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Campus safety a big concern

Chris Mulkey urges students to be smart about personal security

By MYRA TARRH
Staff Writer

Faulkner campus security is currently working to increase campus security in an effort to lower the rate of crime and suspicious activity on campus.

Chris Mulkey, head of campus security since February 2008, is hoping to work with the Montgomery Police Department in creating a community watch for the campus and surrounding areas.

The watch would provide room escorts in the after dark hours, allow people to call security if they witness something suspicious, and involve monthly meetings to discuss incidents on campus and in the area.

"The program is to keep people aware of what's going on," Mulkey said.

In addition to the community watch, Mulkey is working to get more security cameras around campus and more security per-

sonnel to provide double coverage after dark.

Mulkey said the most important thing students can do to increase security is to police themselves.

"My biggest concern on campus for the next few months is personal security," Mulkey said.

To increase personal security, students should keep track of their personal items and lock their doors.

"I can't tell you the number of dorm rooms and apartments we've vis-

ited where the doors are unlocked or even open," Mulkey said.

"My biggest concern on campus for the next few months is personal security."

- Chris Mulkey

Most importantly, students need to be aware of their surroundings and contact security at any time if they witness anything suspicious.

"One of the things I try to do is make myself as available to the students as possible," Mulkey said.

However, none of these efforts will be successful without the help and responsibility of all the students.

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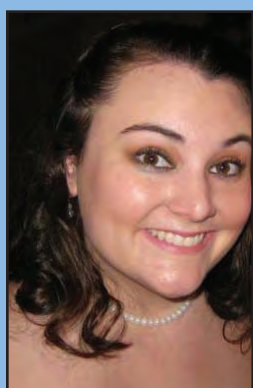
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MALLORY CHANCE



If I won one million dollars, I would "pay off all of my parent's bills, give a large portion to the church and charity, and then save the rest for my future family."

TYLER DUNAWAY



If I won one million dollars, I would "buy Duke North Carolina tickets, Alabama Auburn tickets, and I'd buy tickets to every game of the cubs World Series games."

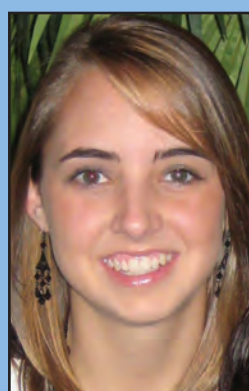
ANNA EDWARDS

If I won one million dollars, I would "use part of the money to help spread the Gospel through Hispanic ministries, open a used bookstore, and if any was left, I would invest it."

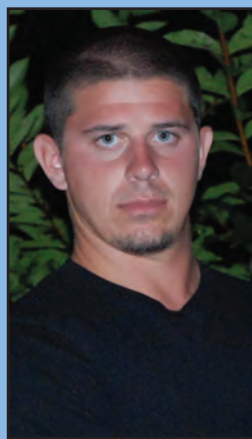


LEANNE GALLOWAY

If I won one million dollars, I would "buy a horse, a house, give some to a good charity, go shopping (a lot) and invest the rest so I could be a stay at home mom for the rest of my life."

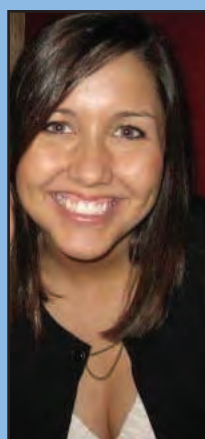


JUSTIN MAYNARD



If I won one million dollars, I would "buy a new truck, a bass boat, and build a house. Then I would give some money to my parents because I owe them a lot and then invest whatever is left."

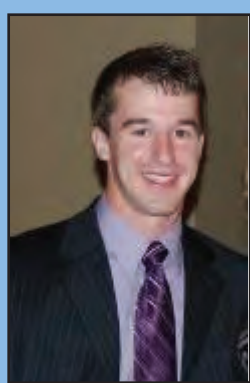
EMILIE STEPHENS



If I won one million dollars, I would "give some to my church and family then invest the rest."

WILL TUCKER

If I won on million dollars, I would "fix those potholes in Faulkner's roads."



ADAM VENCILL

If I won one million dollars, I would "buy a new car and a house after graduation. Then I would put it into savings and work. I might buy a beach house somewhere."



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SENIORS

WISE WORDS

But you, man of God... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:11-12 NIV



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QUIRKY QUOTE

"As your faith is strengthened you will find that there is no longer the need to have a sense of control, that things will flow as they will, and that you will flow with them, to your great delight and benefit."

Emmanuel Teney

See you at the (barber) pole

One student discusses a man's need for a barber shop

By RACE HOCHDORF
Staff Writer

Where do college guys get their hair cut? Usually a man either has his roommate cut his hair (if he's really that trusting), or he goes to a unisex salon. For a long time I did the latter. Salons are okay if you just want a quick trim or if you're in a hurry.

Unfortunately, most guys make visiting a salon a habit. We walk in and sit down, and then we go to the magazine rack to pass the time.

But we soon find ourselves in a dilemma when we have to choose between two manly magazines such as Cosmo and Seventeen. Afraid we'll magically be zapped

effeminate, we choose to leave both magazines right where they are and just sit through our wait. Once seated, we sometimes attempt making conversation. Small talk is achievable, but anything beyond that doesn't usually occur.

Once we leave the salon, we often find that our hair resembles that of a Turkish prisoner who ducked just at the right time of his beheading. It's nothing against salons or anybody who works at a salon. It really isn't.

But what many fail to recognize is that a cosmetologist is not specially trained to cut men's hair. They are either taught how to cut women's hair or how to generically cut the hair of both genders.

The last option I men-

tioned is usually why men walk away from salons unsatisfied with their new cut. But fear not, Faulkner men! The answer is not to throw your arms up in despair or to take a Nazarite vow.

What you guys need is a Barber Shop. You need Richard's. Richard's Barber Shop is not only a place to get your hair cut right, but it is also a man's paradise.

As you wait you'll find a display of gun, football and hunting magazines. Hanging on the wall are pictures from the Second World War that remind us of the men we once were, and the men we can be again. Once you sit down to face Richard Bene's straight edge, you're treated to his

war stories from back when he fought in 'Nam.

He goes on to talk about sports or the lessons he's learned from the world. And as he slaps on that classic warm lather, all your cares melt away.

Richard's isn't a salon. It's a man-alon. Faulkner men, the Barber Shop returns, and in that sense, we've gained a little bit of our masculinity back. Back from the clutches of modern society.

You can find Richard's at 6030 Atlanta Hwy. Appointments are from Monday to Thursday 9-6, and the phone number is 334-279-1172. It's recommended by the writer that you read "Rediscovering the Barbershop" at artofmanliness.com.

Dean Austin's Corner

The Devil's Bags pt. 2

Sometimes we do things that should just be forgotten. Here are examples of how we let the Devil stick around after we have kicked him out the door.

You got out of a bad relationship because it was bad, but you are still resentful and angry.

You got out of financial debt, but you still can't control the desire to spend on frivolous things.

You got out of a bad habit or addiction, but you still long to try it just one more time.

You said, I forgive you, but you can't seem to forget and have peace with that person.

You told your unequally yoked mate that it was over, but you still continue to call

You got out of that horribly oppressive job, but you're still trying to sabotage the company after you've left.

You cut off the affair with that married man/woman, but you still lust after him/her.

You broke off your relationship with that hurtful, abusing person, but you are suspicious and distrusting of every new person you meet.

You decided to let go of the past hurts from growing up in an unstable family environment, yet you believe you are unworthy of love from others and you refuse to get attached to anyone.

When you put the devil out, please make sure he takes his bags.

Happiness keeps you sweet,
Trials keep you strong,
Sorrows keep you human,
Failure keeps you humble,
Success keeps you glowing,
But only God keeps you going!

Success is never permanent; failure is never fatal.

Nothing under God's control can ever be out of control.

Faires Austin serves as the dean of students for Faulkner.

Spring Semester Pre-Registration is underway!

You have until Nov. 13 to meet with your advisor and plan your schedule!

"Sign Language Club" returns to Faulkner

By LAWRENCE BARCLAY
Minister to the Deaf
University Church of Christ

The Dactylogy (Sign Language) Club, which was originally established at Faulkner University in 1971, will return in January 2010.

The club provides students an opportunity to learn American Sign Language (ASL), develop skills in communicating with the deaf, and familiarize themselves with deaf culture.

ASL is the primary language of about half a million deaf Americans and is known or used to some extent by at least 13 million people in the United States. It is also used in Canada, the Philippines, and several African countries.

Related forms of sign language are used with mentally handicapped

children and other people who have difficulty with speech. Many parents teach signs to babies, who can learn to make many gestures before they are able to articulate words.

ASL enables the deaf to form their own community and culture. To them the term deaf connotes the shared experience of this community, whereas hearing impaired focuses on their handicap and fails to distinguish them from hard-of-hearing persons and persons deafened after learning to speak, who belong linguistically and culturally to the hearing community.

Because of the difficulty of communicating effectively with hearing people by speech and speech reading (also called lip reading) and by written notes, the deaf rely heavily on inter-

preters in both formal and informal situations. Often they call upon hearing family members and friends.

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that certified interpreters be provided for them in many situations. Webcams and video-phones enable interpreters to do much work from their homes. There are many opportunities for full-time or part-time employment, as well as for voluntary service.

Those interested in participating in the Dac Club should indicate their preference for a day and time to meet as a group, probably on Monday or Tuesday evening, by calling Lawrence Barclay at (334) 272-6316 or e-mailing him at lawrencebarclay@bellsouth.net. Interested persons may also express interest to Dean Austin.



Photo by JOI WEBB

Students pause to take a picture in front of the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey. The group traveled across Turkey visiting the seven churches mentioned in Revelation, as well as several other sites of interest.

Turkish delight

One student's view on a semester abroad

By JOI WEBB
Staff Writer

Merhaba! That means "hello" in Turkish (an easier language to learn than Greek, in my opinion). We traveled around Turkey this past week, and I loved it.

Our first stop was beautiful Istanbul, a historical and cultural experience; it was different than any other place we have visited. Everything seemed more calm and relaxed. People were friendly and helpful, always wanting to know where we were from (although some were mostly trying to sell us something when they did this).

I have never been inside a mosque before, so visiting two of the most famous mosques in the world was quite an

experience. One of them was Hagia Sophia, which used to be a church, later became a mosque, and is now a museum.

After Istanbul, we began our tour of the

"Visiting these places has really made the Word come alive and has created images in my mind that will remain with me forever."

seven churches of Asia mentioned in the book of Revelation. We first went to Troy. It was interesting to see the actual city after hearing the stories and watching the famous movie.

We also had the great cultural opportunity of participating in the

Turkish National Day where they had parades, a concert, fireworks and flags everywhere. Next we proceeded to visit Pergamum, Smyrna, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea and Ephesus, with trips to Hierapolis and Aphrodisias.

It was interesting to visit these sites and picture how it must have been back then and realize that I'm standing in the same places some of the apostles stood.

Visiting these places has really made the Word come alive and has created images in my mind that will remain with me forever.

Joi Webb is the Spire's foreign correspondent covering study abroad in Greece for the fall semester.

Chicken Salad College Kitchen

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| Ingredients: | |
| 2 tbsp. mayonnaise | 1 can mandarin oranges |
| Yellow mustard | 1 apple |
| 1 tbsp. of sugar | 1 celery stalk |
| Dash of salt to taste | 2 handfuls of baby carrots |
| Dash of pepper to taste | Half a small onion |
| 1 can pineapple tidbits | 2 cans of chicken |

Directions: Open cans of chicken and drain excess liquid. Empty contents into large mixing bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Next, open can of pineapple tidbits and mandarin oranges. Drain and place contents in mixing bowl with chicken. Then, chop apple, onion, celery stalk, and carrots into small pieces. Place in mixing bowl. Mix ingredients together. Add about two tablespoons of mayonnaise. Then add the tablespoon of sugar and mix well. Next, add two-four squirts of yellow mustard. Mix, then add more mayonnaise, sugar, and mustard as necessary. Make sure everything is mixed in very well. Chill in refrigerator for one hour. Serve with Ritz crackers or sour dough bread for a light and refreshing meal. Enjoy!

By HANNAH HASTINGS
Staff Writer

To those who were brave enough to attempt the Velveeta Cheese Dip after trying out the Pork Chop Dinner, I applaud you. You have more chef morale than I do. One bad recipe and it takes a culinary miracle for me to want to try creating a new dish again. But hopefully I have redeemed myself and established my recipe credibility once more. And with this next recipe, I plan to show you how a few simple ingredients can come together in a way that will just tantalize your taste buds. This dish is easy, fast and requires no cooking whatsoever. Usually I like to serve it on Sunday afternoons with a side dish of fruit and a chilled glass of sweet tea. My roommates Shea, Kelsey and Lauren love it too. Even though the recipe leaves enough for leftovers, this dish is doomed once it rests on the table of my apartment. It's one of my favorites, and may be one of yours too! Brought to you by me, my very own recipe: Fruity Chicken Salad.

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Race for 2010 Alabama governor begins

By ISAAC TAYLOR
Staff Writer

In 2010 the citizens of Alabama will head to the polls in order to vote for who will serve as their governor for the next four years.

The candidates have already begun their campaigns. The two frontrunners are incumbent Republican Bob Riley and Democrat Lucy Baxley.

Riley has served as Alabama governor since 2003 and has done a lot to help turn around the economy. He inherited the largest deficit in Alabama history and has turned it into a \$1 billion surplus. He has also ushered in the lowest unemployment rate in Alabama history as well as initiated the biggest tax cuts in 70 years.

Riley has invested more money in education than any other Alabama governor and has cracked down on sex offenders around the state. Riley is a resident of Ashland, Ala., and attends the First Baptist Church of Ashland

with his four children. Riley is a firm anti-abortion candidate who has voted against bills that would support abortion. He has also voted against the use of race in admission to colleges and universities and against gay couples being allowed to adopt. He voted in favor



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of school prayer during the War on Terror, as well as against any measure that would limit gun possession.

Lucy Baxley is the former lieutenant general and treasurer of the state of Alabama. She had the honor of being the first female to hold the office of lieutenant governor in the state's history. Baxley

is a resident of Vestavia Hills, Ala., and attends Frazer United Methodist Church in Montgomery.

She has two children and is married. Baxley has stated that she opposes abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or for the health of the mother. She also has stated her support of measures that would increase the minimum wage. Along with Riley, she has no interest in creating environmental regulations for the limiting of pollution. She has also voiced her support of measures that would allow for individuals to carry concealed weapons.

The polls currently show Riley leading the race with 55 percent of the vote and Baxley trailing with 35 percent. The election, however, is still another year away and much could change.

Alabama residents of legal voting age are encouraged to register to vote soon in order to vote in next year's gubernatorial election.

Committee approves revolutionary financial bill

By JUAN CARBALLO
Staff Writer

The House Financial Services Committee passed the Private Fund Investment Advisers Registration bill on Oct. 27. The bill was introduced by Congressman Paul E. Kanjorski.

This House bill would give the government exceptional power to regulate the bank holding companies and other large financial firms that may be at the edge of collapse. A council of regulators would be established to monitor financial firms regarded as "so big and influential that their bankruptcy could bring down the entire economy."

"Taxpayers simply must not be put in the position of paying for losses incurred by private institutions," Obama wrote in a letter to House Financial Services Committee Chairman, Barney Frank.

Obama said the belief among financial executives that the government would ultimately protect

them creates a "perverse incentive" for large firms to take reckless risks.

"The past year has shown that the deregulation, or in many cases lack of regulation of financial firms is an idea of the past. Advisors to financial firms must receive government oversight and we must understand the assets of financial firms, including for hedge funds, private equity firms, and other private pools of capital.

"Under this legislation, private investment funds would become subject to more scrutiny by the [Securities and Exchange Commission] and take more responsibility for their actions," said Chairman Kanjorski.

If the council determines that a firm has grown too big and dangerous, the Federal Reserve could step in to dismantle it. Firms valued at more than \$10 billion would be responsible for covering any outstanding costs of that action.

Frank's committee voted 67-1 on legislation

that would force hedge funds and other large privately managed pools of capital to register with the SEC and make periodic examinations.

Most of the Republicans oppose the measure because they say that some companies will be bailed out by the government because of their designation as being critical to the health of the economy.

Democrats counter that the bill will prevent future bailouts because it will enable regulators to dismantle these firms. The companies also would be required to hold more money in reserve and would have a tougher time borrowing against their assets, making it harder for them to fail.

Obama's proposal puts the Federal Reserve in charge of monitoring these large financial institutions. Frank's plan gives more power to a council of regulators. The council would monitor the firms and set policy, while the Federal Reserve would be in charge of enforcement.

Gap in Swine Flu vaccine shortage closing

By ASHLEY TOWNLEY
Staff Writer

In the last few months, 26.6 million doses of the swine flu vaccine have been made available to the public; 10 million of those were administered in the last week. Half the doses available are going to children and pregnant women who are believed to be more susceptible to the flu than others.

An average adult requires two shots of the vaccine in order to be vaccinated, though the children and pregnant women only require one.

"Though there's still not enough for all the people who want it, the gap between supply and demand is closing," Dr. Thomas R. Frieden, direc-

tor of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

"Last week there were 16.1 million doses available for shipment and today, we have 26.6 million," Frieden said.

More doses have been ordered and are expected to be available in the next couple of months. Federal officials have ordered that adult doses of the vaccine be broken down and turned into more children's doses as children are more likely to contract the disease.

Cipla Ltd., an Indian company that makes the generic version of Tamiflu, the drug used to shorten the lifespan of the swine flu, said that they could have one million more children's doses available in the United

States in four to six weeks.

"Cipla is more than willing to cooperate in any way possible," said Chairman Yusuf Hamied. "I'll work my factories night and day if necessary."

Swine flu is now believed to be widespread in 48 states and the death toll is expected to keep rising. So far, 114 children have died from swine flu, with more than half of those having some other health problem as well.

The World Health Organization has stated that it will soon start shipping the vaccine to 95 poor and middle-income countries. Their end goal is to provide enough vaccine to help at least 10 percent of the eligible countries' popula-

Students Speak Up: Faulkner students share their opinions on current events

JAYNIE CASSERLY
Staff Writer

Photos by JAYNIE CASSERLY

If you were a Starbucks drink, which would you be and why?



"White Chocolate Mocha because it's unique. It tastes like hot chocolate but it's not."

Abby Roberts
Freshman
Denver, Colo.

"Chai Tea because only select people like me, but I'm good for everybody."

Daniel Monplaisir
Senior
Montgomery, Ala.



"I would want to be the caramel apple spice. It has got just the right amount of sweet and tart... You can't beat that."

Ashley Hackney
Freshman
Calhoun, Ga.

"I would be a shot of espresso. I may be small but I pack a punch."

Heather Baker
Senior
Lineville, Ala.



"If I was a Starbucks drink, I would be a Double Chocolate Chip Frap because I'm sweet and tasty...with whip cream...on the side."

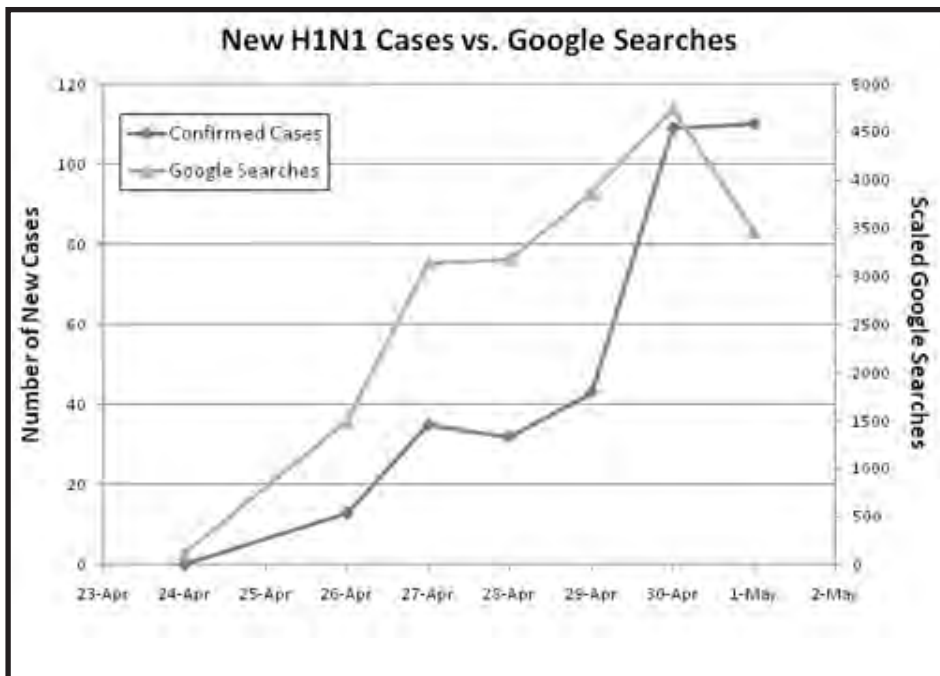
Chase McMichen
Freshman
Montgomery, Ala.

"I would be the sweetest drink they have, because I'm like that in real life."

Leon Sullen
Sophomore
Montgomery, Ala.



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American's grow more concerned as more cases of H1N1 are confirmed. Often, those suffering from the illness contract another illness in conjunction with the swine flu. tions be given the vaccine.

Questions or comments about the articles on this page?
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Four editors travel to Texas

By **JESSICA CASSERLY**
Editor-in-Chief

Four members of the Spire editorial staff travelled to Austin, Texas for the National College Media Convention on Oct. 28.

Kevin Hall, Sarah Hughes, Jenni Williams and Jessica Casserly travelled with Spire Advisor Justin Velten and director of Student Success Laura Velten for the four day convention.

Students from colleges and universities across the nation gathered to learn from academic and career professionals on topics related to media and journalism. "The opportunity to learn from successful editors, writers, and photographers supplied many new ideas that we will use to help improve the Spire," Hall said.

The environment provided an opportunity for students to attend lectures on various subjects including career advice, using new technology to enhance readership and writing for publications at

faith based schools. The convention also offered booths with various ideas for students and advisors to advance the quality and

more about the city of Austin and the historical, educational and recreational attractions it holds. The editors were able to

from this conference will help us as we work with the Spire and as we transition into the job market," said Hall.



JENNI WILLIAMS/Spire

Kevin Hall, Sarah Hughes, Jenni Williams and Jessica Casserly pause for a picture after dinner at Carmelo's Ristorante in Austin, Texas.

readership of their publications.

"I loved getting to see the other schools and appreciate the intimate campus here at Faulkner," Hughes said.

While on the trip, the staff also had the opportunity to explore and learn

visit the Texas State Capitol and the University of Texas campus.

The knowledge and experiences the students obtained will benefit them and the Spire during the remainder of their time at Faulkner. "I believe the tips and ideas gleaned

The Spire editor staff would like to take the opportunity to thank Dr. John Enloe and Dr. Dave Rampersad for providing them with the resources to participate in the 2009 National College Media Convention.

We need your ideas!

The Spire is looking for student input for future issues!

You can e-mail us at SPIRE@faulkner.edu, use our "Spire Idea Box" in the Rotunda, or check out our Facebook group!

World Mission Workshop continues to impact students

By **REBEKAH MARTIN**
Staff Writer

In the fall of 1961, Harding University hosted the first annual World Mission Workshop. Little did they know that 49 years later, the WMW would still be going strong or that it would have become such a well known seminar.

Last year, Faulkner University had the privilege of hosting the 48th annual World Mission Workshop, and this year it was hosted by Freed-

Hardeman University.

Freed-Hardeman's theme this year was "He Must Increase, I Must Decrease," and was attended by hundreds of people representing Christian universities from every corner of the country.

The purpose of the WMW has always been to provide an opportunity for Christians to learn more about spreading the gospel to the entire world with examples from missionaries themselves.

This year, attendees

heard from many missionaries who shared their expertise, including F.H. Gates, Jim Holway and Willie Franklin, who have all had firsthand experience with working in the mission field.

Christian colleges and universities from all over the country have been able to host the workshop, including Pepperdine, Lipscomb, and Oklahoma Christian.

Freshman Ashley Hackney was able to attend this year's World Mission Workshop and

had this to say about her experience. "World Mission Workshop allowed us to meet with other Christians from all over the country. We were able to see how the church is growing all over the world, and I think everyone left pumped about mission work. It was an awesome experience."

Some students who were involved in the planning and execution of the workshop last year that Faulkner hosted were also able to attend this year.

Austin Hardeman, a junior missions major here at Faulkner, was glad to be involved in the WMW this year as well as in the past. "God has used the WMW both times I have been, and I definitely plan to keep attending it whenever I can!"

Austin is interested in being involved in French missions, and was able to meet people also interested in it this year at Freed-Hardeman.

Many students from Faulkner were able to attend and learn more about the mission field and how to possibly become missionaries.

Next year, the workshop will be held at Harding University for its 50th anniversary, as it was the first time in 1961.

Words of Wisdom "What's Your Little Bit?"

Philip Baus, Sophomore Bible Major

It seems to me that the rich young ruler has gotten a bad rap. We try to smear his poor judgment at the end of his story, completely covering some of the positive traits he possessed, and thus frame him as a "bad person," or just an over-all negative figure in the Bible. Take a look at him in Mark 10:17 - The rich young ruler chases Jesus down the street and bows down before him! For being such an alleged bad person, the rich young ruler had a great level of respect for Jesus; after all, he did chase him down and bow in reverence. While you are there, take a look at what Jesus says to him when he asks Christ what he needed to do to attain everlasting life. Christ starts out by saying, "One thing you lack." Jesus did not say, "Well, son, you have a lot of work to do," or "you've got a long way to go." The word-on-the-street version would probably read something like "look, brother, you're only missing it by just a little bit." The way it seems to me is that the rich young ruler is a good, moral guy, who only missed pleasing God by a small amount. Is that not just like us? I know that while my life is not filled with binges of the seven deadly sins, I'm not perfect, and I'm more than willing to wager that you would say the same. The good news is that like in the rich young ruler's case, Jesus has outlined the way to fix our lives. Sadly, the rich young ruler obviously did not heed Christ's advice at the end of his story, for the Scriptures tell us in Mark 17:22 that, "He was sad at His word, and he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." We don't have to make this same mistake! Now I don't know what your "little bit" is that is holding you back and burdening your life, but I can tell you this: God understands! With His help and a little spiritual diligence on your part, you can do it, and continue to strengthen and build your relationship with God.

2009

Homecoming Court

Juniors

VICTORIA ELLENBURG



If I won a million dollars, "I think I would buy a house and give the rest to my parents."

MYRA TARRH

If I won a million dollars, "I would buy a lifetime supply of sour punch straws. They're my favorite."



Sophomores

EMILY GALLOWAY



Emily Galloway was not available for comment.

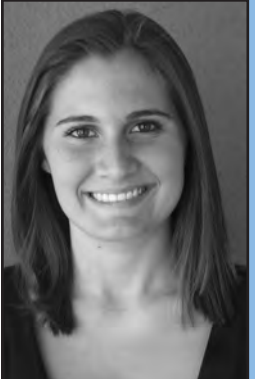
AMBER MOORE

If I won a million dollars, I would "pay for college, donate a large sum to Lads to Leaders, and visit Japan."



Freshmen

KELLY HILL



If I won a million dollars, I would "give half to the church and to people in need."

KATIE NIXON

If I won a million dollars, I would "use however much is needed to pay for school, I'd give some to the Adullam House and probably some other organizations like that, I would give some to my family and save the rest."



From the Editor



Jessica Casserly
Editor-in-Chief

As I write this editorial, I am sitting on the runway at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport returning from the Spire editor's trip to Austin, Texas for the National College Media Convention.

After a wonderful trip full of educational experiences, site seeing and delicious food, part of me is ready for more adventure and part of me is ready to go home.

For those of you who've flown before, you can probably relate to my current predicament. As the plane begins to make its way down the runway you're anxious to take off into the sky. However, it only takes one announcement over the speaker system to make everything come to a halt. "We're experiencing maintenance issues."

Now you're in a waiting game. Will the flight take off after a delay or will you have to completely change planes and wait for baggage to be transferred and passengers to re-board?

Life can give us similar challenges as well. We are faced with a delay or even a complete change in our plans.

As a planner myself, I'm not always thrilled to have my day turned upside down. However, as I get older I'm beginning to realize that these inconvenient adjustments are a regular part of life.

Whether a flight delay on the runway or transferring to a different school, all of us will face unexpected challenges and changes in our lives. The trick is learning how to accept them. It's something I'm still learning to do, but I have come to discover that if I trust God to work out the little interruptions that come along He can turn them into something better than I could have ever imagined.

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Paramore attracts Faulkner students and a much more annoying audience to show in Atlanta

By HALEY ITSON
Staff Writer

I am what you might call a music lover. I enjoy all types of music. Even more than that, I love concerts, from the graceful Montgomery Symphony Orchestra to the noisy band, Shinedown. I've seen most everything.

Most recently I decided to try a new venture, which I am going to call "The screaming teenage girl" genre. Little did I know the head splitting screams I would soon endure.

With all this in mind my crew and I headed to Atlanta, GA., to see the group Paramore at the Tabernacle. This involved some expensive tickets, "emo-style"

clothing, and a trip to "Jim Bob's Chicken Fingers" in Opelika Ala.

After about three and a half hours and some car - karaoke, we arrived at the venue, only to wait in a really long line in the cold rainy weather. We promptly realized that we were dressed appropriately and that we were definitely among the older fans present.

The doors finally opened and the line began to creep along. We got to the doors and the attendant scanned my ticket. We filed; okay, we ran, into the concert area on the lower level trying to get as close as possible to the stage. This was a little difficult, considering



the swarm of teenagers that insisted on pushing their way to the front.

I am not a mean person, but let it be known that pushing and shoving me and stepping on my feet is not going to fair well for those that dare try. I was 13 once; I remember the 98Degrees concert. It was exciting, but I didn't step on folks.

The bands were great. I got my boy Todd "Jonas number 2"

Blazer a drumstick, and my man Neil "bone-crusher" Scott a playlist from the band. The overall experience was awesome and I would surely do it again, but not in a hall packed with a bunch of "Teeny-Boppers".

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Primetime: Todd's Top 10 Tasties

Similar to many students here at Faulkner, I am a commuter which means I've been around Montgomery for a long time. I have lived here all my life and overtime I have constructed a highly criticized list of my favorite places to eat. Here they are:



10. Firehouse Subs- I am not a huge sub-sandwich fan, but if I had to choose one it would definitely be Firehouse.

9. Tomatino's is a great pizza place in the Cloverdale part of Montgomery. The only reason it is so low on the list is because I've only been there once.

8. FIVE GUYS is one of my favorite restaurants because they have awesome food, you can put hot sauce on your burger, and I got interviewed there for WSFA.

7. Peyton's Place- I have only been here a couple of times but their food is really good. Plus they have pretty waitresses.

6. Salsaritas is one of my favorite Mexican restaurants because I heard a quote there one time that sounded something like this, "Now that Glen Coffee is gone, aren't they gonna put in Julio Jones." Plus their food is really good. I think it is slightly better than Moes.

5. Hamburger King is one of the greatest hamburger joints in Alabama. It is in a really old building in downtown Montgomery that serves fresh cooked hamburgers and even has frozen Snicker bars that are awesome.

4. Country's Barbecue has one the best meal deals of all time. It is called the Mighty Fine. It includes a plate of barbecue, a side, and a choice of bread. The thing that make Country's even better is their sweet tea. My friend Walker Sloan describes it as euphoric. I can't wait to take Drew Phillips on a man date when he comes back from Greece.

3. Pizza Perfect is one of the best pizza places in Montgomery. Some may say that their pizza is greasy and that their buffet is nothing but cheese on saltines, but I think they are being misled. Pizza Perfect has the best sausage pizza according to Steven Daniel Pate (SDP), and I agree with him.

2. Yeung's Kitchen- Yes, I know. It is not listed as my favorite restaurant in Montgomery. Yeung's is THE best Chinese place in Montgomery that I have ever had the pleasure of tasting. The best thing about Yeung's is their egg rolls. I didn't like egg rolls before I started going there, but ever since I first ate there I just love them. I think lunch time is the best time to go there because it is really cheap. I usually get General Tso's chicken, an egg roll, and a Dr. Pepper and it only costs me FIVE BUCKS. If you go at night, utilize the \$2.99 special because it is the same price as lunch and it is usually pretty good. One last thing to remember about Yeung's is to NEVER GET THE TERIYAKI CHICK-EN.

1. Tenda Chick by far is my favorite restaurant. It is better than Jim Bob's, Zaxby's, and Guthrie's. At Tenda Chick they have many different items to choose from, you can even get catfish. There are many reasons that Tenda Chick is the best. They are: extra sauce is free, your food is brought to you, they have many side spices and sauces to choose from, you can trade your toast for an extra chicken finger, and you don't have to throw your trash away. Some people may not agree with me that Tenda Chick is the best chicken place, but that is okay. Everybody is entitled to his own opinion.

Have ideas for Todd? Email him at todd.blazer@faulkner.edu



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Two local Dalraida Church of Christ girls attend their Trunk or Treat dressed as Lincoln and Landon Taylor. Mary Beth Mulkey (left) and Kelsey Blazer (right) love their Faulkner Eagles!

My View: How to end an argument

By KELLY DIX
Staff Writer

Surprisingly, not everyone in this world agrees with everything I say. You may be just as shocked to learn that not everyone agrees with you, either. Fact is, no matter how right you and I are on an issue, someone will always be around to disagree.

I know what you're thinking, "Surely this wouldn't be the case at Faulkner University; everyone always gets along with everyone here!" On the contrary, my four years here have taught me this one fact, it is impossible to please everyone. Our unique experiences and backgrounds cause us to think differently about things. That's called perspective. Perspective, point of view, opin-

ion—these are the seeds of argument.

Now, these seeds in themselves aren't negative. There are many positive ways you can use your perspective to learn from and educate other people. However, there are a few irrational people in the world who use their perspectives and opinions to do nothing more than argue and stir up trouble.

Perhaps you've met an irrational person. They can be identified by illogical statements and their relentless need to be right. If you find yourself in such a situation where a person is merely trying to argue for the sake of being difficult, just let them go. Let them rant and rave and be as wrong as they want. Trying to argue rationally with an irrational

person will only make you one thing: irrational. To save your sanity and refrain from wasting your precious time and energy, walk away.

One of two things will happen, they will eventually learn that they are wrong the hard way or they will be wrong forever. So ask yourself, do you really think arguing with them will make any difference? Sometimes the only way to convince a person that you're right is to live by example, not by arguing.

Senior Kelly Dix is an English major who has done much for the paper. We would like to thank her for such hard work these past few years.

A Note from the Editor

My dad is one of those people who sends me ridiculously hilarious videos through email. However, a couple of days ago, he surprised me by sharing a pretty serious clip. I'm sure most of you know about the magicians/comedians Penn and Teller, but I was completely ignorant of the fact that Penn was an atheist, and a vocal one at that. The video my dad sent me was a video that Penn made discussing Christianity. Although I assumed it would be an anti-Christian video that would get me mad and fired up, it actually ended up being a slap in the face: one that I needed. Penn opened my eyes to something very important.

The video starts out talking about how a man had recently handed Penn a Bible. He says this was the first time any Christian had actually shown compassion to him rather than just sitting and trying to argue with him. He then, being a very bold and blunt man, expressed one point and drove it home: if we Christians believe in hell and if we believe it is as terrible a place as we say it is, and if we believe that you will go to hell unless you are saved, how in the world could we hate someone so much that we would not tell them about Jesus Christ and not try to save them from this place of torment?

Christians, when are we going to start walking the walk? When are we going to stop telling everyone what they are doing wrong and start showing them what is right? When are we going to start being so passionate that we can't stop talking about our Savior? When are we going to get fired up about God again? When are we going to stop lying to ourselves by telling people that we are Christians? When are we going to start loving others because He first loved us?

Let's stop hating. Let's start loving. Let's stop telling. Let's start showing. Let's be Christians.

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SPORTS

Faulkner dominates senior night

The soccer teams congratulate seniors in ceremony honoring their time at Faulkner

By **HOBSON ROBERTS**
Staff Writer

On Oct. 19 and Oct. 31, Faulkner University's men's and women's soccer teams gave their seniors another chance to shine by winning both of their senior night games.

Senior night is an event the soccer program puts on once a year to honor the hard work of the senior players at a ceremony either during or following a game near the end of the season.

Friends and family of the fourth and fifth-year students gather at senior night to applaud and support their friends at the nearing end of their collegiate soccer careers.

The women's team hosted their senior night event in a game against Spring Hill College at the YMCA Soccer Complex on Oct. 19.

The Eagles struggled for control in the first half as both teams fought for shots on goal. After a long-fought battle, the first half ended in a 0-0 tie.

The second half went just as hard as the first

half with skirmishes and turnovers up and down the field until senior Nikki Jagt scored off of a free kick near the 76th minute.

Faulkner was able to maintain the lead by reducing turnovers and keeping up defensive pressure, ending the game with a score of 1-0.

After the game, Faulkner fans joined their players on the field as Coach Jeff Ireland presented his seniors with kind words and tokens of his appreciation for their hard work.

A unique fact about the seniors on the team this year is that they are the first class ever to play all four seasons, as the women's soccer program was started four years ago.

The seniors honored this year were Emily Casey, Zina Gabriel, Shirley DeArmas and Nikki Jagt.

The Faulkner men's soccer team held their senior night on their new home field at Dalraida against Troy University on Oct. 31.

Troy put the game into motion by scoring



Keeper Austin White prepares to kick the ball downfield in the men's senior night game. The Eagles went on to defeat Troy 5-1.

the first point, but the goal was answered with two goals before the end of the first half.

The first goal was scored by Ale Padovese with an assist by Tyler Umstead; the second by Wilfred Mitchell with an assist from Padovese.

Three more goals were scored by the Eagles in the second half, but Troy could not return any.

Joey Gorman scored the third goal with another assist from fellow senior Padovese.

The fourth goal was put into the back of the net by Storm Denson. The final goal was scored with a header by senior Jeff Porter with an assist by Gorman to end the game with a score of 5-1.

The seniors honored at this year's senior night game were Ale Padovese,

Jeff Porter, Manuel Zapata, Joey Gorman, Trent Dotson and Tyler Dunaway.

Players graduating from both soccer teams will be missed next year, but the Eagles look forward to improving their program next season.

Congratulations to the soccer seniors of the 2009-2010 year!

Men's soccer falls to AUM in final home game

By **JENNI WILLIAMS**
Associate Editor

The men's soccer team faced crosstown rival Auburn-Montgomery in their final home game of the season on Wednesday. The Eagles fell to the Senators with a final score of 2-1.

The first half ended with Faulkner in the lead 1-0. Wilfred Mitchell had the goal with an assist from Munashe Boriwondo.

In the second half, countless goal attempts were stopped as Faulkner fought to keep the lead. With 20 minutes left to play, AUM's Arnar Thordarson tied the game at 1-1.

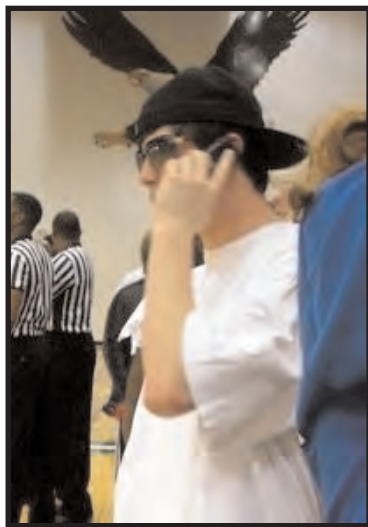
With five minutes left, AUM's Sveinn Jonnson put the winning goal in the back of the net.

Keeper Austin White had a remarkable game with 16 saves.

The Eagles enter SSAC conference tournament play today in a game at #1 Southern Poly. The game is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

Leave it to Phil...

By **PHILIP BAUS**
Contributing Writer



Let's be honest, tailgating is not always the easiest or the most feasible plan for your game day festivities. But the game is just not the same without the signature tailgate grub. Whether it's your inability to prepare a wicked steak kabob or concoct an impressive crawfish boil, I won't judge you. It's my aim this week to give you several alternatives to satisfy your game day dinner crisis.

Presenting Phil's Top Five Montgomery Game Day Restaurants:

5. Lek's Taste of Thailand: Whether you're in the mood for some outstanding "Supa Crunch Sushi" before the Faulkner game or just a quick snack before you attend the day long AUM Table Tennis Tourney, Lek's will be sure to not disappoint your Oriental taste buds!

4. Dreamland BBQ: With their new downtown location, there's nothing quite like a rack of ribs and a side of potato salad. And for dessert, Malvin Sanders's favorite pint of banana pudding will satisfy your sugar craving before the game.

3. Wishbone Café: Introduced to me by my good friend Neil Scott. Wishbone has reserved the title of "the bee's knees," with a widespread menu of Creole Cajun food, unmatched service, and, oh yeah, the best sweet tea in "the Gump." Wishbone is without a doubt an amazing choice for game day.

2. Hamburger King: Not be confused with his more famous, yet wimpy little kid brother Burger King, Hamburger King takes claim to best burgers in town, not to mention a sausage, egg and cheese sandwich that can and will kill. The only downfall is that they aren't open on Saturdays! Booooo!

1. Chris' Hotdogs: I'm just going to go ahead and say it's "the greatest hotdogs in the world, period." Chris' is pushing one hundred years of excellence, and is my favorite restaurant and top choice for its special cheese dog, world famous sauce, and the girl of every man's dreams, Mrs. E. If you want to take your game day experience to the next level, pick up a sack of Chris' dogs and, win or lose, your mouth will thank you.

Honorable Mention: Bogeys, Derks, Five Guys, Yeung's Kitchen, Jonn David's kitchen, the Faulkner Grill, Tomatinos, and Farmer's Market.

Catch you next week!
Love,
Phil

Questions or comments for Phil? Email him your thoughts at philip.baus@faulkner.edu and he will use them for future issues.

Women's basketball program expected

By **WILFRED MITCHELL**
Staff Writer

The introduction of the Lady Eagles Basketball team resurfaces as one of the hot topics on campus these days, and with the Eagles men's basketball team being one of the top teams in the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) in previous years, it is logical that the Lady Eagles may accompany in the near future.

November marks the beginning of a very eventful and exciting time of year as the basketball program hosts their first game at home against Mobile for the 2009/2010 season on Nov. 10.

Many will agree that the Eagles basketball program generates the most support and largest fan base. The Tine Davis Gymnasium, home of the Eagles men's Basketball program, provides a perfect atmosphere to enjoy the game of basketball.

The newly renovated facility was host to the National Champions in 2001 as Eagles basketball dominated the sport.

After lobbying for the past three years, the university decided to carry out the objectives of adding a women's basketball team to the list of sports at Faulkner.

However, it was the effort of school officials and athletic staff that worked hand in hand to

decide on the matter.

At times it seems unlikely that the university will add a women's basketball team, but hints about a possible Lady Eagles team have soon resurfaced.

Currently, school officials are taking applications from qualified coaches. Assistant

"You can expect [a] majority of the recruits from the River Region area."

- Hal Wynn

Director/Softball Coach Hal Wynn said, "You can expect [a] majority of the recruits from the River Region area."

Ironically, many traditional universities recruit the majority of their athletes from the River Region and surrounding areas as the area is deemed the breeding ground for many competitive athletes.

The athletic staff members now turn their focus on interviewing prospective coaches for the job as the end of October marked the discontinuing of accepting resumes.

Athletic Director Brent Barker explained, "I am in the process of taking resumes. We will continue through mid-November, and soon

thereafter we will begin the interviewing process with a committee and want to have someone named by Christmas.

This person may still be with his or her previous job, and if that is the case could join us immediately after their basketball season in early March.

The recruiting process will begin as soon as we name a coach, especially beginning in March, April and May. We will field a team and compete in the SSAC beginning in the fall of 2010."

Many believe adding a women's basketball team to the list of Eagles sports will ultimately promote the university name while encouraging female athletes to compete in varsity sports.

It will also add to the already growing student body as Faulkner moves in a positive direction towards diversity on campus and student life. Barker also emphasized, "Basketball was started to fulfill many requests made by our student body. We were also about the only SSAC school without women's basketball, and we want to add to our women's programs."

The introduction of the women's basketball team is set for the 2010 season.

Ideas for the Spire sports page?

Contact Sarah at sarah.hughes@faulkner.edu and see your ideas in print!

Here's your chance to impact your campus!