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More trees planted on campus to make Trevecca an arboretum

By Katie O'Connell
Contributor

With the planting of nearly 30 trees, Trevecca is on its way to becoming a certified arboretum, with a walking tour of trees on campus. Nineteen different species native to Tennessee were planted while students were away on break, continuing the dream of former Trevecca president, Homer Adams.

Trevecca is trying to become a level II arboretum, which requires at least 60 different species of trees, all of which must have name cards attached and a walking map must be available for self-guided tours. The name tags and maps are currently in development.

The project began earlier, in 2010, when a local Boy Scout teamed up with Adams, executive vice president for finance and administration David Caldwell, and others to take inventory of existing trees and create a map of all the school had. At the time, it was thought that fewer than 15 trees were needed before Trevecca would have all tree species native to Tennessee.

It turned out that a definitive list of native trees was hard to find. In addition, varieties within species kept adding to the confusion.

"The more we talk to

people, more and more trees get added to the list," Caldwell said.

Even as they work to plant new trees, some existing trees on campus will have to come down. It was discovered that many older trees are in fair or poor condition and only have three to five years left. These are larger trees, with trunk diameters anywhere from two feet all the way to 50 inches. By comparison,

The more we talk to people, more and more trees get added to the list.

-David Caldwell

Now the plan is to plant a few new native trees every year. For the trees that are already on campus, Caldwell hopes that the name tags and map will be complete by spring, when several species will be in bloom.

"Hopefully, all goes as it's supposed to," he said.



most of the newly planted trees are much smaller, with diameters under five inches.



Landscapers plant a tree in front of the Martin building over Christmas break. (Photo courtesy of the Marketing Department)

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Red Maple "Autum Blaze"	1
Chestnut Oak	2
Serviceberry	2
Bald Cypress	1
Elm "Allee"	4
Vitex	1
Washington Hawthorne	3
Carolina Silverbell	1
Wild Cherry	1
Golden Raintree	2
Catalpa	1
Sassafras	1
Basswood	1
Shagbark Hickory	1
Paw Paw	3

President's cabinet invests in science department by overdue updates

By Morgan Daniels
Editor-In-Chief

Approximately \$250,000 of new science equipment was ordered to help Trevecca's science program be more cutting edge and up-to-date.

"Most universities our size would typically not have this type of equipment," Alisha Russell, assistant professor of biology, said. "It's unique for larger schools as well, because they might have a lot of this equipment, but undergrads are typically not able to use it."

Last November, Trevecca's

cabinet members made the decision to invest in the science department, in hopes of helping recruitment. David Caldwell, executive vice president for finance and administration, said in an email that nearly \$150,000 was spent for biology, while the other \$100,000 was for physics and chemistry.

"We believe the expenditure will help retain existing students, as well as encourage others to enroll," Caldwell said in an email.

In order to pay for the equipment, Trevecca's Board of Trustees authorized the borrowing of \$10 million from the Metro

Nashville Development Board, in which \$1 million will be used in order to pay for the new science equipment and current construction projects. The remaining \$9 million will pay off current debt and be used for future renovations of McClurkin and the Greathouse science building.

"This is significant because it means that the interest expense for the borrowing should be completely offset resulting in an effective interest rate of 0 percent on the incremental debt," Caldwell said in an email.

As for the actual equipment, Russell and Fred Cawthorne, physics professor, said

they are very excited to begin introducing the equipment to students. Russell said since science is a hands-on field, students will now actually get to practice what they learn in their book.

Russell and Cawthorne also said they are looking forward to the new space and renovations of Greathouse that are projected to be completed at the end of summer 2011.

"Normally you kind of talk about these things, but you don't really expect them to materialize, but I think with people like David who are really investing in the university, he's a man of action, which is good," Cawthorne said.



Professor Alisha Russell demonstrates a new model to a student. (Photo by Allis Kersten)

CAMPUS NEWS

Professor seeks to be professional skydiver

By Alyssa Valletta
Staff Writer

Many professors have fascinating life stories or unusual hobbies.

But your average professor probably hasn't spent four hours, 46 minutes, and seven seconds of his life free-falling in the sky.

Andrew Berry, assistant professor of information technology, is a licensed skydiver. He has jumped 311 times since August 2009, when he really began pursuing skydiving.

"I guess I've just always had a fascination with the sky," Berry said.

Berry always knew he would skydive at some point in life, but didn't know he would love it so much.

"I thought it'd be

a one-time thing," Berry said.

But right after his first skydive, he said he wanted to do it again.

Berry now has the second level of skydiving licensing, called a B-license, and is just a few more steps away from his C-license, with a D-license being the most advanced level possible.

Berry skydives about every couple of weeks. Just this month he skydived in the snow.

He said he really enjoys the views, and it's almost a spiritual experience for him, not just a crazy whim.

"It's a beautiful thing," he said.

Berry has set several goals he wants to reach, including getting involved in the competitive side of skydiving.

He hopes to become

part of a four-way competition skydiving team (four people skydiving together, performing formations) and medal in a National Skydiving League regional event. At some point, Berry wants to participate in a 100-way skydiving event. He'd also love to participate in a demo jump, such as for a high school football game.

Berry wants to reach 1,000 jumps by the end of 2012. Most skydivers jump about 100 or so times a year, Berry said. But Berry jumped about 300 times in one year.

Many people might be afraid of the potential dangers of skydiving, including the instructors. Others won't go because of their fear of heights, Berry said. But while in the air, you don't perceive height normally, and it's not an issue. Skydiving is often used

to overcome a fear, he said.

Most of Berry's jumps take place at his "home dropzone," Skydive Alabama in Cullman, AL, where he completed all of his training.

Berry has been skydiving in three locations: Cullman, AL, Zephyrillus, FL, and Tullahoma, TN. He's jumped out of seven different types of aircraft, including a helicopter, a hot air balloon, and a Beech 18 twin-engine aircraft, a type of plane that was used in World War II.

For anyone who wants to try skydiving, Berry recommends Skydive Alabama--hands-down--as the place to start. The cost is \$199 to jump.

Many people may be apprehensive at first, but Berry said he's never met anyone who went skydiving and regretted it and didn't want to do it again.



Professor Andrew Berry walking away from a successful dive. (Photo courtesy of Mark Berry) Berry participating in a four-way dive. (Photo courtesy of Jason Waller)

Younger students on campus, more and more common

By Alyssa Valletta
Staff Writer

Most 16-year-olds are worried about getting asked to prom, passing their driver's license test and just making it through sophomore or junior year with fairly good grades.

But full-time TNU student Sarah Himbert is an exception. At age 16, her current plan is to graduate with a double major in math and math education and acquire a master's degree by age 22.

"When I first got here, I was really scared," Himbert said. College was big, new, and frightening. Now, she's made many friends and feels confident. "I'm comfortable with it."

Homeschooled by her parents from kindergarten on, Himbert sometimes did two lessons a day in order to get ahead. By age 7, she was already in the fourth grade. While having school year-round, and parents who wanted her to succeed, Himbert, by eighth grade, was teaching herself. She started her first semester of college this past fall, three years younger than the average Trevecca freshman.

Eight students under age 18 enrolled at TNU this year. This is the highest number of younger freshmen since the 2005-2006 school year, where nine students under 18 were enrolled. Last year, there were only four.

Of course, students could be 17 when they enroll and turn 18 soon after. Still, there's a large increase in students under 18. But the average age of incoming freshmen at Trevecca is 19.

Michael Cantrell, director of

admissions, said the increase has a lot to do with high schools and homeschool parents promoting higher education, often through college preparatory methods.

On a national scale, there



Freshman Sarah Himbert started college at sixteen. (Photo by Alyssa Valletta)

are various predictions regarding younger students going to college.

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) predicts that by 2017, 211,000 students, ages 14-17 will be enrolled in postsecondary education institutions. The last recorded statistics were for 2005, with 199,000 students under 18 in college.

NCES predict enrollment statistics based on population projections such as census records, to start, said William Hussar, an economist at NCES.

The reasons for these students attending college so young are buried somewhere amidst all the numbers. Sometimes if un-

employment goes up, that pushes people into school, said Hussar. Beyond this, there aren't many factual reasons to be found.

It's hard to pinpoint the reasons for this increase at TNU or the projected national increase, but entering the work force sooner may be a big factor, as in the case of Himbert.

Himbert said there are some positives to being a high school aged college student.

As a teen, chances are your parents will still give you money. If you don't have your license, your friends can drive you places and you don't have to worry about gas money, Himbert said. On occasion, acting a little immature is acceptable since you are, after all, the young kid in the group.

"Dating's about the same too," she said.

However, there are some potential disadvantages.

Some people may feel the need to 'mother' younger students, which could be nice at times but would wear on anyone after awhile, Himbert said.

"Half my friends are my mothers, half are my friends," she said.

Other possible issues would be getting a job on campus, or becoming an RA. Himbert would like to tutor math and possibly get a job next semester, and isn't sure yet if her age will make a difference.

According to Tom Midden-dorf, associate director of the CLCS, the main effort made for younger students, just like all incoming freshmen, is just helping them ease into the college environment.

WNAZ sold to BOTT Radio

By Amy Taylor
Copy Editor

The sale of Trevecca's Christian radio station, WNAZ, will close at midnight on February 17, and Trevecca administration is optimistic about the change of hands.

"WNAZ has played an important role in the history of Trevecca... but the reality is that we're the third place station now in town, and we can't increase our signal enough to ever compete with the two that are ahead of us," David Caldwell, Trevecca's executive vice president for finance and administration, said.

WNAZ has been sold for \$2 million to BOTT Radio Network, a talk radio station that broadcasts nationwide.

Although the rights to WNAZ have been sold, Trevecca will still be able to have some air time. For five years, Trevecca administrators will run two 60 second spots per day on BOTT's

network. These spots could be informational spots, advertisements, or thoughts of the day.

"So we'll get some exposure," Caldwell said.

Trevecca administrators also have marketing money that can be used to run ad spots for Trevecca on BOTT's network.

"That's another big piece to that deal," Caldwell said.

Because radio students will no longer have access to an on-campus radio station, administrators are developing other options for those students. Plans for an online radio station are in the works, and students will also be able to intern at radio stations in town, including BOTT Radio Network, Caldwell said.

"The thought really was, 'Would it be in the better interest of the school to reprioritize our assets...?' If we could sell those [assets] and take that money and invest it in other areas, it would benefit the core mission of this school at this point," Caldwell said.



Right: Freshman Nick Huddleston sings at Welcome Back Week's All-School Praise and Worship. (Photo by Alyssa Valletta)
Above: Ladies display their frugal outfits at Welcome Back Week's Thrift Store Prom Night. (Photo by Alyssa Valletta)





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Counseling Corner



By Amanda Grieme Daly
Contributor

The recent shootings in Tucson, Arizona, have caused great debate within the college counseling world.

To fill you in, a 22 year old male fired shots during a public event. Six people were killed and many were wounded. One of the wounded was Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

A mass shooting like this is always reason to pause and consider many issues; however, this shooting in particular has caused uproar in the college counseling community.

Some lawmakers, leaders, etc., have said that the gunman was not well cared for within the college community. The gunman (Jared Loughner) had previously attended Pima Community College and was asked to withdraw from school due to his erratic behavior. Pima would not let him return until he was cleared by a mental health professional.

This is common practice for a college or a counseling center; students are evaluated and assessed and are at times given requirements to meet in order to return to school. Due to the regularity of this referral and boundary, Pima was indeed not respon-

sible for Mr Loughner's erratic and unfortunate behavior.

His behavior does, however, bring about many questions for those of us living, working, and spending time on college campuses.

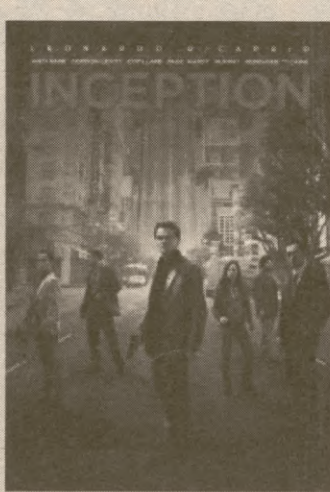
Are we safe here on campus? Overall, yes. I find it extremely important to emphasize that just because someone has a mental health disorder or struggles with emotional difficulties, does not mean that this person will become violent. Typically, people who struggle with mental health issues are more likely to be victims of violence than actually violent themselves.

Does Trevecca have a plan for potentially violent individuals?

I can speak on behalf of the counseling center. If we are working with an individual who is potentially threatening to themselves or others, we have specific protocols that we follow. The residence life staff also has protocols they follow. This is why it is important for you, the faculty, staff, and students of Trevecca, to alert Student Development or the Counseling Center if you have concerns about a student.

Between these two support systems, we can do our best to help. Within the counseling center we cannot directly reach out to a student, but we can offer consultation. Frequently the clearest form of action is for the counseling center and student development to work closely together.

As a close-knit community we can be thankful for the opportunity to love and serve each other on a daily basis. Part of loving and serving each other is communicating with others when we have concerns about safety and overall well-being.



Critics opinion: Movies, entertain and enlighten

By Todd Osborne

Staff Writer

Everybody's a critic.

It's a phrase as old as the entertainment industry itself, but that doesn't mean that every critic is right. Just because a movie is well-loved by every Tom, Joe, or Harry that went to a theater this year, that does not make it the Best Picture of the year.

If the top ten highest-grossing films of the year were automatically the films nominated for Best Picture, that list would include such remarkable films as *Clash of the Titans*, *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse*, and *Shrek Forever After* (it would also include films that might actually be up for Best Picture, like *Inception* and *Toy Story 3*, the highest grossing film of the year).

While some of these films are great examples of what the medium of film can accomplish

at its best, there are just as many films that are the theatrical equivalent of *Ke\$ha* or *The Bachelor*.

I hate to break it to you, but the common man and woman cannot determine what the best is, or at least they shouldn't. If that were the case, then years from now our grandkids would be reading *Twilight* and *New Moon* in high school, and learning about the world of Harry Potter instead of Yoknapatawpha County. If you were ill, would you ask advice from someone who had simply been to a doctor before (and really loved it!)? No, you would go to someone who has invested their whole being into the world of medicine.

In the world of film, the same thing can be said for critics. There is a reason why the Academy has not opened up the Oscars voting to America via text message (does Kris Allen ring a bell?). Critics are not just people

who only like dramas and movies that no one sees. They are people who have invested their whole life into the film industry, and they are here to praise those filmmakers and actors who are pushing the industry farther, instead of relying on the same old tactics that have worked before. Critics do not care about money or figures because those do not make a movie good; they make a movie profitable.

Likewise, a good movie does not have to be a drama, or a historical biopic. A good movie does the same thing that a good book does: it makes the viewer think about his or her world in a new way; it allows that viewer to reflect on the human condition, and it speaks into that reflection in a way that is transformative.

I've said it before, and I will say it again: a good movie should not merely entertain, it should enlighten.

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FEATURE

Every year, whether we like it or not, new trends infiltrate our lives—some of those trends are good, others not so good. But we can all rest assured that there will always be new trends to either enjoy or make fun of, and 2010 was full of them.

Yes, there were some fun trends, but many of the trends were bad from the start or simply became tiring over time. These bad trends are seemingly impossible to avoid. They're everywhere. Your friends are wearing them, listening to them, watching them, and you probably are too.

2010 is gone, though, and it's time for all of us to move on. Maybe by realizing what the terrible trends of 2010 were, we can avoid them along with even worse trends in 2011. Probably not, but it's worth a shot. So here goes.

Trends of 2010

NEVER LOOKING BACK AGAIN

By Amy Taylor

Copy Editor

MEDIA

Twilight :: At least stop wearing the "Team Jacob" and "Team Edward" shirts.

The Bed Intruder song :: Okay, this one is really funny. Let's give it another year. If you haven't seen it, check it out on YouTube.

Lady Gaga :: Her music will get stuck in your head, and that is why she's on this list.



Fashion

Leggings as pants :: Leggings are not pants, and on most people, it's just not attractive. I know people are trying to get away with this look by wearing "jeggings," but leggings and jeggings are essentially the same things. Just because Conan O'Brien featured jeggings on his show doesn't mean it's okay. They're not for everyone.

"I'm obsessed with jeggings," O'Brien said. "When I see women out here on the lot wearing jeggings, I just do a backflip."

"Really?" Tim Gunn asked. "Any women? Any physique?"

"Well, let's not go crazy. No," O'Brien said.

Thigh-high boots :: YIKES! Enough said.

UGGS :: UGGS have been around a lot longer than just this past year, but we've gotten past the first decade of the new millennium now, and it's time to move on. Okay, so these aren't necessarily the worst trend out there; UGGS keep you warm and cozy during wintry days, but wearing UGGS during warmer months is going way too far. Just don't do it. They're really not that cute in the first place.

Big, fake glasses :: According to an online article "Fake" eyeglasses becoming trend," Blake Stephens writes that some people wear fake glasses because they think they look smarter, more professional or more fashionable. People who actually need glasses don't understand the craze, however, and they are frustrated that other people who have good vision would want to wear glasses. This was kind of cool for a while, but it's getting old now.

Sayings

Acronyms (OH EM GEE!!!) :: "Acronyms have become so prevalent that they suffer what anything does when coined without end: devaluation," Robert Lane Green writes in the article "OMG, ETC" on IntelligentLife.com. This was funny for a while—speaking in acronyms in real life rather than just online, but as with most jokes, it has become less funny with time.

Writing Facebook statuses in letter format :: "Dear social networkers, writing in letter format is getting old. Love, the trend police." LOL, didn't that sound witty?

Just sayin' :: This was funny in the beginning, but it's overused now. Just sayin'!

Fail :: Admittedly, "Fail Blog" is funny, but saying "fail" in real life is reminiscent of 13 year-old skater boys.

Epic :: Also 13 year old skater boys.

Verizon Wireless introduces iPhone 4

By Riley Wampler
Contributor

Is anyone surprised? Rumors and reports of the iPhone 4 appearing at Verizon Wireless were at an all time high; finally Apple's January 11 announcement removed all doubt. It looks as if Verizon's loyal iPhone fanatics finally have a reason to celebrate. Or do they? Perhaps we shouldn't pull the strings on our party poppers just yet.

Since its original launch date in 2007, the iPhone has only been offered at AT&T. Exclusivity has long been a part of the game plan at Apple's California headquarters, but for the first time in years, the \$300 billion corporation is acting slightly frightened and for good reason. The Android.

Despite a lackluster beginning, unlike the iPhone's debut, sales of the Google operating system phones have increased at an alarming rate. Their combined sales even passed up those of the iPhone in the third and fourth quarters of 2010. This isn't devastating news just yet; by acting now Apple has potentially saved themselves from being crushed by the competition. Speaking of crushing things, that's probably what you'll want to do with



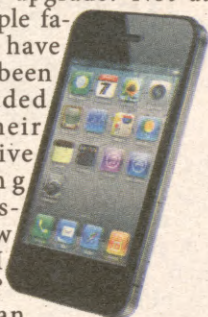
your Verizon iPhone if you buy one when it hits stores on February 10. Not that crushing it is your only option, perhaps throwing it at a wall, dropping it from a significant height, or drowning it in a toilet is more your style. The point is, even mild mannered customers will have a hard time controlling their temper when they realize that they've been jipped. Need an explanation? No problem.

Big changes are happening at Verizon Wireless; stuff you probably don't want to miss out on. If you haven't heard, Verizon's 4G LTE network is up in 38 cities including Nashville (nationwide coverage in 2013), and the first Android phones will hit the market as early as March, while the iPhone 4 only has 3G. So what's the difference in 1G? More than you might think; Verizon boasts that their 4G network is up to 10 times faster than 3G. That means you can download a song in four seconds, upload a photo in six seconds, stream a Netflix movie without having to buffer, and make a Skype video phone call without using wifi. The whole idea behind using the internet on your phone is convenience, and

what could be more convenient than a web page loading instantaneously?

So maybe you can live with the 3G speeds the iPhone has to offer, but how will you feel when your iPhone 4 is not only made obsolete by 4G but a newer iPhone as well? Tech talk is that Verizon may be announcing a 4G iPhone as early as this summer. Would Apple do that? Are they really that heartless? They sure are. Many speculated that Apple would wait until they had a 4G model of the iPhone before they brought the product over to Verizon, but that wouldn't be fully capitalizing on this opportunity. Apple knows that the only thing better than you buying a new iPhone is you buying the old iPhone too.

So is the iPhone destined to fail at Verizon until they get their act together and give it a much-needed upgrade? Not at all, Apple fanatics have never been applauded for their cognitive buying processes. How do I know? I am an Apple fanatic, but not this time. Come spring time you'll see me with a brand new 4G HTC ThunderBolt.



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Nashville Spotlight

By Brett Smith
Contributor

And we're back. As February approaches and we say goodbye to the beginning of the new year, we begin to settle back into our daily routines of classes, work and homework; in other words, responsibility.

So as the stress begins to weigh on your shoulders, be sure to remember to take a break every once in a while, and have some fun!

Check out a few of these fun and cheap, ideas happening around town!

Antiques and Garden Show of Nashville

Where: Nashville Convention Center

When: February 11-13, 2011

Price: \$10.00

January Night Market

Where: Nashville Farmers Market

When: January 28, 2011

Price: Free Admission

Lane Motor Museum Super Deal Sunday

Where: 702 Murfreesboro Pike

When: Sunday, February 6

Price: \$2.00

Frist Center for the Visual Arts--Free Admission

Where: 919 Broadway

When: Now to February 19

Price: Free Admission

Adventure Science Center

Where: 800 Fort Negley Boulevard

When: Mon.-Sat, 10:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, 12:30pm -5:00pm

Price: \$12.00 - general admission



In review: The Drums

By Todd Osborne
Staff Writer

It might seem odd for me to be reviewing The Drums right now. For one thing, the album, a self-titled freshman venture from the Brooklyn quartet, came out last June, and its sound might seem more attuned to the spirit of summer than the heart of winter (after all, there is a song called "Let's Go Surfing"). But odd as it might be, The Drums' record is one that thrives at all times of the year, maybe especially in those times when nature is at her most unforgiving.

The Drums are not a complicated band. In the world of indie rock where it often seems that intricate guitar riffs and mesmerizing lyrics are the height of what is considered "good," The Drums are content to use spare guitar solos and simple melodies (often complete with rich harmonies as in the chorus of "Book of Stories"), along with lyrics that never stray far from stories about love, heartbreak, and the trials of

growing up. But The Drums' simplicity is an asset, creating a world that is relaxed and free from the trials and complexities of the world.

The Drums' sound lends to their overall aesthetic. With guitars that sound like they were recorded in a jar and an ever-present bass guitar, The Drums sound like something from another era. Songs like "Down by the Water" are reminiscent of the doo-wop sound of the '50s and '60s, while many songs also remind the listener of the surf rock style reminiscent of bands like the Beach Boys and recent bands like Best Coast.

Music is often capable of transporting the listener to another place or time, and somehow The Drums are able to make every day seem like summer: carefree and full of the innocent optimism of teenagers. Don't let another wintry day pass without a little sunshine courtesy of The Drums.

Rating: 3 out of 4 stars.

Buy the whole album, but if you can't, then definitely check out "Book of Stories," "Down by the Water," or "I Need Fun in My Life."





Getting to know an athlete: K.C. Van Atta

By Tyler D. Whetstone

Sports Editor

Kelly Christian, or K.C., Van Atta, daughter of Head Coach Gary Van Atta is the lone senior and second leading scorer at 8.3 points per game for the Lady Trojans (7-10 as of January 26) who have won five of their last seven and are 4-2 in TranSouth play. K.C. has played in 109 games for the Lady Trojans, 28 more than any other active player.

Pregame

Q: What is your favorite cereal?

A: Applejacks because they're orange.

Q: Gatorade or Powerade?

A: Powerade. Yeah, because Gatorade is just watered down Powerade.

Q: Who is an athlete you admire?

A: Got to say J.J. Reddick. There's no way around it. I try to model my style of play after him... everyone doubted that he could play at the NBA level and he proved everyone wrong.

Q: What is your pregame meal?

A: 5 Hour Energy...everytime.

In Game

Q: You destroyed your head the other day (versus Bethel), and you've been playing injured for a while, how many pain-free games have you played at Trevecca?

A: This is going to sound really lame, but I'm going to have to say none. Since the day I walked through the door there's always been something wrong with me.

Q: Which would you rather have, 15 points in one game or 10 rebounds in one game?

A: I'd rather have a win. Whichever one of those my team needs out of me during that game...like it could be 15 points one game, but the next game maybe they just need me to get 10 rebounds. So whichever one is needed, that's what I want, because I'd rather just win.



Senior K.C. Van Atta drives down the lane. (Photo courtesy of the athletic department)

one who knows more about you than you know about yourself, and I wouldn't have gotten that anywhere else.

Postgame

Q: What are you going to miss most about putting on number 34 for the purple and white?

A: Just the games. I mean it really is what I've lived for the past 20 years of my life...it's just what I've always lived to do, so I'll really miss that.



Cross country to go international

By Taylor Steinmetz

Staff Writer

The Trevecca men's and women's cross country teams finished their inaugural season this past fall. This was the second time that Trevecca has had a men's cross country program. In the 1970s Trevecca had a men's team for four years, but had never fielded a women's team.

Trevecca's cross country teams are coached by Dean Cole who previously coached the Franklin Road Academy girls' cross country and track and field teams.

Coach Cole recently went on a trip to Kenya to check on the status of the research pastor Fred Amolo is doing with funding from The Cole Family Foundation (CFF).

The CFF "is a family foundation, 501c3 non-profit, incorporated in 2003 in South Carolina. It is set up by my wife and I to set up funding for Christian ministries all over the world," Cole said.

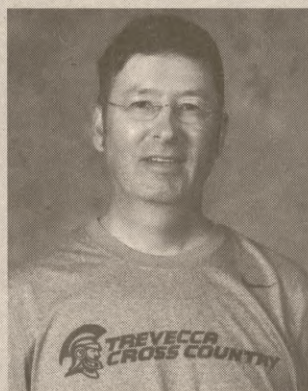
He also visited Nazarene pastor Jaako Ngwehah. "[Ngwehah] was called by God to increase their education, and the CFF is helping get them funds," Cole said.

While in Kenya, Cole took a look at prospects for next season. "It went well. Two people, God willing, can get here for 2011-2012," Cole said.

There are a lot of hurdles to jump for international students to come to Trevecca including a lot of paper work and the need for money because they are coming from poor families.

Cole asks Trevecca to pray that God will provide the resources for them to get here.

Cole is a USA Track and Field level-1 certified track and field coach who graduated from Regents College in Albany, New York. Cole was also a three-year letterman in cross country at Fairmont East High School in Kettering, Ohio.



Coach Dean Cole (Photo courtesy of the athletic department)

NCAA DII, Trevecca moving in the right direction

By Tyler D. Whetstone

Sports Editor

The most disappointing result in the past year for Trojan athletics wasn't a box score. It wasn't a final score or an injured athlete either. When Trevecca was denied entrance into NCAA Division II last summer, it sent shockwaves of disappointment throughout the athletic department.

This time Trevecca has it figured out, and they are ready to apply for the second time in the past two years.

"I think the [most frequent] question is 'Are we going [to DII]?' and from my understanding we are going. At this point we are making that appointment," Brenda Patterson, athletic director, said.

Here's a wrap up of what has happened to get Trevecca to this point:

December 2009 Trevecca hired consultants to preside over Trevecca's attempted move out of the NAIA and into DII. Last summer's bid was unsuccessful mostly due to Trevecca's newest sport, cross country, not having competed for a full year yet.

This time around, Patterson and the committee who are

arranging the bid have Trevecca geared towards a successful request. Of the approximately 13 NAIA schools attempting to make the jump, Trevecca is in the top tier, according to Patterson and the hired consultants.

The bid is due June 1 and Patterson expects a response from the NCAA no later than July 7 or 8.

However, regardless of whether or not Trevecca achieves its DII status there are still several issues. The first and most pressing is the NAIA's current ruling on schools attempting to leave to DII. Each school will be required to undergo a postseason ban in all sports for the 2011-2012 school year.

Trevecca could bypass this ban if the NCAA accepts their bid; however, the NCAA still requires a minimum of two years in a candidacy state, which also requires a ban from postseason play while the NCAA decides whether or not Trevecca is in well enough condition to receive the NCAA logo.

In the meantime, Patterson and the committee are sending resumes and attempting to receive commitment forms from one of two DII conferences that could possibly accept Trevecca if,

and when, they receive the bid, the South Atlantic Conference and the Gulf South Conference.

Each conference is solid in DII athletics, the Gulf South Conference being the more prestigious of the two.

Should Trevecca get denied for the second consecutive year, it would still resume its ban from the NAIA. However, Patterson suggests that there would then be no reason to be associated with the NAIA or TranSouth with the Trojans looking ahead to DII, yet being unable to play in NAIA's postseason.

In that case, Trojan athletics might decide to go independent, dismissing any conference ties while still having a possible shot at the postseason. This issue will receive more attention at the NAIA's annual meeting in April.

For now the Trojan athletic program will continue to do everything in its power to jump to the next level.

"[We still have] several agenda items that they [the NCAA] feels we need to add to our appeal and have it ready by June 1," Patterson said.

For updates on Trevecca's DII status, be sure to follow TrevEchoes online at www.trev-echoesonline.wordpress.com.



Above: Freshman Anna Mitchell defends the ball against Avila University. (Photo courtesy of Athletic Department)
Right: Senior Jeremy Dixon looks for an open pass during the game against Lyon College. (Photo by Allis Kersten)



Trojan basketball, turning the corner

By Tyler D. Whetstone

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Head Coach Sam Harris sat in his office after the latest Trojan basketball game, fatigued. His men had just held the TranSouth's leading scorer to just 10 points in route to beating Lyon College 72-65.

The Trojans (9-9, 3-3) have made coaching life tiring for Harris with their play this season, not always a bad thing.

The Trojans began the season 3-0 before dropping their next four games, and have played .500 ball up to their win versus Lyon.

"We've got just enough talent on this year's group that all of them have to bring energy and excitement to our team for our team to be good, and there's no margin for error," Harris said.

When the Trojans have been able to do this they normally win. When they normally win, the Trojans score an average of 81 points per game. When the Trojans lack energy, when they lose, they score an average of 62 points, a difference of 19.

Also, the Trojans have suffered three losses by three points or less, the most dramatic of the three was a buzzer beating shot by Bethel University January 13.

The Trojans next two opponents, home against Union and away at Martin Methodist, are currently ranked in the top 25 and have been for much of the season. It will take a combined effort in order to win these two games and to finish the TranSouth schedule over .500.

"If we just put everything together, then I don't think we can be beat," France said.

The key for France and the rest of the Trojans is find a rhythm where this can happen.

In five years of coaching at Trevecca, Head Coach Gary Van Atta has coached the Lady Trojans to the NAIA national tournament every year.



Junior Keith Morris battles for the opening tip-off. (Photo by Allis Kersten)

So when the Lady Trojans dropped seven of their first nine games to begin the season, it raised some eyebrows.

Also, in six years of coaching at Trevecca, Van Atta has also lost 10 or more games three times, yet every year made the national tournament.

In fact, the year Van Atta lost the most games of his Trevecca career was in 2008 when the Lady Trojans lost 12. That was also the same year they played for the national championship game on ESPN2.

No one is paving the way for the Lady Trojans to have a shot at the national championship again, but despite the 7-10, 4-2 record as of January 26, no one is throwing in the towel.

"They're not giving up and they're not quitting, and I love that about them," Van Atta said.

The Trojans have begun to show signs of turning things around, by winning five of their last eight games and as of January 26, owning the fourth best conference record in the TranSouth.

"They realize that they're fighting for their tournament lives right now," Van Atta said.

Looking ahead however, the Lady Trojans have one of the toughest stretches of anyone in the nation. January 27 brings two-time defending national champion Union University and their record 57 straight TranSouth wins to Moore Gymnasium.

In total, six of their next 10 games will be against teams in the top 25 or teams who are receiving votes.

"We can't ever take a day off, or a second off. There's no taking off. We know what we have to do, and it's hard work," Chelsey Taylor, junior said.

Hard work and a hard schedule is the path that now lies ahead of the Lady Trojans, but as previous Van Atta teams have shown, counting them out before the season ends is unwise.

"Every night the people we're playing...they better prepare for us. Because if they don't, they're going to be sorry and wished they had," Van Atta said.

Getting to know an athlete: Marquise Rudolph

By Tyler D. Whetstone

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As of January 26, sophomore guard Marquise Rudolph has started a combined 32 games for the Trojans the past two years. Rudolph has averaged 9.3 points per game with a team leading 3.2 assists per game this season and is looking forward to the rest of TranSouth play saying, "I think we're getting better as a team every day."

Pregame

Q: Reason you came to TNU?

A: Coach Harris came to my school and it was out of this school and TSU (Tennessee State University) and I chose this school because I thought it had a better education.

Q: What is your favorite pro team and athlete?

A: The Denver Nuggets and my favorite professional athlete is Carmelo Anthony. Wherever he goes I'll be a fan.

Q: What has been the hardest class you've taken so far at TNU?

A: I can say this with confidence [that it] is Bib Faith. Probably the hardest class I've ever taken in my life.

In game

Q: In game would you rather have 15 assists or 20 points? Please explain your answer.

A: I'd rather have 15 assists because that means we have at least 30 points. It leads to other people scoring which helps us win. Anybody can come out there and score 20 points.

Q: Which one would you prefer: fast break for yourself or an open three?

A: Fast break.

Q: Why's that?

A: Cause I'm fast. I like to run. I'm not really much of a shooter anyway.

Q: If you had to pick one team to beat on the schedule who'd it be and why?

A: 'Course the Cumberland game. It's our rival. [We] always got to win against Cumberland. We get our shot at them again...

Q: What's the dumbest thing you've ever heard fans yell?

A: [At Cumberland] they said, 'Number 10, you're playing like TJ Ford.' And I was thinking to myself, TJ Ford won [the NCAA's] National Player of the Year in college and [was] one of the top picks in the NBA draft.

Postgame

Q: What's [Head] Coach Harris like after a win?

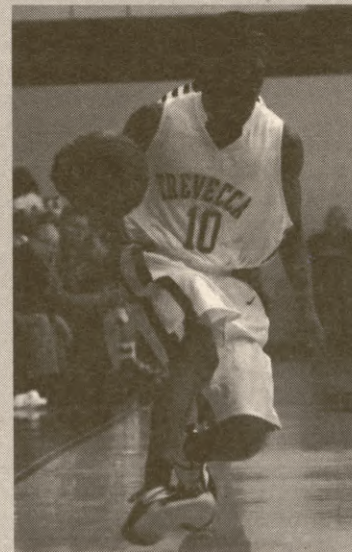
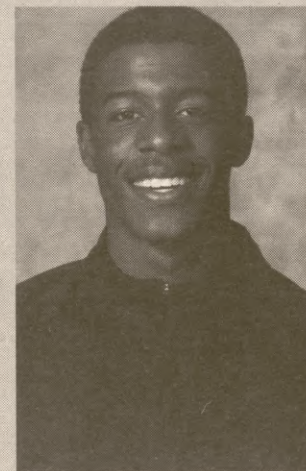
A: After a win he's always focused on the next game. Win or lose...he's always looking for that bigger picture, which is the national tournament.

Q: For TNU to stay afloat in the TranSouth you guys must...

A: We have to rebound the ball better and play more physical defense [as a team].

Q: Why are you guys so solid at home (as of January 26, 6-1 at Moore Gymnasium)?

A: 'Course there's the fans... 'Course you're just more comfortable shooting on your own rims that you practice on every day. You don't have to be on a bus. [It's] just more suitable for you, more comfortable; and of course the fans. The fans are a big reason too.



Sophomore Marquise Rudolph in action. (Courtesy of the Athletic Department)

Trojan Basketball Home Games

Men's Basketball:

February

3 8:00pm

vs. Mid-Continent

12 4:00pm

vs. Cumberland Univ.

17 8:00pm

vs. Freed-Hardeman

26 4:00pm

vs. Martin Methodist

Women's Basketball:

February

3 6:00pm

vs. Mid-Continent

12 2:00pm

vs. Cumberland Univ.

17 6:00pm

vs. Freed-Hardeman

26 2:00pm

vs. Martin Methodist

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



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