

The Bell Tower

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Freshmen Elect Officers

by Amy Elam

Thursday night, September 17, the freshman class met to elect their leaders for this year.

Secret ballots were cast after each candidate was allowed to speak to the group. Cameron Traw, a Bible major from Chiang Mia, Thailand, was elected President. In this capacity he will be responsible for the planning and organization of all the activities of the freshman class. Cameron states, "Although our plans are not complete at this time we are hoping to be very involved in campus activities this year. The Halloween carnival, a hayride and Homecoming activities will be some of our main projects." Cameron is very excited about being at Freed-Hardeman, and the great year that he sees ahead.

Other officers were also elected Thursday night. Chris Barber of Palmerstown, TN won the office of Vice-President after a run-off vote between he and Nancy Bose. Terry Grobe, a native of Memphis, TN won the office of secretary.

Student Government Association (SGA) Representatives are Lynn Heffington of Birmingham, AL and Steve Hammond of Lexington, AL. Their responsibilities include representing the needs and opinions of the freshman class in SGA business, attending the SGA meetings and being involved in SGA and College committees.

Cheerleaders Chosen

Sophomores Micah Ruff and Dondrea Swinford and Junior Lori Webb were chosen last Thursday to fill three vacancies on the cheerleading squad. They were selected after almost two hours of tryouts before a panel of ten judges.

Two positions are left open for fall tryouts each year. Such an arrangement gives new students an opportunity to be on the squad, according to sponsor Sylvia Harris. A third opening occurred when one member left the squad to get married this summer.

The girls performed individually, in stunt pairs, and in group cheers. They were judged according to enthusiasm, gymnastics, voice, appearance, and poise.

The contestants participating in the tryouts survived a week of hard practice on Milan-Sitka lawn supervised by members of the cheerleading squad.

Ashley Moore, a sophomore on the squad, captured the enthusiasm of the squad: "All of us are really looking forward to this year. We really have a lot of good girls on the squad."



Grace Stanton photo

Officers of the freshman class were elected last Thursday. They are, from left, Cameron Traw, president; Chris Barber, vice president; Steve Hammond, men's SGA rep; Tish Hall, treasurer; Lynn Heffington, women's SGA rep; and Terri Grobe, secretary.

Annual Luncheon Praised By County's Senior Citizens

Good food, smiling faces, and organ music greeted Chester County senior citizens as they arrived in Gano Dining Hall for the Eleventh Annual Senior Citizens Luncheon last Friday.

This luncheon, hosted by President and Mrs. Gardner, has become a tradition both at the college and in the county. This year's luncheon was attended by 99 neighbors from the community. Mrs. Ernestine Hill, was attending her first luncheon. "You sure do have some good cooks," she said. Others like Lessie Jackson of Enville think that "This is a great place to be."

Robert Witt, a retired F-HC faculty member, played the organ, and Phoenix, the newest musical group on campus, gave a short program. After a meal of broiled chicken or chopped steak with all the trimmings, the group heard a presentation of "The culture of Nigeria." Mrs. Lavonne Scott, a faculty member who

has just returned from a year of work in Nigeria, used mementoes from her trip to illustrate her presentation.

Fred and Thelma McCreese moved to Chickasaw last year after Mr. McCreese retired. Since Mrs. McCreese continues to work as a court reporter in Henderson, Mr. McCreese spends quite a bit of time at the Center. "I just don't know what I'd do with out it (the Center), otherwise he would just sit and mope. Now he has new friends and something to look forward to each day," said Mrs. McCreese.

Activities such as exercise, checkers, crafts and quilting are provided daily along with a hot noon meal. Mrs. Jackson, one of the ladies who quilts regularly, added, "Several youngsters from the school (F-HC) come by pretty often. If you like to quilt, play checkers or just talk, it's a great place to be."

"The Gazebo" Opens Tonight

Alec Coppel's THE GAZEBO will kick off the 1981 Freed-Hardeman Theater season September 24 in the auditorium.

The comedy-melodrama, under the direction of senior Bill Perring, stars Robert Tucker as Eliot Nash, a television mystery writer whose wife is blackmailed. The adventure unfolds into a hilarious tale of blackmail, jealousy, and murder. Also starring in the production are Ray Eaton as Harlow Edison and Beth

McVehil as Nell Nash.

Other cast members are Julie Marshall, Claire Shackelford, Scott McDowell, Lanny Poteet, Frank Bell, Karen Glisson, Robert Campbell, and Dana Eubanks.

The show runs September 24, 25, and 26 with curtain time at 7:30p.m. each night. Tickets are \$3.00 for reserved seats and \$3.50 at the door.

CampusCalendar

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| SEPT 20-25 | Estes Gospel Meeting, Billy Smith
7:30 nightly |
| SEPT 24 | Sophomore Slave Auction |
| SEPT 24 | Social Clubs, 6:30 PM |
| SEPT 28 | Tryouts for Children's Show, 6:00 PM
Student Government Association, 7:30 PM |
| SEPT 29 | Totalife, 6:30 PM
Preachers' Club, 6:30 PM
Preachers' Wives, 7:00 PM |
| SEPT 30 | RA Meeting, 4:30 PM |

Guest Editorial: To Circle Or Not To Circle

Editor's Note: The following editorial opinions are opposing views regarding the "proper procedure to proceed to the lectern"--or making your way to the speaker's stand, do you circle the chairs or walk straight to the lectern? We invite comments and other points of view regarding the issue.

by Charles Cox

Once you reach the "shady side of sixty" in age you get a lot of free advice, but few people ask any questions of us "shady characters."

Imagine my surprise when someone asked me, "Why do you walk behind others seated on stage when you approach the lectern?" Here is a "shady character" eager to speak up and speak out (after all, I may never be asked another question).

Why? Truth is, I never thought much about it. Just did what comes naturally. But now that I've thought about it, there are some good reasons why.

(1) Both common courtesy and common sense are endangered species. I am committed to doing my part to protect and perpetuate the life span of both. Common courtesy has always seemed the common sense approach to almost all of life's situations. Common courtesy decrees that I not stalk thoughtlessly in front of others, unless it is necessary.

(2) I may be on the "shady side of sixty," but I am not yet too old to walk the "extra mile"....or the short distance BEHIND other guests on stage.

(3) Even though I work for Freed-Hardeman College, I am not so overworked that I lack the energy to do the courteous thing.

(4) I've never shared the stage with anyone for whom I had so little respect I'd feel belittled by walking behind them.

(5) "Status symbols" have never been my thing! I don't have to have "top billing" when I walk across the stage.

Now, will you permit a "shady character" a question of his own? "Have you considered the danger involved in walking in FRONT of a row of guests, all of whom would be unwilling to go the extra distance to walk behind other guests?" It's possible they might also be disinclined to sit without stretching their legs full length in front of them because it would be too much effort to do otherwise. One could fall and break an arm or a leg.

Seriously, how we approach a lectern will never be the criteria for passing a course in college, getting into heaven, landing a job....or even getting a date with a special someone. But common courtesy never puts us at a disadvantage with anyone in any situation.

Take it from a "shady character"....good manners very rarely offend those with even the worst manners. Thoughtless, careless, uncaring manners in others may often offend even those with no manners at all.

Common courtesy is common sense, and I believe the abundant use of both is both nutrient and spice for the better life.

As I See It

by Lawrence Gunnells, Editor-in-chief

Pickled

I am sure you'll notice I really wasn't too accurate on my pigskin predictions last week. Who would have ever thought Georgia would have lost to Clemson? Or Notre Dame to Michigan, 25-7?

There were others who were definitely more successful than I.

I feel a little like Alabama must have felt after the Georgia Tech game week before last.

Stung.

By Arthur Shearin

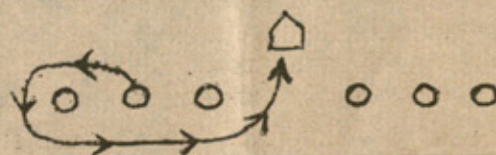
Recently we were privileged to have Harley Hickenlooper on our campus. Mr. Hickenlooper is a field representative with the Council for the Continuance of Chapel Chair Circling (CCCCC). Mr. Hickenlooper consented to grant the Bell Tower the following interview:

B.T. Mr. Hickenlooper, exactly what do you do?

H.H. I am responsible for the on-site observation of chapel chair circling procedures and practices. It has been reported that a number of chapel participants at Freed-Hardeman College lately have been creating confusion by proceeding directly from their seats to the lectern during the chapel services. We want to put an end to such nonsense.

B.T. Where did the practice of circling the chairs originate?

H.H. Circling is a part of our American way of life. Columbus discovered America while traveling in a circle. What about all those pioneers who circled the wagons to thwart Indian attacks? And something else--the maneuvers on stage are very similar to a running back circling out of the backfield to run a pass route. (At this point Mr. Hickenlooper drew the following illustration:)



Campus Clips

Alpha Chi Induction were held Monday night, September 14, at 5:00. Dr. Arthur Shearin conducted the ceremony with Dr. Allen Walker assisting. "Membership in this club," said Shearin, "is the highest academic honor bestowed at Freed-Hardeman College. These students are to be commended for their achievement."

Students inducted in this year's ceremony were Valeria Hope Allsup, Robert Kenneth Baldwin,

B.T. How do visitors feel about the system?

H.H. They appear perplexed--even amused--at first. They're not used to seeing such organization. But by the end of chapel, some catch on and actually become quite proficient at it.

B.T. Any changes for 1981-82?

H.H. Our system is a bit more complicated this year. You may have noticed we have added a sixth chair--the tan one that doesn't match the others. But we have also added an extra player--er, I mean participant--to balance our lineup. He's an ex-coach, and so far, he hasn't caught on too well; he must believe all that business about the shortest distance between two points being a straight line.

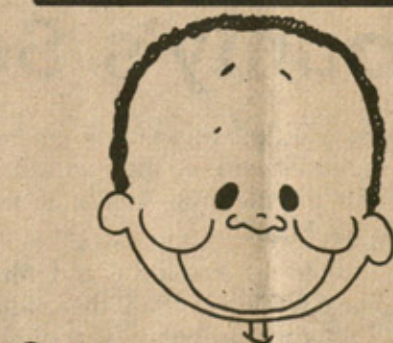
B.T. Have there been any embarrassing moments?

H.H. Oh, sure. Every once in a while two people run head-on while maneuvering around back. Occasionally someone forgets, starts directly to the lectern, remembers, and has to go back to his chair and start over. But so far, we haven't had any fat ladies get hung between the chairs.

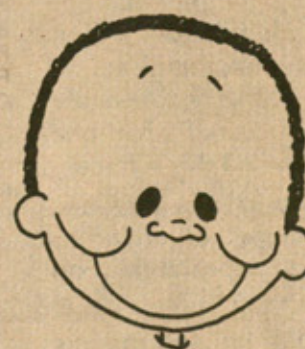
B.T. Come now, Mr. Hickenlooper, can you give us one really good reason for circling those chairs?

H.H. Well, uh, I'm sure there must be one. (Pause) Do you suppose that circling the chairs could qualify as one of those fond and cheerful memories?

Marsha Rae Beggs, Lori C. Chandler, Sherra Jane Colvett, Vickie Lynn Cox, Tavye Starr Davis, Nancy Melissa Flatt, Shawn D. Glisson, Lance Gibbs Hickerson, Lucy Ann Jones, Phillip Karl Lee, Larry Wayne Littleton, Dale Anthony Maness, Sandra Lee Meek, Van Kenneth McCoy, Jr., Gayle Marie McDonald, Cornille Kee Nanney, John Mark Nicholas, Andrew Dean Parker, Brett Lee Pharr, Linda Kaye Reaves, Nona Carol Ringold, Juliet Arnold Roland, Kenneth Landon Samuel, Lorenzo Lee Sandlin, Ann Lorraine Simmons, Janet Barron Wade, and David Michael Young. Congratulations.



momma said...



I came wif a automatic Smiler.

by Steve White

Musical Weekend

After watching Memphis rock to Hall & Oates Friday night, I honestly didn't believe a concert at F-HC could even compare.

I was surprised.

Phoenix and Petra really put on a show Saturday...Freed-Hardeman students are really fortunate to have one, much less two, such talented groups on campus.

Privileged, we were; Privileged, we remain.

Designated Design

Talking with Makin' Music Co-Chairmen David Hill and Elmo Robison, it seems a lot of people were surprised that we came out with a front page story the same day hosts and hostesses were announced.

Though we won't be able to do the same with the logo contest, we are planning to have the winning logo on the cover of our October 1 issue.

That, we think, is artistic.

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Serial— The Adventures of Carter Munroe

by John Jordan

The biology test was the easy part. What still bothered me was that red head with the tape recorder. The next afternoon I set out to find her and the tape recorder. (I thought it wise not to wear my trench coat.)

I questioned everyone.

I went to the Registrar's Office. They told me they didn't keep record on hair color. When asked why not they produced no satisfactory answer.

Next I questioned a waitress at the campus snack bar. (She had black hair.)

"Have you seen a red head in here lately?"

"Sure, we've got lots of them."

"This one's tall," I added.

"Sure, we get tall ones, short ones, medium height ones..."

"This one was pretty." (I began to get impatient.)

"Look," she said, "I just take orders. Now, you want to order or what?" (She began to get impatient.)

I ordered a strawberry milkshake (my favorite) and pondered the information while I waited. It was all too pat. First the Registrar, and now the waitress. Someone is stonewalling. Obviously there is a conspiracy to keep the redhead's secret quiet. There

are just too many cover stories.

My milkshake came. I drank it and left, taking care that no one followed me.

I roamed the sidewalks of the campus desperate for a lead. I sat under a tree for a while, hoping to spot a red head. Blondes, brunettes, girls with black hair, but no redheads. (I made a date with a blonde for Friday night. She liked my smile.)

In desperation I wandered by the oldest building on campus. Its halls and stairway were rumored to house secret rooms, and its dark upper windows stared down at me like huge black eyes. (A bit melodramatic, don't you think?)

Runner's Paradise— Cross Country Strides to Victory

by John Barber

When a cross country runner gets the desire to run, he will run. Stamina, courage, and endurance are a part of the runner's mind. There are eight students at F-HC who enjoy this sport and represent F-HC in meets.

The cross country team at F-HC is a young one. Five returning lettermen from last year make up the team. Two seniors have returned: Don Jamison from Royal Oak, Michigan and Larry Hunt from Arnold, Missouri. Three sophomores also returned: Barry Newton from Fort Smith, Arkansas; Jim Hunt from Valparaiso, Indiana and Roy Washington from Jackson, Mississippi. Three new runners, John

Graham from Wichita Falls, Texas, Kevin Sandlin from Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and David Sentell from Goshen, Indiana have joined the team. Carla Hunt serves as manager, while Tony Kirk is the coach.

The outlook of this year's team is very good. The team's ability is better than last year, they have a tremendous spirit, and a positive attitude. Some members of the team ran this summer to get in shape.

For F-HC runners, practice time is a must. They practice everyday. The practice time ranges from one hour to an hour and a half. Some runners run after practice also.

The team had a meet Tuesday at Holly Springs, Mississippi against Rust College. They won easily by a score of 19-37. Freed-Hardeman had runners finished in the top four spots of the five mile course. Don Jamison was first with a time of 28:48. Kevin Sandlin finished second with a time of 30:18. David Sentell came in third with a time of 30:56 and Jim Hunt came in fourth with a time of 31:21. The rest of the runners finished as follows: Roy Washington finished ninth with a time of 34:48; Larry Hunt finished tenth with a time of 34:49; John Graham finished thirteenth with a time of 36:22.

Intramural Calendar of Events

CO-REC CRABBALL

September 24
B-S vs. PKA, 7:00
Zeta vs. PE, 8:00
AT vs. SR, 9:00
September 28
SR vs. PKA, 7:00
AT vs. PE, 8:00
Zeta vs. B-S, 9:00
September 29
AT vs. B-S, 8:00
October 1
SR vs. Zeta, 7:00
AT vs. PKA, 8:00
PE vs. B-S, 9:00

THREE-ON-THREE (WOMEN)

September 24
PKA vs. PE, 7:00
SR vs. Philo, 7:00
September 28
PKA vs. Philo, 7:00
PE vs. SR, 7:00

THREE-ON-THREE (MEN)

September 24
PKA #2 vs. PG #1, 6:00
PG #2 vs. AT, 6:00
PKA #1 vs. F/S, 8:00
PE vs. Baseball, 8:00
Philo vs. Zeta, 9:00
SR vs. PKA #3, 9:00

September 28

PKA #3 vs. PKA #1, 6:00
Zeta vs. PE, 6:00
Philo vs. SR, 8:00
AT vs. F/S, 8:00
Baseball vs. PG #1, 9:00
PG #2 vs. PKA #2, 9:00
September 29
PKA #1 vs. PKA #2, 8:00
Baseball vs. F/S, 8:00
PKA #3 vs. PE, 9:00
AT vs. SR, 9:00
September 30
PKA #1 vs. AT, 9:00
Philo vs. Baseball, 9:00
October 1
F/S vs. Zeta, 6:30
PG #1 vs. Philo, 6:30

PKA #2 vs. Baseball, 7:30
PKA #1 vs. SR, 7:30
PKA #3 vs. PG #2, 8:30
PE vs. AT, 8:30

SOFTBALL

September 24
Zeta vs. Philo, 4:00
NW vs. PKA, 5:00
September 28
AT vs. Philo, 4:00
SR vs. PKA, 5:00
September 29
Zeta vs. NW, 4:00
AT vs. PKA, 5:00
October 1
Philo vs. NW, 4:00
SR vs. Zeta, 5:00

'81 Cross Country Schedule

September 15	Rust College	There
September 18	Harding University	There
September 24	Rust College	Here
October 3	Undecided	
October 6	Rust College	There
October 10	V. S. A. C. Meet	
October 31	District Meet	



COLLEGE FOOTBALL FORECAST

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Games for September 26
Alabama at Vanderbilt
Auburn at Tennessee
Florida at Mississippi State
South Carolina at Georgia
Kentucky at Kansas
Rice at LSU
Arkansas at Ole Miss
Penn State at Nebraska
Notre Dame at Purdue
Ohio State at Stanford
Oklahoma at USC
UCLA at Iowa

John Barber Sports Writer

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Georgia
Kansas
LSU
Ole Miss
Penn State
Notre Dame
Ohio State
USC
UCLA

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Kentucky
LSU
Arkansas
Nebraska
Notre Dame
Ohio State
Oklahoma
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Classes Plan for Fund Raising

by Melissa Epps

The Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes are planning a wide variety of fundraising activities, both on and off campus. Their plans are as different as the people are.

The Senior Class, headed by Elmo Robison, has plans in the making for a used book sale. Also, sometime this year they hope to have a Greased Pig Contest. Although their plans are not complete, the Seniors hope to sponsor a few movies or concerts. The money earned from these activities will go to pay off the debts from last year's Junior-Senior Banquet. With the help of everyone, the Senior class hopes to make at least a couple hundred dollars.

The Junior Class president, B.J. Clarke, thinks that this year will be very successful for the Junior Class. One of the first major events for the Juniors will be a "Kiss the Pig Contest" and will involve the cheerleaders. The winner will have to kiss a pig during the Homecoming ballgame. The Junior Class thinks this event will be one of the major money raisers this year.

Another favorite among many students is Sadie Hawkins Day. This event, sponsored by the Junior Class enables women on campus finally to get the man of their dreams. This year John Paul Walters, a

professional singer, will perform at the event to be held on October 30. Next semester the Junior Class is planning such events as a birthday mixer, a box supper and a movie. This year they will try to repeat the success they enjoyed last year with the *Muppet Movie*. The money earned from these events will go primarily toward the Junior-Senior banquet which is planned for the spring. Some money may also go toward the class attendants' Homecoming dresses.

The Sophomore class is also looking forward to an exciting year. Sophomore class president Laverne Wilson and the other class officers have planned for a busy semester for fund raising. The class already has sold doughnuts to raise money. They are also planning a slave auction for tonight. The Halloween Carnival on October 31, plus the slave auction, are the main fund raisers planned for this semester. Next semester plans include breakfasts in the dorms. The money raised from these projects will go into savings for the Junior-Senior banquet next year.

This great variety of activities will help bring the campus to life. The programs planned by the classes will provide entertainment for all.



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Varnell Has Love For Life

"In 1948, after the war, my brother was playing professional basketball in Chicago, so I went up to see him. He took me to see the Harlem Globetrotters. I was amazed. So I decided to get them down South. I was determined to find a place -- even though there was no desegregation then -- and Chattanooga took them. We turned away over 2000 people that night."

So began the entertainment promotion life of Lon Varnell.

After that he booked a few other "unknowns" -- Peter, Paul and Mary, Lawrence Welk, others -- until he can now say in 1981, that the only "big name" he hasn't booked is Johnny Cash. That list includes Liberace, Bob Hope, George Burns, Tom Jones, the Carpenters, the Osmonds, the Statler Brothers and -- most recently -- Barbara Mandrell.

"I gave Barbara her start," Varnell said proudly.

Varnell got his start in 1934 when he came to Freed-Hardeman to play baseball. His only luggage was a shoe box and a hand-me-down suit his uncle gave him. Fifty years later, he still wears second-hand clothes.

"Every year the network gives Mr (Lawrence) Welk twenty new suits. Coincidentally we wear the same size. So, he keeps ten and gives me ten."

Varnell's working life included 32 years of college coaching, including time spent at the College of the South in Sewanee, TN and Bethel College in McKenzie, TN. He remembers fondly the great basketball teams coached by Dick Stewart at F-HC.

"While I was at Bethel, I remember one year in particular that Freed-Hardeman lost only two games both to Bethel College."

Speaking in chapel, 50 years later, Varnell gave many keys to success, including hard work (he has always worked at least two jobs, sometimes five.). But during an interview, he summed it all up by saying, "It's all the same doing something to please people."

Helping others, an entertaining thought by Lon Varnell.

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