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Seniors attempt to relieve stress of graduating and finding jobs

By Katie O'Connell

Contributor

Three weeks before graduation, Trevecca's annual Senior Week gave seniors a last chance to play before they have to face life as a graduate.

The week of activities—some of which allowed all students to participate, some seniors only—is one of the last major events on campus before the end of the school year.

"It's kinda designed to be a 'Hey, you're almost done, here's a fun week until you get completely stressed out with finals,'" Jackie Winkle, senior class president, said.

At a time when soon-to-be grads are faced with finding jobs in a tough job market, they can take a night off and jump on inflatable castles.

This year's graduating class is in a little better shape than last year, according to some studies.

A report by the National Association of Colleges and Employers indicates that employers plan to hire 19.3 percent more



Jackie Winkle, Tommy Byler, Jake Resor and Derek Brinkman participate in the Senior Week event, Quidditch. (Photo by Jackie Winkle)

games and eat good food with friends was a welcome respite from the real world for some students.

The weather interfered with a couple of events,

out well, Kathleen Dunn, senior class social life director, said. The on-campus location actually allowed more students to attend.

Other events included Quidditch, adapted from the magical game of the Harry Potter books, a junior/senior night at Pump It Up, the annual junior/senior banquet, and a pancake lunch.

Most events had between 30 and 50 people at them, Winkle said.

Although it's meant to give seniors a break, the week's timing so late in the semester also meant that

many students had scheduling conflicts.

"I had too many classes," said senior Gabrielle Griner.

At this point in the semester, many seniors are just trying to survive until graduation.

"I'm just completely overwhelmed with everything I have to do," senior Jenny Carden said. After graduation, Carden is marrying and moving to Georgia, where she will look for a job.

Many seniors have not found jobs yet and are facing the prospect of moving home or having to settle for work outside their field.

Despite that, though, seniors are also ready for school to end once and for all.

"I really am ready to be done," Carden said. "I'm just ready to get through finals."

Tutoring for finals available for students in CLCS

By Alyssa Valletta

Contributor

Finals are coming up quickly, and to avoid stress, get some free help from tutors on campus.

The Center for Leadership, Calling & Service offers general workshops as well as individual instruction and exam prep. Some workshops focus on tips for taking the actual exam and others focus on how to prepare in advance to do your best on test day.

Students have a lot to do as it is, but if exams are cumulative, that adds more pressure, Gray said.

"I'd like to see [students] come sooner, so they utilize [our services] when they're not in stress mode," said Donna Gray, associate director of academic services at the CLCS.

Contact Gray to sign up for upcoming workshops or to be put on a tutor's calendar so the tutors can expect you.

Tutors are guides for students, and their goal is to help students see what they can achieve by themselves, Gray said.

Gray emphasized that studying is an active process, not just re-reading notes hastily before a big test.

"Studying for final exams begins the first day of class . . . It needs to be a pattern, a habit that students have worked on all semester long," Gray said.

Tips for Relieving Test Anxiety:

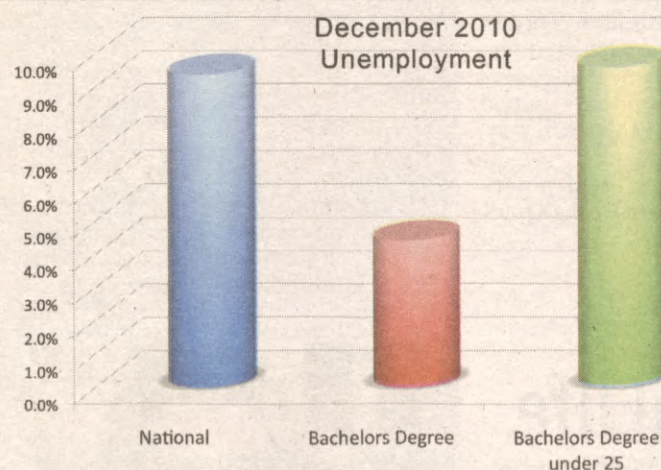
According to an article on collegecrunch.org, a college resource site, there are four ways to relieve unneeded stress on test day when studying beforehand:

1. Set a schedule. If possible, set a study schedule for yourself that lets you study well for the first one, then move on to studying for the next subject. Make each exam a priority as it comes up.

2. Prioritize. If you're doing poorly in a class, put extra effort into studying for its exam. Don't spend too much time studying for a class that you enjoy more or are succeeding in, causing you to neglect your weak subjects.

3. Condense your notes. In reviewing notes for an exam, condense information and remove things you know will not be on the test. Focusing on the important stuff will be easier this way.

4. Take a break. It's not best to study steadily for long amounts of time. Concentration and retention abilities are lowered during extreme stress, and study breaks can help this. Just don't stay in the relaxed phase the whole time.



graduates this year. Even so, the national unemployment rate still hovers at around 9 percent.

So the chance to play

including a seniors-only dinner with President Dan Boone and his wife, Denise. That was moved to Abba Java instead and worked

said.

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New leadership in admissions

Two new leadership have been appointed to the office of admissions, according to university press release.

Kathy Baugher will be serving as associate provost and dean of enrollment management. Baugher has worked in admissions and financial aid at Samford University and Belmont University for a total of 26 years.

Baugher earned her doctorate in higher education administration at Vanderbilt University.

Holly Miller will be serving as director of admissions.

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University bookstore to be outsourced

By Morgan Daniels

Editor-in-Chief

As administration continues to beautify campus on the outside, other areas are also getting facelifts and improvements, including the university bookstore.

Effective June 1, TNU's bookstore will be outsourced to Tree of Life, a Christian bookstore company based out of Marion, IN. Tree of Life started

at Indiana Wesleyan University, and has since spread to 14 other Christian universities, such as Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

David Caldwell, vice president of finance and administration, said plans for Trevecca's bookstore are still in the works, but book rentals and new merchandise will be a necessity for the new company.

"They have found that most students prefer to rent books for far less than buying and selling

them back, so they will provide rentals on every book for every class, except for workbooks," Caldwell said.

Prices for books will be comparable to prices on Amazon.com. Stephanie Rager, Tree of Life management coach, said by using the book rental program, prices could be 50-90% off of the price of a new book on Amazon. Although, the option of buying books will still be available, overall, students will save a lot of money and time by using the

rental program, she said.

"We've made a commitment to the university to provide books that are in good condition, where some of these are listed online—where it says acceptable—its probably not," Rager said.

Rager said the company's philosophy is based on the idea of bringing down prices on things that are necessities. Instead of the traditional model of high margins on books and lower margins on merchandise, Tree of Life's

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CAMPUS NEWS

Effects of "350 Campaign" on students

By Amy Taylor

Copy Editor

Finding a parking place on campus might be getting more difficult, but overall the campus could easily handle an additional 100 students, university officials said.

Parking, cafeteria and living space are the three critical areas that could be affected if the university meets its goal of recruiting 100 additional freshmen next fall, Steve Harris, associate provost and dean of student development, said.

For years Trevecca has had enough parking spaces for faculty, staff and students. Now parking is getting maxed out, and Trevecca officials are getting close to needing to expand parking, Harris said. "A lot is still yet to be determined until we actually see what the need is," Harris said.

But for next semester, the plan is to implement a \$150 parking fee per semester for undergraduate students.

Another area that could be affected

by additional students is space in the cafeteria, Harris said.

This is not a big concern for administration, however, because Trevecca's food service program is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

That means that the food service options around campus are not always packed full at specified meal times.

"Because [meal times are] more flexible, it allows us to make more use of the facility," Harris said.

Also, there is plenty of living space for additional students.

But if there continue to be 350 incoming freshmen in following years, residence hall space could eventually become a concern, Harris said.

Currently, there is no plan for the building of new residence halls.

One long-term option is to expand living space as needed in the University Terrace Apartments, which is currently housed by older or married students. There is a surplus of apartments not being used at this time, Harris said.

Another longer-term option is to work with Trevecca Towers. This has not been looked into, but Harris said that renting

a floor of the Towers would give Trevecca extra space.

Also, there are currently 56 percent female students compared to 44 percent male students attending Trevecca. Because there are more female students on Trevecca's campus than male, a concern is that if the number of males and females doesn't even out, the women's dorms will become full quickly, Harris said.

This year, the number of female applicants for the fall is up 60 percent compared to male applicants.

If at some point in the future there are more than enough females that can fit in the dorms and apartments, one idea is to move some of the males out of the male apartments and move females in, Harris said.

About three or four years ago, the number of undergraduate students living on campus was 74 percent, Harris said. This year, the number is just under 67 percent, which means that living space is not one of the greatest concerns at this time.

Some of the drop in percentage is due to the economy or students who are from Nashville choosing to live at home instead of on campus.

Senior Spotlights



Daniel Prosser

Major: Communication Studies
Minor: Art

What do you fear about graduating? I'm about to enter the real world, which until now seemed forever and a day away. I had a lot of fun in college, and it's sad when four years of life is over.

Why are you excited to graduate? No homework. I get to live off-campus (no random room checks, and it's always open dorms!).

How are you changed from the freshman you? I used to shop a lot, now I don't. I'm a recovering shopaholic. I used to think money grew on trees. Senior year, I now know it doesn't.



Lauren Boyer

Major: Psychology
Minor: Missions

What do you fear about graduating? Not having the social and spiritual community that is Trevecca. There's such a strong sense of community here; I'm nervous I won't have that again.

Why are you excited to graduate? I'll finally be getting to really pursue God's will for my life.

How are you changed from the freshman you? I'm much more confident in who I am. My call for missions has taken shape. I better know how to utilize my gifts.



Lindsey Harper

Major: Commercial Music

What do you fear about graduating? Starting on my own, by myself. I've been at Trevecca for five years, and it's scary to leave.

Why are you excited to graduate? Going to Belmont for grad school.

How are you changed from the freshman you? I'm more comfortable in my own skin, more confident in my own ability. Not as afraid to try new things.

Quidditch returns for Senior Week

By Katie O'Connell

Contributor

Students took to the practice field Wednesday afternoon with brooms, hula hoops and balls in Trevecca's second annual game of Quidditch.

The adaptation of the magical game from J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series doesn't let players fly on brooms or allow enchanted balls to zoom around, but students still managed to capture the spirit of the game by making it muggle-friendly.

The event, one of six Senior Week activities, was so popular in its inaugural year last year that organizers brought it back.

The three hoops used for scoring were hula hoops attached to the soccer goals on the practice field. The Quaffle, passed from player to player with the intention of scoring through the hoops, was a volleyball. The Bludgers used to hit players were Whiffle balls instead of the large, iron balls from

the books. The Snitch, originally a small, flying gold ball, was a yellow sock stuffed with small superballs for weight, dangling from the back pocket of a runner.

Play was simple: get the Quaffle in the hoops to score points; players hit with a Bludger must drop the Quaffle. Game play ended when the Snitch was

The game was open to all students, and senior class president Jackie Winkle said that Quidditch was one of the events that had to return as a senior week activity, based on the good turnout it received last year.

Players agree.

"It was a blast," senior Ryan Parker, a returning player, said.

Although Trevecca has only played one game a year, Quidditch has begun to catch on in other places. In 2005 it began as an intramural at Middlebury College in Vermont; in November 2010, the fourth Quidditch World Cup was played in New York City, attracting media attention and more than 10,000 spectators, estimated the International Quidditch Association.

Although Trevecca's game attracted less than 50 players and spectators, students hoped that the games will continue.

"See you next year," said sophomore Riley Wampler, a first-time Quidditch player.



Students playing the *Harry Potter* inspired game, Quidditch, during Senior Week. (Photo by Katie O'Connell)

caught. In the spirit of the game, all players must be straddling broomsticks while playing.

Making the switch from college life to real life

By Katie O'Connell

Contributor

With graduation just around the corner, seniors are faced with the reality of a post-college life. But are they prepared for life after college?

Most aren't, said Nicole Rabalais, coordinator for senior year programs in the Center for Leadership, Calling and Service.

Many seniors don't know what their next step is after graduation, whether it's getting a job, going to graduate school, moving home or something else.

Seniors don't feel that it's necessary to start preparing for life after college, because they plan to move home or take time to regroup. It's a generational feeling, and many parents are okay with their

children moving back home, Rabalais said.

Because of this, seniors often put off job searching, networking and other activities they should be doing in preparation for graduation, she said.

"They don't really think of it as graduating on a Saturday and starting work on Monday, while older generations definitely expected that," Rabalais said.

Instead, this generation thinks of graduating and then taking a few weeks off, so they don't start their job search earlier.

Not many people know what they want to do at the age of 22, said Amanda Grieme, director of counseling services. Seniors who come to counseling services are often stressed because they don't know what they want to do, or they haven't met the love

of their life, among other reasons.

"We don't always do a good job [dealing with] this time in life....It's exciting, but it's also really scary. It's normal to have fears and be afraid," Grieme said.

Tommy Byler, RD of the men's apartments and sponsor of the senior class, said that seniors are faced with suddenly having to deal with paying for insurance, utilities, rent and other responsibilities they had not faced before. Even as they face those challenges, Byler encouraged them to use resources available in order to prepare.

He suggested networking with people who are already out of college, such as people at church or parents. Anyone who has been in the same position is a good choice, he said.

To set themselves up

for success, seniors need to make sure they're prepared.

Successful seniors, Rabalais said, have been networking, interviewing and researching companies and jobs on their own. By now, seniors should have a complete resume and be applying to jobs. They shouldn't wait until the week of graduation to start.

Seniors who need guidance can see Rabalais or her coworkers in the CLCS to work on the essentials, such as networking, resumes or just to talk about grad school or job offers.

Counseling services are also offered free to current students.

Despite all the pressure, the end is in sight for the class of 2011.

"It's a stressful time, but an exciting time....It's a wonderful thing to not have homework," Rabalais said.

Trevecca faculty still working towards goal of 350 freshman in fall

By Amy Taylor
Copy Editor

As of last week, Trevecca is about one-third of the way to its goal of recruiting 100 more freshman to campus in the fall.

Right now the university has received 34 more application enrollment fees than it had this time last year. The enrollment fees are the best indicators that students are serious about coming to Trevecca in the fall.

For the past year the university has been working to add 100 freshmen to the enrollment for next year. The idea is that the existing infrastructure of the university could take on that many additional students without much need to expand campus facilities.

In the past six to seven years, the number of incoming freshman has been around 250. The addition of 100 more students would mean anywhere from \$1 million to \$1.5 million in addi-

tional revenue for Trevecca.

Because Trevecca is a school that pays most of its bill with tuition money, adding more students would mean being able to give faculty and staff annual raises and could mean other investments on campus.

Faculty and staff signed contracts this spring for next school year that do not include the 2 percent raises they have received for the past three years.

University officials said that if the enrollment goal is met, faculty and staff members would receive at least 2 percent raises, and new buildings and programs could be funded.

"It's all contingent on enrollment," David Caldwell, executive vice president for administration and finance, said.

Waiting to find out the number of students enrolled for the fall before deciding pay increases is something that many schools have decided to do in recent years, Caldwell said.

Caldwell said that he'd like to give everyone a raise, and he realizes that a lack of significant

raises could contribute to the loss of professors to other colleges offering more pay. He also wants to increase raises in order to continue attracting new professors to Trevecca's campus.

But at the end of the day, everything comes down to the number of students on campus.

"Higher education is totally based on enrollment," Caldwell said.

Trevecca officials will know over the summer if they have met the mark. They should have firm numbers by Aug. 1, Cantrell said.

"We're hopefully going to reach the 350 mark," Cantrell said.

Cantrell is hoping that the Nazarene Youth Conference in Kentucky this summer will help increase enrollment. The conference is estimated to have 5,000 to 7,000 youth, and admissions counselors will be there promoting Trevecca.

"Usually we see a spike when...NYC comes around during the summer. Hopefully we see a good surge come here," Cantrell said.

Also, as students get out of school and begin finalizing their plans for the fall, the hope is that the number of enrollment fees will increase.

As of April 15, the total number of applications received from freshman is 991—a significant increase considering that on July 31, 2010 the number of applications received was 959.

However, the number of applications is not nearly as important as the number of application deposits.

Prospective freshman are required to put down a \$200 enrollment fee to hold their spot. This is the number that is most telling of how many students will be attending Trevecca in the fall.

Admissions still has two-thirds of the enrollment deposits to be paid before reaching its goal.

Cantrell realizes that the goal is a stretch, but he is staying optimistic.

"Raising 100 students in a year's time is a pretty challenging goal, but we're hopeful that we can meet it or get close to it," Cantrell said. "Just because we

have under 200 [enrollment fees] right now doesn't mean we're not going to get a big surge coming up."

Often a large number of enrollment fees begin rolling in by May or June, Cantrell said.

In the meantime, Trevecca admissions counselors are getting out on the road, going to college fairs and spreading the word about Trevecca.

"Getting out and getting involved with programs has helped with the increase from last year to this year," Cantrell said.

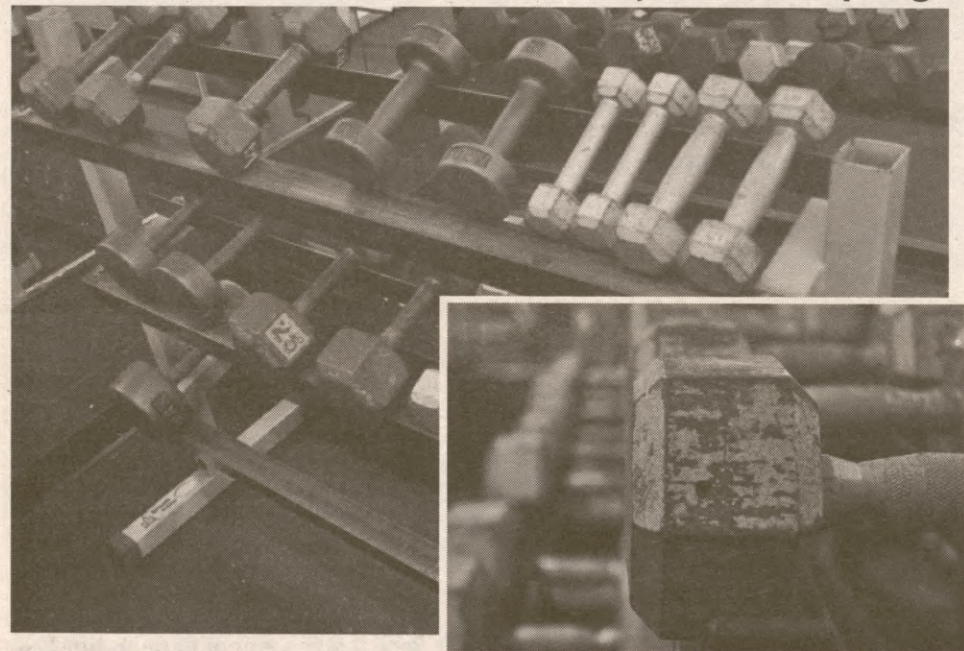
Recruiting students based off of majors has helped increase enrollment, as well. Trevecca officials are offering extra funding and scholarships for students interested in certain majors.

"We're trying to help out where we see [a major that] is a popular field," Cantrell said.

The journey hasn't been easy, though. The economy has had an effect on the campaign.

"It's been tiring at times," Cantrell said. "But, we're obviously seeing students apply that we've talked to out on the road."

Wellness center in need of major revamping



The cracked dumbbells in Trevecca's wellness center. (Photo by Alyssa Valletta)

By Alyssa Valletta
Contributor

On any given day, 50 to 75 people, not including athletes, attempt to share five treadmills, about 30 sets of cracked weights and the five working exercise bicycles available in Trevecca's wellness center.

If the wellness center was just meant for student use and health classes, it would be satisfactory, said Jared White, head athletic trainer.

However, 150 athletes, coaches, trainers, faculty, alumni, local police and fire departments use the facilities as well.

"I think the fitness center at most schools is a benefit... Here it's just like, 'this is all I get?'" White said.

One issue is that the center is the only training location available for athletes. With athletes' limited schedules and overlapping seasons, often several teams share the space while they train, which is typically in the afternoon.

"If you come down there at 3:00 in the afternoon, it's laughable," White said. "We can't make efficient use of time."

Robbie Wilson, men's golf coach and director of the wellness center, said the main issue is lack of space. There isn't any room for more equipment, and the equipment there is crowded. Wilson requires his team to spend four hours a week in the wellness center during winter, which becomes difficult when several other teams have the same training season.

Steve Harris, dean of student development, said when the wellness center was last renovated, the design was more for the student, not the student-athlete.

Harris also said part of the problem is space.

"Within our existing facility, there aren't many more directions we can go."

There is donated money to go towards equipment, but there just isn't space for it right now, he said.

Harris said the equipment was chosen based on student input and encourages current students to continue to give feedback.

One idea for the future is to fill in the pool and transform that space into just a training area, or half training area and half cardio equipment. Wilson, White and athletic director Brenda Patterson all agreed the pool area will most likely be used for more workout space in the future.

As far as the safety and reliability of the equipment, White said there is room for growth. The machines are not calibrated, meaning the treadmills may not actually be going five miles per hour, the equipment is "filthy" and there is not enough staff, he said.

Haley White, a rising senior on the volleyball team, said the equipment is not as safe as it should be, and the center should have more security.

There should be someone in charge of the center who can devote 100 percent of his time to overseeing the center, she added.

There is no concrete plan to change the wellness center, but it is apparent to the athletic department and administration that changes will need to be made soon to accommodate the needs of athletes and students.

"The need is there, and the administration sees that... It's just a matter of funding and time," Wilson said.

Wellness Center Inventory

- 5 treadmills
- 5 elliptical machines
- 6 exercise bikes (one currently not working)
- 1 Quadmill machine
- About 30 complete sets of racked weights—many are single weights without matches, laying on floor, not racked according to level, etc.
- Several sets of heavy weights
- 2 pull-up bars
- About 15 resistance machines—tricep extension, abdominal, chest press, leg press, etc.
- 3 updated TVs were available, but have been removed since fire last month

Olivet Nazarene University (2,500 students)

- Separate weight rooms for athletes
- 15 treadmills and large cardio workout space
- New student center being built, including bigger exercise facilities
- Paid staff position, usually student worker, present at all times

Mount Vernon Nazarene University (2,609 students)

- Separated weight room and cardio room
- 7 treadmills, 9 elliptical machines, 9 exercise bicycles
- Equipment in good condition/updated recently
 - Scan I.D. to enter
 - Student workers keep equipment in order

Eastern Nazarene College (1,075 students)

- Multiple rooms: free weights room, resistance machine room, smaller room with 4 treadmills, 2 elliptical machines, and 1 bike
- Hours: 5 a.m. to 1 a.m., Monday to Sat.; 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Sun.
 - Scan I.D. to enter
- Cleaned by facility workers nightly
- No issues with weights left on floor

Bookstore

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philosophy is based on lowering margins on books, and raising margins on merchandise.

"You don't have a choice to buy a textbook, but you do have a choice with what you wear," Rager said.

In terms of merchandise, Philip Goins, Tree of Life management coach, said the company uses brands such as Nike, Adidas and Under Armour. He also said the company puts a major focus on both university and trendy attire, creating a balance for everyone, while encouraging school color and spirit.

Currently, the university bookstore has a large children's section and is directed toward alumni, but Goins said that will soon change.

"I don't put a lot into kids. We will have a section for adult professionals on campus, but it's not going to be overwhelming. You guys come into our store everyday—those individuals don't," he said.

On April 21, several Tree of Life representatives interviewed the three full-time bookstore employees. The company only plans to hire one full-time employee, one part-time employee and several student employees.

"They utilize more student labor—I know they will be trying to hire more student employees," Caldwell said.

Caldwell said this new endeavor will have far-reaching implications for the university. By using Tree of Life, the university will save money on support staff and free-up around 32 hours a week in the accounting offices.

"Employees will focus more on customer service because everything else is done through the central office," Rager said.

Leadership

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She graduated from Trevecca in 1995, and has been working in product presentation for ePartners for the past 12 years. She has excelled in sales and leading and motivating other team members along the way.

Miller earned her MBA from Belmont University.

According to the press release, Miller will work part-time for Trevecca until July 1 when she will take on the job full-time.

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Well, it's that time again. Graduation is right around the corner, senior projects are past due, and my time as editor is coming to a close. This past year has been full of ups and downs, happiness and tears, but somehow, at the end of the day, the TrevEchoes always seemed to come together in a beautiful way.

When I think back on my time here at Trevecca and how this university has shaped me into who I am today, I remember the amazing staff that has supported me through my entire journey. As a freshman, I never thought I would become the editor-in-chief of the TrevEchoes, but it's because of hard work and encouragement that pushed me beyond my comfort zone, making me more confident, passionate and well-rounded.

Before the school year began, I had several goals for the newspaper—I wanted a brand new design, more quality content and better credibility and awareness on campus. With the help of my staff and the journalism department, we were able to

achieve all of these goals and then some. Hopefully, we created a student newspaper that you, the reader, are proud of. We know we are.

As the school year comes to a close, and my time as editor reaches its end, I think it's important to take a step back and acknowledge the hard work and effort put into the newspaper over the 2010-2011 school year. From the improvement of our sports section, and the cleaner, more crisp look of our front page, the TrevEchoes has taken a major facelift and has definitely come out a better newspaper all around.

A special thanks is deserved to my editorial staff that supported me and my vision throughout this entire year. Thanks to Adam Wadding and Amy Taylor for doing anything that I asked of them, and Tyler Whetstone for stepping up to the plate and making our sports section something the athletic department and university as a whole can be proud of. A very special thanks to Hayley Knowles for spending countless hours in the newspaper office with me, even when homework was due the next morning. You guys are great.

To the rest of the university, Katie Schimmelpfennig, the TrevEchoes editor-in-chief for the 2011-2012 school year, is going to do a phenomenal job. I am fully confident in her abilities and know she will serve this community well. Thanks for a great year TNU.

Sincerely,

Morgan Daniels
 TrevEchoes Editor-in-Chief 2010-2011

The Trevecca experience, feeling unprepared and graduating



The spring semester is coming to an end, which for most Trevecca students means a longing for summer vacation filled with a part-time job or internship to keep them busy.

But for some, the seniors specifically, it is a time of excitement, worry, and fear all mixed in one. They are entering the big boy (or girl) world and are

left to wonder if they will be able to survive through it all—and a more important question—Have these four or five (or six) years of college prepared me enough?

To be honest this is a very popular question among some Trevecca students who don't feel that the Trevecca experience prepared them for the world outside of the Christian bubble that became so familiar over the years.

Living on a Christian campus with strict rules prohibiting mistakes, sometimes the TNU college

experience may seem suffocating. Should the university shelter us from real world experiences that may save us some heartache in the future?

Or, although the experience seemed overbearing and annoying, will Trevecca leave an everlasting legacy on our lives that will provide us with the skills to handle situations in the future?

The main question though, is are we going to be mature enough and strong enough to handle the real world?

Other questions also come to mind.

Have the classes we paid for really taught us something we couldn't have learned on our own from Youtube?

Or has Google been more of a teaching tool than the classes we cram for the night before the test?

These are real questions that we have heard, and maybe even asked ourselves. The answers to these questions are unknown, at least until we experience the world after leaving college.

Whatever the outcome, we still know that Trevecca has provided a unique experience that will forever remain special in everyone's own unique way.

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 - Adam Wadding
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Gaining knowledge outside of the classroom

By Amy Taylor

Copy Editor

Graduate high school, go to college, get good grades, find a job.

This is what most of us are told to do. Of course, a college education is a must for most career choices, and students can learn a lot in college—if they try. Unfortunately, though, students' GPAs don't always matter at the end of the day.

According to a recent study, 62 percent of employers don't have a minimum GPA requirement when considering college job applicants. Because of this, sometimes it can be tempting to sit back, watch your GPA fall flat, earn your degree and find a job regardless of what your final GPA is.

Even if students do earn good grades in college, do students really learn anything? Going to college is equated to gaining knowledge about cer-

tain subjects; and, sure, students might spend a night cramming for an exam and are then returned a test with a big, red "A" plastered on it. But is the knowledge lasting or is it only "in one ear, out the other" as the saying goes?

What really makes a person learn is the desire to learn. Of course, our brains are meant to store information, and they are doing that 24/7; but, when we're not in the classroom and even when we are in classroom, our brains are not always wired to listen, question and absorb knowledge. We go to class and are constantly pummeled with facts, figures, dates and ideas. We take notes, make flash cards and attempt to memorize the information, but why?

Why are students really in college? If the answer is that they are only in college to obtain a degree so that they can get a well-paying job, they are doing themselves a disservice. Landing a job is important, of course, but what

is even more important is feeding our brains with lasting, meaningful information that will further us in all areas of our lives.

If people really want to learn, they can learn not only in the classroom, but also in their daily lives. Do some research on your own, read books, learn about the history of this country outside of the classroom. It's the truth that matter, and if we don't stop accepting all the facts that are fed us without checking them for ourselves, there will never be any real progress.

Students should never blindly accept what textbooks, teachers and classmates say. We were given brains to learn, not just to listen to what others have to say about topics. We should be willing and eager to investigate and acquire knowledge on our own.

Learn because you want to learn, learn because you're meant to learn; don't "learn" just to get a piece of paper at the end of your college career.

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OPINION

Nostalgia and animated movies, stories for all ages

By Todd Osborne
Staff Writer

You've probably heard that animated movies are meant for kids and the parents who are forced to watch them. While that's true, I am here to tell you that not all animated movies are created equal.

Obviously, many animated movies rely on nostalgia to keep their worth high—films like *Aladdin*, *Lion King*, and *The Little Mermaid* are movies that many people of our gen-

eration love, not because we recently saw them and thought they were awesome, but because we watched them when we were kids and thought they were the best movies ever. The nostalgia factor is what keeps these movies relevant, but the question remains: what about today's animated movies?

We often lament the fact that kids today may never know about *Rugrats*, *Doug*, *Lizzie McGuire*, and other television shows that we loved as kids. We also tend to denigrate the shows the kids these days

are watching, but do their movies stack up against our old favorites? Let's take a closer look at a few recently released animated movies.

As the reigning king of all things animated, Pixar can't really fail when it comes to making movies that are entertaining for both children and adults (whether young, middle-aged, or old).

Last year's *Toy Story 3* is no different. As a sequel coming more than ten years after *Toy Story 2* and an incredible 15 years after the original broke new boundaries in the world of

animated movies, *Toy Story 3* falls into the same category of nostalgia as most animated movies that our generation enjoys.

The brilliance of the *Toy Story* trilogy is that they do not pretend as if nothing has changed since the previous movie. The beauty of *Toy Story 3* is the way that Andy has grown and matured along with the audience that first watched the movie. *Toy Story 3* relies more on brilliant storytelling than most sequels, and the result is a moving and heartbreaking look at what it means to grow up and

move on with your life.

There is something to be said for other animated movies that have recently been released as well. Movies like *Tangled* and *The Princess and the Frog* harken back to classic Disney princess tales, complete with musical numbers and the realization that the princess had everything she needed within her the whole time.

These movies may seem less great when compared with classics like *Beauty and the Beast*, but that may be because they are not being seen through

the lens of nostalgia.

Finally, a movie like *How to Train Your Dragon* can resonate with people of all ages because it is smart and original, and that is something the world will always appreciate, regardless of the art form.

Movies are important, and animated movies show us things about the world we live in that are no less true for being, oftentimes, impossible. When we open up our minds to the world of movies like *Wall-E* or *Up*, we often find that the characters aren't so different from us after all.

COUNSELING CORNER: Acceptance



I have noticed a recent theme surfacing in my work with students: acceptance. It seems that we are all longing for it, but oftentimes have a hard time giving it to others. It makes me wonder why we are so hesitant to accept others and so quick to judge, assume, etc. Here's what I've come up with:

The longing for acceptance starts with our families when we are growing up. If we feel accepted and loved by our parents, we are more apt to excel in our friendships, academics, and extra-curricular activities. As we get older, the acceptance of our families is still important, however the acceptance

of our peers is even more pronounced. So, in college, the need for acceptance is even more pertinent. Yet, in college, people tend to be more insecure (due to transitions and adjustments that are just part of the experience) which leads them to being less accepting and more judgmental. See the circular pattern? We feel unaccepted, so we are insecure, so we judge others, and they feel unaccepted, feel insecure, and just others. A vicious cycle, that leads to wounds and broken relationships.

What should we do with this pattern? It's really easy, yet so difficult. Love each other. We all have bumps and bruises, idiosyncrasies, flaws, and many, many strengths. By only focusing on our differences, we build more walls and create more wounds. If we have the humility and courage to love each other for who we are, then we may receive more love and acceptance in return. This vulnerable loving does require a risk, which sometimes is very scary and uncomfortable. I encourage you to take a risk, to let your guard down, and to venture into the territory of acceptance and love.

Dr. Amanda Grieme

Required Reading: *The Wild Iris*

By Todd Osborne
Staff Writer

Many people think that books, especially literary fiction, are a dying breed these days, in the same way that well-made, scripted shows are being passed over in favor of reality TV. If that's true, then poetry must be considered—by the general population at least—a rotting corpse whose hide has been stripped by high school (and college) students being forced into reading Shakespeare, Coleridge, and Frost. For those who wish to go deeper and truly devour a good collection of poems, look no further than Louise Glück's seventh collection of poems, *The Wild Iris*, first published in 1992.

In *The Wild Iris*, Glück explores notions of aging, death, rebirth, and God in poems about (and often spoken by) various flowers and weeds. Glück uses these flower-narrators as well as the movement from day to night and spring to winter as symbols throughout the poems for the cycle of life: the struggle of growing old



and impotent, the inevitability of change and death. Yet she imbues these poems with the same spirit that makes life worth living, a spirit not necessarily of hope but of resolve.

Several of the poems in the collection are prayers to some god—a version of the same God that the poet herself does not believe in—and even that god's response to the poet. Although Glück is not a believer herself, she is able to talk about faith in an open and honest way that can be enlightening for any strong believer. Her poems are not devotional in nature; they can be filled with warm and uplifting praise for God, or they can be accusatory, often inflammatory questions pointed directly at God—or more precisely, her idea of what God must be like.

Not a book for those who simply want to read something beautiful, neither is *The Wild Iris* un-beautiful.

Instead, it is both: a probing look into the unexplainable beauties of the world in which we live, and an assertive questioning of why they must all pass away. It is a book of poems that any lover of poetry should enjoy.

Letter from the Associated Student Body President, exiting the year

By Jalaine Lindsley
Student Body President

Every year marks a new SGA: with new members, new ideas, new goals, and new passions. And every year marks a new student body: with new members, new ideas, new goals, and new passions.

When I began to fulfill my role as ASB President one year ago, I did so rooted in a foundation built

on heritage, progress, and community. Those three values have been the guiding principles of this past year—for me personally in my role, and, by extension, for SGA as a whole.

This year, we have done our best to uphold the values and traditions of the SGAs and student bodies that have come before us, while also, continuing to grow and move forward. And, finally, through it all, we have done our best

to keep our community in mind in all that we do.

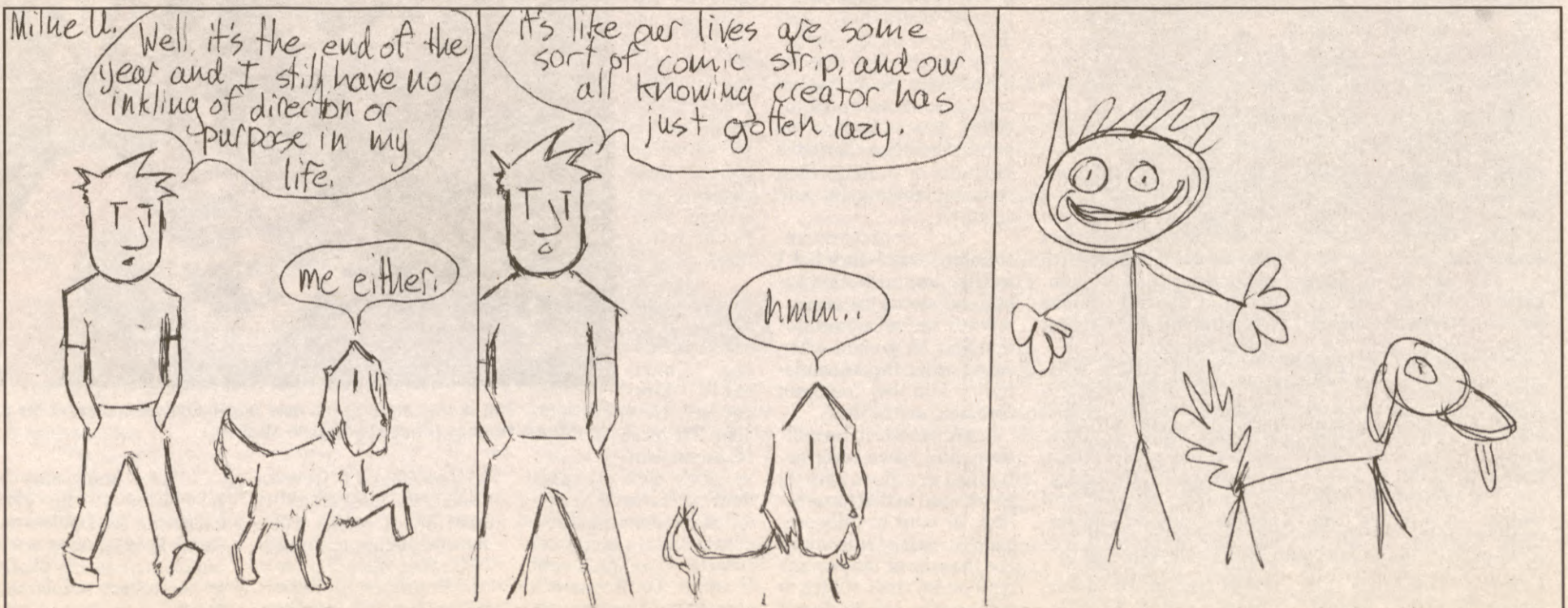
As a result, this year has seen a strong SGA that has been motivated to serve and committed to making our school an even better place. Because of their hard work we have been able to steadily move forward over the past nine months.

The following are just a few of the achievements and successes of the 2011-2012 school year: a revised

and approved ASB Constitution, new events such as the Ski Trip and Six Flags, a review of the current apartment visiting hour policy, the successful execution of traditional events such as Songwriter's Challenge and Junior-Senior Banquet, an increased level of transparency and the conduct of more efficient administration, as well as involvement in school-wide changes such as the cafeteria updates and the NCAA

application. Yet, overall, I would argue that our greatest success was our cohesiveness as a team. In the end, we have managed to both enter and exit the team as friends. And that is definitely something to celebrate.

As this year's team comes to an end, with many of its members moving on to new things, a new team comes into its term of service. Therefore, this time is a time of excitement—a time where graduating seniors move out into a new world, equipped with dreams, goals, and passions; and a time when incoming students and student leaders look forward to a few months of rest so that they may be equipped with new dreams, goals, and passions for the school year ahead. As we all know, this is the time when the baton is passed. And that, too, is definitely something to celebrate.



FEATURE

Trevecca strives to 'go green' by purchasing baby chicks and farmland

By Jordan Taylor
Contributor

From cars to light bulbs to water bottles to guitar strings, environmental sustainability has swept across the nation bringing transformation to seemingly mundane activities in the hope of a greener tomorrow.

Trevecca is no exception.

This year, Trevecca has started a series of green initiatives to reduce the university's carbon footprint. With a newly acquired biodiesel machine, three-day-old chicks and land for an urban farm, Trevecca's aspirations to be more environmentally sustainable are reflected both on and off campus.

Trevecca's greenhouse has always been cramped. Its three-story aquaponics system dwarfs the small structure and every plant imaginable is draped over anything that isn't moving.

"We can grow a lot of different things [in the small space]," Jason Adkins, environmental projects coordinator, said.

Despite the abundance of zealously growing produce, a spacious, three-acre area of land near Trevecca's campus was recently acquired and is being used as urban farmland.

"Part of our environmental initiative as a Center is to provide healthy foods for local communities, and part of that is creating a farm," Jamie Casler, director of the Center for Social Justice, said.

The land will be used to grow food, marketed towards Trevecca, Pioneer and the surrounding neighborhoods. Students will be in charge of bringing the food to the community through a mobile market. Adkins said he wants this project to be an educational business model that will incorporate people from all majors.

Back over Trevecca's fence, the now 120 adolescent chicks are comfortably huddled amidst sawdust. Purchased this spring, the organic and free-range eggs from these chickens will be sold to both Trevecca and its community, including Chestnut Hill and Pioneer, as well as up-scale restaurants around Nashville.

The proceeds will go directly into supporting and expanding Trevecca's urban farm.

Adkins said he estimates the 120 chickens will produce 500 eggs a week, equating to a possible \$200 a week profit for the Center.

The chickens will begin laying eggs in late August.

Next to the half-chirping, half-squawking chicks, a \$1,200 biodiesel machine silently sits.

Purchased in 2010 spring semester, this machine is an educational tool for the environmental justice majors to learn about biodiesel production.

This fuel alternative can be made from used vegetable oil and animal fat, costing merely 38 cents per gallon to produce. It can be used in most diesel engines, including the one's on campus.

Adkins' plan is for students to turn used vegetable oil from the cafeteria into fuel for Trevecca's diesel trucks and machinery.

Through the chickens, urban farm and biodiesel production, Casler said he wants students from all majors to train themselves in environmental stewardship for future use.

"It's not just us doing it as a university, but these are educational tools to train students in learning techniques and replicating them down the road," Casler said.

The TrevEchoes has partnered with the Micah Mandate, a magazine published by the Center for Social Justice, to highlight some of the ways Trevecca is going green.

Social Justice Program purchases biodiesel machine

By Rachel Swann & Jordan Taylor
Contributors

Soon students at Trevecca will have a new way to get a hands-on learning experience.

Last spring, the J.V. Morsch Center for Social Justice purchased a biodiesel machine that will convert used vegetable oil and animal fat into biodiesel fuel for campus vehicles and machines.

Benefits of Biodiesel

- Can be used in most diesel engines
- Lower carbon emissions than petroleum diesel
- Emissions are less harmful for humans and the environment than other gasoline fuels
- One of the lowest costing fuel alternatives available

A trailer beside plant operations is being converted to have a classroom-like atmosphere, complete with windows, carpet and desks, where students can learn about biodiesel production in an educational setting.

"It lends itself to science on display," Glen Linthicum, direc-

tor of plant operations, said.

The machine was purchased by the Center for approximately \$1,200 and will produce the biodiesel at only 38 cents per gallon.

The cafeteria will donate its oil waste to help the production of this environmentally friendly fuel alternative.

Jamie Casler, director of the Center, and Chris Farrell, director of medical technology and professor of biology and environment, found the machine and made the buy with the intention of a student-lead production of both biodiesel and items from its by-products, such as soap.

"Jason Adkins (environmental projects coordinator) and Chris Farrell will be leading the initiative (with their classes)," Casler said.

The process will result in usable fuel for some of the trucks and machinery plant operations use. However, Linthicum said he will continue use of regular diesel fuel until there is a sufficient supply of biodiesel.

Officials hope to finish plumbing and other installation details and to start producing the biodiesel by the end of April.

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Jason Adkins and Alyse Gibson caring for produce in the greenhouse. (Photo by Jordan Taylor)



Organic plant pots made of eggshells in the Trevecca greenhouse. (Photo by Jordan Taylor)



Jason Adkins hanging a potted plant in the greenhouse. (Photo by Jordan Taylor)



Potted plants and produce in the Trevecca greenhouse. (Photo by Jordan Taylor)

President Dr. Dan Boone releases controversial book: Civil Discourse

By Rejane Migliore
Contributors

Homosexuality, ordination of women, war, alcohol and politics are just a few of the issues Trevecca President Dan Boone tackles in his latest book.

"Charitable Discourse," Boone's 6th book, was released March 1, 2011. The 192-page book is a collection of reflections on issues that divide Christians.

"I think one of the best ways that Christians bear witness in the world today is by daring to go into complex issues in the right spirit and attitude, having conversations in the middle of those complex issues," Boone said.

The idea for the book came from living with students on Nazarene campuses for 25 years.

The presentation page shows that he is guided by Augustine's and Wesley's counsel: "In Essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, love."

"Charitable Discourse" is divided into three sections. "Jihad in the Church - The Art of Labeling," "The Issues that Divide Us, such as Women

in the Biblical Church and Homosexuality," and the last section discusses how to move forward, using the Doctrines of the Trinity to move our lives forward "The More Excellent Way - Good Old-Fashioned Individual Responsibility." For Dr. Boone, the book serves as a legacy to the students and faculty of Trevecca and the Nazarene community.

"You are not a generation willing to just say, 'well okay', and go away with your questions. You are a generation that continues to press, press and press. You are a generation that wants vibrant conversation to be happening where you live, where you think. You want professors who actually engage with you in things that are complex and difficult," Boone told students in a recent chapel sermon.

Seven issues written in the book were also presented in past chapel sessions: social drinking and alcohol, sexual ethics, homosexuality, the emerging church, religion and politics, religion and science and the ordination of women. At the end of a chapel session, Dr. Boone opened the floor for ques-

tions. Two of the questions presented were as follows:

Q: What would you say the percentage since you released the book would be the positive and the negative?

A: A lot of young pastors have contacted me and said, "Thank you. This lets me bring up topics within our church for discussion, that if I had brought it up, people would have suddenly been on the defensive, but the fact that we now have a book that we can sit down and read together, lets us start at the point of having a charitable discourse on it, rather than start by labeling for and against."

Q: I respect you encounter these issues but I feel like administration has been not doing the same... recently we had a professor that was let go and when asked why, the administration said they could not comment on the issue

A: We live in "at will" state, and when termination occurs, if we seek to give reason to that termination, we must be fully prepared to defend it in court. For the sake of the person's reputation, their ability to seek another job, we do not

seek to give causes for termination.

"The complexity of our world today is very serious and the kinds of ethical issues that are out there require thinking people, very committed people, people who have a span of understanding the ancient past and the future that we are moving into and [who] have a passion of how to somehow connect those two in a very faithful way," Boone reflections.

Dr. Dan Boone is the author of six books including "Charitable Discourse". He is also Trevecca Nazarene University's eleventh president, a featured speaker for many denominational events and a regular contributor to religious publications. Dr. Boone is an alumnus of Trevecca, has a

Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois.

Before being elect-

the nurturing and development of young people in their preparation for service. He is married to Denise, and they have three daughters and four grandchildren.



President Dan Boone signing his new book, *Civil Discourse*, at his recent book signing. (Photo By Rejane Migliore)

ed president of Trevecca Nazarene University in 2005, he served as a pastor of churches in Raleigh, N.C.; Nashville, Tennessee; and Bourbonnais, Illinois, maintaining his interest in

The book may be purchased at the TNU bookstore for \$15.99 + tax (total \$17.97), or at www.amazon.com. All profits go to student scholarship funds.

FEATURE

Greenhouse and urban farm land contribute to fresher food in caf

By Rachel Swann & Jordan Taylor

Contributors

Trevecca students can now fill their plates in the cafeteria with fresh, organic and locally grown produce. The TNU greenhouse and Pioneer Catering Services have partnered and now plants from the greenhouse will be used regularly as ingredients in meal choices.

Jason Adkins, environmental projects coordinator, Chris Farrell, director of medical technology and professor of biology and environment, and John Ferris, Pioneer executive chef, have planned a partnership between Trevecca's greenhouse and Pioneer catering.

"As the program expands, I'll buy more from him (TNU)," Ferris said. "I'm willing to buy just about anything they can give us."

Trevecca's campus is currently stocked with fruit trees, chickens, tilapia and a greenhouse crammed with a variety of herbs and vegetables.

Some produce has already been grown and sold to Pioneer, such as basil and lettuce.

Though Pioneer has purchased only 9 lbs. of salad greens, lettuce is

just the beginning.

The big picture is that Pioneer will be a supporter of Trevecca's urban farm by eventually purchasing 50



Arianna Welch and Alyse Gibson planting in the greenhouse. (Photo By Jessica Jean Justice)

quired farmland.

An empty lot near Trevecca's campus has just been tilled for planting, it's use donated to Trevecca by Richard Perkonson, owner of Perk Enterprise, in early April.

"He is a friend of the university and wanted to see it put into use, because all he was doing was mowing it," Adkins said.

Over an acre of land will be used to grow a wide variety of food, which will then be sold directly to Pioneer and to the local community through a mobile market run by students.

Adkins, along with volunteers, will tend the garden over the summer with help from Hands on Nashville.

The farm's function is not only to provide organic, local food, but also to educate Trevecca's students and neighbors.

It will take 10 to 20 years to be fully developed, all the while producing usable goods. Because the produce will be sold, the farm will be self-sustaining.

"It is a way for students to explore their vocation in a tangible way," Adkins said.

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percent of their fresh produce directly from the greenhouse and newly ac-



The urban farm land purchased by the Social Justice Program at Trevecca. (Photo By Chris Farrell)

Trevecca buys baby chicks, only Nashville university to produce organic eggs on campus

By Jordan Taylor

Contributor

Nestled comfortably between a bed of straw and overly zealous heat lamps, a chorus of chirping chicks delicately chimes "hello" amongst the roar of Plant Operations.

Trevecca's J.V. Morsch Center for Social Justice is in the process of purchasing 120 3-day-old chicks to eventually sell organic eggs to the cafeteria and local food markets.

These chickens reflect Trevecca's newly hatched sustainability efforts, including an organic greenhouse, newly planted fruit trees and the purchase of a biodiesel machine.

Jason Adkins, environmental projects coordinator, is coordinating efforts for Trevecca to be faithful in environmental stewardship, both on campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods.

"We're trying to serve the neighborhood through these garden initiatives and creating food access, and the eggs are part of that," Adkins said.

The chicks are being fed an organic feed mixture

of corn, wheat, and other small grains. Adkins purchased the feed from a local organic farmer in Orlinda, a small town located about an hour north of Nashville.

This is the first time in more than 60 years that Trevecca will house an

outside in late August, enclosed in a pen near the Plant Operations building. Once the enclosure and coop are built, the chickens will cost roughly \$25 a week to feed and maintain.

Adkins said he estimates the 120 chickens will produce 500 eggs a week, equating to a possible \$200 a week profit for the Center. The money will be used to support and expand Trevecca's urban farm.

The Center plans to work with customers' budgets, giving Pioneer Catering, Trevecca's catering company, a cost effective

be able to participate in the chicken care.

"It's not just us doing it as a university, but it's also an education tool to train students in learning techniques and replicating them down the road," Casler said. "This project is open to the whole university, anybody who wants to learn these skills: faculty, staff, as well as students are welcome to join in the effort as well."

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Interesting facts on the chicken breeds at Trevecca

•Leghorns: If you buy white eggs from the grocery store, they're most likely from this breed.

•Barred Rock: the first breed commercially used for meat.

•Rhode Island Reds: this chicken is Rhode Island's state bird.

•Buff Orpingtons: this breed has a very laid-back personality and makes a great family pet.

•Cuckoo Murahs: this breed lays deep, dark red eggs.

•Red Sex Links: a crossed breed of chicken whose sex is determined by it's color.

•Production Reds: this breed can lay over 300 eggs a year.

•Ameraucana: this breed lays blue and green eggs, called the "Easter Egger."

alternative to their Sysco supplier while charging the higher end customers the full market value of \$5 a dozen, Adkins said.

Jamie Casler, director of the Center, said he's anticipating students will be able to learn practical skills through this project. Students from all majors will

eight-breed assortment of chickens, Adkins said. While other college cafeterias serve organic products, Trevecca is the only Nashville university to produce organic eggs on their campus.

"Because we are a campus over 20 acres, we are exempt from city restriction on farming," Adkins said. "So that's exciting—we could have cows."

Though currently incubating indoors, chickens will soon be free to range



Nearly 100 baby chicks now live in a trailer in front of plant operations. (Photos By Jessica Jean Justice)



Jason Adkins, new environmental projects coordinator

By Jordan Taylor

Contributor

Some men fight with fists, many use shouting. Others fight with silent protests or self-help tapes, but Jason Adkins, environmental projects coordinator, fights with his very green thumb.

Adkins is a mad gardener with a passion to bring environmental sustainability to Trevecca and its neighboring community, Chestnut Hill, where he lives with his wife, Stephanie, and their five children.

Partnering with Chris Farrell, professor of biology and environment, Adkins has helped create community gardens in Trevecca's greenhouse and newly acquired farmland, Chestnut Hill and his friends' backyards to help combat apathetic gluttony and physical and spiritual isolation.



Q: What brought you to Trevecca?

Adkins: Well, my life in Chestnut Hill and the work of the Center for Social Justice were linking up naturally, and that lead me to be able to work with the university in a full-time capacity.

Jason Adkins (Photo courtesy of the university in a the marketing department)

Q: What does an environmental projects coordinator do exactly?

Adkins: My job is a hybrid; it proceeds across both the physical care of the university, as it pertains to sustainability, and the academic side where I am working with students inside the classroom. I am teaching in the Center and trying to coordinate sustainability projects on campus, such as not using so many chemicals in the lawn care.

Q: As the first environmental projects coordinator, what are your personal plans for Trevecca?

Adkins: I would like for us to plant hundreds of fruit trees around campus to provide food for the campus and surrounding areas, save a lot of money in energy efficiency and just create beauty through edible landscaping. Through the kind of initiatives we are doing, we hope Trevecca will be engaging in its neighbors in a healthy Christian way and be attracting new students who are hoping to study in a place where sustainability is embodied and taught.

Q: What accomplishments would you like to see at Trevecca in the next 10 years?



Jason Adkins teaching students how to garden. (Photo courtesy of the marketing department)

Adkins: We'd like to see 50 new environmental justice majors, we'd like to be growing food year round and supplying 50 percent of the cafeteria's vegetable needs, we want Trevecca to be a name associated with good news for our neighbors and then for the Trevecca community and its neighbors to have completely different food options than they have today.

Q: What is your favorite part about gardening?

Adkins: My answer would be the way gardening can bring together a community of people who have little else in common, and I also like to say that by gardening together, we get a taste of freedom by taking back the production of one of our basic necessities of life.



By Tyler D. Whetstone
Sports Editor

It is safe to say that the past two years have been two of the most tumultuous yet optimistic years for Trevecca's athletic department in the past few decades.

It has been a well-documented undertaking. Trevecca, a part of the NAIA for 43 years, has, for the previous two, been edging towards being accepted into the NCAA Division II.

Last July, Trevecca's first NCAA bid fell short because of a miscommunication between the two parties and the need for Trevecca's newest sport, cross country, to have a year of competition under its belt.

Those races have been run. Trevecca decided to begin its application process again.

This time, Trevecca hired

two consultants who have successfully walked several other schools through the NCAA process.

With their help, and the experience gained from going through the process a year ago, athletic director Brenda Patterson and others involved believe Trevecca will be successful this time around.

The NCAA however, is a complex organization with complicated requirements. Many things must still happen in order for Trevecca to one day be playing in the NCAA.

First of all, it must be accepted.

The NCAA is only choosing eight schools to move to the DII level this year. Trevecca is one of 22 of those schools applying. The list is mostly made of NAIA and DIII schools attempting to move up.

"I think it would be fair to say that we're probably not in the top four. I'd say we're somewhere sixth, seventh or eighth," said Patterson.

One of the many requirements of the NCAA for applying schools is for them to already have a DII conference accept their university. That way, once accepted into the NCAA, they will have

a home and a conference with teams to play.

Trevecca has found one. DII's Gulf South Conference is undergoing reconstruction and is in need of up to six schools. The heads of the conference visited Trevecca April 12 for a tour and are strongly considering the Trojans.

"We feel like [the Gulf South] is a very important piece to our puzzle going into application," said Patterson.

The Gulf South stretches from Arkansas to Florida. It expands much further than the Trojan's current conference, the TranSouth, and has colleges from six different states.

"Most of the schools in the Gulf South are public universities with 13,000 or more students," said Patterson.

It would be a large step for Trevecca, but a possible one since the Gulf South needs to rebuild.

However, there are still possible reasons why the Gulf South would deny Trevecca.

"The buzz word is football. If we had football today we wouldn't have a problem getting in [to the Gulf South] probably," said Patterson. "The university obviously has got to take a look at that for a future addition. Once

we get to 1200 students or more, then we would get to a feasibility study to look at football."

The Gulf South Conference can accept Trevecca, however, and the NCAA still say no.

For now, it is a large waiting game. The NCAA application is due June 1, and they will not rule on their decision until mid-July.

If trying to move to the NCAA wasn't enough, Patterson, the leader through much of this process, will not be able to see the fruition to DII as acting athletic director.

Patterson was removed from her position March 4. She will remain as athletic director until her contract expires June 30, before the NCAA will rule.

For now, Steve Harris, associate provost and dean of student development, is accepting applications and does not know whether or not Trevecca will have a new athletic director before the NCAA makes its decision.

"If we're able to hire someone, we'll try to write that in to all of our [application] materials so that the NCAA is fully aware and knows what we're doing and where we're at," said Harris.

Fingers crossed, the Trojan athletic department knows any

acceptance into DII will make for an uphill climb for each sport.

"The problem that we would face is that we would be David facing Goliath....It's going to be a major undertaking to become competitive," said Patterson.

That undertaking is well worth the risk. The NCAA is a money machine, and will only help Trevecca grow. Among things it does well, Patterson said it's more than just an organization for athletes.

"The biggest thing for me is the accountability factor that you see not only with student athletes but also for your coaching staffs. I just think we have to step it up a level to stay at [this] level," said Patterson. "They [also] put a lot of emphasis on the academic side."

The NCAA also strictly regulates its universities and serves violators with serious penalties that can cripple an athletic department. Likewise, the opportunity for loopholes is practically nonexistent.

"And you know in DII if you have a violation, there is going to be some type of reprimand that's going to come out there; there are violations. It makes it an equal playing field for all of us," said Patterson.

NCAA Division II application Process



Minimal Requirements for DII After Acceptance

2011-2013 Seasons- Candidacy phase- athletic department completes self-studies and NCAA makes sure TNU is good fit_ NO POSTSEASON --> Keeps TranSouth schedule

2012-2013 Season- Possibly begins play in DII athletic conference [Gulf South or others]

2013-2014 Season- Provisional level- "in the door"- Athletes now eligible for postseason awards- NCAA POSTSEASON

2014-2015 Season- Full candidacy- Trevecca is officially a NCAA DII school

Trojan Tournament Games

Baseball:

May 2-5
TranSouth Conference Tournament Jackson, TN

Softball:

May 4-6
TranSouth Conference Tournament Henderson, TN

Men's and Women's Golf:

May 2-3
TranSouth Championships Blytheville, Ark

For more information on the Trojan's games and results visit TNU Trojans online at www.tnutrojans.com

Wellness Center out of shape?

By Alyssa Valletta
Contributor

As the Trevecca athletic department is in the process of applying for NCAA Division II membership, there is some debate over how much emphasis would be put on improving the wellness center.

According to Steve Harris, the NCAA will not necessarily require TNU to change anything about the wellness center. The NCAA's priorities are gym seating, etc.

The conference within the NCAA--the Gulf South Conference, for example--may or may not have specific expectations, but those expectations will also likely be focused on the athletic fields, press boxes and the gym, said Brenda Patterson, athletic director.

"The wellness center is adequate for [the athletic department] we have now.... Could we have more? Yes," Patterson said.

Patterson said the major need is for better fa-

cilities in terms of athletic training.

"We might as well dream big," Patterson said.

There are multiple opinions on whether or not becoming a Division II school will bring improvements to the wellness center.

If we're not making the most of it now, going Division II won't change anything, said Ben Cleveland, assistant athletic trainer.

Both Jared White, head athletic trainer, and Cleveland agree that Trevecca as a whole should take pride in the existing facility and use it efficiently first.

Women's basketball player Chelsey Taylor, a junior, said Trevecca has made positive improvements to the wellness center since she became a TNU student, and she's satisfied with what is available. However, Taylor said the equipment either needs to be working properly or replaced.

An ideal situation would be to have an ath-

letic training area separate from the regular exercise area at some point, agreed Steve Harris, the athletic trainers, and Robbie Wilson, director of the wellness center.

If the facilities were improved, the athletic departments would perform better, students and faculty would benefit, and it's simply more appealing to prospective students, White said.

As Trevecca gains students, the wellness center becomes more crowded.

"If numbers continue to grow, will it force their hand at something? Possibly," said Wilson regarding administration's role.

Regardless of whether or not Trevecca becomes a Division II member, the issues remain. It comes down to funding, time, and lack of space, and no definite plan has been reached.

"However, Dr. Boone has assured us that over the next five years, the school will put more effort on the athletic department," said Wilson.

NO. 6 Lady Trojans finish best season in history 42-3

By Tyler D. Whetstone
Sports Editor

It may not be unfamiliar territory for Lady Trojans head coach Ben Tyree, but winning the TranSouth regular season title outright is still a big deal.

The Lady Trojans (42-3, 29-1) have won the title six of the last seven years and won the post-season TranSouth tournament four of the past five.

Winning, it seems, has become a way of doing things for

the Lady Trojans who have had little resistance on their way to three losses.

Freshman Haylee Rogers has played like anything but a freshman on her way to leading the Lady Trojans in homeruns (15) and batting average (.431). Her year along with sophomore Breanna (Bre) Zeis and her nine homeruns and team leading 48 RBIs have helped the Lady Trojans stomp out an impressive 7.3 runs per game.

Really, the Lady Trojans didn't even need half of those

runs.

Junior pitchers Lauren Baker and Riley Mashburn made sure of that. The two combined for 262 1/3 of the Lady Trojans 295 innings with a combined ERA of 2.47.

Last year's Lady Trojans made it to the Final Eight of the NAIA national tournament. This year's team is simply better than last year's.

Tyree and the ladies will find out what that will mean for them starting May 3 with the TranSouth tournament.

Trojan baseball has opportunity to clinch TranSouth

By Tyler D. Whetstone
Sports Editor

The Trojan baseball team is putting together the kind of season that head coach Jeff Burton imagined when he first began filling out lineup cards in early February.

Burton's NO. 24 ranked Trojans (32-19, 16-5 as of April 27) played a grueling schedule in and out of the TranSouth Confer-

ence and are an impressive 13-10 versus the NAIA's top 25 or other schools receiving votes.

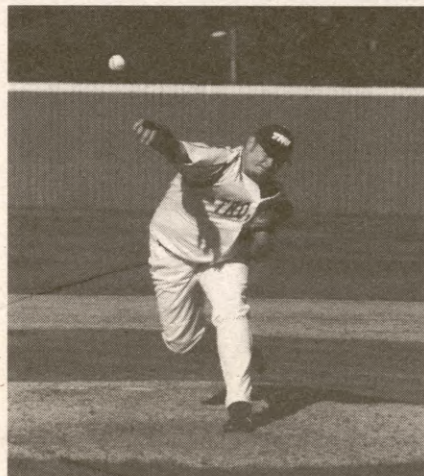
One of the reasons the Trojans have been successful has been their ability to score runs. They average 6.8 runs per game with bats such as junior Matt Tidwell and senior Chad Reynolds batting easily over .360 apiece.

The pitching staff, which was injured more times than it was healthy a year ago, is holding opponents to a lowly 4.64 ERA.

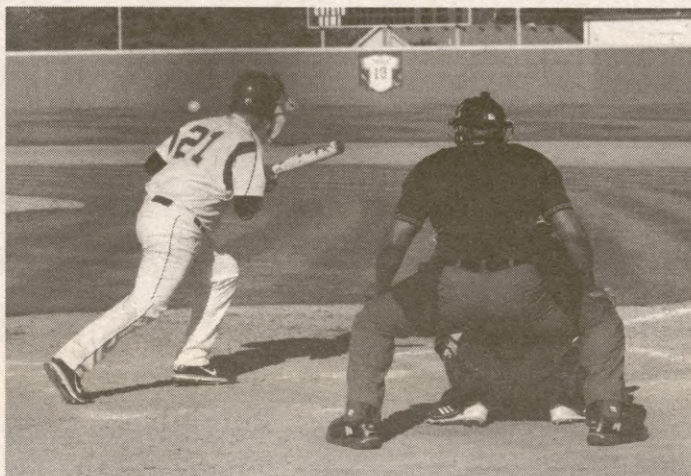
Senior BJ Boston and junior Craig Stem have each logged more innings than the rest of the staff and have both maintained a sub-3.25 ERA.

Clearly, scoring more runs than you allow is a winning formula. The Trojans take that formula to NO. 16 Union University for a three game series April 28-29.

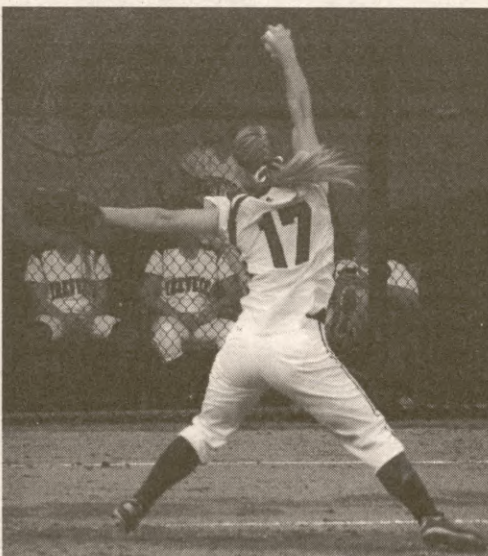
From there, it is the TranSouth tournament the first week in May.



Above: Michael Son delivers a fastball versus Cambellsville. Right: Chad Reynolds squares around to bunt at home. (Photos by Allis Kersten)



Kari Mason tags out a runner before attempting to turn a double play. (Photo by Allis Kersten)



Lauren Baker delivers a pitch at (Photo by Allis Kersten)

TNU still in the midst of hiring athletic director

By Tyler D. Whetstone
Sports Editor

Trevecca has received more than 60 applications for the soon to be vacant athletic director position.

The university's current athletic director, Brenda Patterson, was asked to step down from her position in March.

Patterson, who has not yet decided whether or not she will remain on staff next year, will continue her duties as athletic director until her contract is expired on June 30.

By then, Trevecca will be weeks away from learning whether its application to become a Division II school was approved by the NCAA.

It is possible that if and when Trevecca becomes NCAA eligible, the university could be without an athletic director.

"If we're able to hire someone [before the NCAA decides], we'll try to write that in to all of our [application] material so that the NCAA is fully aware of what we're doing and where we're at," said Steve Harris, associate provost and dean of student development.

Harris's job now is reading through the applications and to begin to narrow down the selection.

"It's wonderful to see the quality of the applicants. There are a number of people with a lot of experience at different levels that are applying," said Harris.

For now, no timeline has been set, as each candidate is

thoroughly examined. Many questions remain about what the school is actually looking for.

One of those would be whether or not someone who has previously been an athletic director at a NCAA is better than someone without it.

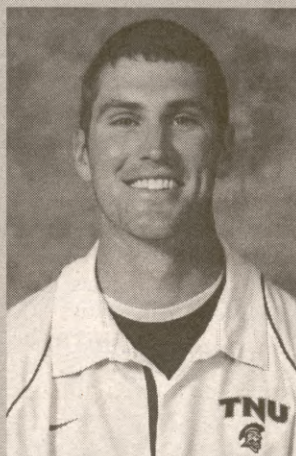
"A lot of the ones who have applied do have NCAA experience. I don't know if in the long run that'll be best...do you want somebody with a lot of experience that has dealt with all this, which would be helpful, but might be at the tail end of their career, or do you hire someone who has the experience that might be up and coming?" said Harris.

That is a question that Harris and the entire athletic staff hope to have answered by mid-July when the NCAA rules on its application.

Getting to know an athlete: Chase Birdwell

By Tyler D. Whetstone
Sports Editor

The senior baseball captain has spent all four years of his college career putting on his Trojan uniform, and has played in more games than any other active player with 136. Birdwell is also the team leader in doctor visits this season after he got plunked in the face by a pitch versus St. Catharine. Birdwell has sat out since the accident, yet has kept his spirits up.



Q: You've been here the longest, what is it about this team that has kept you at Trevecca?

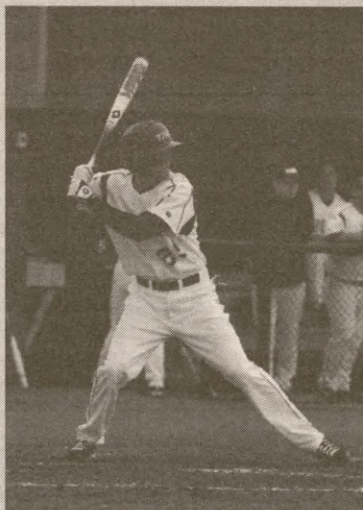
A: It is most definitely the bonds/friendships that we have made. That is what it takes to be a team and we have done it well so far this season.

Q: What is it like to play all these games for the Trojans and then have to watch the past few weeks?

A: Well, honestly...it sucks. Of course I want to be out there playing BUT, I have kind of enjoyed sitting in the dugout. I am trying to learn the roles that I will have next year as the G.A. I also love to watch some of the other guys off the bench come in and have outstanding performances such as Chad McDaniel did against Bethel. When I look at it that way I think...this is worth it.

Q: What has the doctor said about you playing?

A: Well I just found out Monday, April 25, 2011 that it is all up to Skip [Jeff Burton] and BC(our trainer). So whenever we get my masks ready to go...I will be ready to go.



Q: Will you be making an appearance in the TranSouth Conference tournament?

A: I sure hope so. Like I said, I want to play, but I don't want to take away from the team/other players if we are getting the job done now without me in there. But I am shooting for at least one appearance.

Q: What's been the biggest challenge with your mouth wired shut, with baseball or other?

A: Trying to get my food blended enough, but luckily I have got a great chef...Mom-mabird!

She has really made that part of this process very easy for me. She makes my food for me ahead of time and so all I have to do is warm it up or let it thaw out. Other than that, I have really had a tough time arguing with some of the players (joking of course). But when they give me a hard time, I want to get back at them, but it just makes me sound even dumber when they hear me yell at them with my teeth grinding together.

Q: Baseball players are known to be superstitious. What are you superstitious about?

A: Well, a lot of things sort of. Hitting wise, I change my batting gloves if I don't get a hit in a few games. Yes...a few games, not a few at bats. We don't get that many batting gloves. I like to clean my cleats, turfs, and uniforms to where they are spotless. I like to think if I look good then I'll play good. I put eye black on for every game. Most of the time I will try and do the same routine every morning if I do well in a game, but some times that can get expensive. I throw with my same partner before every game and most of the time the same ball...again, if we do well with it the game before.

Q: Would you rather turn a double play to end the game or get the walk off, game winning hit?

A: Oh nice one...that's tough. Cause I love turning two, but hitting a walk off hit would be sweet also. Depending on how big the game is. If the game had high importance then a game winning hit. I would love to be at the bottom of that dog pile. There is no greater pain, yet no greater feeling in a baseball players mind that to do such a thing.

Q: Finish this sentence: The Trojan baseball team will continue to be successful if we...?

A: continue to be there for one another and never lose sight of what we set out to do.

In review: *Southerner* by Trent Dabbs

By Todd Osborne
Staff Writer

You may not have heard of Trent Dabbs, but you have probably heard of some of his friends (or at least people he has co-written at least one song with), which includes Katie Herzig, Matthew Perryman Jones, Andy Davis, Dave Barnes and Mat Kearney, to name a few. He has worked extensively with other songwriters from Nashville for years, and is the driving force behind Ten out of Tennessee, a collective of ten singer-songwriters all based out of Nashville. With this kind of clout behind him, it is no surprise that Dabbs himself has slowly been accumulating more prestige with each album he has released. His sixth release,

Southerner, is sure to continue the pattern of great music that he is known for.

With an album name like *Southerner*, you might expect a lot of banjo-picking or twangy vocals about partying by the lake, but what Trent Dabbs does well—especially on this al-

bum—is capture the spirit of the South without mirroring himself in the clichés of modern music often associated with the South. Tracks like “Don’t Blame Love” have an upbeat tempo and an easy-breezy melody that lend themselves perfectly to Dabbs’ smooth vocals. “Me & God” is a finger-picking look into a relationship that has broken down and, in its chorus’s evocation of prayer and heaven, the song fits perfectly into the album’s spirit of the South. Even when the album plays more into the expected sound of a Southern album, as in the slow-burning “Can I Cross Your Mind,” which boils slowly throughout the song with acoustic guitar, piano, and slide guitar aplenty, it is done in a way that is entirely unique to Dabbs.

Southerner is the kind of album that is perfect for a drive through

the country on a cloudy day or just to listen to while cramming for a big test. It doesn’t scream at you; it whispers. It is an album well-worth multiple listens.

Rating: 3.5 out of 5 stars. If you can’t afford the entire album, definitely check out “Don’t Blame Love,” “Me & God” and “Can I Cross Your Mind.”



Food Review: Yogurt

By Hayley Knowles
Design Editor

In the past couple of years a west coast craze has begun to take over Nashville. Frozen Yogurt. Now, it seems you could stand on any street corner in Nashville, toss a rock and hit a frozen yogurt shop.

The question is, “Which shop is the best?” Therefore, I decided to go out and try yogurt from a few of the more popular fro-yo places in Nashville and rate them based solely on location, taste and atmosphere.

I started with Sweet Cece’s. Out of all of the shops I visited, this is the only one that is on the S.L.A.P. card. However, that doesn’t necessarily mean it’s the best.

Sweet Cece’s is a chain with five different locations in Nashville alone. The closest location is 12th Avenue South in the Gulch.

Each location has an assortment of flavors and toppings that are alternated for you to choose from. However, Original Tart, Chocolate, and Vanilla are their staple flavors.

Yogurt Oasis, although one of the oldest of the Nashville craze, is an awful alternative to any other fro-yo place in Nashville. It is located on West End Ave. With its typical chocolate/vanilla flavors, and boring atmosphere, Yogurt Oasis is sure to disappoint.

A new shop that recently put their name on Nashville’s yogurt map is Pink Berry, also located on West End Ave. Pink Berry is conveniently located across from Vanderbilt’s campus and a fairly short drive from TNU compared to some of Nashville’s other fro-yo establishments.

Pink Berry offers many healthier toppings such as a wide variety of

fruits and nuts. The yogurt there is more contemporary and tart than other fro-yo places in Nashville.

On the downside, unlike Sweet Cece’s and Menchie’s, the workers at Pink Berry prepare your yogurt and add the toppings for you. Out of all the other shops, Pink Berry also proved to be the most expensive.

But, there is always a breath of fresh air.

Menchie’s, located in Lenox Village, is the number one choice for ultimate fro-yo satisfaction. With its trendy atmosphere and outdoor patio, the joint is sure to leave you smiling.

There are many toppings to choose from, including fresh fruit and more flavors than any other establishment visited.

Although Menchie’s is located on the outskirts of Nashville, it’s still my favorite, and is also very affordable.

Nashville Spotlight

By Adam Wadding
Assistant Editor

As the semester comes to an end, so begins the long summer season. Here are a few things happening this week and into the summer to keep you entertained.

Sons of Confederate Improv – The Music City Improv Show

Shows feature a variety of short and long-form improv, as well as live and video sketch comedy.

Where: Billups Art

When: April 29, 7:30 p.m.

Price: \$10

The 12th annual Country Music Marathon and Half Marathon

Although registration to actually run in the marathon is over, you can still be a spectator and can watch from the sidelines while enjoying live music from the 50 local bands.

Where: West End

When: April 30, 7 a.m.

Price: Free

Boonearoo

Trevecca’s own version of the famous summer festival is happening for one night on Trevecca’s campus. It is the first music-festival and artisan fair the Trevecca has held.

Where: The campus Quad

When: April 30, 3:00-10:00 p.m.

Price: Free

Bonnaroo

Bonnaroo brings together some of the best performers in rock and roll, along with dozens of artists in complementary styles such as jazz, Americana, hip-hop, electronica and just about any contemporary music you can think of. A bit on the pricier side but still an awesome experience to add to your summer checklist.

Where: Manchester, Tennessee

When: June 9-12

Price: \$250 + more information at www.bonnaroo.com



Trevecca to host Boonearoo

By Adam Wadding
Assistant Editor

This weekend, Trevecca’s SGA will be hosting its first-ever musical festival and artisan fair, Boonearoo, in celebration of the end of the semester.

The concert idea was based the 90’s Trevecca event Treveccapalooza that didn’t have as much success. SGA decided to revive the event after Trevecca began hosting more concerts this past year.

The festival will be featuring blue grass, folk, rock, country and even rap performed by Trevecca stu-

dents, local Nashville acts, and the nationally known Christian rap group Grits.

“This will be the first rap performance we have had here,” said Matt Spraker, assistant dean to students.

A student survey given last semester on what performers students would like to see, Grits received some of the highest votes. With a popular vote by the student body, the band was also economically friendly to Trevecca.

“We got a really good deal on them—saving several thousand dollars on them,” said Spraker.

Originally planned to be an all day event, 10 a.m.

to 10 p.m., it was decided to change the start time to 3 p.m.

“We moved the start to 3 p.m. so there is still time for day time studying among the students,” said Spraker.

With finals the following week, the event is hoping to be a small break from studying, and a celebration of the semester coming to an end.

For those less interested in the music, there will also be an artisan fair where local artists will be selling their homemade items.

The festival will be open to the public, and will be free for everyone.

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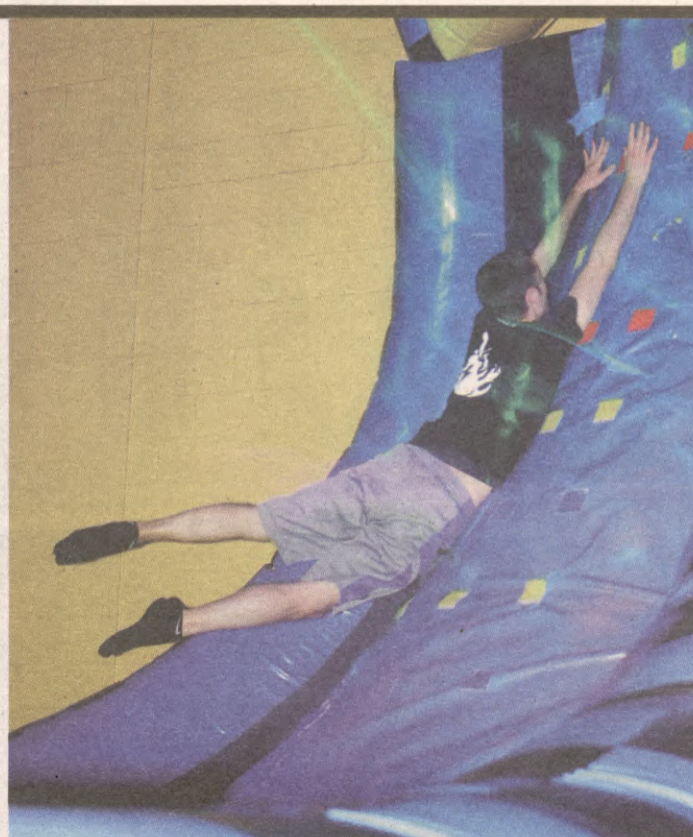
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SENIOR WEEK



Above: Juniors and seniors participating in a game of Quidditch during Senior Week. (Photo by Katie O'Connell)



Seniors Lauren Boyer and Jackie Winkle pose at Junior/Senior. (Photo by Jackie Winkle)



Seniors wait in line to receive their free meal from McDougal's, courtesy of the senior class council. (Photo by Jackie Winkle)



Top Left: Juniors Courtney Gilmore and Nathan Brenneman Top Right: Senior Jessica Justice and Junior Jessica Watson Bottom Left: Seniors Sadie Woods and Kevin Shuck Bottom Right: Sophomore Jonathan Wright. Students striking a pose in the Old Time Photo Booth during the Junior/Senior banquet. (Photos courtesy of Old Time Photo Booth Co.)