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School website gains national attention

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This past summer, Freed-Hardeman was the recipient of two awards recognizing its website. The awards were presented by edustyle.net, which is a website created to be a gallery for higher education professionals in web design.

Every year they pick websites that have recently been revamped, and put them in the running for their annual awards. Their goal for the awards given is to give the recognition due to hard work and skill. In this, they can help inspire the hundreds of people that summit their websites. They can help to learn and grow from each other.

At their annual conference held in Chicago on July 27, 2010, Freed-Hardeman won the accomplished awards of Best Homepage and Best Integration of Social Networking, as well as being nominated for Best Mobile Site and Best Overall Site.

There were sixteen awards given. Representatives from Freed-Hardeman were unable to attend the conference, but were meek and fully grateful to receive these awards.

The brains and skills that deserve recognition belong to Freed-Hardeman's OMUR Web Designer Jonathan Newberry and IT Webmaster Michael Plyler.

"It is an honor to receive these awards," said Newberry, "and I'm thankful for all those who helped bring this recognition to Freed-Hardeman."

Plyler was equal in his humility and gratitude. He said, "Our website is a culmination of planning, design, and implementation from several individuals. I am excited to see FHU being recognized for these efforts."

Edustyle.net has been operating for two years. In that time, the website has had more than three thousand websites submitted for awards and over ten thousand visitors to check out the site monthly.

Freed-Hardeman University is full of gratitude at receiving this award. Several people and a substantial amount of hard work went into the website. God's blessings went into winning these awards.

THEATER DEPT. READIES FALL LINE UP

• Dr. Thompson and crew prepare a series of fall shows sure to deliver the goods.

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Freed-Hardeman University's 2010-11 theater season will open the curtains with James Still's *And Then They Came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank* under the direction of Annie Wright. This powerful play is about two Holocaust survivors, Ed Silverberg and Eva Schloss, whose lives intertwined with that of Anne Frank's.

The curtains will open at 2pm and 7pm on October 14-16, 2010, in the Black Box Theatre. Tickets are \$7 General Admission and \$1 for FHU Students.

FHU Theatre presents Laura Rikard at 7pm on September 28, in the Black Box Theatre. Artist Laura Rikard combining theatre movement training received in England, Denmark and Italy, Rikard's solo work celebrates the power of human spirit. Admission is free.

The Musical Comedy *Murders of 1940* by John Wilson will be performed as FHU's Homecoming show under the direction of R. Cliff Thompson. This

musical is "screwball comedy" where the guests drop names and then drop like hors d'oeuvres.

The show starts at 7pm on November 11-13, and also at 2pm on November 13, in Lloyd Auditorium. Tickets are \$10.50 reserve seating and \$1 for FHU Students (General Admission).

A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline by Don Regan will be presented by Springer Theatricals and co-hosted by FHU and the Henderson Arts Commission. This is a tribute to Patsy Cline tracing the legendary singer's climb from small town girl to the Grand Ole Opry.

This will be at 7pm on February 25, in Lloyd Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 reserved seating, and free to FHU students, faculty and staff. Tickets are also free to Henderson Arts Commission members. Playing for Pizza, directed by Seth Fish, is improvised entertainment with a chance of Pizza. Eight FHU actors perform 35 original plays in 70

minutes. The audience determines the order. If the actors finish all 35 plays on time, it's pizza for the cast. If they do not pull it off, they order pizza for the audience.

The opportunity for pizza will be at 7pm on March 3-5 and 2 pm on March 5, in Black Box Theatre. Tickets are \$7 General Admission and \$1 for FHU Students. Seating will be limited so reserve your seats early.

Bag and Baggage Productions' artistic director Scott Palmer has combined Shakespeare's well-known tale with a lesser-known sequel, "The Tamer Tamed," to form *The Taming of the Shrew and the Woman's Prize*.

This will be performed under Andrea Kelly, guest artist and FHU graduate, at 7pm on April 21-23, and at 2pm on April 23, in Black Box Theatre. Tickets are \$7 General Admission, and \$1 for FHU Students.

Visit FHUTickets.com or contact the theatre office at 731-989-6938 for more information on ordering tickets.



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BAND OF HORSES

- Factory
- Laredo
- Dilly

ARCADE FIRE

- The Suburbs
- City with No Children
- Rococo

TOKYO POLICE CLUB

- Bambi
- End of a Spark

DR. DOG

- Stranger
- Unbearable Why

RAY LAMONTAGNE

- Repo Man
- For the Summer
- This Love is Over

THE PUNCH BROTHERS

- You Are
- Me and Us
- Welcome Home

THE ROOTS

- Dear God 2.0
- How I Got Over

listen to these tracks!

bryson picks the summer's best.

• Bryson lists some of the best musical releases from summer 2010 and the tracks you just gotta know.

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The summer has been a great year for music. Though I didn't get the opportunity to attend all the awesome festivals and concerts, I did spend a lot of time finding great new music and thoroughly checking to see if they are fit for your listening ears. It probably didn't help that my internship turned out to be a desk job that allowed me loads of time to browse the beauty that is Internet radio.

Here's a few albums that came out this summer that, not only have generated a lot of buzz on blogs and in the press, I also think they are some great new music for you!

1. Infinite Arms – Band of Horses – BoH's third album is just as good as the last two. Frontman Ben Birdwell's light, high and twangy voice rivals the likes of Jim James of My Morning Jacket or Robin Pecknold of Fleet Foxes, and delivers its own signature sound that compliments BoH's alt-indie rock with a touch of western country. They'll be playing a free show in Nashville on October 7th.

2. The Suburbs – Arcade Fire – After a three-year waiting period, indie fans rejoice as the trendsetters for all things hipster released their newest album with monster truck force. They even went as far as redefining interactive virtual music videos and iTunes album art. I do not love this album but it is a great listen.

3. Champ – Tokyo Police Club – I heard 30 seconds of the song "Bambi" from their new album and immediately downloaded it. Not only is it currently the most listened to album on my iPod, it has become one of my favorites of the year.

4. Shame, Shame – Dr. Dog – Another favorite of the year has been Dr. Dog's new album. They never cease to impress with their Beatles-like style with a new alternative twist.

5. God Willin' and the Creek Don't Rise – Ray LaMontagne – His newest album explores a richer country heritage with lots of twang and drawl. I'm not the biggest fan of country, but this kind of stuff I like. Ray's way with words and simple melody really shine in this new pairing with The Pariah Dogs.

6. Antifogmatic – The Punch Brothers – If you are still having withdrawals from the indefinite break of Nickelcreek, then you need to be comforted by The Punch Brothers. Fronted by Chris Thile, Nickelcreek's mandolin player, this album still contains the feel of a pop bluegrass band with the complexity of classically trained bluegrass artists.

7. How I Got Over – The Roots – Before they were Jimmy Fallon's house band, The Roots redefined what it meant to be a hip-hop group. Being the only full band that I know of, these guys add an extra set of talent behind their beats and lyrics. Their remake of Monsters of Folk's song "Dear God" is a force to be reckoned with.



freshman fifteen. finding COMFORT in the UNCERTAIN

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Being the new guy on campus has been interesting, to say the least. So far, I've managed to meet tons of people, gain a little weight, and tackle a close friend in the mud pit at Interface Olympics. The devos have been awesome, Gano has been above par, and the people have been phenomenal. Overall, once I look past the "Sewell walk," the six a.m. fire alarm, and Sewell's fluctuating water temperatures - I've had a blast!

When I moved onto campus in August, like the majority of incoming students, I didn't know what to expect from FHU. I've always had friends at Freed, and I already knew the people were nice, but I was still nervous about fitting into the crowd. Having previously attended a community college, I rarely saw any of my classmates or professors outside of class, so it has been a bizarre blessing to see fellow Christians every day on campus as well as at worship. On move-in day, I met two people to whom I will forever be grateful: Lincoln Stemler and Ansley Goodman. They made me feel comfortable from the very get-go and made Interface a blast for the A2 (what it do!) group! As Interface was rapidly approaching, I was extremely nervous about meeting my group, but little did I know that we would form a strong bond of friendship. We now go out to eat as a group every Wednesday.

When my alarm went off in the morning of August 21st, I woke up in my bed, inside of my room, inside of my house, with my family, inside of my hometown. I wasn't ready to adjust to a new bed and a new town, nor was I ready to leave my family, but I'm so glad that I took the chance, and I'm thrilled to be a part of the Freed-Hardeman family. I look forward to the many opportunities and challenges that FHU has to throw at me, and I hope that all of the new students will join me in saying, "Bring it on."

POLITICS, ETC.

To Build or Not to Build NYC Mosque

By BRODERICK GREER • broderick.greer@students.fhu.edu // columnist

In semesters past, I wrote about the need for us to discover a new kind of politics. This new politics makes friends out of enemies, conserves human dignity, and liberates oppressed people from dysfunctional systems.

This new kind of politics is more interested in listening than fighting and arguing. Over the last year and a half, I wrote about and advocated a creative politics, based on humble ears (considering all sides of an issue) and busy feet (doing our part to make the world a better place). Well, all of that is bologna. My mind has changed since then.

A lot has been said recently in regards to the proposed construction of Cordoba House, an Islamic cultural community center. Benefactors of Cordoba House want it built two blocks away from the site of the former World Trade Center in lower Manhattan.

The people who want to build Cordoba House are spitting in the faces of the families of the numerous victims of the horrendous events of September 11, 2001. Freedom-loving Americans are protesting this national affront for various reasons ranging from 9/11 insensitivity to what should be called "Islamaphobia."

But maybe this Islamaphobia is justified because all Muslims, each and every

one of them, are dedicated to destroying the moral fabric of America. I mean really, how many Muslims do you know who are actually committed to peace? When was the last time you heard about a terrorist that was *not* linked to Islam?

If we let them build this mosque, they will not stop there. I'm sure every American is quite familiar with the Five Pillars of Islam. One of those pillars mandates that every Muslim must kill at least one American and one cute, fluffy bunny per year.

The Qu'ran also states that America is a pagan nation that should be wiped from the earth. Is this kind of intolerance and barbarism acceptable? Should we have to put up with freedom-hating people erecting their houses of worship in our national backyard?

Is it polite of the Islamic community to forcibly take a piece of American land and use it for the advancement of the Taliban?

If Saddam Hussein were still alive and Osama bin Laden were to come out with another music video, they would both be speaking the praise of the "brave warriors of Islam" who are actively stripping away everything that is good and right and American.

May we use all our might to keep these people out of our country.



HIS | HER View

New Year, New Dates

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It is now a new year. You have new classes, new pressures from those classes, new people to meet, and new opportunities. While these opportunities are vast and range from whether or not to use your 12 chapel skips in the first month, to deciding if you should utilize the new hours and eat more Gano, the main opportunity I want to focus on is dating. As the year begins, there is a fresh awareness that there are new and old dating opportunities on campus. So, from a guy's point of view, I will lay out what guys should do and should not do on dates.

Guys, we all know that it is terrifying to ask a girl out (whether or not we admit that). However, when you do approach a girl and ask her to spend some "special" time with you, do it with humility. Girls do not like a guy who thinks he is all that and then some. Girls will size you up the moment they see you and if you approach with a haughty attitude most girls will turn you down.

Men, go up to a girl with confidence but realize that you aren't everything in the world. Just be kind, respectful, and ask her. When she says yes, become the man with the plan.

When you get to the actual date, the girl will really appreciate if you are organized and have some type of idea of what the night will consist of. Of course, there are appropriate times when the spontaneous is romantic,

but mainly for a first date, organization is a huge advantage.

Now you have made it to the date. The main thing to remember, guys, is to talk about her. I believe the most detrimental thing a guy can do on a date is to spend it talking about what he has done, all the sports he has won, and how great he is. Gentlemen, when you sit down to eat, ask her about her interests, what she enjoys doing, and what makes her happy.

Listen to her - do not simply look around the room or avoid eye contact, but look her square in the eyes and have an engaging conversation. Make a few jokes; show her that you can talk about more than football and X-Box. The key to a successful date is to focus on the girl.

Now guys, the date is over. Drive her to her dorm, open the door for her, and walk her to where she needs to go. Then thank her for a nice evening, and tell her good-bye.

Guys, with a new year are new opportunities to date. Maybe you struck out last year and have gotten back the confidence to try again. Great!

While I am no expert nor professional, I have found that treating a girl with respect and kindness and focusing on her is the best way to show her that you like her. So, enjoy the new year and all the opportunities that it yields.



HIS | HER View

Stay Classy and Stay Yourself

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As the season changes to autumn and everyone gets settled in at school, there can only be one thing on everyone's mind. Dating. Guys are wondering how they could ever get a date with one of the awesome girls at Freed, and all the girls are wondering why none of them will just step up and ask them out on a date.

For girls, dating is like a waiting game. Even if you find a guy you like, make sure you stay classy. You should not throw yourself at him or try to pressure him into dating you. Let him be the man in the relationship and if he refuses to step up then he obviously is not worth your time. When you are trying to get a guy to notice you, always keep your composure.

If he is going to ask you out, he will, whether you try to stand out in some crazy way or not. If a guy asks you out on a date and you have no desire to go out with them, graciously decline. There is a tactful way to do everything and if you are kind then the

refusal cannot be taken badly because it is for the best in the long run. Being yourself is key. If you try to be someone else then no relationship will ever truly be formed, even if you get a date, because you will never be completely happy.

Once you have accepted an invitation to go on a date, it is important to remember that he is just as nervous as you are. On a date, always be kind and do not be too swift to judge. Everyone knows that when guys are nervous they do dumb things, so be forgiving.

As for your own conduct, keep in mind that you are a lady. Do not forget that this is a date and start acting like you are just out with one of your friends. Always have good manners and always be appreciative of whatever the guy has planned for you, even if it is not the best date ever.

Dating should not be as complicated as people make it. Have fun and do what makes you happy. Always remember who you are, and do not let any guy change that.



POLITICS, ETC.

Insensitivity to Victims, Equal Rights Are Cause for Caution

By CHRIS MCKNIGHT • chris.mcknight@students.fhu.edu // columnist

Controversy and commotion surrounding the planned Islamic mega-mosque at the site of Ground Zero have been stirring up over the past few months. Perhaps this is a step in the right direction; perhaps it could promote a reconciliation of sorts and project goodwill from the United States to the Muslim community, but building a mosque so close to the site where Islamic terrorists caused so much damage and loss of life would be unwise.

Supporters of the mosque say that to refuse permission to build would be a violation of the First Amendment. The First Amendment, though, appears to have been violated previously, in an issue similar to the current situation.

The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church was one of the many buildings destroyed by the collapse of the twin towers, and the attempts to receive permission to rebuild have gone on for years. St. Nicholas was refused permission to rebuild their place of worship. If supporters of the mosque are going to preach religious equality, then they should follow their own advice and allow St. Nicholas to be rebuilt as well. They should



remove the plank from their eye before attempting to remove the speck from the eyes of those against the mosque's proposed location.

The location of the proposed mosque is rather insensitive to the families and friends of those who died on that tragic day. There are New Yorkers who drive or walk by

Ground Zero every day on their way to work and are reminded of the loved ones they lost on that day of infamy.

Many Muslims may not be radicals or extremists; however, the terrorists were nonetheless Muslim, and as a result, mainstream Muslims are often burdened with the perception that they are like the terrorists. Polls show that over two-thirds of New Yorkers are not happy with the location chosen for the mosque, so why does mayor Bloomberg feel the need to push for this? Why this location?

There is not a good reason to choose this area to build a mosque on, and this location does nothing but fan the flames of strife. It is perhaps a noble idea with good intentions, but the best intentions can cause trouble when one does not consider all the contingencies that change may bring.



SHANNON in EUROPE

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Europe: the Final Frontier. Ok so that's not actually true at all. And if we are going to get really technical then I suppose Europe was actually the beginning of all things American. But for me, this title has a different meaning rather than being historically factual. This is my senior year. A year to be spent by gaining all those precious experiences and last moments with my college pals, finding my FHU-bred soul mate, and putting significant effort into securing a job and thus a successful future and career. So logically, I decided to spend three months frolicking around Europe instead. Now some of you might think, do I even care about my future?

And when May comes around, if I have no job offers, no senior memories at FHU, and no money, then maybe you would have a solid leg to stand on when you suggest that I was quite irresponsible. But after only a short month here, I would not trade a thing for what I have gotten so far out of my encounter with foreign soil. For the majority of my life, I feel like I've upheld the motto "all dressed up with nowhere to go." I'm not saying that I am an extremely fashionable person or even that I actually wash my hair everyday, but rather that I have had this itchin' under my skin to explore and do more than what my small life of Hendersonville, Tenn. had granted me. Europe is my dream world and my grown-up playground.

There is nothing here that I do not love - even the never-ending, underlying smell of body odor. Where have you been all of my life crêpe au Nutella? It's as if I was missing my right thumb and both pinky fingers and

now, all of the sudden at the age of 21, they just grew, and I don't understand how I survived without them. While I

was riding a train through Scotland the other day, I was listening to The Killers' song, "All These Things That I've Done," and I thought it was an appropriate concept for my situation.

To list all the lessons that I have learned in this short time period would easily take up all six pages of this newspaper, not to mention if I expanded on everywhere I have been and things I have done. Plus, I'd hate to make all of you green with envy on my first column. So I'll narrow it all down to one important thing I've learned. I have not lived a particularly sheltered life, but the world has always seemed this vast expanse of the unknown, and who isn't afraid of the unknown?

Sure, if you suggested, "Let's take a trip to New Orleans for Mardi Gras," I'd be all over that; I'd probably even plan the details for you and offer to drive, but never without the security of a "bff," and especially not without my cell phone for constant communication with the familiar and safety (i.e. Facebook and my mother). But after being here a month, its as if I have lived abroad my whole life. The

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volleyball gals.

The ladies of the FHU Lady Lions Volleyball squad taste sweet victory.



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Lady lions volleyball start season off strong

• Beginning the season with a bang, FHU Volleyball may be in line for a new state record this year.

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One of the best aspects of life at FHU is the ever-growing list of opportunities for students to get involved. More specifically, students have the chance to show their skills in a variety of recreational sports available on campus by playing at both the intramural and intercollegiate levels.

While all the guys on campus have the chance to take part in rugged outdoor ventures like rugby, soccer, baseball, and cross country, the female residents of Henderson's Freed Hardeman University are still just as active with lots of great athletic opportunities.

The women of FHU have the opportunity to participate in cheerleading, softball, basketball (which is also available for men), and, of course, volleyball.

The volleyball team has had great success since its inception almost 25 years ago, and, from the looks of it so far, this year's season will be no exception.

The team is once again led by Head Coach Todd Humphrey, who is in his eleventh season, and graduate assistant Martha Sheffield, who is in her second season. Leading the team on the court is a great group of seniors, including Nataly Gutierrez and Claire Pennington.

The team pulled an impressive victory over Christian Brothers University last week on September 7th and continued that victory run two days later, taking on Bethel University. The team has met with great success in the past month, and

hopefully that tradition will continue during the many matches coming up.

The team will be taking on opponents such as Martin Methodist, Cumberland University, Union University and other schools who are waiting to give the Lady Lions a good fight.

Over the past few years the Lady Lions have exhibited quite an impressive effort in the realm of national and state records. The team blazed the trail as TSAC National Champs in 2007 and 2009 and set quite a record in the NAIA National Tournament last year.

The team looks to set a new state record this year with a fourth consecutive regular conference title. This would be a first in TSAC history—a major accomplishment for the team. FHU has won three regular season banners with a 42-4 combined conference record.

There is definitely a lot of excitement in the air as this season continues to get off to a great start, and hopefully there's more success to come in the next few months. The Lady Lions will be playing in Chicago, IL on the 18th in the Holiday Inn Express Tournament against Indiana Institute of Technology and Aquinas College.

They will return home on the 20th for a match against Lyons College. Game time is 7:00p.m., so be sure to come out and support the team.

Early Successes for FHU Soccer Teams

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The soccer teams that have taken the field at Josh 18Riley Soccer Complex cannot possibly be the same teams as last year. The Lady Lions went 2-13-2 with no conference wins. With the Lady Lions starting this season off blistering hot, a 6-1-1 record proves that what is on the field must be a completely new team.

However, we have returned all eleven starters from last season. With the exception of freshman Clare Gallagher, all players on the field this year were on the field last year. Three different FHU players have been named the TranSouth Athletic Conference player of the week.

Junior forward Helena Yegros was named the offensive player for the week of August 29th. Senior goalkeeper Tiffany Harris was named the defensive player for this past week for her season-high of eleven saves in a September 10th match against Southeastern College.

What is so different about this year? The TranSouth Athletic Conference offensive player of the week, Shelby Murray, says this sudden shift is because of an offseason spent working on teamwork.

"Well, we survived preseason together—preseason with Coach Elliot" says the sophomore forward, "Plus at the beginning of the season we had the two trips to Atlanta and Kentucky."

The first week of the season involved a lot of travelling before the home opener against Lambuth University on

September 3rd. According to Murray, "that really helped us to bond and become close with one another." The Lady Lions will travel to Cleveland, MS on September 18th to put their 3-game winning streak on the line against the Lady Statesmen of Delta State University.

The men's team has had much of the same success on the field, and it is reflected very clearly on the score sheets. Aside from a 0-4 loss to Campbellsville University, the Lion Soccer squad has been undefeated.

Simbarashe Zvaita leads the 6-1 Lions with a conference leading eight goals. He is tied in 6th place for most goals in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Zvaita has been excellent in every facet of the game. On top of his TranSouth leadership goals, he leads the conference in total shots (37) and in shots on goal (26).

Zvaita is not the only Lion to grace the leader boards of the TSAC. Tafara Tinarwo leads the conference with three assists. It is very evident that this year's team is one to keep a close eye on. Last year's team did not win a game in-conference and failed to qualify for the tournament. The team ended the season with a 9-7-1 record.

Eight out of eleven starters have returned to the field, so a good mix of talent and experience might account for such a hot start. The FHU Lions squad will put their winning streak of four games to the test against the Statesmen of Delta State on the 18th of September.

take it to the bank

SPORTS with MICHAEL YOUNG

Boise

State was poised to do something that a non-Bowl Championship Series team had never done in the history of the BCS. They still have their chance, but it



was not two weeks into the season before their championship hopes were severely damaged. It isn't often that a school loses its strongest claim to a championship game in week two, yet that is exactly what happened when James Madison went into Blacksburg, VA and defeated the Virginia Tech Hokies, not even a week after Boise State defeated the Hokies on national television in our nation's capital. Every prognosticator said that, if Boise would beat a highly ranked team and run the table, then they would make the National Championship game.

Ranked #3 in the preseason polls, there was a very real possibility of returning 22 starters from last season's undefeated team that beat the undefeated TCU team in the bowl game. Now, after the FCS school beat Virginia Tech, that win doesn't seem very special.

This does not mean that they cannot make it. They are still ranked #3, but as an objective fan, would you not put a one-loss SEC team in over an undefeated Boise State? I think that, even if they go undefeated, they won't make it. I could easily see Alabama and Ohio State, who are currently #1 and #2 in the rankings, stay undefeated all year.

Either of those two could make it, as well as Oregon, who came down to the South and, after giving Tennessee hope after the first half, ripped the hearts out of the Big Orange faithful and showed that their offense is real. Boise State is a very talented team, and in previous years they probably would have had a decent shot. I just don't see it this year, especially because of all of the other talented teams in the country.

VOLLEYBALL 2010

LADY LION GAMES

20	7:00PM	vs. Lyon College
21	7:00PM	@ Bethel College
27	7:00PM	@ Martin Met.
30	7:00PM	vs. Trevecca
04	7:00PM	@ Mid-Continent
05	7:00PM	vs. Cumberland U.

SOCCER 2010

LION GAMES

18	3:00PM	@ Delta State
21	5:00PM	@ Martin Met.
28	4:00PM	@ Bethel
05	7:00PM	@ Union U.

LADY LION GAMES

18	1:00PM	@ Delta State U.
21	7:00PM	@ Martin Met.
28	2:00PM	@ Bethel
02	1:00PM	@ Midway

Cross Country 2010

MEN'S & WOMEN'S MEETS

18	9:00AM	@ Vanderbilt U.
25	9:00PM	@ Brooks Memphis
02	8:45AM	@ Union U.
23	10:00AM	@ TranSouth Conference

STUDENTS/STAFF reflect on MILITARY SERVICE

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September 11, 2001 is a day that will never be forgotten. It was a day of tragedy, heartache, and confusion as many people gathered around their televisions watching the devastation of hijacked planes burning into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. This act of terrorism changed the lives of many individuals forever. On March 19, 2003, President George W. Bush declared war on Iraq, stating, "My fellow citizens, the dangers to our country and the world will be overcome. We will pass through this time of peril and carry on the work of peace. We will defend our freedom. We will bring freedom to others. And we will prevail." As promised, the United States began the invasions of Afghanistan (2001) and Iraq (2003), causing the deployment of U.S. troops from all over the country, including faculty and students from here at Freed Hardeman University.

Eddie Anderson, an IT department employee, is one of the many people on FHU's campus who has been affected firsthand by the war in Iraq. He has served under the Army National Guard for 14 years, and recently came home after a seven month deployment (including training).

Anderson spent five of those months in Kuwait and Mosul, Iraq, as a gunner on convoy missions and as a Motor Sergeant, making sure all of the vehicles had the proper maintenance, forms, and repairs necessary to go out on missions. As most people would, Eddie Anderson had mixed emotions upon arrival in Iraq.

"The minute we landed in Iraq the countdown to return home began, but I knew that I had to get my mind prepared for the mission that we were about to take on." He



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IT employee, Eddie Anderson, has experienced the war in Iraq first hand.

told me that what kept him going was the knowledge of family and friends back home praying for him, and the example of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane when faced with the utmost challenge.

Sophomore Bryan Brazzle has also received firsthand experience of the war in Iraq. He was deployed for 14-15 months in 2007, serving as a combat vehicle driver, vehicle commander/gunner, and as an infantryman. Brazzle stated that the main thing that helped him through the tough times was "knowing that my fellow brothers in arms were there to back me up and look out for me."

One Bible verse that Bryan often thought about was John 15:13- "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." This verse reminded him "about the honor of serving there,

fighting for others that were not able to themselves."

Jordan Utter, another student here at FHU, has served in the National Guard for almost three years. Unlike Anderson and Brazzle, Utter has never been deployed to Iraq or seen the effects of the war firsthand. He knows that if he does get deployed in the future, it will be tough, but he will adapt. When asked what his view toward the war is he replied, "I feel like while it might not be pleasant, what's happening in Afghanistan is necessary."

This month marked the ninth anniversary of the devastation caused by September 11, 2001. It is only thanks to the brave men and women who have served in the armed forces that America has been able to overcome such a tragedy, all the while defending freedom both at home and abroad.

Discreetly Conspicuous

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In a paroxysm of pent-up, unrelieved frustration, I fairly whooshed out of the garage onto the 3 a.m. streets of a deserted Nashville. With some unmemorable beat pumping in my ears, I sprinted my bike along the streets; erratically lit by unreliable lamps, the way was challenging. The neighborhood earns its name: Whispering Hills.

I silently passed a couple of teens walking along the double yellows - a nod - and wondered if they were on drugs, before quickly reminding myself that such an assumption was unfair, especially considering that the combination of physical exertion and adrenal anger were probably doing more to me than marijuana or cocaine ever could.

Up a hill, the first slight challenge of the evening. And the streets are wet, glistening, positively weeping to the night. I flow down, faster, faster, and faster still ... At the trough, a four-way greets me and invites a left turn. I take it.

Too fast. And I know it.

Hyped up as I already am, I see it all unfolding, lightning swift. I skid off the right shoulder and into a grassy ditch, sliding at least twenty feet in the dew. The impact is violent, world-jarring. I lay for a few seconds under my bike, gazing at the grass a few feet before me. I stand - probably too soon - and consider the possibility of a concussion.

The headphones have fallen out and are... somewhere around here. I forget them for a moment and climb back on the road, pacing for a few seconds with hands on hips and head pounding. My eyes feel a

little too big for their sockets and my jaw is numb. I return to my bike and untangle the headphones - still beating a beat - from the spokes. I pick some bits of soggy earth from the brake handles, and I resume. The gears are out of kilter.

My first thought when back on the road, in a rhythm: Andrew, what has become of you? Who are you now? I don't recognize this night-racing, bike-wrecking mess of a mutt.

I come upon a familiar church parking lot, and pull up. Removing my now damp shirt and leaving my music on top of a trash can, I pedal a bit in circles, listening to the gears and pausing when needed to ease their metallic whines. Once they are quieted, I am back on the saddle and gone.

The dissatisfaction - or frustration - or irritation - fades a bit, though losing no energy. I get to Edmonson Pike, four lanes of virtual emptiness. Edmonson runs through a minor valley, and the fog is thick. The streetlights here seem like orderly ghosts, well-behaved; they hover above the bitumen, dutifully lighting the expansive path of this lone cyclist. To the right is the Ellington Agricultural Center, a darkly green hunk of land in an otherwise tawny metropolis. It breathes cool, that slow aliveness that only soil can exhale.

A car or two pass, a driver or two stare and possibly think, What dedication! What drive! and they are wrong. They should think, What conflict! What confusion! for who, however Olympic, rides at 3 a.m.?

The night is soft and the fog is a hug; by now the anger has subsided and for that I am grateful. The way is flatter here, and energy simply goes

to maintaining speed. I have turned around, and Ellington is to my left. It must be at least four o'clock by now. There is actually a difference in traffic; two cars pass every five minutes instead of only one.

To get back to my to my house, I have to turn right and face the two largest hills of the entire trip, consecutively. I watch my streetlight shadow in front of me, and the sight is motivating. I finally crest the first titanic slope with a herculean effort. I feel big as the world. And then, relieved from the strain, I look up. And I feel small.

The fog is all but gone here on the hilltop. The air is crisply clear, and the stars are out, yes, even over this thriving - now silent - city. There, spread-eagled across the sky, sprawls Orion in his vastness. There pours the Big Dipper in its munificent beauty. There congregate the Pleiades, the Seven Sisters. There sits Sirius. And how I do feel small.

Concussed and insignificant.

The house is quiet when I return, except for an impatient cat at the back door. Out he goes, and I sit and begin to write. Someone else stirs, the smell of coffee wafts by, a new day starts.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On August 23rd, our family was celebrating my son's 10th birthday. A family tradition is for the birthday person to choose a restaurant to celebrate the yearly occurrence.

This year my son, David, chose Snappy Tomato.

It just so happened that August 23rd was also FHU night. Needless to say the pizza shop was packed with a lot of students! As we were paying for our meal, I asked the cashier if Snappy Tomato did anything special for birthdays. To my son's disappointment she said no. The kind student in front of us turned around and gave a warm and sincere happy birthday greeting, and carried on a conversation that made David feel happy and special.

As we were finishing our meal, the entire FHU clan sang a cheerful "Happy Birthday" song including David's name. This left such an impression on my son!

Thank you FHU students for making one little boy's birthday so special! You will never know the huge impact you made! You represent FHU in the best possible way!

With much gratitude,
Kathryn Weissenfluh

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playing on all the blow-up things. It was just a lot of fun. And the free food was awesome," exclaimed Rachae Mahler. "Vegas Wedding- Dress to Impress" was the theme of the next UPC event known as "Speed Dating." BK lawn provided plenty of room for the speed dating event and for the observers. In BK's lobby, tables were set up for a wedding reception, complete with punch, lace, wedding mints, and even "diamond" rings! A photo booth was also ready for all to come in and get a picture taken with their favorite date. "My favorite part about UPC speed dating was getting to dress up all crazy," said freshman Victoria Godwin. "It was fun to see all the crazy costumes. I think my favorite was the girl who dressed up as a bride and even had all her bridesmaids with her!" Freshman Jordyn Graves said, "I loved getting to meet a lot of new people, but half-way through, I started losing my voice because I had already done so much talking." It wasn't only the freshmen that enjoyed this event. The upperclassmen dressed up and came looking for their soul mates too. "My favorite part of speed dating is coming out to see the crazy costumes people come up with. You really get to see people's creative personalities and it's a blast," said junior Chelsea Harris. "I think it was so much better this year on the lawn of BK too, because it was much more casual and laidback." Overall, the interface and UPC events were a huge success. Students, no matter what age, major, or social club, joined together in the all the fun and excitement.

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greatest thing I have gained is simply (drum roll, please)... confidence. And with my freshly attained confidence, I know that whatever life brings me after graduation, even if it means ending back up at my parent's home because I have no money after this trip (did I mention Europe is expensive?), I know that the entirety of my life and experiences will be greater and fuller because of what I have gained here. I now have that confidence to not be so afraid of the unknown and especially of experiencing that unknown by myself. If you see me in November when I return, maybe you will notice something different, and I don't only mean the smell. But I hope that you will make out the little pep in my step as I walk along with my new stride of self-confidence and assurance. Especially if a Beyoncé song is playing.