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FHU's New Youth Camp

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There is really no way to describe GO! Camp without calling it proactive. I sat down with Brad Montague to get some more information on the camp that everyone is buzzing about.

"GO! Camp is June 5-10, 2011. We'll be inviting youth groups from across the country to join us on campus for an experience that will hopefully inspire and empower them to move into action in their communities." It is a camp designed to get kids more active in not only their churches but their communities as well. It gives kids in junior high and high school an opportunity to come together to start working on what they can do, even if they do not think they can. "I want it to be unlike anything these kids have ever experienced. I want it to be a camp my 15 year old self would've needed and wanted. If I could talk to that kid now - this is what I'd tell him."

It is personalized so that the teenagers not only get to attend classes, but they can actually teach classes as well. There will be presentations of projects done by teenagers and organizations that

will help motivate kids to go out and get things started. "GO! Camp will consist of interactive labs, presentations, film premieres, live chats, a poverty simulation and more," said Montague. But most importantly, GO! is not just a one week event that is finished when you drive off this campus. It is so much more than that.

"GO! is also about being a resource to students and people who impact students." On November 15, there will be an online conference starting at 10 a.m. for everyone who wants to know more about it before anything really gets started. Consider it a special preview of what is to come. "It will consist of over 20 different voices of people who are impacting young people in churches across the country. The day will also feature an interview with Kenda Creasy Dean, author of *Almost Christian*. Both she and her book were recently featured on CNN."

Montague said the idea for GO! was formed as a result of Dean's book. Dean takes an in-depth look into how GO! Camp continues on P3

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"...an experience that will hopefully inspire and empower..."

GOLF TEAMS STARTED

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Basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, cross country, and soccer are the sports that currently encompass Freed-Hardeman University's intercollegiate sports program. There will soon be a new sport added to that list. FHU is bringing back golf.

In 2004, golf last graced the campus of FHU before it was suspended along with tennis and cross country. Cross country has since been reinstated.

According to Freed-Hardeman University Sports Information Director John Armstrong, "As far as we can tell the men's golf program first started in 1989, while the women's program started in 2000." Armstrong was a member of the golf team in 1992-1993, while a student at FHU. Armstrong said, "We had good times and made lots of friends."

How successful was this golf program before it was suspended by FHU? Armstrong said, "In the 1999-2000 season the team was ranked number 26 in the nation." How successful will it be in the future? The golf team's success is up to you. The FHU Athletic Department held open tryouts for the team on Wednesday, October 27, and Thursday, October 28. The tryouts were held at the Chickasaw Golf Course near Chickasaw State Park.

How many people will be on the golf team? Armstrong said, "We would like to have around six to eight people on the men's team, and we are just hoping that we will have enough to have a women's team." The men's and the women's team will be coached by John Armstrong. The home course for the team will be at the Chickasaw Golf Course. According to chickasawgc.com, the course is a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course. The course has also been rated as one of the top ten "Courses you can Play" by Golf Magazine.

According to Armstrong, the NAIA's TranSouth Conference plays golf in both the fall and the spring semester. The conference and national tournaments take place in the spring semester. FHU's teams will begin competing in the spring semester, although they will not be eligible for post-season play until the 2011-2012 school year.

What are students saying about the reinstatement of the golf team? FHU Freshman Scott Milam said, "I am stoked about the return of the golf program. I am extremely happy they are bringing it back. I am planning on trying out." FHU Junior Bradley Field said, "Bringing back the FHU golf team expands the horizons of Freed-Hardeman. It will bring us a new group of students on the academic and athletic side of FHU."

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Campus welcomes new education teacher Aarek Farmer

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Freed-Hardeman University added a new member to their staff this semester. Although he may be new to current students, he is no stranger to campus. Dr. Aarek Farmer is an Alumnus of FHU. He received both his bachelors and masters degrees here. During his stay at Freed he also served as an admissions counselor and event coordinator for the school. After he left, Dr. Farmer went on to become a middle school science teacher for three years in Memphis, Tennessee.

This has been a busy year for Dr. Farmer. This past March he became the youth minister for Great Oaks Church of Christ in Memphis. He was also given the chance to come back and work in the Department of Education at FHU, and in October he received his doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Memphis.

When asked what is was like to return

to his alma mater and teach he said, "I love teaching and I feel like it comes naturally to me. I also believe it is one of the talents God gave me. When the opportunity arose for me to help prepare teachers for the classroom, I jumped at the opportunity. And... I went to FHU, so I was excited about getting the chance to return. It is an awesome opportunity to work with the teachers who taught you."

Dr. Farmer currently teaches Educational Psychology. This is his first year teaching at the college level, and he couldn't be happier. His passion for teaching is demonstrated in every class period. "I love seeing the 'light bulb' go off in a student's head," he said, "when they understand a concept and see the power it has to create positive change in the real world. I also love building relationships that I otherwise might not have had the opportunity to build."

According to Dr. Farmer, developing connections is a vital part of being a successful teacher. "It's all about building relationships and teaching people how to accomplish goals in their life. Anyone is capable of success with the right motivation and support system." This is something that he tries to implement not only in his classroom, but in his youth group as well. He strives not only to build relationships with his students, but also to inspire them to change the world. His goal for his students is that, "they, as future teachers, see the important role they will play in the lives of their students. They have an amazing opportunity to not only help a child achieve at school, but also at life."

Dr. Farmer currently resides in Memphis, TN with his wife, Jen. They are expecting their first child, Phoenix, within the next few weeks.

7 DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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campus life

CAMPUS WIDE TRICK OR TREAT

As happens every year, last Thursday night campus was full of ghouls, goblins, and...Bieber Fever? OK. Maybe not JUST like every year.



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As every Freed-Hardeman student knows, boys are not allowed in girls' dorms and girls are not allowed in boys' dorms, with the exception of the lobbies. Severe consequences await the students who violate this rule. However, one event on campus tears down the barriers and rules and allows girls to set foot in the dorms of the boys, and the other way around. What event could cause such a phenomenon? The answer is simple: Trick-or-treating at FHU!

At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 28th, the girls' dorms opened up for the community kids to come trick-or-treating. Lots of precious little princesses, pumpkins, power rangers, and scary zombies came through the halls looking for some yummy candy. The children loved going in and out through the decorated hallways, getting candy, and seeing college students dressed up. Erin Chester gave her opinion on the evening, "It was super fun and I loved seeing everyone's costume! I think everyone looked really great!"

Then at 6:30 p.m. it was the girls' turn. Catholic schoolgirls, ladybugs, cowgirls, bumblebees, witches, Bible characters, witches, hillbillies, road signs, twins, ghosts and many more characters all bombarded the boys dorms. Not only did we get to see all of our guy friends and boyfriends in their natural habitats, but getting attacked by silly-string in Sewell, pushing through the crowded halls

of Benson, being scared by the decorations in Farrow all added to the experience. Lauryn Talbert said, "It's one of my favorite nights at Freed!"

At 7:30 p.m. the roles switched and the girls headed back to their dorms to pass out candy to the guys. Undoubtedly, the boys enjoyed getting free candy and annoying the girls, and everyone enjoyed hanging out and seeing their friends. In case this part of the evening was not enough, UPC hosted a Halloween party in Bader gym immediately after trick-or-treating.

There was a costume contest, a showing of "Drag Me...", pumpkin carving, and some awesome food. Candy, brownies, popcorn, punch, fruit, mints, and caramel, and Chik-fil-a were provided. UPC awarded The Mad Hatter (Hannah Krantz) second place in the costume contest and a \$15 gift card. First place (\$25) was awarded to Edward Scissorhands. The first place award for a group costume contest was given to the adorable Snow White and her seven dwarves.

With the big screen set up and ready to go, everyone settled in to watch the movie. Unfortunately, it was a little too scary for many students, and they left early from their fear. Nonetheless, it was an enjoyable, fun night for everyone involved. And with as much food and candy floating around Thursday night, it is no wonder that we gain the freshman fifteen!

FRIGHT NIGHT included:

DORM TRICK-R-TREATING

Ghosts, musicians, icons, and more, students dressed to impress in order to get a handful of candy! Children from the community came dressed up in disguise as they made their way through the girls' dorms!

HORROR FILM SCREENING

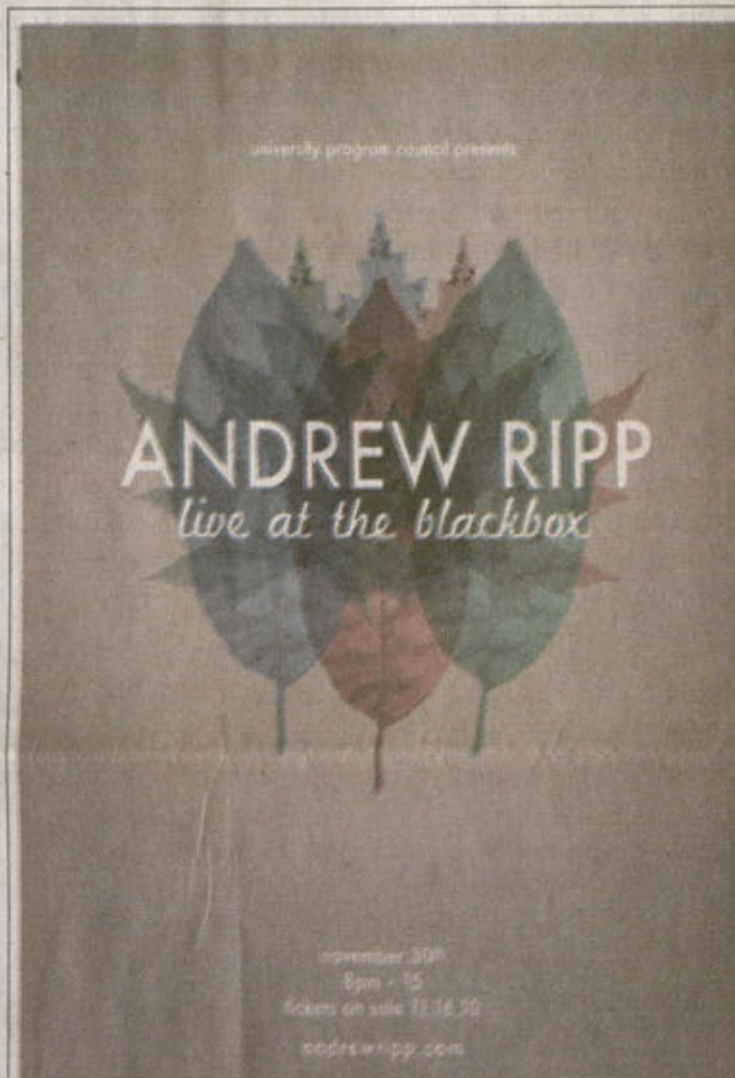
After working up an appetite from all the trick-r-treating, students were scared senseless as they watched *Drag Me to...* cough, cough.

PUMPKIN CARVING

Smiles, frowns, scary faces, adorned freshly carved pumpkins as students carved jack o' lanterns fit for the most impressive haunted house.

COSTUME CONTEST

UPC handed out iTunes gifts cards to the students with the most impressive getups.



Social clubs grow closer over annual fall retreats

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When I say warm fuzzies, late night singings, cabins, beautiful scenery, and a lack of cell phone service, what do you think of? If you are thinking of your social club's fall retreat, then we are on the same train of thought! I had the pleasure of talking to members of each social club about their retreats this fall and while many of the retreats had similar activities, they each have their differences as well. Gamma Tau Omega's "holiday" (as they call it) was at Crowley's Ridge Youth Camp in Arkansas and their theme was "More than Conquerors." GTO always does a community service event at each retreat and helps out the camp director wherever they are. Other fun activities GTO plans for their retreats includes late night singings and s'mores around a bonfires, the roommate game, and other ice-breaker games. Amanda Adebambo summarized GTO's retreat by saying, "Retreat is one of my favorite parts of the semester. Everyone comes together, and we make the best memories. I really look forward to seeing either people who no longer attend Freed or who have transferred at our retreats as well people from other clubs. Retreat's also normally the place that the freshmen really get to know everyone. I also love warm-fuzzies." Xi Chi Delta had their retreat at Sardis Lake Christian Camp in Mississippi. The members I spoke to really enjoyed that Sardis Lake was a smaller camp tucked into the woods, but it still had a great view of the night sky. Their theme, "Renewal—Refocusing Our Lives Toward Christ," focused on listening to God's call for us and remembering that he has something in store for us. Travis Young said, "I really enjoyed sitting back and seeing how happy everyone is to be there. No complications, no stress, just love. Incredible." Other activities at the retreat included the Gallon Challenge, Preston Pinson's birthday bash, volleyball games, basketball games, hiking to Sardis Lake, a rope swing, star tripping, Tad Milburn's transformation into a "swamp thing" and a mud fight. Senior, Jordan Smith, gave this summary of Xi Chi's retreat, "Each retreat I have been on over the

years, I have seen Xi Chi Delta grow such much closer as a club and to God. Xi Chi Delta's Fall Retreat: Renewal was my last retreat and I couldn't ask for a better group of friends to help prepare me for what lies ahead in my future." Sigma Rho's retreat was at Reelfoot Christian Camp. Their theme was "Halloween: Living behind the Mask of Christianity." John Ross Johnson said he really enjoyed the close proximity of everyone at the camp. Shelby Clippard said, "My favorite part was getting to know the freshmen better and just spending time with all my Sigma Rho brothers and sisters. I really enjoyed seeing all the past Makin' Music shows and bobbing for apples. We also watched a scary movie. It was awesome because it was really dark and creepy being all alone at the camp." Chi Beta Chi's retreat was at Maywood Christian Camp. The theme for their weekend was "Be Still and Know that I Am God." In addition to their full group devotional, they also had small group Bible studies and alone time with God. One favorite thing about the retreat was at one moment during the weekend, they rang the bell and everyone stopped what they were doing, took a few minutes out of their free time, and prayed. Chi Beta also played the Roommate Game and other mixer games, had a talent show, reviewed the old Makin' Music shows, and the Stare. When asked about the weekend, Kevin Flowers said, "I love the amazing time we have one with another and how all are included in the activities. The entire weekend is such a spiritual uplift for me personally, as I know it is for all! It is just an amazing time with amazing people of God!" When I asked about Phi Kappa Alpha's retreat, President, Carter England was quick to remind me, "In PKA we don't retreat, we CHARGE." Phi Kappa Alpha also had their retreat at Crowley's Ridge Youth Camp in Paragould, Arkansas. Their theme, "Living on Purpose," came from Esther 4:13-14. Outside of devotional, PKA was involved in "Lights out Midnight Singing" each night and small group studies. Carter's favorite part of the retreat was, "Growing closer to each other. This is the first big event of the semester for the

new members to get to spend a somewhat lengthy time with the rest of the group." Theta Nu's retreat was at Indian Creek Bible Camp. Their theme for retreat was also their theme for this semester, "How He Loves Us," from Romans 8:37. They had small group lessons talking about the members' majors and how God can use them through their future careers. Outside of their devotionals, Theta Nu also participated in a costume contest, "The Walk," the Roommate Game, and Halloween Skits. President Austin Painter summed up the weekend in two sentences, "God loves us so much. Brad Montague could go a day without television!" No matter which club you are in or which retreats you went to, if you participated in a club retreat this fall, then you were blessed. Each social club has its own spin and its own activities, but the goal and result is always the same: the members grow closer together and even more importantly closer to God.



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Henderson mixes community and culture

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I walk down the sidewalk leading away from Hall-Roland Hall. Mission one of the night has already been dominated: crossing the street by myself without getting run over by a vehicle. In my solitude, I gallivant towards my second adventure of the night. I feel the October wind tickle my bare shoulders as I pass Subway and such on my right.

As my wandering feet approach Besso's warm glow, I hear the sweet sounds of live music, a wonderful noise for sore ears forced to attend to the lecturing drones of teachers all day. I see the marvelous array of colors as vendors arrange their goods on tables.

I'm spending this Thursday evening in an alley. And for once, I don't have my mace in a death grip.

Arts in the Alley takes place one Thursday night a month in the alley beside Besso's. This event, a result

of hard work executed by Jason Bramblett and a group of six or so others, began its journey last October when the Bramblett group hired a band and hosted its first Business after Hours in the alley.

The following February, the Henderson Arts Commission was born, which, in turn, produced Arts in the Alley. "The Arts Commission wanted to do something to promote our local artists," Bramblett states. There are currently 20 or so booths and 12 vendors who participate regularly.

In order to encourage the community to participate, craftsmen were permitted to set up a booth in the alley free of charge for the first couple of times Arts in the Alley occurred. However, now that the event has gained recognition, a \$10-\$15 booth fee has been instituted so that the Henderson Arts Commission can

make a revenue in order to continue supporting the artists in the community.

The Henderson Arts Committee hopes to include more Freed-Hardeman University students in its endeavors. The last Arts in the Alley for the year is scheduled to occur November 18; it will then pick up in the spring when the weather begins to warm. If you are an artist and would like to support local artists and earn a few extra dollars by selling your work, please contact Jason Bramblett at jason@bramblettgrp.com or Emily Ashley at bfyvintage@gmail.com.

If you appreciate art, but are not so much a craftsman, you can still come visit Arts in the Alley to support your classmates and the local community. No admission fee or mace required, just a curious heart and an appreciation for expression.

Show Choir announces theme

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Singing, dancing, and musical exhilaration is what Freed-Hardeman's Show Choir is all about. Starting out as a way to enhance the school's musical education, Show Choir has been around since January of 2009. Freed's Show Choir program gives music majors, and anyone who wants to participate, a unique opportunity to get the experience they need for their field. It covers certain aspects the other music courses don't. Where Chorale and University Singers mostly utilize a cappella forms of music, Show Choir provides a way for students to interact with instrumental secular songs. Although the program was intended for educational purposes, it is not without the quality of entertainment. As the University Singers director, Stephen Foster notes, "We have lots of fun doing it."

An interview with Foster provided some insight into this year's theme. Using the theme of classic rock, participating students will get to jam out to music and exciting choreography. Auditions started the second full week of school and plans have been in full swing since then. The students meet for Show Choir in Old Chapel Hall twice a week anywhere from an hour to an hour and a half. With about 13 students participating this year, the performances during the weekends of Homecoming and Makin' Music are sure to be a blast. Sarah Burns displays an optimistic outlook with the statement, "We're going to be ready for a great show."

Show Choir will be performing for homecoming weekend on Friday and Saturday at 5:00. Admission is five dollars. Be sure to come out and experience what's sure to be a spectacular performance.

CAMPUS-WIDE ZOMBIE GAME

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Freed-Hardeman University participated in the game, Human vs. Zombies, for the first time on October 31. The person responsible for starting this game here at FHU is Doug McKay, dorm parent of Benson Hall. "I feel like this is the perfect time of year to start a game like this. I am really hoping for a big turn out," said Doug McKay. Human vs. Zombies is a game similar to tag. The game starts by one person being secretly selected as a zombie. The person who is selected then must tag those that are of the human race. Humans that are tagged are then turned into zombies and they must remove their armband, and wear a headband to identify themselves as a zombie. While playing the game you will not be able to kill zombies; however, you can stun them for 15 minutes by shooting them with a Nerf dart or by hitting them with a sock. If you are a zombie you must tag someone within 48 hours or you will be out of the game. When the human race is wiped out, the game is over. In 2005 Brad Sappington and Chris Weed created Human vs. Zombies while attending Goucher College, located in Baltimore Maryland. The game is not only played at college campuses, but also at high schools, military bases and summer camps, according to HumansVsZombies.org. In 2006 HumanVsZombies.org was created so that the rules of the game could be viewed by anyone interested. The website has continued to grow, and now has links about the history, information on starting an official game, and a forum to unite players across the World. The following year Goucher students created a documentary to help promote the game. Human vs. Zombies has been publicized by Washington Post, NPR, Associated Press, Fox News, USA Today and The Colbert Report. The game has continued to spread with the help of YouTube, Flickr, word of mouth and Goucher College's study abroad program. A video has been made to help give the game a story line that relates to FHU. The story was written and directed by Doug McKay. "I really enjoyed filming and editing this movie. I feel like it is a fun way of introducing this game to Freed-Hardeman's campus," said James McKinney. The zombie movie aired on October 28 on channel 2 after trick or treating in the dorms. A meeting was held Saturday, October 30, to discuss the rules. Anyone that is involved with FHU is invited to play. "I would really like to see at least 100 people participate, which includes students, faculty, and staff," said Doug McKay. When asked if he would participate Brandon Nichols said, "I think the game is a great idea, however I will not have the time to play. I will enjoy seeing people running around with Nerf guns." The rules will be modified to fit FHU. You will not be able to attack each other during class, chapel, or after curfew. Information about this game can be found on HumanVsZombies.org, including the rules, history, merchandise and a World map that shows where all official games have taken place. The website is full of links to help make the game more understandable. Any additional questions may be directed to Doug McKay at dmckay@fhu.edu. The Human race has never outlasted the zombie. A typical game of Human vs. Zombies last no longer than two weeks. When you see people running around campus with Nerf guns you will know the zombie attack is near.

Continued GO! Camp

teenager's have become complacent in today's religions. Both the book and GO! are calling youth leaders to step up and help teenagers reach their full potential. There is so much that teenagers can do that is not happening because they do not think they can. GO! was created to motivate and to help teach the skills needed so that once they leave, they are ready to start impacting their world one small step at a time. Because GO! does not end when camp is over, the teenagers that attend will be presented with a challenge to actually go out into the world and make a difference. Afterwards, there will be an online conference with the teenagers before they go back to school to help build a bridge between them leaving camp and going back to school. There will also be information given online and given out during the week to help them get started when they leave. "We need FHU students! In February we will begin taking applications if you're interested in being counselor or staff for this awesome week," said Montague. Montague compared it to working at Disneyland because there will be several different kinds of job positions that will tend to different needs. Also, just as a clarification, there seems to be an abundance of confusion about Go! and Horizons. Montague said he will still be doing as much with Horizons as he always has, but Go! is a special project starting this year to help motivate kids to be more proactive in their communities. If you want to know anything else about it, you can check out any of these websites: fhu.edu/go; facebook.com/wearego; twitter.com/goisgood We're excited to see what all happens when you give teenagers a challenge and then tell them to GO!

Instrumental albums worth a listen

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Here's a quick list of some incredible instrumental albums. Because sometimes, we don't want our music filled with all those words!

1. Useless Creatures – Andrew Bird – Andrew Bird is one of my favorite artists. His music is filled with complex tones and stringed instruments that imitate the behaviors of insects. It's simply beautiful. Did I mention that he's a world champion whistler and he uses his talent throughout the album?
2. The BQE – Sufjan Stevens – This is the music score written for an art-house film about the Brooklyn Expressway that he also directed. It's very much a Sufjan style. I absolutely love to listen to it when I study.
3. Amiina – This band is from some other world I cannot remember, and the names of their songs are difficult to pronounce, but their music is brilliant. Check them out whenever you're looking for some great ambient music for studying.
4. Bird & Miles – Great duo album featuring Miles Davis and Charlie Parker. This will totally make you think you're downtown somewhere in a coffee house.
5. Dead Cities, Red Seas and Lost Ghosts – M83 – Great experimental electronica music that may only be best to listen to when you're alone. It's pretty weird to play in public, but it's oh so good.
6. Last Chance to Dance Trance (Perhaps) – Medeski Martin and Wood – Great progressive, free-form jazz. Three piece band of nothing but keys, upright bass and drums. Another one of their albums, Uninvisible, is just as incredible.



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The Importance of Reputation

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Reputations and perceptions go hand in hand. People think you are who you appear to be, so if you want a good reputation then you need to live a life reflective of that desire. Having a bad reputation won't ruin your life; some people couldn't care less about what people think. In some cases, that's perfectly fine: you don't care if people think you are rich, so you wear cheap clothes, or you aren't worried about how pretty people think you look. The problem with reputations comes when the issues run more than skin deep.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to keep good reputations. In 1 Thessalonians 5:22, we are told to "abstain from all appearance of evil." This concept seems to be lost in the world. People think that if they are around people who do something bad, but they don't actually participate, then they are completely fine. But this isn't the case. 1 Corinthians 5:33 says that

"evil companions corrupt good morals." If you are around someone who smokes, you will smell like cigarette smoke, even if you didn't touch one. The same applies to all forms of sin and your reputation. You may not be taking part in the activity, but your reputation will be adversely affected by appearing to be involved.

How can you keep your reputation clean? The first step is choosing your friends wisely. I know some people will say you can't reach out to someone who struggles with sin if you aren't friends with them, and that's completely true; however, there is a difference in helping them see the error of their ways, and standing by watching them make mistakes. Both of you are hurt in the last situation. Jesus reached out to sinners in the world, and we should too, but you should be careful to bring them up and not let them bring you down. Another

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Pro-What?

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At the writing of this column, the 2010 mid-term election happened two days ago. It's hard to believe John and Barack's election showdown was nearly two whole years ago. Today, the Democrats may remain in control of both houses of Congress.

Or, the Republicans may have won control of one or both. I don't know yet. Either way, people are going to be upset until at least 2012.

The other night I was watching television and something weird appeared on the screen. It was a candidate making his 23-second case for why I, and the rest of west Tennessee, should vote for him. At the end of his sound byte, he said these words: "I'm pro-life and pro-gun." He was as serious as can-be. I know, unbelievable, right? Using gun and life in the same sentence is so out of style. Being pro-life and pro-gun is like wearing black and navy blue (disgusting).

The politician did not appear to show any signs of mental anguish or inner conflict when he asserted his love for guns and love for life. Let's give

him the benefit of the doubt: maybe he doesn't know that people use guns to take the lives of other people. It's frustrating to hear politicians throw around words in such a flippant and self-contradictory way. It isn't right for a person to tell such a believable lie.

George W. Bush and his advisors (Democrats included) misled the American people for eight years, claiming to be pro-life, while defending the right for everyday Americans to carry guns, and waging the "War on Terror" against Afghanistan and Iraq. If you were to ask the families of innocent Iraqis and Afghans killed at the hand of gun-toting, bomb-dropping Americans whether one can be pro-life and pro-gun at the same time, I think they would give you a negative mouthful, and for good reason.

Thoughtful citizens need to begin questioning the wisdom of "smart" bombs and the direction of "guided" missiles. Any culture or community that is tolerable of the facetious interchange of guns and life is not headed in a wise or healthy direction.

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Responsibility: Take Matters Into Your Hands

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I am a conservative, and I am also a Republican. However, I have always held myself to be a Christian first, a conservative second, and a Republican last. I am a conservative because I believe in the power of the individual to make his own way without government handouts, excessive taxation, and constraints. Government in America has changed so much over the past hundred years. Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society, and presumably Barack Obama's legislation have effectively limited and minimized individual responsibility. It is belief in the individual that is the hallmark of the conservative mindset. It is the pride felt after a day's work. It is the constant bettering of self. It is improving your situation in life, despite the cards you may have been dealt.

What about those less fortunate who can't help themselves? I say give them the opportunity to help themselves. Don't give them a welfare check. Give

them the means to create a better life—a job. The private sector is the answer, not government programs and stimuli. The economy will always remain in flux. It is on the back of business that we enjoy the good times and persevere through the bad times. Excessive taxes on businesses to fund government programs will hurt in the long run. The liberal does not give businesses the opportunity to expand and hire more workers, but rather taxes businesses to expand social welfare programs—effectively removing the need to work.

Responsibility is key. Responsibility is having the maturity to better yourself and consequently better the world. The answer to the vast majority of problems relies in individual responsibility. We have strayed from the right path as a nation. It is up to this generation to fix the mistakes of the previous ones. We must take responsibility for our actions and stride forward into a better future.



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Rethinking Reputation

By LINCOLN STEMLER • lincoln.stemler@students.fhu.edu
// columnist



Reputations. Everyone has a reputation. The issue is that not everyone cares about his or her reputation. While some may obsess about what people think of them, others couldn't care less about what the gossip of the day says about them. I suggest that there should be a middle ground in the struggle between obsession and apathy.

Everything we do has ramifications, and we choose whether those ramifications are good or bad. You have the power everyday to decide what kind of life you live. If you sit around and don't give a snake's tail about what people think of you, then more than likely you will live a life that reflects that. Let me be clear though, we are not to care about those thoughts of others in a way that it causes us to worry or go crazy, but we must be mindful of our actions and how they affect others. Do not obsess about others and their thoughts, but realize that as long as you are serving God, loving

Him, and thus loving others, you will live a life that is true, honest, pure, kind, sincere, and serving.

Your reputation is important; it is what gives you opportunities or keeps you from receiving them. Your reputation may sometimes be a false representation of who you are, but it could also be a true telling of your character. I urge you to give thought to what your reputation is and what your words/actions convey to others. God doesn't call us to be perfect (we are human, thus we never will be) nor does He expect us to have the entire world love us. In fact, we can't be loved by all if we are truly living for God. However, God does say in Romans 12 that as much as we can, we are to live peaceably with all.

What are you doing everyday to live for God, and what would people say about what you do? Your reputation isn't everything in life, but it is something that shows the life you live.

freshman fifteen. Wanted: LEADERSHIP

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At Freed there are many leadership roles among the students. There are "bigger" roles, such as club president, and there are the smaller roles, such as the person leading a class study group. But really, should we put a price tag on leaders? Solid leaders are priceless. No matter the job set before them, big or small, a leader will do what the majority is scared to do: lead. Whether it's campus-wide or just in the classroom, every single leader is valuable.

While some of you reading this article may be a leader in some form or fashion, my guess is that a lot of you aren't, but don't let that fact discourage you. Someone much wiser than myself once said that leaders are made, not born. Everyone has to start somewhere. Abe Lincoln didn't come out of the womb a great leader and neither did you. As you wonder how you can help out around campus, or just within your personal life, consider the following suggestions

because one day it's all going to be on us.

Find something that you are interested in. If you like sports, run for sports captain in your club; if you like music, look into being a Makin' Music director; if you're creative, volunteer to make posters. There's always something to do if you look for it. Have a desire to make a difference. Great leaders are the ones who desire their position. Have you ever heard, "If there's a will, there's a way?" The same is true with leaders. If someone is thrown into a leadership role without the proper drive to do something, they will not be effective.

3.) Start a new path. Imagine a leader that brings new, interesting things to the table. Does your club have a special swagger to it? That all had to start somewhere. By all means, keep the old stuff going because there's nothing like good tradition, but don't be afraid to start something new.

Remember that the upperclassman won't be here forever. Will you step up?



SHANNON in EUROPE

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3 months, 27 people, 1 house. Sounds like a season from the Real World; but to say life in Verviers can get interesting is an understatement. I am writing this on a train in Italy, that will take me to a ferry, which will take me to Greece. But by the time you read this, I will be in Dublin, Ireland recovering from a Lady Gaga concert. As we are on our last free travel, really our last time to travel at all, and the days until we return home are getting smaller and smaller, we have all started looking back and reflecting on all that we have done in our time here. It seems like the last 3 months have flown by in the form of train rides, metro stops, margarita pizzas, and struggles over language barriers.

Obviously, we always have a great time when we are all travelling and going new places, but some of my favorite times are when we are all at the

facility in Verviers together. It works like this...when we are at the facility it is time for "school work," "studying," and travel planning. So naturally we put off all of that until about midnight when the real fun starts. I would say my average bed time

is 3 or 4 a.m. (that doesn't include the 4 to 5 hour naps we take everyday). I know you may be thinking we are just napping our European experience away, but its not like that at all.

It's great because when we are there, everyone just wears PJ's for days at a time. No make-up, no problem. Everything we need is in the facility

so you can easily go days before you realize you haven't been outside or felt fresh air. That's when we go to the grocery store to say we've left so we can feel less guilty about coming right back



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Home Field



MEN'S SOCCER STILL SHATTERING RECORDS



JESSICA PHILLIPS • The Bell Tower

Guys win nail-biter against Cumberland

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Unless you've been living under some sort of rock for the past two months, you'll have noticed that the FHU men's soccer team has had a phenomenal fall and is continuing the trend as the season comes to close.

The men's team has a record of 7-1 for home games, 5-3 for away games, and a solid 3-3 conference record, giving them a total record of 12-4 for the 2010 season. Almost two weeks ago the Lions continued a fantastic winning streak, defeating Brescia University in a tremendous 4-1 victory.

Some credit is due to Simbarashe Zvaita, who gave the guys a quick lead in the game.

Brescia answered with a respectable attempt to hold off the Lions' scoring efforts throughout the rest of the first half. From there, the scoring went back and forth between Brescia and FHU, including a surprising Brescia goal that ended the Lions' three-match scoreless streak.

Toward the end of the match, Joshua Mankey was fouled inside the box. While Brescia's Gilbert Camacho stopped his penalty kick, Mankey successfully made the rebound.

Three days later the Lions nabbed their fifth win in a row when they beat Tennessee Temple University 2-0. The condition of the field was less than ideal, thanks to considerable rainfall in the preceding 24 hours.

Most of the match seemed uneventful as both teams continued scoreless all the way through halftime.

That being said, the Lions were quick to change the tide of the game when, in the first three minutes, they scored the two goals that ultimately decided the victor. Both of the goals were scored by freshman Guilherme Dorigo, with some assists from Joshua Mankey and Kenniel Hyde. Tennessee Temple's keeper, Mackenzie Stout, stepped up his game and kept the Lions from scoring any more throughout the half.

Unfortunately, in their match against Mid-Continent University this past Saturday, the Lions' five-game winning streak came to an unfortunate end with a 2-1 loss against the Kentucky team.

The Mid-Continent Cougars pulled an early lead, with a 2-0 score at halftime.

The Lions' luck turned for the better in the second half, with a goal in the 83rd minute, but it wasn't enough to tie the score by the end of the match.

There were numerous close calls for the Lions throughout the final stretch of the game, including a strike by Kenniel Hyde, a near miss by Guilherme Dorigo, and a disappointing missed kick from Nolan Beede.

All in all, the loss was just one dark spot on what has been an incredible season. After their match this week against Cumberland University, the team will begin their trek into the Transouth Conference Tournament.

If you have the opportunity, come out and support the team for some of their biggest games of the season.

take it to the bank

SPORTS with MICHAEL YOUNG



After these past couple of weeks in college football, do I think that Boise State will make it to the National Championship Game?

No way.

Honestly, I don't think they have a chance unless something crazy happens to multiple teams (i.e., an injury and/or a fluke loss).

The Alabama/LSU game is big this weekend, but the biggest game is where College GameDay will be: Utah. Somehow, the Utah/TCU game has become a lot bigger than people thought it would. TCU is now number three in the BCS and Utah has quietly climbed to number five. The winner of this game will be in a great position; if Oregon, Auburn, or Alabama falter down the stretch, they have a great chance of making it to the BCS Championship Game. You may be asking yourself why I mentioned Alabama. Here is a statement to think about: Alabama controls its own destiny in reaching the National Championship game.

How? If Alabama wins out, they will have beaten (current rankings used) #10 LSU, #20 Mississippi State, #2 Auburn, and won the SEC Championship. Sitting at #6 in the BCS, Alabama has all the ability to jump everybody else, including Boise, TCU, and Utah—regardless if one or two of them are undefeated.

It's not about giving the other teams a chance, it is about who is the best team, and if Alabama wins out, they will have shown that they deserve a chance to repeat as National Champions.

So, I understand that Oregon and Auburn are number one and number two respectively, but there is still a lot of football to be played.

Remaining Season Games

LION GAMES

Transouth Conference Games

6 7:00PM vs. Martin Meth.

Then if they win:

9 TBA

12 TBA

LADY LION GAMES

Transouth Conference Games

6 10:00PM @ Cumberland

Then if they win:

9 TBA

12 TBA

VOLLEYBALL TEAM PREPARES FOR TOURNAMENT

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The Lady Lion volleyball team, who is the defending Transouth conference champion, has suffered several heartbreaking losses. As a result, they have relinquished the title of Transouth Conference regular season champs for the first time in three years. The Lady Lions have consistently played hard, but this fact refuses to show in the scoreboard. Two Lady Lion players have been named the TSAC player of the week.

Sophomore outside-hitter Fernanda Ferreira joined junior middle-hitter Sandra Montoya as a recipient of this title last week. The final regular season home game for the Lady Lions was a heart-wrenching defeat to rival Union University. Union came to Smith-Kirk Court with only one loss in their conference play.

The visiting Lady Bulldogs had a chip on their shoulder, as that one loss came from none other than the FHU Lady Lions. Early in the match it seemed that the Lady Lions had the confidence and momentum to regain a first place position in the conference.

However, after quickly winning two games, several errors on the FHU side of the net allowed the Lady Bulldogs to force a final fifth set. It started strong for

Union, but FHU got within two points of them. However, FHU errors pushed the Lady Bulldogs to 15, giving them the set and the match. The sting of losing the regular season title did not stay on FHU's mind for long.

Two days later they travelled to Cumberland University and easily beat the 2nd place Bulldogs, reclaiming sole possession of 2nd place in the standings. The Lady Lions spent their Halloween in Georgetown, KY for the annual Boneyard Brawl hosted by Georgetown College.

The Lady Lions came back to Henderson after defeating Olivet Nazarene University and the Savannah College of Arts and Design, while being bookended by losing to Indiana Wesleyan University and the hosting Georgetown team. The now 12-10 (9-4) Lady Lions travel to Lyon College on November 2nd to close out the regular season. However, there will be a chance for the Lady Lions to bring home some hardware.

The Transouth Conference Championship Tournament will be held at the FHU Sports Center, giving the Lady Lions the home-court advantage in this year's tournament. It begins on November 8th, with the

title match being held later that week.

FHU Sports Information Director, John Armstrong, has arranged for live footage of the match to be available online with help from the FHU television center. Audio commentary will be provided by Bradley Field and me, Dustin Semore. Through a single-camera setup, all home matches have been viewable this season via gofhulions.com.

Be sure to log on for future FHU events that may also be available online. Also be sure to keep a close eye on the Transouth Athletic Conference's official webpage, transouth.org, for the release of the tournament schedule.

Freshman Olivia Sims, who has spent this season on the sidelines closely watching her teammates providing in-game tips, is confident in her team. She boasts, "We have beaten everyone in the conference at least once this year, and if we put our minds to it, we can be unstoppable."

Be sure to come out and cheer loud for your Lady Lions. They have fought hard this season to represent the school we have come to love so much.

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SECRETARY OF STATE VISITS CAMPUS, ENCOURAGES VOTERS

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Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett came to the campus of Freed-Hardeman University on Thursday Oct. 21, to speak to the student body in chapel and meet with students afterwards.

Much of Hargett's chapel speech focused on the upcoming elections on Nov. 2. As Hargett explained, ensuring elections are run properly is one of the main responsibilities of the Tennessee Secretary of State office.

In order to do that, Hargett said, "We don't want dead people to vote." In just the first year and a half of being in office, Hargett has helped take 12,000 names of those who have died off of the voting rolls.

Another way in which Hargett attempts to provide for a fair election is to clear illegally registered felons from the voting rolls. Hargett also checks with other states to verify that people who have moved from one state to another are not registered to vote in both states.

Besides discussing the election process, Hargett encouraged FHU students to vote in this year's election. "You (FHU students) hold the ability to control the future of this state," Hargett said. "You've got to go vote," he continued. "If you don't go vote, you lose your license to complain."

Hargett's visit came just as the College Republicans chapter at FHU was planning to participate in a Rock the Vote event in Jackson, TN on the eve of the November election. Recently the College Republicans

have also taken part in a voter registration campaign.

Jared Pack, the president of the College Republicans at FHU, said that the Rock the Vote event will be "one last chance to remind voters" to vote on Nov. 2.

After Hargett spoke in chapel, students and faculty met with him for approximately 20 minutes in the Joy Simon McDaniel House. In this meeting Hargett informed the students about the electronic Tennessee State Library. Monty Tatum expressly thanked Hargett for the usefulness of that source. Since some students needed to leave for class, the gathering broke up before 11:30. However, other students stayed and spoke with Hargett.

One of these students was Jared Pack. Among other topics, Pack conversed with Hargett concerning the role that the College Republicans can play in this year's elections. According to Pack, the College Republicans are focused on encouraging the local community to vote.

"The fact is this community is conservative. We just have to get people to get off their rear end and vote," Pack stated. Throughout the time Hargett spent on campus, he encouraged people to be active in the election process. For Hargett, that includes participating in a political campaign.

Hargett suggested that doing so can have an impact on a young person's life. According to Hargett,

campaigns teach communication skills. "Different people need to be treated differently."

Hargett commented. "You learn to lead people" by being involved in a campaign. Hargett was able to visit FHU through his Assistant Public Policy Director Aaron Dodd. Dodd graduated from FHU in 2007.



Letter to the Editor

To whomever can make a difference,

This is my third year at Freed-Hardeman, and I have never been this frustrated. Since the school year started, I have felt that Gano's improvements have simply been aesthetic, and the food options have greatly suffered. One recent Saturday night's experience was the last straw; I will get to it in a bit. Throughout the semester, several problems have arisen. Some of them are minor: the soft-serve ice cream machine and Panini grill are gone, the sandwich line is practically nonexistent, the sneeze guards often require contortionism to reach the food, there are no ketchup or mustard bottles on the individual tables, etc. I could go on, but I'd rather get to my major concerns.

I unknowingly signed up for the 21-meals-per-week plan. This is actually a ridiculous rip-off: our dining services charge for twenty-one meals, but they only offer nineteen. On Saturday and Sunday, Gano opens its doors at 10:30 a.m. for a meal it calls "Brunch," thus combining two meals into one. Every week I pay for two meals that I have no possible way of eating. If Sodexo only offers nineteen meals, they should only charge for nineteen meals. If they charge for twenty-one, they should offer twenty-one. That's not ethical, and I feel some sort of restitution should be in order, whether in the form of Lion's Bucks or in real life American dollars. And then again, Gano could actually open early enough to offer all the meals to which it lays claim. I understand that most students will not get up early on a Saturday, but a few do.

The other day, the staff brought out the waffle iron - which hadn't been seen all year - and the manager apparently thought it wise to have a designated employee assigned to running it. Last year, that waffle iron did not take any special training to operate, and college students are smart enough and coordinated enough to pour their own batter. Perhaps those man-hours could be put to better use; extending weekend dining hours would be a great redirection of the waffle iron operating funds.

When it comes to healthy eating options, choices are much slimmer than last year. Baked fish rarely makes an appearance anymore, if ever. Aside from Cheerios, the cereal line isn't too healthy either. The salad bar has fewer condiment options than last year. As for the Caesar salad line, grilled chicken is becoming rarer, while over-processed chicken nuggets are becoming the norm. The "international" line is hit or miss. The pizza line had a good thing going with their thin-crust creations, but those have become rather scarce. As for appetizing meat options, Sodexo is creating a new class of involuntary vegetarians. The good things are disappearing one at a time, slowly but surely.

This long-stored malcontent was finally unleashed by that Saturday night's experience. Not knowing what time Gano officially closed, I arrived a couple of minutes before 6:30. There was a group of four or five of us that walked up at the same time. We tried the doors, but they were locked. An employee was standing at the cash register, doing nothing but watching us. He waited a minute, then walked over and opened the door. "We close at 6:30," he said. I looked at my cell phone clock. It read 6:29. I told him so. "Sorry, but our clock in here says it's 6:30."

Now, I'm sure you can understand the multiple levels of frustration

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and watching YouTube videos, or making an entire tattoo sleeve out of temporary tattoos, which leads to a photo shoot and subsequent music video remake. If you want alone time, don't come to Europe.

Sure, cabin fever can be an issue, but lack of personal space doesn't even begin to describe the situation. For me, I love being around people 24/7 and just talking, so this was never really an issue, but some people just lock themselves in the bathroom for some quiet R&R from the crazies (AKA me and all my "funny cat video" obsessed friends). You're probably wondering why I would love a place like this. And well, that's a good question that I just can't explain. I definitely have a...special...type of bond with all of these people that I could never replicate, unless I was actually on Real World: Belgium (nominate me?!). I love it here and if you don't see me get off the plane on November 8th in Memphis, I definitely didn't hide in the Brussels airport bathroom so I could find Oceanic Flight 815 and be lost here forever.

Since I have tried to describe a little bit about life in Verviers, I'll now leave with you a few final thoughts

to make you insanely jealous and talk about my last free travel plans. We started our 14 day journey in Switzerland, which was freezing, but beautiful. Here, I attached myself to a rope and harness and flung my body off a 180 foot canyon. Then I drank amazing hot chocolate. After that we took a "night train" to Italy. I say "night train" because an actual night train is about 8-10 hours long with no stops and a bed. This "night train" had about 5 stops, no beds, and we spent 4 hours of the journey sleeping on a train station floor...it was awesome. In Italy, we have visited Milan, Venice, Verona, Pisa, and Rome. From Rome we are traveling to Ancona where our overnight ferry departs for Athens, Greece! All of my Nashville friends will now be jealous because I get to see the actual Parthenon. From there we are flying into Dublin, Ireland and traveling to Belfast in Northern Ireland (technically a different country than Ireland...complicated). We will be seeing a rockin' Lady Gaga concert before spending another day in Dublin, and finally, sadly, depressingly we will fly back to Brussels to start the cleaning and packing process before returning back to the States.

involved here: First, a closing time of 6:30 p.m. is ludicrous. If there are students that need to use Gano after 6:30 on weekdays due to activities and meetings, there is no reason to suppose that those same events might not occur on weekends. Admittedly, fewer students stay on campus on the weekend, but that does not preclude the same need for extended hours that is present on weekdays.

Second, if the man had unlocked the doors when we first walked up, we would be arriving before closing time; instead, he delayed just long enough to be able to tell us that they were closed. That is absolutely petty.

Third, if Gano were any other sort of eating establishment, the staff would have gladly welcomed a few more last-minute customers. However, we students have already paid for our meals for the entire semester; the profit is made. In such circumstances, the standard motivation toward good customer service has been destroyed.

Fourth, the man claimed that, according to Gano's clock, the time was already past 6:30. Should that clock not be set to match the timepieces by which the students operate? We can't reset our cell phone clocks; they are regulated by satellites. If Gano's clocks and students' cell phones disagree, shouldn't the cell phones win out?

Now, I anticipate the most obvious response to my complaint: Lion's Pride was still open; I could have gone there. After all, they have meal plan options too. I never again plan to set foot in Lion's Pride. The last time I tried to eat there, I had to wait in line for 45 minutes to get a personal pan pizza. I was only third in line when I arrived. There is nothing convenient about that. I have not heard a single positive comment about Lion's Pride from fellow students. The general consensus is that the repurposing of that space downstairs has been a disaster. The service is consistently slow, and they are invariably out of the breadsticks that are supposed to accompany pizzas as a side item. The salads which they offer as a "healthy" option are by no means substantial enough to fill anyone up, especially if the customer has just been running or working out. When I asked if the sandwiches were on a meal plan as well (a reasonable idea), I was curtly told that they were not. As far as I'm concerned, Lion's Pride isn't a valid option anymore.

This may all seem like mere whining from a spoiled diner. However, you must know that I am habitually a very patient person. I have worked in retail, and I understand the perspective from behind the counter. I make a point to give people a big break, but the dining situation this year is simply preposterous. This is in fact the first complaint I have ever filed - anywhere.

My concerns will perhaps carry more weight if the following is considered: dissatisfied students will complain to those around them, which may include prospective freshmen. I know that I currently have little good to say about Freed-Hardeman dining, and I don't intend to hide that from anyone asking questions. There are many more frustrated students like myself, and the potential effect on recruiting is bigger than it might seem. Most would hardly think of Gano as a deciding factor in choosing FHU, but little things do add up.

Sincerely,

A concerned student

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key to keeping a good reputation is to be the person you want to be. If you know what you want in life, and you know who you want to be, then seek that. Don't let anyone tell you what you are or make you feel less than what you are. People who want to drag you down with negative labels have problems of their own. Having a good reputation isn't everything, but it is important to be thought of in a positive light. Stay away from actions and situations that would cast a negative light on you, and stay with people who will always push you to be the best you can be.