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Friday  
Dec 10



48° Partly  
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Saturday  
Dec 11



53° Rain  
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Sunday  
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33° Flurries/  
11° Wind  
30%prec.

Monday  
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27° Partly  
11° Cloudy  
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Tuesday  
Dec 14



33° Sunny  
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## 46th ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER HOSTS FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

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On December 3, 2010, the excitement on Freed-Hardeman's campus was almost more than anyone could stand. It was that time again. It was time for the Freed-Hardeman annual benefit dinner. The proceeds from the dinner help pay for scholarships for students to come to Freed every year. This year the benefit dinner raised a record amount of \$1.75 million.

This year was huge, because former President George W. Bush was coming to campus to speak at the dinner. Bush was the 43rd President of the United States and he held office from January 2001 until November of 2009.

The process to select a speaker of the benefit dinner always starts shortly following the last one.

It takes so much time to ensure who is speaking that it has to start very early in the year. Bush, however, was not the first person in his family to speak at a Freed-Hardeman benefit dinner. While it took awhile to ask him to speak, he was more than happy to.

It is not everyday that a former President comes to small town Henderson, Tennessee. However, Dave Clouse, Vice President for University Advancement, had the opportunity to spend time with President Bush while he was here.

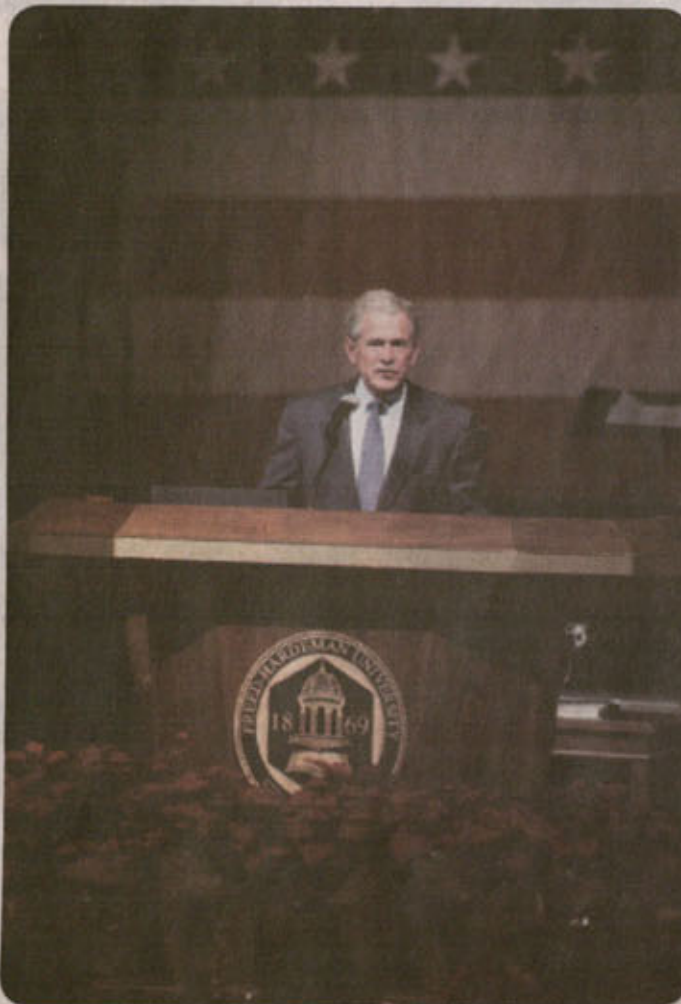
"Yeah, he might have been the President of the United States of America and the leader of the free world for 8 years, but it's so easy to forget that when you're around him." He went on to talk about how fun of a guy President Bush is to be around, and how he is really just a normal guy.

When the time came for President Bush to speak, the crowd went crazy with excitement. One student said, "You would have thought all those folks were college students at Makin' Music!" Simply knowing the excitement of Makin' Music shows great love and admiration for the former president.

Bush spoke for around thirty-five minutes on his life as President. He discussed some of his core values that helped to define his leadership and decision making processes. Of course, though, he was never short on making the crowd laugh with humorous lines to break up the serious tone.

After he spoke, President Wiley presented some questions that had been taken from the student body.

Throughout his time on stage, Bush made the necessity and importance of faith in his leadership very clear. After the questions had all been answered, student body President Nick Darby presented Bush with a Bible on our behalf.



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## UPC brings skating rink to campus

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Ice-less Ice-Skating 2010 was one of the coolest events of the semester. Hosted by UPC in the tennis court parking lot, the ice-less ice-skating rink was a popular event on campus. Sophomore Leslie Frizzell said, "I liked the idea; it was so appropriate for the season. Although, the area wasn't very large, it was still cool to Henderson. Nothing than hearing some hot chocolate and their fannies on fake Christmas lights!" The atmosphere was indeed served hot chocolate ending soundtrack of Even those who did not just talking to friends from schoolwork and championship games. Freshman Emily Dodson attended the event with several of her friends.



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"It was nice to be there and fellowship and just hang out with everyone! I didn't really skate though, but everyone I talked to that did said they loved going out there."

Megan Seibert agreed, "Well, I didn't actually skate on it...because I felt like it was awkwardly small. I didn't want people watching me fall down, because, let's be real, I would have! But when I was watching, it looked like everyone had a lot of fun."

Although the size and texture of the rink were surprising to some, those who attended had a good time despite freezing temperatures. "You couldn't actually skate really. It was like skating on linoleum, and it was not very big," said Sophomore Hannah Phillips. "But I liked the lights, friends, atmosphere, and watching everyone fall and race and laugh."

Elizabeth Hightower said, "I thought it was a good idea to have the ice skating, I had thought that the rink was going to be a bit bigger than what the size was." The "ice-skating rink" consisted of sheets of plastic that fit together like a puzzle. The plastic was covered with a special wax to make it slick enough to skate. Jake Boro said, "Well it was super duper cold, and I liked it because it was free, but I slipped and fell and the stuff they put on the plastic smelled funny."

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## Students Serving the Community

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Walking through Freed-Hardeman's campus, it is easy for one to see the Christmas spirit all around, not in the decorations, but in the people. The Christmas season is all about giving to others, especially those who are less fortunate. Freed-Hardeman is doing exactly that.

Chris Malone and 9 other students form the group called Forever Young. They have been planning out different events throughout the semester to reach out to the community. On Saturday, December 4, they organized a clothing drive for those in need in Henderson. "I definitely feel like God got the glory that day, and many people in the community were brought to tears because of the love of God that showed through," said Malone.

"It was really cool to see that people needed things, and they could find what they needed there," said Morgan Richert, a freshman who volunteered at the clothing drive.

They were able to help around 125 families that day. They were also able to simply build relationships with the people that came through. "I saw and talked to people who invited me into their homes when we went door-knocking a couple of months ago, and they greeted me like an old friend," said Brianna Vaughn, another freshman who volunteered.



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"It was a humbling experience. I ended up bringing out about an eighth of my clothes, and it just makes you see that no matter how much you give, you can always give more," said Richert.

The clothing drive is not the only way Freed students have helped others this holiday season. University Program Council got together with the Kiwanis Kid Organization to organize a book drive.

"UPC is always doing stuff for the students, but we wanted an opportunity to do something for the

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## New Mascot Brings Friendlier Face to FHU Lion

• In memory of former cheerleader, the old mascot is retired as a younger, fresher costume ushers in a new attitude of excitement.

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Who's tall and furry and just got overhauled this year? That's right, it's the Freed-Hardeman mascot! The previous mascot had no name and no official place in the athletic department. The new mascot's name is Riley, and he promises to be a fundamental part of the department.

The mascot's makeover has made Riley less scary looking than the old mascot had been. Riley is also able to create a much more fun atmosphere at the basketball games because of his cheerful disposition. Junior Nate Renner and freshman John Smith share the role of mascot.

They come to cheerleading practice and endure the hot costume for an hour and a half while they practice the moves that will keep the crowds entertained during time outs, half times, and other parts of the games.

The funds for purchasing the costume were donated by the family of former Freed-Hardeman cheerleader, April Aalls, who passed away a couple of years ago.

April was a vital part of the cheer program, and those who cheered with her remembered her as hard working, talented, and fun to be around. Her grandmother, Martha Aalls, stated that she thought the donation would be a fitting way "to honor April's love for her coach and the other cheerleaders."

Beth Phillips, the cheerleading sponsor, was in charge of ordering the costume. Most schools have a mascot who serves as the face of their athletic department, but Freed-Hardeman's old mascot just wasn't making the cut.

"My hope for this mascot is to encourage tradition. When your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren come to FHU, Riley will still be their mascot," stated Phillips.

Phillips also believes Riley will make every event more enjoyable: "I think you'll see that basketball games this year are much more crowd-involved with an entertaining mascot."

I'm sure throwing out free t-shirts and basketballs helps too. We are trying to create a fun atmosphere at games and I believe the first step in that is having a mascot with an identity."

The mascot is vital to the entertainment aspects of the basketball games. The mascot really helps the cheerleaders keep the fans engaged and excited in order to keep the basketball team's spirits high and the crowd on their feet.

If the mascot is able to interact well with the crowd, he has succeeded in his goal.

Riley has already gotten a positive response, as junior cheerleader Brittany Peppers explained, "as far as I can see, the crowd loves him!"

There was even a little boy that was about two years old who came up to him and wanted to give him a kiss. Riley is an important part to our basketball games now.

Beth got him here and now everyone, including the cheerleaders, loves him and what he does for our basketball teams!"

In case you want to visit the old mascot, who, despite his unofficial status, did serve Freed-Hardeman for ten years, he will soon have a place in the Historical Room.



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## SEMESTER IN REVIEW

• As the semester comes to a close, students reflect back on the events, changes, and new attitudes that have surrounded campus the last four months.

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I am close to finishing my third semester here at Freed-Hardeman University. Each semester that I've been here, I've thought that there is no way I could have more fun than the semester I just finished, and every semester, I'm wrong. It always gets better. And somehow I can't catch on to the fact that Freed will always get better.

This semester was no exception. Maybe you experienced a similar phenomenon. This year we brought in an awesome freshman class that found their way into our hearts. They fit into the family here at FHU extremely quickly. So it's no surprise that the social club recruiting weeks were both fun and rewarding. Sophomore Gary Carter said one of the best things about this semester was "getting to know the new freshmen. I'm so glad I branched out and got to know some of them." The fact that every freshman got their first choice in what social club they joined was just a foreshadowing of the great year to come.

With classes, dorm life, social life, chapel services to go to, time to eat, Devotionals, hanging out with friends, relax, and sleep (occasionally), it's surprising that we've been able to do everything we have. Despite our busy personal to do lists, we've still managed to participate in the long list of campus activities. We had speed dating, football games in the Crews, Jim Wand, A Freed-Hardeman Christmas, the many events that social clubs plan, and many other things I can't even remember!

This semester will be unforgettable, if not for any other reason than for all the renovations going on around campus. The steps in front of the library got exchanged with a large pile of dirt and rocks. Our wonderful scenery and trees in the commons got traded for large construction equipment and tools. And at the beginning of the semester, Lion's Pride got switched with a storage place for machines that weren't plugged in, wood that wasn't in place, and a whole lot of dust.

But it turns out it was all for the better. The pile of dirt and rocks in front of the library was upgraded into a new and improved amphitheatre. The construction equipment and tools in the commons we improved into new walkways, stones, and grassy areas. And in Lion's Pride, the machines got plugged in, wood hammered in, and dust cleaned up and was transformed into our very own on-campus pizza hut and burger joint. Like junior Mandy Hocker said, "I'd say this was a chaotic semester, good and bad. With so many changes here at Freed, I've observed both excitement and frustration. But it has all ended great!"

Finally, the best part about the year: our friends. It isn't a semester at Freed-Hardeman without meeting yet another person that you know you will never forget. The semester has been full of best friends, girlfriends, boyfriends, fellow social club members, study partners and even acquaintances. I couldn't possibly remind you of all the late night dorm room talks, crazy nights out, lunch conversations, all-nighters, and lazy afternoons that you and your friends have shared, but if you're anything like me, you had a blast doing it all. Like Hocker stated, "I'm glad I took the chances and went after the opportunities God gave me."

And if there's anything I've learned from Freed-Hardeman after all this time, it's that the best is yet to come.

## 4th Annual A Freed-Hardeman Christmas

• Lloyd was filled once again with sweet music as many students celebrated the Christmas holiday through song.

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At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, students, faculty, and even members of the community gathered in Loyd Auditorium to enjoy the festive decorations and the beautiful singing of the 4th annual "A Freed-Hardeman Christmas."

The evening began with the whole cast singing "It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas."

Throughout the rest of the show, the audience was taken through a magical journey in song bringing joy, laughter, and even a few tears.

"I thought it was good this year. I really enjoyed Main Street Fuzion singing 'Twelve Christmases,'" said Sophomore Michael Hill.

Senior Nadia Watson said that her favorite was when Sarah Missildine and Rebecca Watts sang "All My Bells Are Ringing."

And who could forget the timeless reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," by Walker Whittle.

With the children gathered around Whittle as his grandfather-like voice filled the auditorium, the audience could not help but feel at home.

"The show is incredibly time consuming and every performer dedicates a lot of hours."

While we know it is not nearly a 'Makin' Music show,' we feel it is a blessing to Freed-Hardeman," said Missie Jenkins, Assistant to the Dean of Students

– Women, Student Government Association sponsor and proud mother of Blake and Drake Jenkins, two of the performers in the show.

"For me personally, it was yet another great opportunity to work and be around our amazing FHU young people."

"A Freed-Hardeman Christmas" was not just about bringing Christmas cheer to all who attended, the main goal was to raise money for the Shane Ruiz Student Emergency Fund.

This is a fund that was set up to help students who lose loved ones during their time at Freed. There was an estimated \$3,000 raised from ticket sales that night.

As the crowd was leaving Christmas carols were being sung, hummed, and even whistled as people spent time visiting and making their way to the lighting of the Christmas tree.

"A Freed-Hardeman Christmas" was proof that "the greatest way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear."



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## DRUM LINE STARTED

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The Freed-Hardemen drum line is back. Many upper classman might remember Battery, FHU's previous drum line. Battery disbanded a few years ago when a few members graduated and others began to lose interest.

This year the drum line is making a comeback and this time with a new name: The Gold Brigade.

Students Davis Shoulders and Emily Johnson are in charge of the drum line, and Dr. Stephen Foster is the sponsor.

Foster brought the drum line back because he said he felt "the kids in it now saw Battery before and that's why they want to be in it." He also believes that adding The Gold Brigade to the music program will help with recruitment, not only for the school but also for the music department as well.

The Gold Brigade is comprised of, on average, six members who meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. on the second floor of Old Main.

When playing they use everything from snare drums and base drums to conga drums and even chairs. They combine different cultural influences such as the Japanese drum and even draw from the popular Blue Man Group.

The drum line plans to go on tours to various high schools around the country to boost recruitment. They will also have an end of the year concert in the spring.

If you are interested in playing in The Gold Brigade show up at one of their weekly meetings and see what it is all about. The group is open to all students regardless of whether or not you know how to play. The point of the drum line is to teach and to prove that percussion can be fun.



## UPC brings Andrew Ripp to the Black Box

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Sometimes people are afraid of something new... especially when that "something new" will cost them five dollars. Something, or rather, someone new came to campus just a few days ago: a bearded, tobogganed, and talented artist and musician, Andrew Ripp.

I will admit that I was one of those people who was at least somewhat skeptical about paying to go to a small, intimate concert by an artist I knew very little about. However, I took a gamble, and I was not disappointed.

After a short hike in the frigid air across campus, I arrived at the Blackbox Theatre to be welcomed by all of the University Program Council, hot chocolate, warm apple cider, and coffee with plenty of deliciously flavored creams to add individuality to each cup.

Carrying a cup of cider with gingerbread marshmallows floating on the surface, I followed the crowd into the curtained, colorfully lit black-box. The stage, set with a keyboard, a stool, microphones, and a number of guitars, met the crowd as it positioned itself to get the best and most comfortable view of Andrew and his accompanying musicians, Jebb, the blue-eyed guitar player, and David, the dexterous keyboardist.

After a few minutes of speculative, excited waiting, the three men took the stage to the crowd's applause. Those who had seen Andrew Ripp along with Dave Barnes and Ben Rector in Jackson a couple weeks prior to the Freed-Hardeman concert shouted excitedly for the entertainer when he began his first song.

Having heard Dave Barnes and Ben Rector in concert months before, I expected Andrew to be similar to them, but not quite up to their caliber. I was pleasantly surprised when he began singing. Not only was Andrew Ripp as talented a musician, playing both the guitar and the harmonica in the same song, but had as beautiful of a voice.

Throughout the concert the crowd became absolutely enraptured by Ripp's voice, song lyrics, style, humor, and talent. Andrew's easy going and friendly

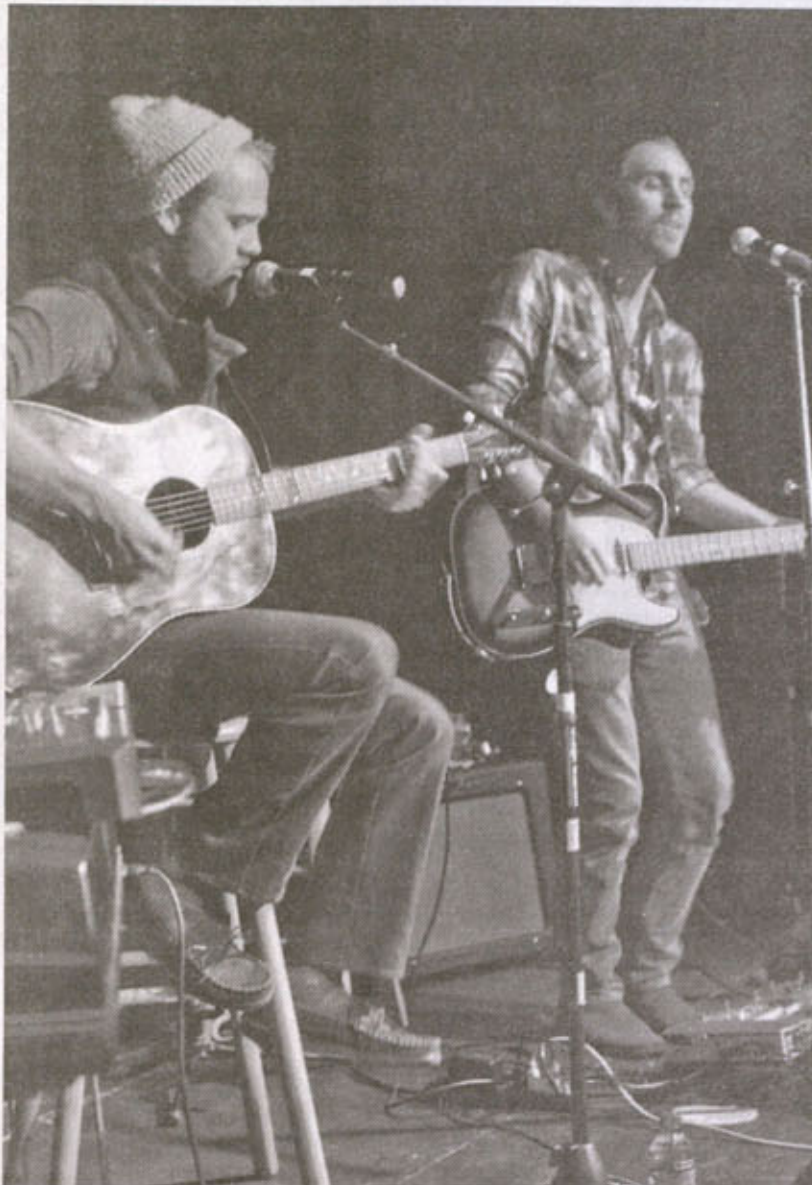
personality conveyed a great sense of comfort and ease in the concert endearing his music to the entire audience. Todd Doran, a junior engineer major commented concerning the concert, "It was awesome because

you could see his passion for music as he performed. His emotion during the songs shows that not only does he enjoy performing for audiences, but that he enjoys it for himself too." April Anthony said that the concert "Was incredible! I had not heard of him before he came here, but he was very laid back with his music and I really liked that! Andrew Ripp seems like a down-to-earth guy, and I really enjoyed the concert!"

After the show, Andrew Ripp and his band spent over an hour mingling and laughing with the fans and signing original posters made by Bryson Leach. The musician even went so far as to get his

picture made with four privileged housing guys and their stuffed fox.

Andrew Ripp's music, humor, talent, and easy personality during and after the concert made what are sure to be some lifelong fans at Freed-Hardeman University.



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- Gorilla Manor

### Tokyo Police Club

- Champ

### Dr. Dog

- Champ

### Band of Horses

- Infinite Arms

### Jonsi

- Go

### Sufjan Stevens

- The Age of Adz

### Vampire Weekend

- Contra

### Good Old War

- Good Old War

### She and Him

- Volume 2

### Mumford and Sons

- Sigh No More

listen to these albums!

## the best albums of 2010

• Bryson lists some of the best albums of the year to end the semester on a high note.

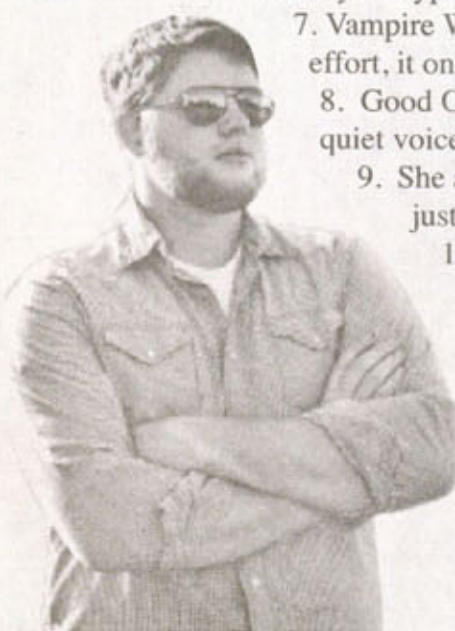
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The year is about to wrap up on us, so here it is, my annual roundup of the best music of 2010. This year, more than any other year (thanks to Amazon's MP3 website that sells downloads loads cheaper than iTunes) I've downloaded and listened to over 80 albums and 600 songs (that's not including albums I downloaded that didn't release in 2010). That being said, I think I've found some precious gems for you.

1. Local Natives – Gorilla Manor – This is hands down the most listened to album on my chart. I saw them live and loved every minute.
2. Tokyo Police Club – Champ – The play count is almost at the same level as Local Natives.
3. Dr. Dog – Shame, Shame – I got to see these fellas live in Nashville this semester. What an incredibly talented band that sounds like they fell out of the 60s.
4. Band of Horses – Infinite Arms – An excellent release by the boys from Seattle
5. Jonsi – Go – After the split of the band, Sigur Ros, Jonsi makes for an excellent replacement.
6. Sufjan Stevens – The Age of Adz – A lot of critics hated it, a lot loved it. I'm one that loved it. It's a cool sidestep from your typical Sufjan.
7. Vampire Weekend – Contra – I really enjoyed this album. Even though it's their sophomore effort, it only slightly seems that way.
8. Good Old War – Self Titled – This is a great release from a little known band with small, quiet voices.
9. She and Him – Volume 2 – Anything with M. Ward and the beautiful Zooey Deschanel just has to be perfect.
10. Mumford and Sons – A new band from England that has slowly crept its way into the interest of many students here on campus

Honorable mentions:

- Ray Lamontagne – God Willin' and The Creek Don't Rise
- Andrew Bird – Useless Creatures
- The Black Keys – Brothers
- Sleigh Bells – Treats
- Avi Buffalo – Self Titled
- Arcade Fire – The Suburbs (I know I'm going to get ridiculed for this one. I'm just not the biggest fan like the critics are)





HIS | HER View

## Sunday Morning, Sunday Night

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Apparently, Sunday mornings are much more difficult to deal with than any other morning of the week. People get up early for work every day of the week because they get paid. Students get up to go to class at the same time or earlier than most congregations have services on Sunday. Why? Because it cost them something, its worth something to them. They're either making money at work or working towards making money in the future, so they have to go to class. So is Sunday less valuable than Monday through Friday? Is it because you don't get paid to be there? The trouble is, Sunday morning should be the most important morning of your week because the greatest price was paid so you could be there. Sunday should be the day we look forward to the most, but on Sunday night, the number of people who were unable to bring themselves to church Sunday morning is staggering.

Yes, I am very much aware of

what the Bible says on the subject of the Lord's supper. We should take it on the first day of week to commemorate Jesus' death (John 20:1). The Bible also says in Hebrews 10:25, "...not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." The elders at every congregation I have been to have elected to have two services on Sunday, so even if you think that attending the evening service is just as good as attending the morning service, you're still forsaking the assembly, so you're wrong. Unless you have a legitimate excuse, sickness, work, some reason you genuinely cannot attend church Sunday morning, you have still done wrong.

Being sick is one thing, being tired is another. Getting up for church

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## POLITICS, ETC.

## Clean Up the Fealth

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Talking heads have appeared on every station, every day this week, convincing viewers that terrorists are crouching in America's corner, waiting to violently pounce on unsuspecting citizens. Commentators, pundits, elected officials, and everyday nit-wits are shoving an extra load of fear into the mouths and faces of otherwise calm and collected human beings.

Fealth is exactly what it looks and sounds like. It is a combination of fear and filth. Fealth is being smeared all over our television screens, pulpits, and places of worship. We let politicians scare joy out of us and the rich scare the money out of our pockets.

A couple of Sunday mornings ago, I scanned through the Big Four stations and landed on an interview with Hillary Clinton. In the forty-five seconds I watched her talk, she mentioned her Department of State's endorsement of the new airport body scanners. Now, those body scanners have caused quite the ruckus, haven't they?



Some are arguing that the scanners are an "aversion to Fourth Amendment rights" and an "absurd invasion of privacy." The paranoia of the body scanners and airport security in general is a telling sign of the deep influence a few talking heads in New York, Atlanta, and D.C. have on 42 million holiday travelers.

Throughout the rest of this unfolding transportation drama, plenty of fealth will continue to be thrown and smeared everywhere. My only bit of advice is to disregard any voice bathed in fear. Turn off the people who are discussing terrorism, transportation, and the Tea Party.

Begin listening to the Voice that whispers, "Do not fear. I am with you, forever."

Cleaning up fealth is not an easy task. Sometimes, you may have to use gloves and face masks to deal with it. But, once you begin to smell the aroma of fresh air of sanity, peace, and love, you will remember that your work of "fealth eradication and decimation" is noble and worthwhile.

## POLITICS, ETC.

## Right to Privacy?

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There are certain documents, such as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, that I hold in the highest esteem. In fact, I revere them the most out of all man-made writings. Only the Bible and its divine authorship can upstage them. In them, we are assured of many rights: the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are guaranteed freedom of religion, press, speech, petition, assembly, and right to due process of law.

After combing over the Constitution, one right that is absent is the "right to privacy." The term "right to privacy" did not come into play until the twentieth century, originating from a Supreme Court ruling that the right to privacy was a "penumbral" right that is derived from the first, third, fourth, ninth, and fourteenth amendment. It is my opinion that this "right to privacy" is a prime example of legislating from the bench, and is a breach of judicial restraint. I hold to the strict constructionist view of the constitution. This is a view that many



in the churches of Christ understand, perhaps without even realizing it. Basically strict constructionists believe they must speak where the Constitution speaks it and remain silent where it is silent. It is not for the Supreme Court to make law, but to interpret it.

The "right to privacy" may be noble in theory and may even be beneficial when it limits Congress's ability to institute laws that infringe on liberty, but its institution into the American Judicial landscape has caused a number of evils. For example, it is the right to privacy that the Supreme Court case Roe vs. Wade was based upon, and it has also been used to further other agendas such as gay rights.

I have no problem with the existence of a constitutional amendment that grants the right to privacy—so long as it is not misused. I am just stating my opinion that such a right does not truly exist at this moment. Were I a Supreme Court justice, I could not in good conscience consider the right to privacy when making a ruling.

HIS | HER View

## Real Men

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Usually when we see the phrase "real men" it is followed by "...do this...". The world throws a lot of beliefs at society as to what a real man should be. Not only that, but also how he should think, dress, eat, drink and what he should do. The world has constructed its own view of what being a real man is all about. The world's view is wrong. While there are several aspects of the world's view that match the Biblical view, most do not. I am sick and tired of young men my age and younger who grow up with the ideology that to be a "real man", we have to be something that our faith steers us away from.

Christ is of course our main example of being the model "real man" in the Biblical sense. Jesus was born a carpenter's son and more than likely he worked carpentry with his father, as it was the culture for the son to follow the father. Jesus would have then been strong physically, able to build things, and

knowledgeable. So far these descriptions match perfectly with the worldview of a "real man."

Yet the deviation comes when Christ began his ministry. From this article, I would like for one point to made clear above any other: as men, God calls us to be bold, upright, loyal, firm and unwavering, but we are also called to be loving, kind, humble, spiritually poor, and peacemakers (the list could go on and on). Too often I see the world telling me that I am to be tough and cool and in order to be that I must be immune to other's cares, emotionless, and rigid. The world tells me and other men that we are to never cry, to suck-it-up, and to always be calm and collected. Yet we see Christ weep over Lazarus. Christ loved with all his heart, he humbled himself to serve, and was kind to the poor. Yet we also see that

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## freshman fifteen. End of the Semester Weigh In

By JEREMY SCHRIMSHER • jeremy.schrimsher@students.fhu.edu // columnist

Another semester is coming to a close here at Freed-Hardeman. Friendships have been formed and strengthened, knowledge and wisdom has been injected into our studious bloodstreams, and, by now, classes have become solely routine for the average student. The upperclassmen should be used to the transition into Christmas break by now, but how about the freshmen?

We received a little taste of freedom during Thanksgiving break, but it wasn't nearly long enough. Having talking with many people about how their recent break was for them, one response that I kept getting was, "It was great, just not long enough." Well, there's great news in that we only have one a few days left until we'll be finished with our current schedule. So, overall, how has the full freshman experience been for me? If I had to choose three words to describe it, they would be: New, Frustrating, and Blessing. There are so many new things (at least, new in the sense of being new to us) to adjust to when moving away from

home: making new friends, being in a new location, eating new food, and doing this all while taking on new challenges. It's been like breaking in a new pair of shoes.

In kind of the same way, being a freshman has been frustrating. Many times, new things are frustrating; mainly, just making the adjustment into the new lifestyle. It's frustrating when I don't know everyone that I'd like to and it's frustrating when certain goals have yet to be met, but these are petty things that will, surely, and have gotten better with time.

Being a freshman at Freed-Hardeman has also been a blessing. New things are healthy for the soul and having a fresh start is always a good thing. When looking back at the past semester, I can see areas where I have grown. I see strangers that I have had the opportunity to meet and spend time with, resulting in some of my closest friends. I look back and see change that has been for the better.



## SHANNON in EUROPE

By SHANNON HARGIS • shannon.hargis@students.fhu.edu // columnist

Well, this is it, the final entry to this semester long story telling. It's hard to believe that it has been over a month since we have been back. After December 8th, we can no longer say, "this time last month we were [fill in the blank with some incredible event]" to each other. Pretty soon, we will be saying, "this time last year we were [doing something ridiculously awesome]," but I am so not ready for that.

I know Jared wrote an article about all the differences between being in America and being in Europe a few issues back, but I am going to go ahead and do something similar. I'm just going to write about some things that I desperately miss the most from Europe.

Number one, of course, is TRAINS. In case you don't know, trains are, like, the greatest invention ever. It is funny though because trains were actually used in America (and Great Britain) before they were in continental Europe. But America must have lost its mind because Europe's use of trains kicks

America's tush now. The reason I miss these the most is not because I could sleep instead of drive, or eat instead of drive, or do anything instead of drive, but because they are so cheap and so much more efficient for traveling.

In the past month, I have made plans for some great road trips to visit friends, visit places I'd like to move to, etc. but the biggest thing that always puts a big, giant speed bump in the plans is the cost of paying for gas to drive there and back. And if it's not gas, then it's an overpriced airline ticket. Sure, it comes with two free checked bags, but everyone knows I'm just going to pack my backpack and take it as a carry-on anyways.

The next thing that I miss would be hostels. And the reasons are almost exactly why I miss trains, just change up a few words. I miss hostels because in Europe they are CHEAP and there are TONS of them, as opposed to in America, where they are

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## (FHU LIONS ATHLETICS)

# MEN'S BASKETBALL

With a last minute coaching change and breathtaking 15-footer, the Lions taste victory.



JOHN ARMSTRONG • FHU Sports Information

By DUSTIN SEMORE • dustin.semore@student.fhu.edu // staff writer

While Freed-Hardeman students scurried home for Thanksgiving break, the FHU Lions basketball team remained in the area to compete in local contests.

On November 18th the Lions traveled to Hattiesburg, MS to face the Crusaders of William-Carey College. Tied at 57, WCC's Drew Meyerchick took the ball with 3.5 seconds left in the contest and fired it in to take the lead and the win, 60-57 over the Lions.

The game saw an unsettling 7 ties and 5 lead changes before the final buzzer blew. Kyle Teichmann and Ken Bingham led the way for FHU, with Kyle putting up double digits in the points and the rebound columns.

As if a last second jumper was not close enough for the Lions, they took the Blue Raiders of Lindsey-Wilson College into overtime at Biggers Sports Center in Columbia, KY. Shots from the charity stripe plagued the Blue Raiders, who had an opportunity to tie the game and take the lead with mere seconds left in the game.

Making the second of two free throws, Brandon Clemons tied the game at 67, forcing five extra minutes of play.

The free-throw woes were corrected in overtime as LWC went 7-8 from the stripe with 43 seconds remaining, pulling away with a 78-72 victory. Leading the Lions again was Kyle Teichmann with another double-double, scoring 23 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. As the holiday break continued, the Lions competed in the Union University Thanksgiving Classic, facing Tougaloo College (MS) and McKendree University (IL).

Though not as nail-biting as other games, the end result against the Bulldogs from Tougaloo was still a loss. A 30.8 field goal percentage contributed to a 67-55 loss.

This game marked history for assistant coach Ryan Parnell, who was told via text message mere minutes away

from tipoff that he would be taking place of ill head coach Jason Shelton.

He wrote on his Facebook page, "Well, looks like I'm making my head coaching debut tonight. Let's go Lions..." With a three game losing streak on their minds, the Lions took on the number 8 team in the nation the following day.

Lesser teams would be discouraged, but not the FHU Lions. Cedric Austin took the ball, trailing by two with 6.1 ticks left, and fired a 15-footer.

It dropped, giving the Lions the lead and the victory, 75-74. In complete contrast to the previous game, the Lions shot 53.3% from the floor.

Taking advantage of a break, the Lions rested for a two-day road trip to Montgomery, AL to face Auburn-University of Montgomery and Faulkner University. Both were convincing wins.

The first game against the Chargers of AUM saw Brian Pearson scoring a career high 13 points in a 70-50 victory. Putting the game away early, the last 6:30 of the first half saw a 22-3 run for the Lions. The next day FHU faced sister-school Faulkner University.

Kyle Teichmann led the way with yet another double-double, scoring 14 points while leading all players with 10 rebounds.

The Lions defeated the Eagles soundly, 64-49. The Lions finally ended their seven-game road trip on December 6, when they travelled to Lee University, whose Flames have already fallen to the Lions on homecoming 90-67.

Smith-Kirk Court will finally see its beloved Lions again on December 10 when they host the Freed-Hardeman Classic, playing the Eagles of Victory University out of Memphis, followed by a rematch against Faulkner University.

# LADIES WIN TWO OVER WEEKEND

By JAKE WILBANKS • jake.wilbanks@students.fhu.edu // staff writer

Although the season is still young, the FHU Lady Lions have already set up a spectacular season with a string of wins and a handful of losses. FHU posted an impressive win over both Auburn University at Montgomery and Faulkner University in a two-game road trip over the weekend.

On Friday the Lady Lions traveled to face off against Auburn University at Montgomery and gave them quite the fight. The Lady Lions led throughout the game, never giving Auburn much time to breathe. During the latter run of the first half Auburn got within six points of FHU, but they never managed to gain any extra ground. FHU kept an impressive lead throughout the first half's duration, leading 18-5 in the first six minutes and keeping their lead by as much as 14 points at one time. After halftime FHU extended their lead to 18 points, which was nearly matched by Auburn in an attempt to catch up. A number of shots got them in grasping distance at nine points behind. Undeterred, the Lady Lions cemented their lead with another seven points on the board that went unmatched by Auburn for the rest of the game. Hannah Parsley scored 13 points for FHU, along with Whitney Johnson who posted 11 points. Meribeth Boehler and Natalie Shumpert had a combined total of 44 points during the game, contributing to

the 73-56 overall win for Freed Hardeman. Saturday night the girls rounded out the weekend on a high note with the defeat of Faulkner University. Both teams got off to a rocky start in the first half because of some trouble connecting their shots. Faulkner University was making slightly more than a quarter of their shots, while FHU was connecting about a third of the shots. By the time it was all said and done, the Lady Lions had turned things around, making up for the early deficit by scoring on their last 11 shots. Early in the first half the ladies were quick to build a lead, pulling 12 points ahead of Faulkner. However, much like Auburn, Faulkner wasn't going down without a fight. Katie Pavlik sank back-to-back 3 pointers for Faulkner, making it clear Freed was going to have to fight for the win. Faulkner University quickly tied the game, and from there the two teams exchanged the lead a number of times. Although it began to look grim, FHU performed valiantly with several well-placed shots that were enough to secure the win, with a final score of 57-51. Securing the two wins made for a fine weekend for the FHU Lady Lions, and hopefully the good vibes will continue as Freed faces off against Harris-Stowe State College this Saturday. Game time is 2:00. It's on the home court, so be sure to come out and support the team.

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is always worth it, even if you're tired because you were up too late the night before. The Lord's Supper is not something to be taken lightly. It's a symbol of the greatest gift ever given and I consider it disrespectful for Sunday morning services to be missed without a legitimate excuse. So next time it's Saturday and you're making your plans, be sure a pencil getting to bed on time because worshipping God with your brothers and sisters in Christ is a blessing and something that we should all take very seriously.

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Christ stood boldly before the religious leaders, he turned over money tables in the temple, and he stood firm in his message even in the face of death. Christ shows me and should show every other man in the world that to be a "real man" it does not take a heart that feels nothing, but rather a heart that thrives on loving others, empowering the powerless, lifting up the lowly and at the same time standing up for what is right, staying loyal to convictions, and looking persecution and hatred in the face and not moving back a step. Real men are men that love God, love others, and love themselves. Real men are not arrogant or cocky; they are not rude or disruptive. Real men lean on God, cry on someone's shoulder, and extend a shoulder to be cried on. Too often boys grow up believing that they must not show love to others or compassion if they want to be seen as a man of strength. I say however that it takes more strength to lift someone up than it does to put them down.

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not any cheaper than a run-down hotel, and they are few and far between. I also just really miss getting to meet fellow travelers that are also staying there. There were so many cool events that we would have never known about if we hadn't stayed in this certain hostel or met that really cool person who had been to Athens 19 times and knew all the best things to do. I miss the crazy man down the road in Verviers that sold one Euro Nutella crepes. I miss packing clothes into a space bag and shoving it all into my smaller-than-it-looks backpack. I miss sharing one towel between two people for 14 days. I miss staying up late and avoiding homework and bleaching each other's hair by following directions in French, which we still don't speak. I miss hiking around the Alps in the Bavaria region of Germany. I miss not hearing English being spoken around me all the time. I miss going to a new place every other day. I miss the food. I miss worshipping together in hotel lobbies. I miss over-paying for a taxi so that we can make the only train for the day that goes to Dublin. I miss the "party" ferry from Italy to Greece. I miss Lady Gaga in concert. I miss wearing the same shirt at least three times in one week and not caring because everyone else is doing the same thing. I miss getting to truly experience bits of history and not just read about them in textbooks. I miss seeing things like the beaches of Normandy and a concentration camp. I miss taking photos of beautiful things. I miss dramatic Europe Twitter updates. I miss putting about three headphone splitters together so four to five people can listen to one iPod on a train. I miss seeing Flamenco dancing in Barcelona for super cheap. I miss trying to figure out what exactly a "tapa" is. I even miss the sketchy wi-fi in the facility because it usually led to some other outrageous means of entertainment. I miss "backpacker's specials" and student discounts. I miss only having class sporadically and with all the same people. I miss drawing pictures instead of taking notes in class. I miss the weather. I miss sitting in the sun underneath the Parthenon. I miss Europe.



# final say

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## rollover from FRONT...Iceskating

"Well, in UPC, we look for new and exciting things to make the Student's life here at Freed at little more interesting.

We'd heard about ice skating rinks on other campuses and thought it would be something you guys

would enjoy," said Caleb Vivio, a sophomore UPC member who helped to prepare and execute the event UPC was right. "I have now been at FHU for the past 4 years and I must say this was top three coolest things I have ever gotten to

do," Senior Drake Jenkins said when asked what he thought about the event. Overall, UPC did a great job with this event.

It was exciting to begin the holiday season with an event so perfect for this time of the year.

## rollover from FRONT...Clothing Drive

community. Marisa Janes, the president of UPC, started searching for something we could do, and found the Kiwanis Kid Organization. They help underprivileged children by providing them with things that many of us take for granted (like books)," said Caleb Vivio, a sophomore member of UPC. They are hoping to get at least one book per child, about 60 books, but said they would love to give these children more.

The Kiwanis club is throwing a party for the kids they help where they will be giving out these books as gifts. Both the book drive and the clothing drive have ended this year, but the opportunity to give is still available. Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) have organized a food drive called "Campbell's Let's Can Hunger Food Challenge." "Unfortunately Henderson doesn't

have a food bank, so through this project we knew we could get a large amount to get the food bank running," said Jessica Biby, a junior member of SIFE. They are hoping to raise 5,000 pounds of non-perishable food. This is not a lot in comparison to how many students there are on campus. As Biby said, "If 1,000 students give 5 cans each, that makes our goal!" Students can give from now until December 12, and so much more food is still needed. "The food is going to those just down the street from us. We have the ability and responsibility to act on the needs of Henderson." According to Biby, the purpose of the food drive is far greater than just handing out free food. "It's about raising awareness about the issue of hunger. It is also about letting students do something about that awareness. Our plan is

not only to offer the food to those in need, but to help them with skills such as resume building and interview skills that could help them in their future job success." Even after the holidays, there will still be the opportunity to help others. SIFE is working alongside UPC to try to raise more food for the new food bank of Henderson. On Thursday, January 27th at 8 p.m. in Loyd, there will be a Paper Route in concert, with admission being 2 cans of food. Students interested can check out some of Paper Route's music at [paperroutefhu.tumblr.com](http://paperroutefhu.tumblr.com). There are also Facebook events for both the drive and the concert.

"Coming to the concert is great, but you don't have to wait till then to donate. There are boxes in the dorm lobbies that would love your donations," said Biby.

## Dear Editor,

\* In Response to the article "Pep It Up" in the November 18, 2010 edition of The Bell Tower

Many students are probably still upset about the cancellation of the Spirit Leader Showdown during Pep It Up. As one of the members of SAA who was over this event, I would like to explain a few things (and hopefully clear up what was written in the article on Pep It Up in the last edition of the Bell Tower.) We did have a backup for Pep It Up; it was the Sports Center. However, when we woke up on Saturday morning, the sun was shining and we figured it would be okay to have Pep It Up in the commons. Therefore, the Sports Center was set up for the basketball games. I watched the radar all week and prayed that it would not rain, but, as you all know, I am not in control of the weather. The rain started and the mats got too wet and it became extremely dangerous, especially when a member of Chi Beta Chi almost fell out of a stunt due to the wet mats. We made the decision to cancel the Spirit Leader Showdown based on safety concerns. Why then couldn't the Spirit Leader Showdown have been moved? That's simple--there was no other place on campus to move it. The Associates were in Bader, the Auxiliary Gym was set up for reunions, the play in Loyd, and the Sports Center had been set up for the basketball games. On top of that, the mats were still soaking wet. Remember, our school is not very big and there simply was no where to move the Spirit Leader Showdown. As a senior, I hated to cancel it because it has always been one of my favorite events of Homecoming. But there was no other choice. I hope this clears a lot of questions up. I know clubs spent time, effort, and money on perfecting their routines, and I would encourage them to save everything for next year. Please understand that we could not control the weather, and we considered the safety of FHU students in every decision that was made. Thank you,  
Abby Rutherford

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## Undergraduate Final Exam Schedule Fall 2010 December 13-17, 2010

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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.

Sam Jones, Vice President for Academics and Enrollment Management

Chapel will meet at 10:00-10:20 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 13-15, 2010

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McLaughlin—GC 101; Payne—GC 202; Shull—GC 301; Spradlin—GC 201  
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Cargile—GC 304  
Values in Human Thought/Action.....Monday 8:00 a.m.-9:50 a.m.  
Gardner—BK 210; Myers—BK 309; Pack—BK 208; Sharp—BK 307

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## Sunday Morning, Sunday Night

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// columnist



Apparently, Sunday mornings are much more difficult to deal with than any other morning of the week. People get up early for work every day of the week because they get paid. Students get up to go to class at the same time or earlier than most congregations have services on Sunday. Why? Because it cost them something, its worth something to them. They're either making money at work or working towards making money in the future, so they have to go to class. So is Sunday less valuable than Monday through Friday? Is it because you don't get paid to be there? The trouble is, Sunday morning should be the most important morning of your week because the greatest price was paid so you could be there. Sunday should be the day we look forward to the most, but on Sunday night, the number of people who were unable to bring themselves to church Sunday morning is staggering.

Yes, I am very much aware of

what the Bible says on the subject of the Lord's supper. We should take it on the first day of week to commemorate Jesus' death (John 20:1). The Bible also says in Hebrews 10:25, "...not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." The elders at every congregation I have been to have elected to have two services on Sunday, so even if you think that attending the evening service is just as good as attending the morning service, you're still forsaking the assembly, so you're wrong. Unless you have a legitimate excuse, sickness, work, some reason you genuinely cannot attend church Sunday morning, you have still done wrong.

Being sick is one thing, being tired is another. Getting up for church

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## Clean Up the Fealth

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Talking heads have appeared on every station, every day this week, convincing viewers that terrorists are crouching in America's corner, waiting to violently pounce on unsuspecting citizens. Commentators, pundits, elected officials, and everyday nit-wits are shoving an extra load of fear into the mouths and faces of otherwise calm and collected human beings.

Fealth is exactly what it looks and sounds like. It is a combination of fear and filth. Fealth is being smeared all over our television screens, pulpits, and places of worship. We let politicians scare joy out of us and the rich scare the money out of our pockets.

A couple of Sunday mornings ago, I scanned through the Big Four stations and landed on an interview with Hillary Clinton. In the forty-five seconds I watched her talk, she mentioned her Department of State's endorsement of the new airport body scanners. Now, those body scanners have caused quite the ruckus, haven't they?



Some are arguing that the scanners are an "aversion to Fourth Amendment rights" and an "absurd invasion of privacy." The paranoia of the body scanners and airport security in general is a telling sign of the deep influence a few talking heads in New York, Atlanta, and D.C. have on 42 million holiday travelers.

Throughout the rest of this unfolding transportation drama, plenty of fealth will continue to be thrown and smeared everywhere. My only bit of advice is to disregard any voice bathed in fear. Turn off the people who are discussing terrorism, transportation, and the Tea Party.

Begin listening to the Voice that whispers, "Do not fear. I am with you, forever."

Cleaning up fealth is not an easy task. Sometimes, you may have to use gloves and face masks to deal with it. But, once you begin to smell the aroma of fresh air of sanity, peace, and love, you will remember that your work of "fealth eradication and decimation" is noble and worthwhile.

## POLITICS, ETC.

## Right to Privacy?

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There are certain documents, such as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, that I hold in the highest esteem. In fact, I revere them the most out of all man-made writings. Only the Bible and its divine authorship can upstage them. In them, we are assured of many rights: the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are guaranteed freedom of religion, press, speech, petition, assembly, and right to due process of law.

After combing over the Constitution, one right that is absent is the "right to privacy." The term "right to privacy" did not come into play until the twentieth century, originating from a Supreme Court ruling that the right to privacy was a "penumbral" right that is derived from the first, third, fourth, ninth, and fourteenth amendment. It is my opinion that this "right to privacy" is a prime example of legislating from the bench, and is a breach of judicial restraint. I hold to the strict constructionist view of the constitution. This is a view that many



in the churches of Christ understand, perhaps without even realizing it. Basically strict constructionists believe they must speak where the Constitution speaks it and remain silent where it is silent. It is not for the Supreme Court to make law, but to interpret it.

The "right to privacy" may be noble in theory and may even be beneficial when it limits Congress's ability to institute laws that infringe on liberty, but its institution into the American Judicial landscape has caused a number of evils. For example, it is the right to privacy that the Supreme Court case Roe vs. Wade was based upon, and it has also been used to further other agendas such as gay rights.

I have no problem with the existence of a constitutional amendment that grants the right to privacy—so long as it is not misused. I am just stating my opinion that such a right does not truly exist at this moment. Were I a Supreme Court justice, I could not in good conscience consider the right to privacy when making a ruling.

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## Real Men

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// columnist



Usually when we see the phrase "real men" it is followed by "...do this...". The world throws a lot of beliefs at society as to what a real man should be. Not only that, but also how he should think, dress, eat, drink and what he should do. The world has constructed its own view of what being a real man is all about. The world's view is wrong. While there are several aspects of the world's view that match the Biblical view, most do not. I am sick and tired of young men my age and younger who grow up with the ideology that to be a "real man", we have to be something that our faith steers us away from.

Christ is of course our main example of being the model "real man" in the Biblical sense. Jesus was born a carpenter's son and more than likely he worked carpentry with his father, as it was the culture for the son to follow the father. Jesus would have then been strong physically, able to build things, and

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## freshman fifteen. End of the Semester Weigh In

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Another semester is coming to a close here at Freed-Hardeman. Friendships have been formed and strengthened, knowledge and wisdom has been injected into our studious bloodstreams, and, by now, classes have become solely routine for the average student. The upperclassmen should be used to the transition into Christmas break by now, but how about the freshmen?

We received a little taste of freedom during Thanksgiving break, but it wasn't nearly long enough. Having talking with many people about how their recent break was for them, one response that I kept getting was, "It was great, just not long enough." Well, there's great news in that we only have one a few days left until we'll be finished with our current schedule. So, overall, how has the full freshman experience been for me? If I had to choose three words to describe it, they would be: New, Frustrating, and Blessing. There are so many new things (at least, new in the sense of being new to us) to adjust to when moving away from

home: making new friends, being in a new location, eating new food, and doing this all while taking on new challenges. It's been like breaking in a new pair of shoes.

In kind of the same way, being a freshman has been frustrating. Many times, new things are frustrating; mainly, just making the adjustment into the new lifestyle. It's frustrating when I don't know everyone that I'd like to and it's frustrating when certain goals have yet to be met, but these are petty things that will, surely, and have gotten better with time.

Being a freshman at Freed-Hardeman has also been a blessing. New things are healthy for the soul and having a fresh start is always a good thing. When looking back at the past semester, I can see areas where I have grown. I see strangers that I have had the opportunity to meet and spend time with, resulting in some of my closest friends. I look back and see change that has been for the better.



## SHANNON in EUROPE

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Well, this is it, the final entry to this semester long story telling. It's hard to believe that it has been over a month since we have been back. After December 8th, we can no longer say, "this time last month we were [fill in the blank with some incredible event]" to each other. Pretty soon, we will be saying, "this time last year we were [doing something ridiculously awesome]," but I am so not ready for that.

I know Jared wrote an article about all the differences between being in America and being in Europe a few issues back, but I am going to go ahead and do something similar. I'm just going to write about some things that I desperately miss the most from Europe.

Number one, of course, is TRAINS. In case you don't know, trains are, like, the greatest invention ever. It is funny though because trains were actually used in America (and Great Britain) before they were in continental Europe. But America must have lost its mind because Europe's use of trains kicks

America's tush now. The reason I miss these the most is not because I could sleep instead of drive, or eat instead of drive, or do anything instead of drive, but because they are so cheap and so much more efficient for traveling.

In the past month, I have made plans for some great road trips to visit friends, visit places I'd like to move to, etc. but the biggest thing that always puts a big, giant speed bump in the plans is the cost of paying for gas to drive there and back. And if it's not gas, then it's an overpriced airline ticket. Sure, it comes with two free checked bags, but everyone knows I'm just going to pack my backpack and take it as a carry-on anyways.

The next thing that I miss would be hostels. And the reasons are almost exactly why I miss trains, just change up a few words. I miss hostels because in Europe they are CHEAP and there are TONS of them, as opposed to in America, where they are



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