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RA scholarships to be cut in half beginning in the fall

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Beginning next fall, Trevecca's residential assistants' scholarships will be cut in half as part of a larger plan to cut at least \$1.2 million from the university's annual budget, the university announced last Thursday.

All 34 students who currently serve as either a night RA or a regular RA are compensated by free room and board, which for 2013-2014 was valued as a \$7,788 scholarship.

Next year RAs will only be compensated for room, which will be \$2,015 per semester or \$4,030 for the year.

Trevecca is one of only two Nazarene schools in the nation that allowed both room and board to be awarded to RAs. Point Loma is the other.

The university is in the midst of preparing a budget that will likely include at least \$1.2 million in cuts. That number could fluctuate as numbers of incoming freshman increase and decrease.

Student development was told to cut at least \$200,000 from next year's proposed budget as part of their help in cutting Trevecca's costs, said Steve Harris, associate provost and dean of student

development.

The cut in scholarships will save Trevecca \$137,000 next year once next year's room and board numbers are finalized.

"So every year that room and board has gone up, their pay has gone up because it is considered a scholarship," said Ronda Lilienthal, associate dean of students for residential life. "We wouldn't choose to have to make this decision unless it was very necessary."

For current RAs, the loss of the scholarship could determine whether they return to Trevecca. Daniel Hare and his triplet siblings, brother Joseph and sister Kayann, are RAs. The combined cuts for the three of them may make next fall's tuition difficult for the three siblings.

"I guess what it will come down to is whether or not it is fiscally possible and where I can find that re-compensation for the \$4,000 times three that is now gone from my family."

Since the pay is almost cut in half, some RAs have wondered if their job description would change, and whether or not they would be required to do all

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University to cut at least \$1.2 million from budget

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In the next few weeks, Trevecca will be announcing at least \$1.2 million in budget cuts across the university.

The cuts will come from unprofitable programs and some faculty and staff positions, said Trevecca officials.

As TrevEchoes reported in the fall and again last month, the university must cut roughly 3.1 percent of the annual budget in order to help "right size" the university, something it hasn't had to do in this magnitude since Millard Reed became president in 1991.

"What's going on now is pretty normal. Every person here who has control of a budget (department chairs among others) we've asked them to go into it and look for the potential cuts and stuff that are there," President Dan Boone said.

Boone said the goal is to have a budget for next year put together by the time the Board of Trustees visits campus on March 21-22.

The budget the Board of Trustees passes will be a general budget with expenses and revenues, Boone said. The final decisions on certain aspects of it may very well be decided into the spring semester.

Every year Trevecca implements a process to review programs and faculty and to make sure they are still needed at their current level. In the past, Trevecca has both added to and taken away from programs depending on what they decide in their annual program review. When needed, employees have been let go or retiring employees have not been replaced, both of which could happen this spring.

The university analyzes projected revenue (next year's projected tuition numbers and gifts to the university) and projected costs when programs are being looked at under the program review. The programs are then inspected on their feasibility, the number of faculty and students that are a part of the program and the total number of credit hours being taught.

The university then uses this information to help make decisions about the programs.

"If we don't work through some of (this) now, three or four years down the road the institution could be in trouble," Steve Pusey, university provost, said.

Pusey doesn't think any programs will be cut. However, Boone didn't leave it out of the question but was unsure about when the cuts would be announced.

"Program cuts, as we begin to put the budget together that's something that we'd announce earlier," Boone said. "Personnel cuts, those are things that we would announce later. So there's not a timeline that's specific for how we would do that."

As departments begin to make their decisions, students are already being impacted. All 34 residential assistants will see their scholarship drop by nearly 50 percent.

However, according to Pusey, most of the cuts will be related to graduate programs that have been struggling.

"I don't think that the undergraduate student will notice any decrease in the academic programs or in their major fields and concentrations that we offer through the departments," Pusey said.



Photo courtesy of Daniel Hare
Joseph, Kayann and Daniel Hare will lose roughly \$12,000 in combined scholarships

Gov. Haslam proposes free community college for TN graduates

Bailey Basham & Tyler Whetstone
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Tennessee residents who graduate from high school could soon attend community college for free, a move that could mean less revenue for schools like Trevecca.

In the midst of cutting at least \$1.2 million from the annual budget, Trevecca officials are also watching state politics closely after the governor announced he is proposing free community college tuition to any graduating high school senior in the state.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam proposed the idea in his annual State of the State address in February.

Haslam's proposal would result in a higher number of degree-holding residents in Tennessee, which ideally would help decrease the state's unemployment rate as more qualified workers would be in the job-seeking market, he said.

For Trevecca and any four-year

university, this isn't good news.

"It just got harder to grow our student body because competing with free is a very difficult thing to do," President Dan Boone said.

Trevecca already has some experience in reduced community college

"I think it's a really good idea because not everyone has the money to go to college. I feel like every high school graduate should have the opportunity to go to college. If it weren't for the scholarships I've received, I wouldn't be able to go to school."

- Kaylon King, sophomore

costs. Florida and Georgia have similar programs that increased the amount of awards given, which almost covers the cost of community college in some areas.

The programs implemented in Florida and Georgia impacted the number of students that come from each of those states to Trevecca, Boone said.

In order to fund this expansion,

Haslam suggested that an estimated \$300 million be set aside from the TN Lottery Scholarship fund for growth through an endowment fund. Haslam's plan also calls for cutting Hope scholarships for freshmen and sophomores at traditional four-year institutions from

\$4,000 to \$3,000. Juniors and seniors would see their scholarships rise to \$5,000.

According to The Washington Post, 32 percent of Tennessee residents between the ages of 25 and 64 have advanced degrees in some field, eight spots away from being the worst in the nation.

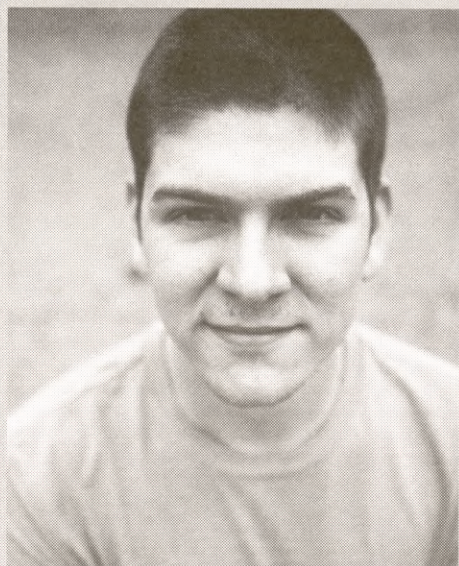
"We are committed to making a

clear statement to families that education beyond high school is a priority in the state of Tennessee," Haslam said in his speech. "Tennessee will be the only state in the country to offer our high school graduates two years of community college with no tuition or fees along with the support of dedicated mentors."

The university is continuing as planned for future recruiting classes, unsure if the bill will pass or if it will even affect the amount of students from Tennessee who already want to go to Trevecca regardless of the opportunity of a free two-year degree.

"At this point, we're not deciding to reduce revenues because of the decision of the governor because it could have minimal impact," Boone said. "[We] may discover that it doesn't impact us very much at all, and we'd rather do data driven decisions than just kind of guessing what might happen."

Letter from the Editor



How did our forbearers do it?
How did they sit in a chapel service and make jeers and cheers about the speaker and not be able to share them with everyone?

How did they deal with missing a football game without getting live updates as the game went along, or how did they manage without seeing which restaurant their favorite celebrity dined at, hoping one day to do the same?

Social media, and specifically Twitter, has revolutionized our ways of dealing with each other and our world. This is about as common as common-knowledge can get. Everyone knows that. Duh.

But so many people, who plug into their smart phones, use those same smart phones to take their eyes off the world around them.

This isn't good. In fact, it can be dangerous.

The biggest reason freedom of the press was listed as an amendment to the Constitution is so that people would be informed and that those people would actually vote (another topic for another day, Generation Y). Thus, democracy is formed and at its best when there is free information.

Twitter is free information.

While it's fun to see where Ashton Kutcher (@aplusk) gets his immaculate hair clipped, it's more useful to find out about your community and how the laws, people and governments of those communities are being transformed around you.

Following @trevechoes is a good start, because at least there you get campus news, which affects you immediately.

But what would happen if you followed @cnn or @tennessean or @nytimes? God forbid it, but even following @foxnews would be considered a step in the right direction.

Getting news handed to you for free via the internet is a freedom you and I both take for granted. Ask someone in...let's say North Korea, China or Russia how the government mandated media is helping them gain knowledge on the developing world. Not too great.

Use the medium that you already use to connect with friends around the world and use it for your own benefit as well. Plug into your community by plugging into your Twitter feed.

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Free schooling could lead to sluggish study habits for high schoolers

Bailey Basham
Staff Writer

While doing some research for the expansion plan that Governor Bill Haslam proposed at his state of the state address and laying everything out on paper, a lot of my own opinions about the governor's plan surfaced.

Before peeling back the layers to reveal the inevitable cut-backs to scholarship funds or the downside to offering a free college education to students who may have done little to earn these scholarships, the idea of free community college for all high school graduates sounds great.

My question is this: What about all those students who worked tremendously hard throughout high school to earn their scholarships and awards?

As I see it, the problem with this free tuition program is that many of the recipients will have very little invested in their education prior to college, and they will invest little into college itself. Education, for most students, has been free thus far from kindergarten through high school. There are a large number of students who fail to take full advantage of this, so why should anyone believe they will suddenly care about their education beyond high school? There will always be two types of students: those who care a lot about their schooling and those who don't.

With Haslam's proposed plan, some students will take advantage of the free tuition simply to extend their social lives or to keep their parents off their backs. Their lack of interest or dedication to their studies will seriously affect the

learning of others in the classroom. Important statistical data for the colleges will suffer, and dropout rates will likely soar.

Another potentially harmful aspect of this expansion program is that expenses could possibly be raised for students like us in four year universities. To elaborate, graduate level classes often have as little as ten students. This is only financially possible for large schools because the basic freshman classes typically have upwards of 80 to 100 paying students. Free two-year schooling will mean fewer paying students in four year universities, and this translates into much more expensive classes for everyone once the free money is gone. Many students will take advantage of the free tuition program, get their two year degrees and then quit, thus leaving us with the higher

costs.

The truth is that just about anyone who has the desire to go to college has already invested their time and put in the work to be eligible for other grants and scholarships even if finances are an issue.

Personally, I would feel like all my work through high school would have been for naught. Like Haslam, I do think that an increase in Tennessee's degree-holding population would be great, and I am absolutely in support of helping high school seniors get to college, but why take away from a scholarship fund that is being used to send hard working students to university?

Let us know what you think and send your comments, responses, and opinions to trevechoes@gmail.com.

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of the jobs they are required to do now which include room checks, providing guidance and always being on call among other things.

Lilienthal wasn't sure if the requirements would change or not. Student development officials are still discussing that topic, she said.

"How do you change it? Being a RA is kind of a lifestyle almost because you're hopefully interested in your fellow students, trying to help meet needs. You're trying to supervise your hall and you're building relationships. So how do you cut those things out?" Lilienthal said. "We're willing to look at where the responsibilities are and if we need to tweak it in some areas, as long as it's not

going to diminish a RA's effectiveness."

For Hare too, the late notice by student development means rounding up other scholarships or transfer applications are either too late or will have to be hurried so that the compensation can be made up elsewhere or the students can leave.

"Of course, I guess it had to be done," Hare said. "I think what a lot of

the RAs are upset about is how it was so sudden. There was no prior notice or anything leading up to it, so just the timely manner that it was presented in.

"Now some of the RAs feel stuck where they'll have to take out more loans or take a year off because they can't apply to other schools now," he said.

TVA investment class ranks fifth against regional universities

Dillon Jones
Staff Writer

Each semester, Trevecca students invest actual money, and a lot of it, in the Tennessee Valley Authority Investment Challenge that gives money to universities to invest in real companies to help make learning more applicable.

The TVA Investment Challenge began in 2003 with 19 universities receiving \$100,000 apiece, an initial total of \$1.9 million being invested through the program. Since then, the program has expanded to 25 universities with funds totaling approximately \$10 million, according to the TVA website.

The 25 schools participating in the Investment Challenge include Trevecca, Belmont University, Vanderbilt University, the University of Tennessee, the University of Memphis and the University of Mississippi.

This year, Trevecca's initial investments of \$479,000 grew by 37.94 percent resulting in a current market value of \$520,833.

According to James Agee, associate professor and advisor of student investors through Trevecca's BUS 2700 course, TVA absorbs a portion of invest-

ment earnings each year, and the remainder rolls over into the next year's investments.

Individual school performance is measured by comparison to the S&P 500 Total Return Index, a portfolio comprised of the 500 largest U.S. companies.

From January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, Trevecca's investments returned 37.94 percent compared to the S&P's 32.39 percent return.

Over 10 years, from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2013, the S&P has returned 7.41 percent compared to Trevecca's return of 9.45 percent. In both categories, Trevecca was ahead of the S&P. As of June 30, 2013, Trevecca was ranked fifth of the 25 schools for the 10-year period.

According to Agee, Trevecca's program is concerned with long-term results rather than immediate performance.

"This may sound weird, but our goal is to never win the one-year," Agee said. He compared the Investment Challenge to the fable of the tortoise and the hare. "We want to be the tortoise," he said.

According to the TVA website, "The Investment Challenge allows teams of students to manage stock portfolios for TVA," allowing them to "gain real-world investment experience."

"I have learned the risks and benefits of investing in the stock market and how to make wise decisions concerning my personal finances," Quentin Brown, senior who student who completed the



course last fall, said.

Students can participate in the TVA Investment Challenge by enrolling in BUS 2700, a one-hour course currently offered in both the fall and spring semesters at noon on Wednesdays.

"I would absolutely recommend this course to any student out there that

would like to join," Brown said. "It's not just for business majors."

According to Agee, approximately three-fourths of the course is aimed at teaching students about stocks and the stock market. The other fourth of the class involves students researching stocks to invest in. The actual selection of stocks typically takes place in the spring semester. Only a small percentage of the stock portfolio is modified each year, Agee said.

The class does not invest in stocks of tobacco, alcohol or gaming companies according to Agee.

The Tennessee Valley Authority Investment Challenge is funded by the TVA's Asset Retirement Trust Fund. According to the TVA website, the Asset Retirement Trust Fund was established in 1996 "to meet the financial obligations of decommissioning the agency's non-nuclear power units."

"The TVA literally needs billions (for the project). We are a small piece. Just a sliver is given to the schools," Agee said.

LEAP class gets advice from science nerd Faculty get fit with program

Logan Newkirk
Staff Writer

Monday, February 10th, Charley Hubbs' Life Calling and Purpose class had a special visitor. Kayla LaFrance, a former student of Hubbs, is a contestant on this season of the TBS reality TV show "King of the Nerds," a show which follows eleven contestants as they compete to be crowned the greatest nerd of all.

Hubbs is one of Trevecca's Leap instructors, and he has taught a Leap class for the past three years. Before coming to Trevecca, he worked as a resident director at Belmont University. Hubbs had an impact on LaFrance during her undergraduate work at Belmont, and he has kept up with her and her recent success.

He wanted to bring LaFrance to talk to the class specifically about her various experiences with leadership.

"Kayla's life story reminds me of a lot of Trevecca students," Hubbs said. "I wanted my [current] students to see someone like them who has accomplished some success."

Kayla LaFrance, native to the state of Washington, started her college career at the University of North Dakota. She did not finish her undergraduate degree and decided to take some time off before she chose to attend Belmont. She eventually received her Bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics from Belmont.

Afterwards, she went back to the University of North Dakota and received her Master's degree in Space Studies. Following her graduation, she participated in an internship with NASA. The internship surprised LaFrance.

"It was a challenge, and it did not go as well as I hoped that it would," she said.

After her internship ended, LaFrance was invited to be on the TBS show, King of the Nerds. She said that she went into the show viewing it as a goal.

"I told myself, 'this is the ultimate experiment for me.' I had such a bad experience at NASA," LaFrance said. "It wasn't 'Am I going to win?' My focus was, 'This is another chance for me.'"

Hubbs said that he loves keeping up with LaFrance's progress on the show. "I love that when I watch Kayla on TV she's authentic. What they've shown of her, is her."

LaFrance related her experience at Belmont to Hubbs' class, and she contrasted her experience at the University of North Dakota. She shared that the things that she would not trade about her undergraduate education were one-on-one time with professors as well as the "community and family" atmosphere from a small campus.

As the first one from her family to attend college, LaFrance has faced obstacles along her path, but she encouraged the class to stick with what they truly want to do.

"I've had success because I have followed my dreams," LaFrance said.

For LaFrance, that dream is to one day be a part of a team that goes to Mars. In her words, "We've been to the moon. I say let's move on. Let's go to Mars."

Her final words of advice to the class were to know when to "say goodbye when you want to say hello, and say yes when you want to say no," LaFrance said.

She explained that she had to say goodbye to Nashville in order for the doors to open for her.

Abi Larimore
Staff Writer

This year, the Trevecca Employee Wellness Program was revamped and renamed the Center for Maximizing Wellness. The Center serves as an incentive for full-time faculty and staff members to engage in a healthy lifestyle. Staff persons work with the points-based system, which encourages them to log their food intake, meet with an accountability partner and track their weight.

While the ultimate goal is better health, the program works to better educate individuals about their own bodies. Recording how different foods affect you, meeting with a friend to stay motivated and reviewing your numbers are all steps towards your personal victory.

For every quarter that a faculty member achieves his or her own goals and Center requirements, a \$100 deposit will be made into their Health Savings account. While the Center is pleased that people are getting healthier everyday, they also emphasize the importance of spiritual health and growth.

"We want to encourage faculty and students alike in their physical and spiritual jour-

neys," Joe Cole, professor of the department of exercise and sport science, said.

The programs founders believe firmly that while individuals bow their hearts to God, they should also surrender their eating and exercise habits.

The Center provides all the tools necessary to make these positive life changes. Logs are conveniently laid out and supplied to those participating. Wellness classes such as Zumba, personal training and health seminars are offered to aid those trying to meet their goals.

The most recent event is the faculty and staff "Biggest Loser" competition. This is a head to head competition stretching across 10 weeks from February 3 to April 17.

Participants may form encouragement teams and must weigh in weekly. Failure to weigh in by the deadline results in one additional penalty pound for each day late. Those with the highest percentage of body fat lost (male and female) will win FitBit along with cash prizes.

For more information regarding the Center for Maximizing Wellness, contact Travis Carpenter.

Campus Frisbee golf course makes a comeback with alumni help

Abi Larimore
Staff Writer

An 18-hole Frisbee golf course which stretches across campus got a face lift last year.

The course was created by Trevecca Community Church University Ministries as an incentive for students to have fun, build relationships and stay active.

Doug Farley, founder of the on-campus course, was struck with inspiration when, as part of his summer ministry time at TCC, he found that Frisbees would be given to all freshman and transfer students. Seizing the opportunity to incorporate a course to accompany the free Frisbees, he went to work establishing target holes.

"I enjoy playing disc golf at the traditional courses around Nashville. I hoped it would serve as an introduction to the new students on campus and get them to spend some time outdoors," Farley said.

In doing this, Farley revived a somewhat older version of the course

created in 1987. The idea was conceived by students Dave Privett and Jeff Whitacre, founding fathers of Frisbee golf on Trevecca's campus, who fought off their boredom with tossing the disc in Centennial Park. But as college students with not much money to spend on gas, the two decided to innovate and create an easily accessible course right on campus.

While the holes are currently pre-established landmarks and buildings on school grounds, there are talks of perhaps adding permanent markers. Many students are unaware of the course's existence but are interested in the potential fun to be had.

"Even though I didn't know anything about it, it sounds like an exciting opportunity for something fun to do other than sit in the Hub," T.J. Haynes, junior, said.

The course has a website, which contains a series of detailed maps (Aerial view) and printable scorecards. The website also includes Frisbee golf etiq-

quette and asks students to remember to be mindful of other people's property, try not to hit anyone, look out for cars and carts that may zip by and help keep campus beautiful by not aiming for anything that isn't specifically marked as a target.

TNU Frisbee Golf
2013 Course
Holes 1 - 9
and 17 & 18



The TNU Frisbee golf course stretches across campus.

Students are encouraged to play the course, improve their game and maybe even discover a new place on campus worth exploring.

Visit <https://sites.google.com/site/tnufrisbeegolf/> for more information.

Crews to begin construction on donated bell tower in March

Nadia Smith
Staff Writer

Next fall, there will be a new addition to the center of campus.

A bell tower was donated to Trevecca by an anonymous donor in honor of the late Millard Reed, former president of Trevecca from 1991 to 2005.

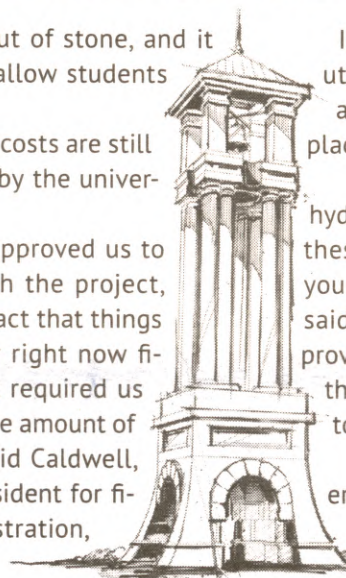
"The Reed Bell Tower will serve as a reminder of the leadership of Dr. Millard Reed, a dearly beloved President of Trevecca," President Dan Boone said.

The tower will be 65 to 75 feet tall and will stand off of Hart Street right by the quad. The base of the tow-

er will be made out of stone, and it will be arched to allow students to walk under it.

Construction costs are still being determined by the university.

"The board approved us to move forward with the project, but based on the fact that things are a little tighter right now financially they just required us to build it within the amount of the donation," David Caldwell, executive vice president for finance and administration, said.



In order to build the tower, some utilities will have to be moved and sidewalks will have to be replaced.

"We have to move the fire hydrant, which means there are all these code things and city things you have to go through," Caldwell said. "We are waiting for final approval to move the fire hydrant, and the water pipes are going to have to be rerouted as well."

Construction for the bell tower is expected to begin by March 1 and is aimed to be completed by midsum-

mer.

The tower will play music and chime with each passing hour. It will also be lit, adding more light to the center of campus.

In the future, students will be marching under the tower in their caps and gowns on graduation day.

"The fact that the tower is a gift to the university means that no tuition dollars are involved in its construction and that we are blessed with beauty and music in the heart of the quad as a gift from someone who loves the university," Boone said.

Bookstore improves backlogged data

Logan Newkirk
Staff Writer

Students received their books right on time this semester. After having a rough start to the semester last fall, with over 1,000 books being backlogged and students and professors alike having to wait on them, the bookstore, owned by Tree of Life Bookstore, turned things around this spring.

"The key difference this spring versus last fall is that we are just deeper into our new system," Patrick Eckhardt, director of marketing for Tree of Life Books, said.

The new system that Eckhardt referred to was new software.

"This new software is a major piece for us, and long-term it will enable us to serve (students) better."

One difference between the two semesters, Eckhardt said, was that the bookstore wasn't changing anything major this

time around.

"There wasn't a large-scale change," Eckhardt said. "(Only) simply refining some processes and getting better at what we're doing."

Tree of Life begins doing research months before each semester begins, Eckhardt said. Normally, however, they aren't going through a new system being implemented.

"Due to the transition this summer, that timeline was a bit truncated for the fall," he said.

This spring, the raincheck number was under one percent.

"We have a great staff, both at our corporate office and in the bookstore, and that number (the one percent) is a far better representative of who we are than our fall numbers were," Eckhardt said.



Katie Miller and bookstore manager Holly Steinmetz have fewer books on back order.

Waggoner Library introduces FLOW, the new RefWorks.



Check out Flow's features from
<http://libguides.trevecca.edu/flow>

Annual TWIRP week encourages girls to flip things around, ask guys out

Christy Ulmet
Staff Writer

Love was in the air last week as Trevecca held its annual TWIRP week. Trevecca's young ladies received candy grams in their mailboxes from the men of Benson Hall, and the men hid from the women in rapid pursuit.

Each year Trevecca's Student Government Association, or SGA, hosts TWIRP week leading up to Valentine's Day. During TWIRP week, or Trevecca Women in Rapid Pursuit week, women are encouraged to ask men on dates. During this year's TWIRP week, four events were hosted by various student groups at Trevecca.

The week's events began Wednesday night with Cupid's Big Fat Love Extravaganza, hosted by the sophomore class. The event centered around a newlywed game, in which newly married couples at Trevecca were questioned about their partner's interest.

Along with the newlywed game, SGA provided fun games for attendees, like spin the bottle, but with a more Trevecca-appropriate twist. Students would draw a little slip of paper out of a cup with a silly little objective they had to perform.

"(We) had a better turnout that expected," Griffin Dunn, sophomore communications director, said.

About 70 were in attendance, making the room very lively. Cupid's

Big Fat Love Extravaganza ended with the signing of a poster, in which students had the opportunity to write their names and numbers, and take a number of somebody to call or text.

TWIRP week continued with Benson Brew Friday night, put on by Johnson and Benson Hall RHAs. Five groups of Trevecca students performed in Ben-



Emily Waller performs at Benson Brew during TWIRP week.

son's basement.

A photo booth was set up, and some refreshments were set up to accommodate attendees. The Johnson and Benson RHA groups hope to host another Benson Brew event together, as this one had so much success, Sophie Green, freshman Johnson Hall RHA representa-

tive said.

On Saturday night, the senior class hosted their annual movie night with a free showing of "Thor: The Dark World," at the Carmike Bellevue 8, better known as the two dollar theater. Though the event is normally held on campus, the senior class tried something different by hosting the event off-campus.

Though the event normally has had a fairly good turnout in the past, less than 20 were in attendance.

"Having the event off campus probably made it less convenient for people," Jon Brooks, senior class president, said.

TWIRP week came to a close Sun-

day night in TSAC with The Bachelor Degree, hosted by the junior class.

"The junior class council knew they would be taking a risk in hosting the event, because Trevecca has never hosted an event like this before," Jasmine Stiles-Barnes, junior class president, said.

Nine young men were chosen to be bachelors for the night. The room was lined with nine tables, one for each bachelor. In the middle of the room was a sitting area where observers were welcome to watch the event. At the center of the table was a description of what each bachelor's interests were, along with a rose. Young ladies had an opportunity to walk the room and choose which bachelor they wanted to meet, based on the anonymous bios.

Once everybody chose a table, bachelors were revealed and the young ladies were able to interact with them.

The hosts, Kara Dekker and Joey Hutton, walked around to each table prompting conversation starters and helping people feel more comfortable. At the end of the night, each bachelor announced who they chose to go on a date with by giving them a rose.

This year's TWIRP week has come and gone, and some students have left with new significant others, while others are coming out of their yearly "TWIRP week hiding" ritual.

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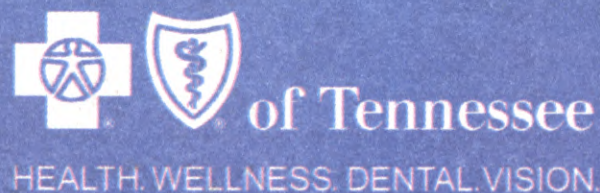
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Young Trojans continue to struggle

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Despite a record of 4-6 in G-MAC play, the men's basketball team still has time to improve its standing before the conference tournament.

The Trojans currently sit in fourth out of eight teams in the G-MAC standings. With three full games and 7 minutes and 40 seconds of a postponed game against Salem International University remaining, the Trojans can still finish as high as third or as low as eighth.

The Trojans will have to dig themselves out of a hole when the game against Salem International University

is finished on February 21 as they will be down 15 point with 7:40 remaining in the game.

"Injuries and inexperience have really hurt our play to this point. Hopefully we will be fully healthy in time for tournament play," head coach, Sam Harris said.

The Trojans have a combined record of 0-3 in the games remaining on the schedule, not including the postponed Salem game where the Trojans won the first matchup between the two teams.

The G-MAC tournament will be March 6-8.



Mac Walden, sophomore, drives to the basket against Central State.

Womens basketball top of G-MAC

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The Lady Trojans find themselves in a familiar spot midway through the month of February--in first place in their conference.

The Trojans opened the month on a five game winning streak and have continued that streak well into February. They are now the winners of eight straight games as of February 19 and have positioned themselves to potentially be the number one seed in the G-MAC tournament beginning March 6.

"We work hard every day and continue to push one another," Megan Kilburn, freshman, said.

The Lady Trojans hold a one

game advantage over Kentucky Wesleyan with three games remaining on the schedule. The Lady Trojans have a 11-1 record in conference play, while Wesleyan is 9-3 with two of their losses coming to Trevecca. Cedarville, who checks in at 8-2, and Davis & Elkins (8-3), also still have a chance to chase down the Lady Trojans.

The Trojans will have a chance to stretch their lead with one game remaining between Cedarville, TNU's only conference loss, and Davis & Elkins.

"I'm so proud of our team this year, and I hope we can continue to get better as we close in on the end of the season," Kaci Britt Bell, junior, said.



Paige Baugher, sophomore, goes up for a shot against Cedarville University.

Both softball and baseball return as defending G-MAC champions

Softball returns with solid pitching

Tyler Comer
Staff Writer

The reigning softball G-MAC champions have started their quest to repeat.

The softball season started with the University of Alabama-Huntsville Charger Chillout where the team went 3-1 over a two day period. The teams logged wins over Delta State, Miles College and Stillman College, eventually dropping their final game against West Georgia.

Since then, the Lady Trojans also lost to Truman State University, putting their record at 3-2.

"We are all working toward the same goal, which is what helps us work well together," Kaitlin Crumpler, freshman, said.

This year's Lady Trojans feature only two seniors. However, the team does return seven players that started or received playing time at some point in last year's championship run.

"I feel that this year we will be a young but experienced team that has been through the wars and should be very competitive," softball coach, Ben Tyree, said.

The wars that Tyree talks of include not only last year's championship run, but also include a fall schedule that included six NCAA Division I opponents. The Trojans were able to win three of those six games.

"I have high expectations for this year's team, just like I have had for all the teams in the past," Tyree said.

The Lady Trojans have started this

year with the added pressure of being selected as the favorites to win the G-MAC again this year. The G-MAC has doubled in size for the 2014 season, making for more competition and creating new challenges for the team.

"The unknowns, such as travel and time away from classes, are the hardest things that we face," Tyree said.

Despite those challenges the Lady Trojans should be loaded with talent on the mound. Lindsey Stephens and Kelsey Kemp return, and in Tyree's mind they were two of the three best pitchers in the G-MAC last year.

They also add Haley Fagan and Sammie Jo Ivy who should add depth to the staff this season. The team also has added depth to many different positions.

Playing time for everyone else though, will depend on how well individuals hit.

"Simply put, competition for positions and playing time will be determined by who is hitting the best," Tyree said.

Baseball tries to win with basics

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Staff Writer

The 2014 Trojan baseball season opener against Maryville University of St. Louis on Valentine's Day was postponed due to rain. This has been the trend so far for the Trojans.

Weather has caused the Trojans to reschedule their season opener twice already. The season was originally set to start at TNU on February 9.

The Trojans enter the 2014 season as reigning G-MAC Champions.

Head coach Ryan Schmalz came to Trevecca at the beginning of 2013 and began his coaching career at TNU by going 34-22 and winning the inaugural G-MAC Championship.

Last year was a special year

because of the seniors on the team. They really bought into the new coaching staff and set a great example for the rest of the guys," Schmalz said.

After a full offseason under his belt, Schmalz has been able to bring in his first full recruiting class that consists of 10 freshmen that make up over a third of the Trojans roster.

"This year, we have a completely different team, but the expectations remain the same," Schmalz said.

The expectations are that the team will learn how to go through the process the right way and not worry about making mistakes.

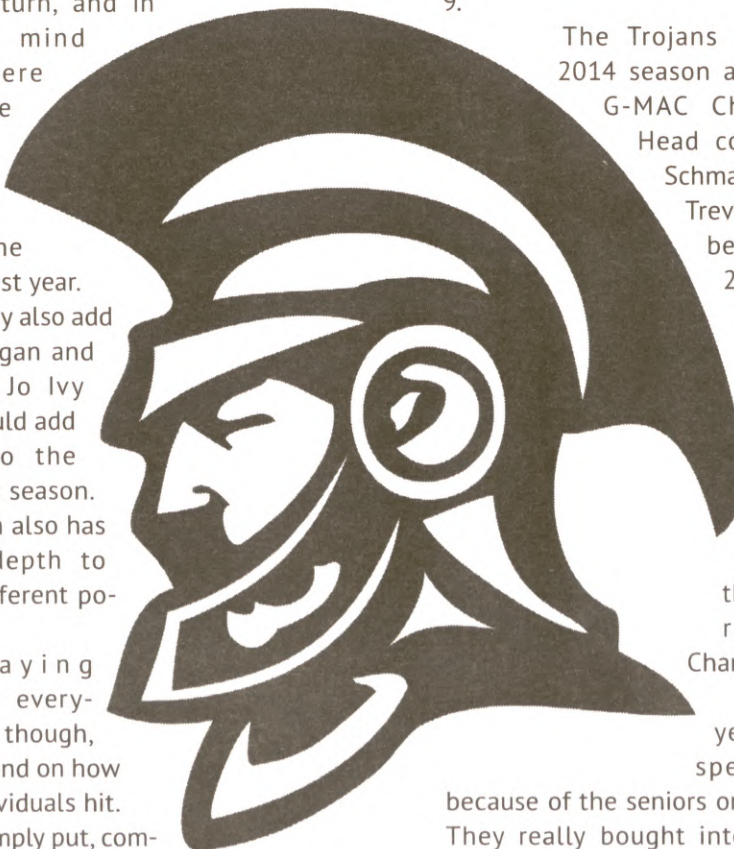
"As long as we learn, as long as we grow, I'm not going to worry about the mistakes we may make," Schmalz said. "At the end of the year, our expectation is the same: to be holding that trophy up."

Despite having a relatively young team, Schmalz expects a lot of speed, athleticism and good defense. Schmalz also expects to be deep on the mound this season with good starting pitching and a strong bullpen behind them.

"I don't know that we have anybody who will be completely dominant, but we have a bunch of guys that will be really good on the mound," Schmalz said.

Schmalz expects the teams only potential weakness to be youth and inexperience.

"We've been working hard ever since we got here; whether it's waking up at 5 a.m. to lift (weights) or practicing long hours," Danny White, freshman said. "We're looking to have a strong season."



Nashville hangouts: what to do and where to go for spring break

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Pinewood Social

Pinewood Social is a new hangout destination just south of the city across from Nashville's famous Crema coffee shop on Hermitage Avenue. Located in one big, open room, Pinewood Social is a great place to work on homework, lounge around, have a meal, go bowling or have a cup of coffee.

The owners are in the early stages of planning an outdoor lounging area and pool as well. Open only since December of last year, Pinewood was an experiment started by two brothers, Benjamin and Max Goldberg. The two are co-owners of five restaurants in Nashville, all making up what is called Strategic Hospitality.

The Goldberg brothers have been working on different restaurant projects since 2006 and are proud to call Pinewood Social their latest experiment. In its two months of operation, the restaurant has been booming morning 'til night. Open from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekends, Pinewood Social is meant to be a place that people can come at any time of the day and have something to do.

The restaurant offers breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night dishes to

accommodate people throughout the entire day. Pinewood Social gets its name from the wood used in the bowling alley, which was taken from an old bowling alley in Indiana. You really can spend a whole day at Pinewood Social, and you'll want to once you get there.

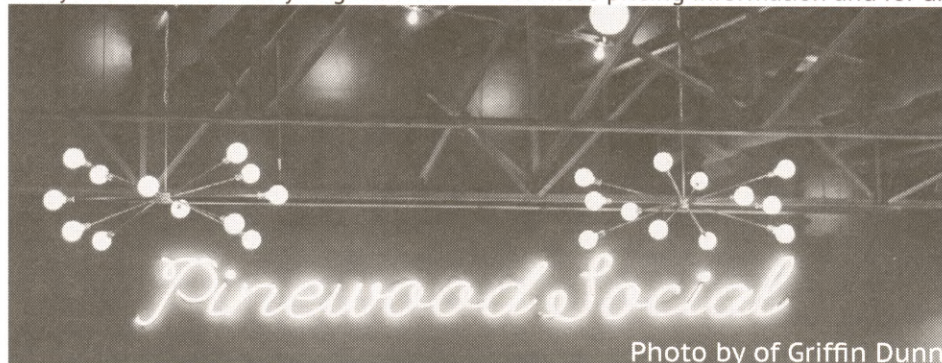


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Sky High Sports

Imagine a building full of trampolines and foam pits, and you've got Sky High Sports. The building is separated into sections ranging from a dodge ball court, to a foam diving pit, to a jumping area. The dodge ball court has trampolines on both the floor and the walls and almost always has a nonstop game running for people to jump in and play. The foam diving pit features a platform and a rope to swing off of into the foam pit. The jumping area has an open area with trampolines on the floors and walls where people go to show off their best tricks.

Go to Sky High Sports on the weekend for a set price of \$12 for the day, or go Monday through Friday for \$12 for the first hour, and \$6 for more hours. Sky High Sports is located off of Harding Place, just past the airport in Donelson. For more pricing information and for di-

rections, visit nas.jumpskyhigh.com.

Fall Creek Falls

If you're an outdoorsy person, camping would be perfect for a short getaway. Fall Creek Falls, a Tennessee state park, is located two hours east of Nashville. The park stretches more than 26,000 acres and features a 256 feet-high waterfall that is one of the highest waterfalls in the eastern United States.

Whether you're there for the week or you're only staying the night, there is always enough to do to get your money's worth. Campgrounds range from \$8-\$25, and each site has tables, grills, water, electricity and is served by six

bathhouses. Cabins range from \$115-\$155 and can sleep up to 10 people.

The park also has a playground, sand volleyball pit, and field perfect for playing sports. There are trails throughout the woods for hiking as well. For more information, visit <http://tnstateparks.com/parks/accommodations/fall-creek-falls>.

Chattanooga

If you haven't visited Chattanooga yet, you most definitely should take the trip out there. Located two hours southeast of Nashville, Chattanooga is buzzing with excitement. The Tennessee Aquarium and the Hunter Museum of American Art sit right in the heart of downtown Chattanooga.

There are places to adventure just outside of downtown as well. Lookout Mountain offers views of the hills of Tennessee and is home to three other attractions: Ruby Falls, Incline Railway and Rock City.

A local restaurant right outside the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga called Yellow Deli has great sandwiches, tea and lattes and is a great place to go for lunch. Fill a car and take a road trip to Chattanooga for a day or two, and you'll be glad you did. For more ideas of what to do in Chattanooga, visit http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g54946-Activities-Chattanooga_Tennessee.html.

"And the winners are..." Oscar nominations for the Academy Awards

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On March 2, the 86th Academy Awards will once again be taking place, and the nominees were recently announced. Below are a few films you can watch to for conversation starters on the big night:

Best Picture:

- "American Hustle"
- "Captain Phillips"
- "Dallas Buyers Club"
- "Gravity"

- "Nebraska"
- "Philomena"
- "12 Years a Slave"
- "The Wolf of Wall Street"
- "Her"

Best Actor in a Leading Role:

- Christian Bale ("American Hustle")
- Bruce Dern ("Nebraska")
- Leonardo DiCaprio ("The Wolf of Wall Street")
- Chiwetel Ejiofor ("12 Years a Slave")

- Matthew McConaughey ("Dallas Buyers Club")

Best Actress in a Leading Role:

- Amy Adams ("American Hustle")
- Cate Blanchett ("Blue Jasmine")
- Sandra Bullock ("Gravity")
- Judi Dench ("Philomena")
- Meryl Streep ("August: Osage County")

Animated Feature Film

- "The Croods"
- "Frozen"
- "Despicable Me 2"
- "The Wind Rises"
- "Ernest and Celestine"

Directing

- David O. Russell ("American Hustle")
- Alfonso Cuarón ("Gravity")
- Alexander Payne ("Nebraska")
- Steve McQueen ("12 Years a Slave")
- Martin Scorsese ("The Wolf of Wall Street")

Album Review: "Sun Structures"

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From across the pond comes "Sun Structures," the debut album from the psychedelic band Temples. English duo James Bagshaw and Thomas Warmesley formed the group in 2012 and have been steadily building their reputation in Britain as one of its best new bands. After extensive touring, the group has finally compiled their songs, releasing them as 2014's "Sun Structures."

Temples recalls early British rock with their warm tones and catchy melodies, but their tunes carry a contemporary attitude, a recklessness, a swagger. "Move With the Season" pulls you into a slow and steady, percussive groove informed by rhythm and blues overlaid with true-to-genre whirling guitars and vocals. "Shelter Song," the album's opener, is an excellent in-

troduction to the album, featuring a memorable riff and back-and-forth vocals to hook listeners.

Treat yourself to some post-Valentines indulgence and check out "Sun Structures." Its warmth and abandon are perfect for the transition from winter to spring. And for you collectors and audiophiles, the vinyl is slated for a stateside release later this month.



Upcoming Nashville concerts

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For music lovers, Nashville is quite possibly one of the best places to be with all the small shows and big-name concerts that find their way here. Now that the second semester is in full swing and the students are back in the habit of educational things, it's probably about time for a good break from school again. Below is a list of all the upcoming shows in Nashville for the welcomed break we all want. Ticket information and full schedules can be found on each venue's site.

Feb. 26th:

Amy Stroup CD Release Show with Tom Jordan and Lenachka
7 P.M. at The High Watt

March 1st:

The Delta Saints Revue w/ Joe Robinson & Omega Swan
7 P.M. at Exit/In

March 4th:

Empires
8 P.M. at The High Watt

March 5th:

Band of Horses

7:30 P.M. at The Ryman Auditorium
March 7th:

Freakin' Weekend 5: Night 2 feat. Diarrhea Planet w/ Turbo Fruits, Hunters, Cy Barkley & the Way Outsiders, Fox Fun & Deluxin
8 P.M. at Exit/In

March 9th:

Noah Gundersen 1/ Armon Jay
7 P.M. at The High Watt

March 11th:

Young the Giant
7:30 P.M. at The Ryman Auditorium

March 26th:

Gavin DeGraw w/ Parachute and Razzi Crane
7:30 P.M. at The Ryman Auditorium

Students say they use Snapchat for funny conversations, not sexting

Maci Shingleton
Contributor

When Hannah Spears, a senior exercise science major, woke up Monday morning she received a Snapchat photo of food with the title "Imma fatty" from one of her close friends. This photo began an exchange of nearly 50 Snapchat photos over a few days.

According to ABCNews.com, around 350 million photos are being exchanged daily via the social media app Snapchat by 100 million users. The idea is that a user can take a photo on their phone and send it to someone else. After the user opens the snap, the photo disappears after 10 seconds.

Critics of the app worry that it's designed for sexting or sending other information that users wouldn't want a permanent record of, but Trevecca students say they use the app to be funny and creative with friends.

Spears and her close friends often use Snapchat to have funny conversations about things like boring Friday nights, what movies they are watching and who they are with via photos rather than just text each other, she said.

Aaron Fairchild agrees. His goal is to make his friends laugh.

"I never do anything super explicit or vulgar, maybe I'll send a picture and say, 'Hey, I'm sitting on the toilet, what's up?' I do that kind of stuff to be funny," said Fairchild, a senior music business major.

Hank Mitchell, a junior English ed-



ucation major, also said that Snapchat is used by the college students he knows for humor and nothing serious.

"The last time I used Snapchat, I took a picture of my nipples and sent it to my friend. He responded with a picture of his nipples. It's the truth. Maybe that's why no one Snapchats me anymore," Mitchell said.

What makes Snapchat different

from texting photos is that you can view a Snapchat photo for a maximum of 10 seconds before it is erased. It may seem to offer privacy to the photo sender but can easily be screen-shot and saved by the photo receiver.

"The 10 second limit makes things interesting. It makes you try to be more creative," said Fairchild.

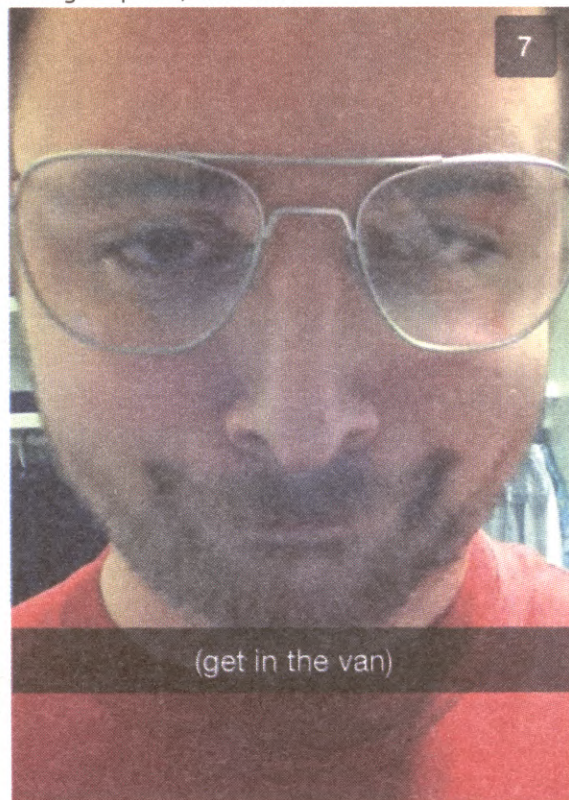
Trevecca counseling intern Nicole Norman said the app is getting a lot of attention for sexting, both by young teenagers and older adults, but the app also perpetuates the idea that information online isn't permanent.

"In that aspect, it's probably an unhealthy thing," she said. "You're using it to put it out there and then erase it so it's almost like, 'Oh, my identity is somewhat impermeable, I can change it however I want to. I can make myself this and then six minutes later be something else.'"

Snapchat feeds into current cultural beliefs that we can be whoever we want online,

Norman said.

"I feel like if there's a view-time limit on it, why do it? There's a danger in that. If it's going to be erased then why put it out there in the first place? Even if it is to friends, I don't see the point," she said.



Sam Jennings, sophomore, is one of many students that uses snapchat for humor

Trevecca alumna writes and self-publishes childrens' book

Autumn Woodard
Contributor

What started out as a child's fantasy world has become a reality for Amy Taylor.

Taylor, Trevecca class of 2012, began writing "The Adventures of Prince Larry" when she was just 10-years-old. As a child, she saw the problems that she and other children her age faced. From not sharing to being left out at playtime, Taylor decided to write it all down.

"It's mostly about problems that kids go through that they think are so

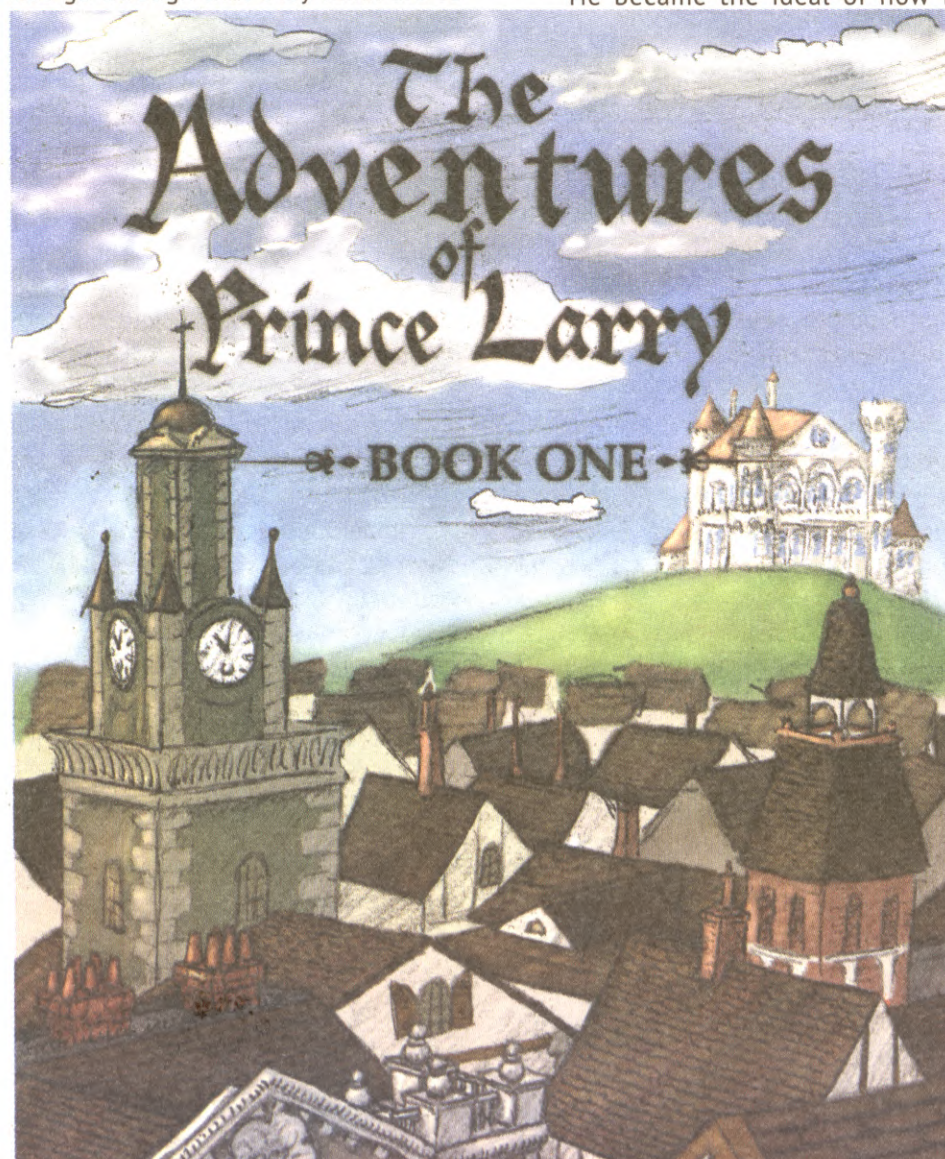
big at the time," she said. "I saw this and said, 'I want to write stories about that.'"

"The Adventures of Prince Larry" is a collection of stories about a young prince who helps children face typical childhood problems.

Prince Larry serves as a role model for the children of his kingdom, seeking to positively impact them by setting an example through his selfless actions.

As a child, Taylor said she remembers seeing children act in ways they shouldn't. It was from these experiences that Prince Larry was created.

"He became the ideal of how I



thought life should be."

Though the stories developed over time during her childhood, the actual book writing process is fairly new to her.

After graduating in 2012, Taylor decided it was time to bring her old stories out from a file cabinet in her Dad's shed and put them down on paper. It took about a year and a half to get the book ready to publish, and though Taylor says that it wasn't always easy to keep the ideas coming, her friends and family were there to give her support.

"They just told me to write," she said. "Write about what I know."

Her day job as a babysitter also came in handy in the final stages of developing her book. Being around kids every day, Taylor was able to watch them and see the problems they were dealing with as children.

Because "The Adventures of Prince Larry" tackles common childhood issues like not being able to share with others, she's been able to use her own stories to teach lessons to the children she babysits. They reacted positively to the story, even seeing themselves reflected in the characters. She believes that "The Adventures of Prince Larry" is an effective

way to teach children, because they respond better to stories rather than hearing their parents lecture them on what's right and wrong.

"Prince Larry teaches kids how to get-along and play," she said. "It's more fun if you can play together."

Graham Hillard, who teaches creative writing, contemporary literature and composition at Trevecca, was Taylor's adviser while she was a student. Hillard shares Taylor's belief that the use of stories is a successful way of teaching. From Plato to the parables of Jesus, narrative, he says, has been a moral and philosophical teaching tool throughout most of history.

"Fiction makes real to us the experiences of others," he said. "Told properly, a cautionary tale is stronger than words of caution."

In the future, Taylor hopes to continue writing. Depending on how well the book sells, she'd like to continue writing about Prince Larry and his adventures in spreading his selfless and generous way of life.

"The Adventures of Prince Larry" can be purchased online at <http://blimeycow.com/princelarry>