGA?

By Chelsea Downey Staff Reporter

Students may occasionally ask the question, "What in the world is SGA doing for me?" The Student Government Association is working hard this year to get a lot accomplished for all students, according to President Mendy Cooper.

Many things are in the "process phase" right now, she said. One of the big policy changes in the works is for a revised policy ruling on wearing shorts.

SGA is proposing that shorts be allowed in nonacademic buildings before

They are also asking that

privileges and curfews be progressive. For example, a senior would have a later curfew and more privileges than a freshman.

plans for small group Bible studies next semester or-

ganized by Seth Terrell

groups will meet regularly at their

leader faculty member's home. Terrell is also putting together a "Student Open Forum" for the near future, Cooper said.

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SGA is also working with Melanie

Johnwho has swatches of material furniture in the student center, and ideas for a new ping pong table. of the most anticipated

A Georgetown University student models a pair of holey blue jeans during a dents recent campus fashion show display- is the ing current fashions in vogue today. The return SGA at FHU hopes to bring this trend of the back to campus.

on television. No decisions have been made yet, but it

> Cooper said. Since the group came together this semester, SGA has been meeting almost

is seriously being discussed,

weekly with the administration to discuss "One of the big policy changes conin the works is for a revised tinuous probpolicy ruling on wearing lems

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Such problems include the reported insect problem in Gano, inconsistency of room checks among all dorms, and the unsatisfactory meal plans for Lion's Pride.

SGA is asking the administration to rethink the spiritual focus of chapel, the dress code for "holey jeans" and special permission rules.

SGA is also currently promoting the Celebration of Marriage Workshop, which will take place in January. Admission will be free for students.

Rumors on campus have been circulating about a concert taking place at Freed-Hardeman University.

Cooper confirmed that those rumors are true. SGA is calling Ingram Hill's manager to solidify plans for a March 10 "Freed Fest 06". Tickets will be \$10 and Point Zero One is also slated to perform.

Aside from rules, regulations and entertainment, SGA also does its part for good causes.

Recently, the group raised approximately \$400 for the 5K Homecoming Run for St. Jude's Hospital.



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Bergeron boosts Lady Lions

By Kyle Crump Sports Writer

The Freed-Hardeman women's basketball team is off to a great start so far this season posting a record of 12-1. Some of the credit can be attributed to Kera Bergeron, a senior transfer from Austin Peay State University.

Bergeron is one of five seniors on this year's team, providing depth and leadership that has been invaluable so far this season.

Bergeron transferred from Austin Peay, an NCAA Division I school, after having played three seasons there."It's definitely different going from a public school to a private school like Freed-Hardeman," Bergeron said. "The team is a lot different than the one that I was on, but the talent level is still very high. The girls that I play with here are awesome. The only thing I can really see is the size. The girls are bigger at Austin Peay."

After spending most of

her college career at Austin Peay, things changed for Bergeron. Austin Peay went under some coaching changes that affected her decision to leave Austin Peay. She also wanted to be happy both on and off the court.

"There were a lot of reasons I left to come here," said Bergeron. "With the coaching changes and other issues going on there, it just wasn't working out for me. I just decided that I wanted to come to FHU and play.

"I just wanted to be happier and I think that I made the right decision. I love it here."

Freed-Hardeman head coach Dale Neal immediately accepted Bergeron into the program, and with her talent, she has been a starter since day one. She has filled her role nicely on the team, averaging 11.8 pts per game to go along with 3.5 rebounds per game.

Her strength is her threepoint shooting where she has made a team leading 34 shooting 36 percent from beyond the arc.

"Kera is a very good addition to our team in all aspects," Neal said. "She is a very good outside shooter. She can also drive well, shoot the three for us, and rebound. She fits in well with what we are doing."

Although she has come in and immediately contributed to a team that is ranked second in the nation, more is expected of her. Neal believes that the sky is the limit for Bergeron to improve and compete.

"She has done exactly what we have expected of her," Neal said. "We think she is just going to get better from here on out. Her progress has been great, and she just meshes well with everything else we have."

It can be hard to join a team and contribute right away to a squad that has been together for a while. For Bergeron it seems she is doing quite nicely both on and off the court with the other ladies on this team.

"I love all the player on my team," said Bergeron. "We have amazing talent, and amazing players at every position. Off the court they are just a lot of fun, and great friends to me. That is what I love most about being here."

The Lady Lions have high goals this year due to the success of recent years. After being ranked so highly in the preseason, a national title is on the minds of several people within the program. With Bergeron, the sentiments are no different.

"My goals are definitely to win conference, but even more than that, a national championship," Bergeron said. "We want to be there in March to bring back a national title. That is my goal and our team goal.

"I want to do whatever is needed of me to get the team to be there at the end."

In the season so far, they have played five teams ranked in the nation's top 16, only losing to Masters

Photo by Patrick Flanagan, Bell Tower

Senior transfer Kera Bergeron launches a threepointer during practice for the Lady Lions. Bergeron's three-point shooting has helped boost the Lady Lions to a 12-1 record.

College who are ranked fifth.
The Lions will next return
to the court on Saturday

against the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Ky.

Only speculation left after wild season



Another regular season of college football has come and gone. This past weekend was championship weekend for the different conferences around college football. Let me say this was one of the bigger weekends of football that I can ever remember in all my years of being a spectator.

Southern Cal and Texas combined to destroy their opponents by a combined score of 136-22. It begs the question as to whether they are that dominant, or if their conferences are that weak.

I wonder if either of those teams would have faired so well if they had to play major conference teams like Georgia, LSU, Florida St., or Virginia Tech on a regular basis during the regular season. Clearly the competition in some conferences is just not up to par with the other conferences across the country.

Nonetheless, USC and

Texas will be playing each other for the National Title in the Rose Bowl at the end of the year. Personally, I don't think that I can say that it is a match-up of the best two teams, but it will be a fun one to watch either way.

The college football season always leaves me asking one question: "What if?" This question can apply to almost every team that laces up their cleats each week to go out and compete.

What if one break had gone this way, or one break had gone that way? So for today, I will take a look at the biggest "what ifs?" of the college football season.

What if instant replay was used in the Notre Dame/USC contest back in October? Everyone will remember this as probably the best game of the year in college football. And yes everyone will remember USC Quarterback Matt Leinart plowing into the endzone with three seconds left to win the game.

What is forgotten is that USC fumbled the play before and the ball was incorrectly placed on the one-yard line for the next play. Does USC win that game if instant replay was used to re-spot the ball? Would Notre Dame be playing for the national title?

What if Penn State could play defense for one more play? A game that was forgotten on that same weekend back in October was the Penn St./Michigan battle, which saw Penn St.'s undefeated season go up in shambles as time expired. Michigan threw a gamewinning touchdown on the game's final play to ruin the Nittany Lions dreams of a Rose Bowl.

One play is all it took to almost assure Texas-USC of their dream matchup without the controversy. Who wouldn't want to see Penn St. head coach Joe Paterno get one more shot at glory? Well maybe next year.

What if one of the most talented teams in the nation could have ever decided on a quarterback? Tennessee was a complete mystery this year as far as the season goes. They were able to go to LSU and rally to beat them in what looked to be

a springboard to a great season.

Instead the wheels fell off the team that started out #3 in the nation, and they ended up missing a bowl. A lot of work has to be done, but the pieces are in place for Tennessee to completely rebound next year and have a good solid season.

What if the Big 12 had a good team besides Texas? Have you ever seen one of the big 6 conferences looks worse than the Big 12 this year? Oklahoma was supposed to be the other power from this conference and they finished 7-4. Texas Tech was the second best team in the conference, and when matched against Texas lost 45-17.

The conference championship game saw
Texas beat Colorado 70-3.
This is inexcusable for a championship game. The best win Texas got all season was against Ohio State, an out of conference foe. Texas could have a long run at the top of the college football world if this conference does not have its other eleven teams come out of mediocrity.



Photo by Patrick Flanagan, Bell Tower Freed-Hardeman's Lion mascot stands on the back of a fellow student to pump up the crowd during this year's homecoming game. FHU won both games.



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Unfortunately, due to everyone going home for Thanksgiving break, there were no meetings for me to attend for this issue. So, for a moment, I will share some of my reflections and opinions of my assignment thus far.

Coming into this experience, I knew absolutely nothing about the social clubs. Well, that is definitely not the case anymore. I have realized that social clubs are like many other things in life; there are good things about each of them, and there are bad.

It was hard to tell if I got a true glimpse of a Chi Beta Chi experience, because when I first visited "The Nest" at the beginning of the year, it was still during the induction process. However, even if the meeting itself was not the norm, the people were still the same. While everyone can be seen in a bad light at times, I believe that these people were good people.

My only negative observation was that it seemed easy for less outgoing members to get lost in the crowd because it is such a big club, and there were "new recruits" there. However, I'm sure that it must not be much of an issue, because if it were, those people wouldn't be in that club.

Tri Zeta, I found, is a pitifully misunderstood group. Perhaps I am way off base, but I have heard in others' speculations of the club, that they are almost viewed as the "misfits" of campus. They may not be your orthodox club in the sense that Makin' Music or Homecoming isn't their only prior-

But it was at this club that I felt people made me.

feel the most comfortable and "at home". To them, though they didn't know of my "undercover status, it didn't matter that I wasn't an official member. I was there, so they expected me to just jump right in, and they made it easy to do so.

An important lesson learned for one who wasn't familiar with the thesis of each club: Sigma Rho is not for the faint of heart or one not looking for serious club involvement.

At the meeting when I happened to be there, it was strongly expressed to the members just what was expected of them for Homecoming, even though Homecoming was over a month away.

The cheering was also something that you would have to be prepared for, mentally or physically. Otherwise, it's a distinct possibility that you could get hurt. However, these are obviously very loyal people when it comes to their club.

For my Phi Kappa Alpha experience, it was hard to get a true synopsis of what a normal meeting would be like because I attended the "hobo" meeting at Halloween. So, it was hard to really get to know people that well because we were on a hay wagon part of the time, and then we were outside in the dark for the rest of the evening.

But still, it was a fun time, and because it was such a large group, there were people that I already knew present, which made me feel comfortable.

If all goes as planned next semester when meetings resume, I will visit Xi Chi Delta and Psi Mu. Stay tuned to see if the stereotypes hold up to my undercover evaluation.

Reporter attends Bush press conference ing until Mrs. Bush's aide,

By Katie Peska Staff Reporter Imagine my shock and amazement when I found out that I, a lowly staff writer for the Bell Tower, would be getting the opportunity to go to a press conference with Barbara Bush, the former First Lady of the United States and mother of the current presi-

Let me put it this way - I didn't know whether to jump up and down or start feeling nauseous. Friday evening rolled around, and along with our staff photographer, students from the video yearbook and TV station, and a handful of local media from Jackson, I filed into Ayers Auditorium ready for what I assumed would be the experience of a lifetime.

pening in a few short minutes. She proceeded to inform us that this was not going to be a press conference. It was

Nancy, came into the

room, all smiles, to brief us

about what would be hap-

instead simply a short photo opportunity, as Mrs. Bush was tired and already running behind schedule (come to find out, this meant that her entree arrived approximately five minutes later than planned).

Even after a reporter from WBBJ pressed her for just a few short questions, Mrs. Bush's personal assistant was adamant - the former First Lady did not

wish to take our questions. I will admit, I was slightly disappointed, but nonetheless, this was Barbara

Bush, and I was still excited simply for the opportunity to interact with her.

About 15 minutes later, Mrs. Bush accompanied by several Secret Service men, entered Ayers, happily singing a verse of the song the band in the Brown-Kopel lobby was playing.

She stopped several times to sign various books for students. And then came the real shocker of the night. Mrs. Bush walked onto the small stage in Ayers and proceeded to question her aide as to why everyone was

"Don't they have any questions for me?" was her query, to which the aide replied, "No, they just want to take your picture." Now I may not have been the most experienced reporter in that room, but I'm pretty sure it

didn't take any deep investigation to realize that the aide was telling two different stories.

Needless to say, all of the media personnel in the room were quite shocked, but were all very polite and simply took their pictures and did not raise protest.

To her credit, Mrs. Bush was extremely friendly, signing whatever was asked of her, and she even paused at the podium on the stage and mimed giving her speech to provide some humorous moments for the flashing

Once she had done this, she was whisked out to the awaiting cars that took her to Loyd, giving her almost a full hour to wait before taking the stage to give her speech. What can I say, that's politics!

campus

Good food is always appreciated, but perhaps never as much as during the holiday season. Something about this time of year and being with family encourages us to enjoy it with our taste buds. Here are a few recipes that capture the spirit of the holidays and will satisfy any craving.

Sugar Cookie Cutouts

2/3 cup butter, softened

3/4 cup granulated sugar

1 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp salt

1 egg 1 T milk

1 tsp vanilla

2 cups all-purpose flour

In a large mixing bowl beat butter with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add granulated sugar, baking powder, and salt. Beat until combined, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Beat in egg, milk, and vanilla until combined. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with the mixer. Stir in any remaining flour. Divide dough in half. If necessary, cover and chill dough 30 minutes or until easy to handle.

On a lightly floured surface, roll half the dough at a time until 1/8 inch thick. Using a 2 1/2- inch cookie cutter, cut dough into desired shapes. Place 1 inch apart on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake at 375 degrees for 7 to 8 minutes or until edges are firm and bottoms are very lightly browned. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool. If desired, frost with Powdered Sugar Icing.

Powdered Sugar Frosting

1 cup sifted powdered sugar

1/4 tsp vanilla

1 T milk

In a small bowl combine powdered sugar, vanilla, and milk. Stir in additional milk, 1 tsp at a time, until icing reaches drizzling consistency.

From Better Homes and Gardens Cookbook

Smoky Cheese Ball

2 8-ounce packages cream cheese

2 cups finely shredded smoked Cheddar, Swiss, or Gouda cheese

1/2 cup butter or margarine

2 tablespoons milk

2 teaspoons steak sauce

1 cup finely chopped nuts, toasted Assorted crackers

Let cream cheese, shredded cheese, and butter stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Add milk and steak sauce; beat until fluffy. Cover and chill for 4 to 24 hours. Shape mixture into a ball; roll in nuts. Let stand

for 15 m i nutes. Serve with crackers. From Better Homes and Gardens Cookbook

...... Oreo Ball

8 oz package cream cheese, softened **Double Stuff Oreos** Vanilla Almond Bark

Finely crush that Double Stuff Oreos with a rolling pin. In a medium bowl, mix the crushed Oreos and cream cheese. Once completely mixed, cover and chill in refrigerator. Once Oreos and cream cheese are easy to handle, shape into 2-inch balls. Dip each ball into melted vanilla almond bark. Place on cookie sheet, covered in wax paper. Let sit until almond bark hard-

ens. Store in air tight container and refrigerate.

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Dreamy Creamy Hot Chocolate

1 (14oz) can sweetened condensed milk 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa

1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

1/8 tsp salt

6 1/2 cups hot water

Mini marshmallows (optional)

In a large saucepan, combing sweetened condensed milk, cocoa, vanilla and salt; mix well. Over medium heat, slowly stir in water; heat through, stirring occasionally. DO NOT BOIL. Top with marshmallows, if desired. Courtesy of Paula Deen

New coffeeshop opens in town

By Kendra Roberts Staff Reporter

We all anxiously sat wait-

A new business is in town. Students looking for freshly baked chocolate chip cookies or a good cup of coffee no longer have to travel all the way to Jackson. Now these cravings can be satisfied at a little place called Randee's Coffee & Shaved Ice, located on East Main Street across from Big Star.

Randee Zelenik is the owner of the coffee shop that opened September 13. Zelenik said he tries to keep the prices low enough so college students can afford to buy her products. The coffee shop offers hot coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Also on the menu are hot cappuccinos, cold frappuccinos, real fruit smoothies, and 15 flavors of shaved ice. Zele-

nik also makes "fresh baked" chocolate chip cookies, one of her favorite items that she sells along with fruit

These are perfect with a lot of chocolate chips," said Rose Wallen, a junior Management and Interior Design major, who sampled the cookies. Zelenik brought her goods to Henderson from Riverside County, Calif., where she owned a sub-sandwich shop for three years.

"Having my own business is fulfilling. I wanted a smaller business than before, and I really enjoy working with the public," Zelenik said. "I had the type of business that catered to the customer. The type that did 150% for the customer."

Zelenik describes herself



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8:00 - 5:00 Tues.-Fri. • 9:00 - 5:00 Sat. as a "recipe-a-holic" and said that she loves to feed people.

Randee's is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Zelenik said that she wants feedback from her customer and will consider changing

her hours to better serve the community and her business. FHU students will receive a 10 percent discount with student ID, she added.

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