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New volleyball courts should be built by spring

By Amy Taylor
Assistant Editor

Volleyball courts are in the plans to be built near the Bush apartments soon.

The project is being partially funded by last year's all-school gift, money budgeted each year by student government association.

Building the volleyball courts "is still in the plans" despite some setbacks, David Caldwell, executive vice president for administration and finance, said.

Administration must have other projects completed before beginning work on the volleyball courts, Caldwell said.

Currently, the biggest project is moving plant operations out

of its old location and over to Nance Lane, Caldwell said.

Plant operations is the overseer of these types of construction projects, so the volleyball courts are on hold until plant ops can get situated in their new location on campus.

Not only are plant ops personnel preoccupied with moving their offices but they are also preoccupied with regular maintenance upkeep on campus, Caldwell said.

In spite of these setbacks, Caldwell is aiming to have the volleyball courts built by the end of February, just as spring starts, he said.

Because at that time the "weather is more conducive for it, we might have [the new volleyball courts] by then," Caldwell said.

Many student leaders said they would like to see the courts up as soon as possible.

Intramurals gets a new look

By Katie Schimmelpfennig
Editor-in-Chief

Trevecca Intramural Association is under new leadership this year and is offering more chances for students to meet people outside of the classroom.

TIA is a less awkward way for people to get involved and meet people, Jeff Byler, TIA commissioner, said.

TIA offers different sports of everyone all year long. The current season is comprised of 13 volleyball teams, 12 softball teams and 7 ultimate Frisbee teams.

Typically, games are played on Mondays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. around campus. Schedules can be found online on TIA's Facebook page.

During Byler's freshman year, he joined TIA because of his love of sports. But soon, he built relationships with other students, and it was much more than just a game, he said. Byler wanted to become TIA commissioner to offer other students the same opportunities to build friendships that he had.

"TIA is how I found my best friends," Byler said.

TIA is offering their first Home Run Derby Oct.



Jonathan Sharpes and Michael Follis fight for the frisbee in a game of ultimate frisbee.
(photo by Jake Resor)

15. Eight top players will compete for the championship title. Spectators are encouraged to attend. There will be corn-hole tournaments, hot chocolate and heaters, Byler said.

"This is the first of many to come hopefully," Byler said.

Students can also look forward to an end-of-season super bowl on Dec. 10.

What's next? Flag football and Powderpuff football

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More cyclists on campus may lead to bike registration

By Todd Osborne
Copy Editor

More students are riding their bikes around campus this semester, so security personnel are considering implementing a bicycle registration process.

The purpose of the bike registration is to help with theft because last year, bikes were stolen on campus. There are also many unused bikes near the Terrace apartments cluttering campus, Greg Dawson, assistant director of security, said.

Security personnel are not yet sure if there will be a registration fee or if it will be free, Dawson said.

If the bike registration policy is implemented, it will take effect either next semester or next school year.

Students have begun riding their bikes more as a result of an urban sociology class, which involves biking to different locations and discussing sociology.

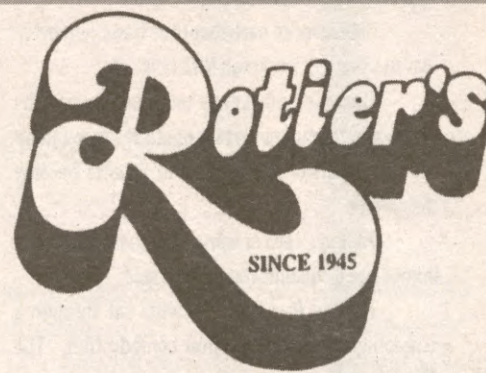
Senior Vera Pendergraft, who took the class last summer, believes the class is contributing to more people biking on campus.

"You have to bike for the class, so I definitely think that leads to more bikes on campus," she said.

Another reason for the influx of bikers is that there are more students on Trevecca's campus who are biking to save energy.

Biking popularity has risen in the United States overall, with many people concerned about rising gas prices or the effect of exhaust on the environment opting to bike rather than drive.

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Dave Phillips: first dean of Trevecca's new adult learning unit is hired

By Katie O'Connell
Staff Writer



Dave Phillips has recently been hired as the first dean of the new College of Lifelong Learning.

Phillips came to Trevecca from Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colo., where he served as vice president of online education, according to a press release posted by the university.

He holds four masters degrees in biblical studies, adult education and distance learning, instructional design for online learning, and a masters of divinity, and he also has a doctor of ministry degree.

Officially hired in April, Phillips spent two months staffing the college. Each of Trevecca's schools had one personnel who worked on adult programs, Phillips said, but he had to put together a cohesive unit.

The College of Lifelong Learning encompasses all programs except traditional undergraduates, including graduate, degree-completion

programs and online education. Its stated mission is to "empower adults through lifelong learning."

Before its formation, Trevecca's separate schools and programs were working independently. With the advent of the College of Lifelong Learning, the overseeing of adult programs has been consolidated into one place, though the college does not design the programs themselves.

"We're a service unit, not an academic unit. We don't create academic courses," Phillips said.

The college works to provide students services like those that undergraduate students have.

In addition to off-campus coordinators who work at other schools, adult learners can take advantage of full-time academic and financial aid advisors.



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Benson Buzz

Fourth annual Benson Hall basement event deprives students of sleep for prize money

By Joey Hutton
Contributor

Twenty-six freshmen guys were confined to the Benson basement, struggled to stay awake and forfeited their bathroom rights for over seven hours to try to be the fourth annual champion of the Benson basement event.

Logan Newkirk, this year's winner, managed to stay awake until 7:15 a.m.

He won \$50.

Residents met outside in the fourth floor hallway at 11:55 p.m. on a recent Friday night. Resident advisors, John Keaton and Drew Lewis, directed the guys down to the basement. Entering the room, guys were welcomed to help themselves to as many snacks and beverages as they wanted.

"My favorite part about the basement event was the snacks," freshman Nick Polk said.

Once seated, Lewis announced that the group had to endure certain obstacles throughout the early hours of the morning in order to become the winner.

Falling asleep or leaving the room resulted in immediate disqualification, Lewis said.

For the first trial, students sat through a screening of the 2010 action comedy film, "The Other Guys."

After 107 minutes of hysterics and laughter, "The Other Guys" was ejected from the PS3 only to be replaced by "Paranormal Activity 2." By this time, more than half of residents had left to go to bed.

When the supernatural horror flick finished, only 17 students stayed for the real heats to start.

Task three required the remaining contestants to stand with their hands above their heads until seven people got tired and gave up.

This lasted for an hour and a half.

"That was my least favorite thing the entire night," said Polk, one of the seven to be disqualified from this round. "Even though I was out of the game, I stayed until after five in the morning."

The night progressed with more games.

Players had to sit quietly in the dark for 20 minutes without falling asleep. They had to resist leaving the room to search for a toilet when the RAs played water-dripping sounds. Students struggled to keep their eyes from blinking or risked being eliminated.

Finally, by 7:15a.m., Newkirk, a freshman from Illinois, managed to stay awake and complete all the games and win.

His fuel: two bottles of water, two cans of soda, two bags of chips and four zebra cakes.

"I didn't think I'd make it half way through," Newkirk said.

He admitted that the most difficult tasks asked of him was to not fall asleep and to keep his hands above his head for 90 minutes.

Logan has the intention of spending his \$50 prize on food.

The fourth annual winner of the Benson basement event climbed into bed at 7:40 Saturday morning and only slept for a total of four hours.

Keaton hoped to see freshmen fellowship and enjoy one another's company, he said.

"I love seeing all the guys bonding and getting along," Keaton said, after the event. "Personally, I love spending time with the guys."

Trevecca's version of "Minute to Win It" attempts to bring a sense of community to Benson Hall

By Tyler Comer
Staff Writer

Trevecca men spent an evening trying to stack cups, eat crackers, play nerf basketball and run an obstacle course through the doom all while being timed, in an effort to win Trevecca's own version of the popular television show, "Minute to Win it."

Sixteen of Benson Hall second floor residents participated.

The event was one of several that the Benson residence hall association hosts each year in an effort to build community among guys who live together in the dorm.

Benson Hall resident director Daniel Jetton's main goal is community. Events like "Minute to Win it" get people excited to be involved, he said.

Much like NBC's television show where contestants have one minute to complete certain tasks to win up to one million dollars, Benson's adopted four similar tasks, such as a team of two competitors together responsible for eating 15 saltine crackers in the least amount of time and a team having to stack 36 plastic cups in a pyramid the fastest.

Winners, Hamil Rich and Cody Garrow, won \$25 each.

"It was one of the best events I've ever been a part of since I started going to Trevecca last year," said sophomore Tim Scott, a participant in "Minute to Win It."

While Jetton received several positive comments about the event, some guys had suggestions for how to make it better in the future.

"The event went pretty well. It was definitely one of the more creative events that we've ever been a part of, but it could have been a lot better with more official judges," Scott said.

Some residents said they want to participate in events like this, but mid-week events in the midst of other events like Spiritual Deepening Week made it difficult.

"I didn't get to go because of everything that's going on right now," said Brandon Huggins, another Benson resident. "It didn't start until eleven o'clock, it was spiritual deepening week, and I had a lot of homework and studying to do."

Jetton was glad for the feedback and plans to host the event again next year, he said.

Administration considers options for new fine arts building

By Amy Taylor
Assistant Editor

The administration is looking into building a new fine arts building sometime in the future.

Dates have not been specified yet as to when the renovations could possibly take place, said David Caldwell, vice president for administration and finance.

In the short term, Wakefield, the current fine arts building, is be-

ing renovated. The original widows in the building and the lack of insulation affected the humidity of the building, which in turn, affected the musical instruments, Caldwell said.

But these renovations will not be needed later on down the

road if a new fine arts building is constructed.

If the music department does move out of the building at some point, administration has considered moving the religion department into that space as a re-

placement, Caldwell said.

This means there will be no need for soundproof practice rooms, so administration is looking into other construction options, Caldwell said.

"I don't think anything is

confirmed, but that is one option that has been widely discussed," Caldwell said.

In considering all of their options, administration is still in the thinking stage, and nothing is set in stone yet, Caldwell said.

Justin Bieber spotted with Levi Lafferty

By Katie Schimmelpfennig

Editor-in-Chief

Teen pop sensation Justin Bieber filmed his music video for the Christmas song "Mistletoe" on Sept. 28 in downtown Franklin, and two Trevecca students were lucky enough to spot him and get a picture.

While the student government association was busy making posters for Inside Trevecca Day, six student leaders decided to venture into Franklin, Tenn. upon completion for an opportunity to possibly meet Bieber.

Levi Lafferty, Brian Johnson, Jonathan Wright, Adam Crum, Preston Hunt and Riley Wampler came up with the idea after Wright got a tip from his girlfriend that Bieber was filming a music video in Franklin.

In the midst of 200 fans waiting to meet Bieber, Lafferty said he and Johnson had the opportunity to meet Bieber after finding Bieber's bus and thinking that, because of the sprinkling rain, a break in the bus would be needed.

"They expected Bieber to come to them, but I knew I had to go to Bieber," Lafferty said.

Bieber was in the bus and when he came out, Lafferty asked for a picture with him.

"His hair was unperturbed by the rain," Lafferty said.

Bieber declined having a picture taken, however, until two girls who were standing nearby asked for a picture, too.

Because Bieber was already taking pictures, he agreed to a picture with Lafferty, and Lafferty appreciated Bieber's "will-ingless to embrace a side-hug."



Senior Levi Lafferty poses with Justin Bieber Sept. 29 at 1:15 a.m. while junior Brian Johnson tries to find camera on phone. (photo courtesy of Lafferty)

"Thank God for those girls," Lafferty said.

The one-on-one time with Bieber wasn't all that the men enjoyed, though.

Wright said his most memorable part of the "bieb-peri-ence" was Bieber "taking the time to sing Jingle Bells with fans over the loud speaker of a cop car."

The men were hopeful to spot Selena Gomez, Bieber's reported girlfriend, but she left early, they said.

This was the first time they had ever seen a celebrity in Nashville.

"Bieber's leather jacket feels as soft as it looks," Lafferty said.

Lafferty:
"Will you
take a pic-
ture with
us?"

Bieber:
"Sure."

Lafferty:
"You're the
man."

Permit problems hold up construction of new tennis courts

By Amy Taylor

Assistant Editor

Trevecca's campus is currently lacking tennis courts, but that is soon to change.

The tennis courts were torn down during the summer and paved over to create additional parking space that was needed on campus.

Now, administration must acquire a permit before rebuilding the tennis courts, Glen Linthicum, director of plant operations, said. The permit should come within the next couple of weeks.

"Like anything with the government, it's always slow," Linthicum said.

Linthicum said he had wanted the new tennis courts completed before the start of the fall semester, but that wasn't possible.

As soon as administration is given the needed permit, however, construction of the tennis courts will begin, Linthicum said.

Another construction holdup is the need for a rain garden that water will drain into since the courts will be at the bottom of a hill, Linthicum said. The rain garden must be built before the area can be paved.

Despite these roadblocks, the construction of the tennis courts should be completed about three or four weeks after the permit has been granted, Linthicum said.

The tennis courts will be located behind the soccer field and Tennessee Filters, Linthicum said.

Bikes

Continued from page one

Junior Kyle Batten, who has been biking on campus since his freshman year, has hardly used his car at all since coming back to Trevecca.

"I have the same tank of gas that I had when I filled up at the beginning of the school year," he said.

Biking is also more convenient, especially on long walks to class, some bikers said.

However, the presence of more bikes on campus also means more opportunities for bike-related accidents.

Batten was involved in such an accident earlier this school year. While driving by the soccer field, he was hit by a car.

Although Batten said the campus is mostly bike friendly, "many drivers don't think about bikes being on campus, and they don't follow the rules."

His accident, however, was also aided by large bushes that blocked cars from seeing him coming, he said.

Trevecca administration is working on making Trevecca's campus even more biker-friendly.

Although there is currently only one bike rack on campus, located outside the second floor of Benson Hall, administration is looking into investing in more bike racks, David Caldwell, executive vice president for administration and finance, said.

Overall, Batten said Trevecca "is a good place to ride around."



A bike locked up outside of Wise apartment building. (photo by Jake Resor)

Weightroom for sports teams might be built over unused swimming pool

By Amy Taylor

Assistant Editor

The unused swimming pool in the gym might soon be covered by a surface that will be used by the sports teams as a weight room.

Administration is trying to find a way to cover the pool without destroying it so that the pool can be used again in the future, David Caldwell, executive vice president for administration and finance said.

"To take the pool out would be just as expensive to put a surface overtop. I'd rather preserve it to use it down the road," Caldwell said.

The pool is not being used and there is a great demand for more space in the workout room, which is being used by sports teams, students, faculty, metro police and the fire department.

Caldwell said he has been hearing from the sports teams that they would prefer to have a workout room dedicated specifically to them, "which is common in a lot of schools," Caldwell said.

"So I think the decision to cover the pool is prob-

ably a done deal, but how we actually configure that is still being discussed and is still being finalized," Caldwell said.

Currently, however, this project is not moving forward because there are other needs that must be met first, Caldwell said.

"The next priority" is building athletic bathrooms for the sports fields, and the cadaver lab needs to be expanded, Caldwell said. These two projects should be done by Jan.

The physical therapy room is also in need of expansion. Right now, it is under the bleachers in the gym.

"So there's a big need for expansion there," Caldwell said.

Also, the sports therapy and medicine program needs more space for students to have a hands-on experience.

Before heading up any new projects and in order to keep investing in the campus, however, administration has to consider numbers and see how enrollment and graduate programs are looking. "Everything at Trevecca is pretty intertwined," Caldwell said.

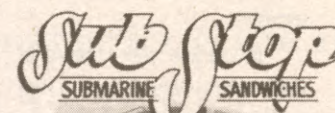
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Letter From the Editor



Thank you for picking up the latest issue of *TrevEchoes*.

We worked really hard on it, and we thrive off your readership. We hope that you enjoy reading the *TrevEchoes* as much as we love producing it.

While reading a story, if you disagree with something, send us a letter. We encourage you to interact with us. Our opinion page should be filled with your opinions. We want to give the Trevecca community the opportunity to let your voice be heard. Charly Hood, thanks for submitting your article. We loved hearing how a resident assistant feels about the trial of the

new apartment policy.

If you want your voice heard, send your letter to trev echoes.comments@gmail.com.

One of my goals this year, as editor, is to get students informed, whether that's through information from administration, stories from the athletic department or what's happening with student government. If there is something else you'd like to see, let us know.

With that said, I appreciate your readership. Good luck with the rest of the semester. I know (all too well!) this is the time of the semester when to-do lists pile up, but be sure to have some fun and get involved. Sign up for an intramural or attend the Jon Foreman concert.

Be on the lookout for our next issue, as well. It comes out Wednesday, Nov. 2, just in time for homecoming.

Sincerely,

Katie Schimmelpfennig
Editor-in-Chief

McClurkan Hall: watching our heritage torn down

Editorial Staff

As kids, Legos intrigued us.

Each plastic brick fit perfectly with the next, whether we built a rocket ship that would never fly, or a scaled down house that not even a dog would want to call home.

The creations were unique. If they were dropped or stepped on, they could never be put together the same way.

We feel the same way about McClurkan Hall, which has become more of a caged-in nuisance this semester.

McClurkan was created in 1943. World War II was being fought across the globe and Trevecca was expanding.

The story is well told on campus. Students built the building

stone-by-stone, each fitting well enough to build upon the next. There was no class credit, but it was needed and students helped. McClurkan was built by Trevecca, for Trevecca.

Even the stones and timber themselves were pulled from then President A. B. Mackey's farm in Kentucky. The process was all Trevecca.

Now, aggravated students pass the building and its intrusive fences, watching pieces of their history chiseled away.

Gone are the timbers. The building is gutted. You can see clear through the building in an eerie kind of way.

Sure, building codes had to be met, and there were definitely needed adjustments for the build-

ing. It's old.

But what does it mean for a community and its heritage to watch a stalwart of a building be ripped down before our very eyes?

It means, like Lego pieces, McClurkan won't be the same again.

For many seniors, the completion of work on McClurkan is a must for graduation.

To end a Trevecca career on the steps of its most hallowed building, where scores of people have done the same, helps preserve the history and mystery that is Trevecca.

The scheduled finish date for McClurkan is, ironically, April 1. We hope it is done by then.

For seniors, this would not count as an April fool's joke if it were not complete by graduation on May 5.

In Review: St. Vincent, Strange Mercy



Todd Osborne
Copy Editor



You close your eyes and turn up the volume.

Swirling strings and flutes, lilting vocals, crunchy and over-fuzzed guitars. It doesn't seem like these things should go together, but they are the bedrock of what makes St. Vincent such an enigmatically spectacular music experience.

Annie Clark—the woman behind St. Vincent—is no stranger to the extravagant, having been a member of The Polyphonic Spree and Sufjan Stevens' touring band. It is obvious that these experiences have affected her own process as a musician, but her music never feels derivative. St. Vincent is something entirely its own.

Amid lyrics dealing with pain and separation, Clark is able to weave together melodies that are both familiar and wholly original. Songs like "Cruel" and "Dilettante" are likely to get stuck in your head for days at a time, while the guitar work on "Northern Lights" and others on the album will, quite possibly, leave you wondering just how Clark was able to produce such blistering licks.

Neither too sweet nor too sour, "Strange Mercy" is able to charm you one moment and backhand you the next. Not recommended for those with a weak stomach for the ethereal or the aggressive, St. Vincent's latest is sure to be one of the best records of the year. Buy it now, if you dare.

Buy the whole album but if you can't, check out: "Cruel," "Surgeon," "Dilettante."

Rating: 4.5 out of 5.

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Dealing with the "Smelly Tree"

Editorial Staff

If you have walked between Wakefield and the library lately, you've probably noticed the smell.

It's not difficult to figure out where the smell is coming from, either. When you are sitting in class and someone asks "what is that smell?", chances are the smell is coming from the bottom of someone's shoe.

If you haven't figured it out yet, those little fruits you see stuck firmly on the sidewalk and the bottom of your shoe are the culprits.

The fruit is found on the ginkgo tree. And although the tree is known for surviving atomic bombs, the smell is still putrid. It has a fleshy coating containing butyric acid (which is also found in rancid butter) that surrounds the seed.

According to the Huffington Post article "Ginkgo Trees That 'Smell Like Vomit' Causing Trouble Nationwide," the Iowa City forestry division could not handle the upkeep of the trees, saying, "No matter what we do, two seconds after we leave, there are more on the ground and somebody can step in it."

Many cities in the U.S. have banned female ginkgo trees because of the smell, complaints and problems they create in cities.

And it's not hard to understand why. The smell is unbearable at times, and it's almost impossible to walk past the tree without hearing someone complain about the awful smell or jumping off the sidewalk to avoid being hit by the pesky fruits.

Regardless of the smell, there hasn't been much thought about cutting down the tree, Glen Linthicum, director of plant operations, said.

In order to meet arboretum status, the university must be home to several different types of trees indigenous to Tennessee, and the ginkgo tree is one of them.

This project was a dream of Homer Adams, former Trevecca president, and the university is only four trees short of meeting arboretum status. So cutting down the tree isn't an option, Linthicum said.

Although there was another female ginkgo tree located near the Adams Administration Building, it was cut down due to more space being needed for the renovations of the building.

"It had nothing to do with the fruit smell," Linthicum said.

And anyway, if the ginkgo tree by Wakefield were cut down, what would everyone complain about then?

It seems that "the tree" has become another member of the Trevecca community, so let's just embrace it.

New open apartment hours cause unneeded stress

By Charly Hood

Contributor

The new open apartment proposal sounds nice in theory, but I am personally not very excited about the changes.

I am busy during the week. So when I am in my room, I need that space to study, spend time with my roommates (that I rarely get to see) or just relax. I don't want to worry about being interrupted by boys and room checks.

The new proposal also opens up a whole new set of potential roommate conflicts. I can already see arguments occurring between roommates about who can have people over, when people can come over and who needs the room to stay quiet during the week in order for schoolwork to get done—both unnecessary arguments that can definitely bring tension.

I also imagine attendance to school functions will decrease because now everyone can just hang out in their rooms. Why go out to events—free or not—when you can enjoy the comfort of some-

one's living room and not have to mingle with people who aren't in your close group of friends?

One of the only potential benefits of this proposal that I can think of is an increase in money the apartments will receive because more open hours will probably mean more fines for people who don't pay attention to the rotating schedule. More change means more confusion and more issues that no one wants to deal with. Hopefully it won't cause too much damage, but I guess we'll just have to wait and see.

Charly Hood is a resident assistant for Redford apartments

Apartment dwellers must attend a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 9 p.m. in the Boone Convocation Center to sign the new visitation policy form in order to participate in any future apartment visitation.

New trial begins on Friday, Oct. 14, 2011 through Dec. 4, 2011

Letter from the ASB President

There are few things in life that most guys find more inspiring than a good war movie like *Brave Heart*, *Saving Private Ryan* or *The Patriot*. It's always a story of someone rising to the occasion and leading their platoon, comrades or country to great things.

Band of Brothers, a new favorite of mine, consists of 10 hour-long episodes about an army regiment during WWII. Last spring, three friends and I watched multiple episodes every night and finished the series in less than a week. We even

began calling each other "brother."

But despite the overwhelming inspiration brought on by such courageous acts seen in a war movie, when given the opportunity to lead, student government's approach this year looks almost entirely different.

We're not looking to fight anyone. Trevecca is very blessed to have an administration that really wants what's best for students. Working together hasn't always been the approach in making reform to student life, but for us it just makes sense.

We're not trying to revolution-

ize anything. Instead, we just want to plan and execute our events in a way that all those attending can simply enjoy themselves and be a part of our community.

So what are we trying to do this year? Well, there's no need to brace yourself or sit down because it's really very simple—we want to do things well. Yeah, that's it. No battle cry, no war paint (well besides paint wars, that is), no uprising, but instead just the simple resounding idea that we want to do things that we are proud to associate ourselves

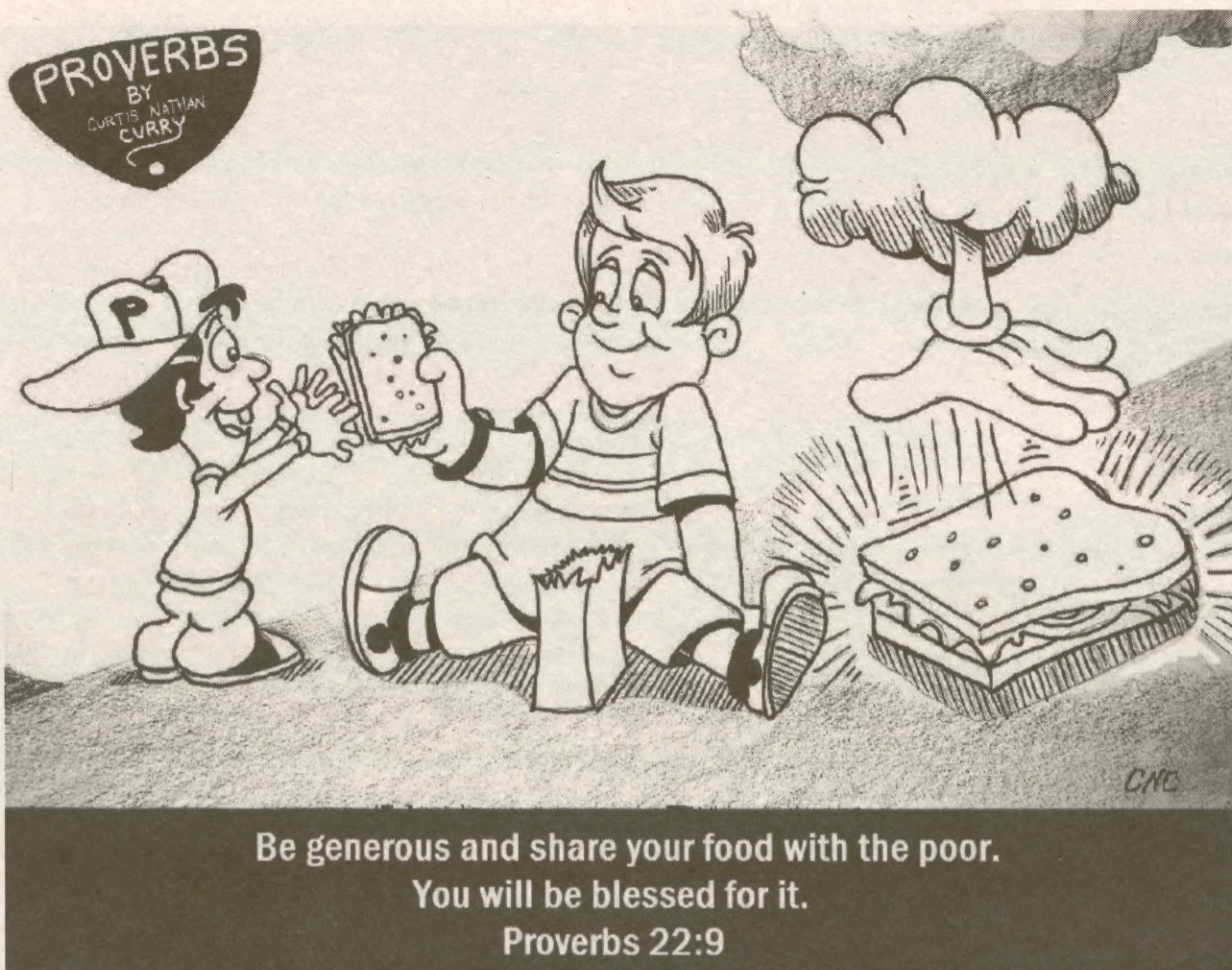
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It means that we don't want to avoid conflict or cut corners. We want to incorporate a "wow-factor" into our events, create efficiency in our procedures, be intentional about accountability and always represent students to the best of our ability.

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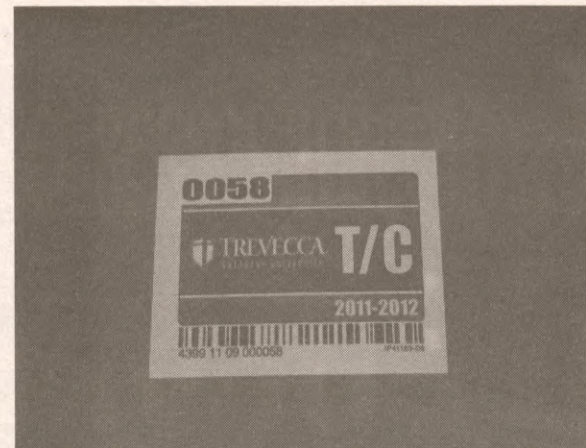
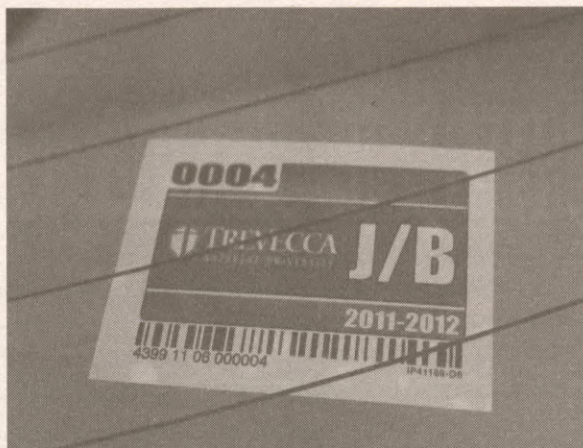
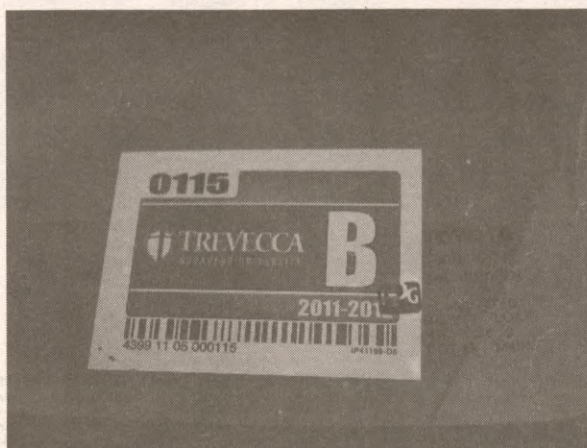
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Unregistered vehicles run risk of citations

By Katie O'Connell
Staff Writer

A month after school started, most students are on board with Trevacca's new parking fee and permit system, but many still risk fines and loss of driving privileges while unregistered.

Starting this year, the university instituted a \$100 parking fee per semester. Previously, there was no fee.

The money collected will go to fund plans for future parking solutions and necessary parking upkeep and maintenance, David Caldwell, executive vice president for administration and finance, said.

Students initially complained about the fee when it was announced last spring, said Tommy Byler, RD of men's apartments, but he hasn't heard a lot of

grumbling lately.

The way students registered their vehicles also changed. In the past, students would fill out a card by hand during registration with their vehicle's information and were given a parking sticker.

This year, students were handed instructions on how to use a new system online, iPark, to register and were mailed the permits once they did so. If they didn't have a car, students still had to fill out an opt-out form certifying they did not "own or operate a motor vehicle" on campus.

Any students caught keeping a vehicle on campus after signing the form are fined \$100 on top of the parking fee.

"We've had a good response. An overwhelming majority of the community has registered their vehicle," said Norm Robinson, director of security.

Out of over 650 students living on campus, about 116 have not registered or opted out, Robinson

said.

Students who don't register aren't anonymous. Through iPark, security can see a list of students who have registered or opted out and can compare it to a list of students living in a particular dorm or apartment.

"I can see by name who has not registered their vehicle," said Greg Dawson, assistant director of security.

Security patrols daily and can ticket vehicles that are not displaying a sticker. Even if a vehicle is registered, it is a citable offense if the parking sticker is not displayed or is unreadable, such as being placed upside-down or behind heavily tinted windows.

After the third or fourth citation, the issue can be taken to the dean of student development and the student can lose driving privileges.

So far, the most common reason for being cited has been parking in unassigned lots. When

parking spots in one designated lot are taken by non-designated vehicles, such as cars with a J sticker in the G lot, it can create a domino effect. The owners of vehicles with the correct sticker are then unable to find parking spaces, and so proceed to park in another unassigned lot.

"We have it set up so that we have adequate parking so long as everyone parks in their designated lot," Robinson said.

Compared to her sister Nazarene schools, Trevacca has the steepest parking fee. Eastern Nazarene College is second, with a \$45 fee per year for having a vehicle on campus. Eastern also does not allow freshmen to have vehicles on campus, nor does Point Loma Nazarene University. No other Nazarene college in the U.S. requires fees or prohibits any students from keeping vehicles on campus, though most adhere to a policy similar to Trevacca's old one: requiring registration and giving out decals with assigned parking lots.

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(photos by Jake Resor)

Sixteen acts of criminal offenses in 2010

By Katie Schimmelpfennig
Editor-in-Chief

During 2010, Trevecca Security reported 16 acts of criminal offenses on campus.

"Theft is our number one crime on campus. A lot of it is theft of opportunity, where someone just lays something down and walks off," said Norm Robinson, head of campus security.

Security reported five acts of theft from a vehicle in 2010. In only one incident was a car's window broken into, he said.

One student left her window down in the Tidwell parking lot, and her laptop was taken out while she was gone, Robinson said.

In the Tennessee Hall parking lot, a laptop was stolen out of a jeep with a soft-top, Robinson said. The roof was unzipped and the computer was taken.

Two other incidents involved unlocked car doors. A bike was stolen from an unlocked car in the Shingler apartment parking lot, and another occurrence was a cell phone taken out of an unlocked car in the Trevecca Community Church parking lot, he said.

However, one car window was broken into in the University Terrace Apartments parking lot and a computer bag was taken from the vehicle, Robinson said.

"So you can see only one was forced entry," Robinson said.

Students should keep their things out of sight and lock their doors to prevent theft from vehicles, Robinson said.

There were five acts of burglary, as well, Robinson said.

The "big burglary," Robinson said, occurred Aug. 21, 2010 when a Redford apartment was broken into overnight.

It is believed that the burglar entered through the window and stole items while residents were asleep because there was no stick in the window to keep it locked. Several items were missing, such as two laptops, an iPod and \$10.

Other campus thefts include two bikes that were stolen from campus, and a laptop that was stolen from a locked office in the student government suite. However, there was no forced entry, Robinson said.

On the third floor of Greathouse Science Building, a professor's laptop was stolen. The wooden louvers in the door were kicked out of the door.

The wooden louvers have been replaced with metal louvers in all of the doors of Greathouse as a result of the break-in, Robinson said.

"So that should help deter that particular type of thief," Robinson said.

Another step security has taken to help deter crime is to meet monthly with the campus crime stoppers, an organization of 12 local university security offices that discuss crime on their campuses.

There are also new keypads on building doors with codes unique to individuals to avoid having many building keys available.

Security also operates with a "many eyes approach," where all 2,000 community members are participating to report unusual activity.

"If you see something, say something," Robinson said.

Crime happens in the middle of the day when lots of people are on campus, Robinson said. Times when there is lots of traffic on campus—such as homecoming and graduation—are also times of concern.

There is a proposal for 40 more cameras to be placed around campus. Currently there are 16, Robinson said.

Visibility of security is their number one prevention of theft. Security has someone outside of the office 24/7, whether that is in the truck, golf cart or on foot, Robinson said.

Security also has a working relationship with Trevecca Towers—the retirement homes on campus—and with metro police.

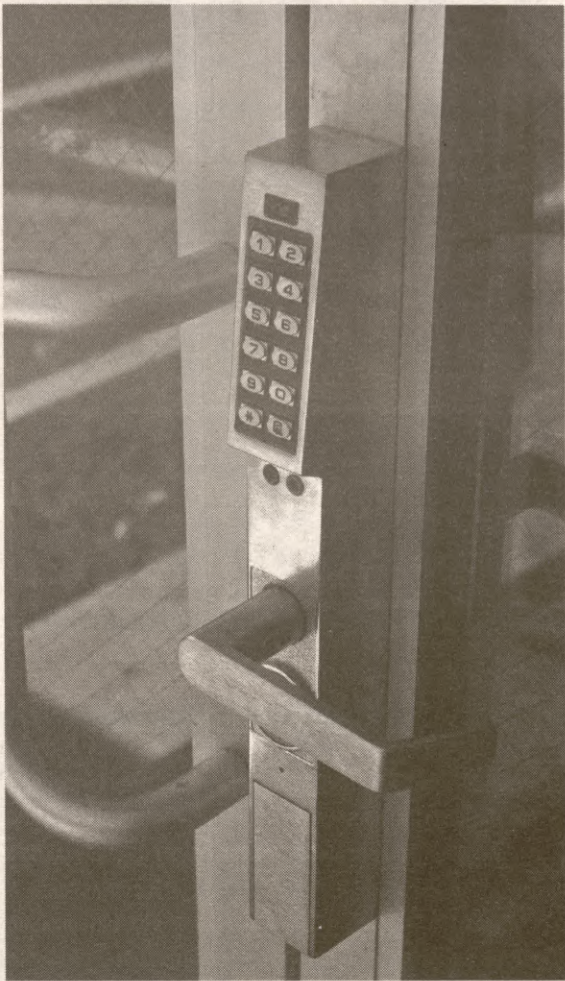
Trevecca security released their annual crime statistics report as mandated by the Clery Act, a federal law which requires all colleges and universities that provide federal financial aid programs to post a report by Oct. 1 with the previous calendar year's data.

Trevecca's report includes statistics from January 2010 to December 2010. It also includes information from 2008 and 2009.

"For a long time, we've had a low incident rate. Compared to other schools, we're in the top five or six in Tennessee," Robinson said. But "residents get lulled into a false sense of security because Trevecca is a Christian university."

Students can help security by keeping your valuables locked up and out of sight, Robinson said.

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TREVECCA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY SECURITY STATISTICS (January - December) (Prepared by Security Office) (Updated 9/7/2011)			
Criminal Offenses: On Campus	2008	2009	2010
Murder	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Other sex offenses (nonforcible)	0	0	0
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	2	5
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	0
Theft from Vehicle (parts & accessories)	1	0	0
Theft from Vehicle	3	3	5
Theft from Building	12	3	1
Theft all other Larceny	0	0	2
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	3	1	1
Hate Crimes	0	0	0
Larceny-theft	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0
Arrests			
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0
Weapons Possessions	0	0	0
Disciplinary Actions/Judicial referrals			
Liquor law violations	0	0	2
Drug law violations	2	1	0
Illegal weapons possessions	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	10	16

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Getting to know an athlete: Kristen Johnson



By Tyler Comer
Staff Writer

Kristen Johnson is entering her second year on the Lady Trojans volleyball team. During her freshman year, Johnson was named Honorable Mention All-TranSouth and played in all 35 matches and recorded 273 kills, 318 digs, 71 assists and 31 service aces.

Q: Do you have any professional role models?

A: No, not really.

Q: Do you ever watch Volleyball on T.V.?

A: Yes, I like to watch the NCAA tournament.

Q: Do you have a certain meal that you eat before every game?

A: Well, it's not really a meal, but I always drink either Wild Cherry Pepsi or Dr. Pepper.

Q: What is your favorite part about Trevecca?

A: I love the people here.

Q: Favorite post-game thing to do? Win or lose?

A: I always go find my parents and hug them.

Q: One word that describes the Lady Trojans this year is? Why?

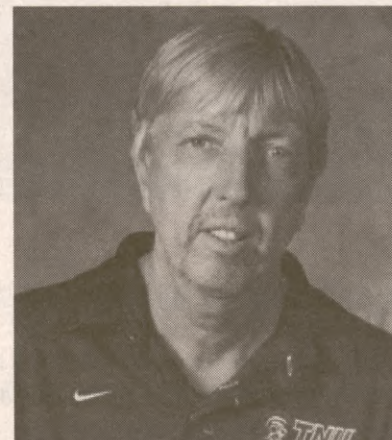
A: Strong. We've already had players injured and sick, and we've overcome that and continued to play well through it.

(Photos courtesy of Kristen Johnson)



Coaches Corner: Mike Lord

By Tyler Whetstone
Sports Editor



New Trojan baseball head coach Mike Lord, 54, was athletic director Mark Elliott's first hire, and the eighth head coach in the program history. Lord's resume is full. He played college baseball at the University of California Riverside, and has 30 years of baseball experience under his belt, highlighted by his nine years as the batting practice pitcher for the San Diego Padres. Lord spent the last three years as one of the international scouts for the Boston Red Sox organization. He came back to coaching because, "I love coaching. For me, it's my ministry. It's my way to connect to guys."

Q: What is your baseball philosophy?

A: It's kind of an aggressive attack philosophy. ...action beats reaction. That's why guys only hit .300, because seven out of 10 times I can beat you when I'm on the mound because I'm attacking you. I like speed because now the catcher has to react to me and now you've got to throw me out. I've got first and second and I cause chaos on the bases with speed. ...So I can cover you a lot harder and come at you instead of just sitting back in the dugout chewing seeds and just waiting to see what happens. If you're going to beat me, it's going to be a war.

Q: How would you say this is a ministry for you?

A: I'm just going to consider myself a pastor-coach. There's two things you have to do first when you're coaching or with anything, you have to be able to say, 'Can I trust this guy?' and, 'Does he really care?' So that takes some time. ... I'm trying to love on them, teach them the game, let them see my daily action and I'm never going to be perfect. ...but hopefully they get to the point where they trust me, and now when I talk to them about Christ and what he means to me and how they need to maybe make adjustments in their life, they're going to say, 'Man, I'm going to listen to this guy.' They're going to give me access at some point. ...that's my plan. That's why I'm here.

Q: Why Trevecca?

A: I prayed like crazy. God actually blocked a couple other opportunities that didn't happen, and knowing that, I made a conscious decision to wanting to get back into coaching, so I've been praying about this. It wasn't like I was down in Venezuela going, 'You know, I want to apply for this job,' I've been wanting to do this for over a year and get back into [coaching] baseball, so it's been intentional.

Q: What does the NCAA DII mean to you?

A: I've been in NAIA. I've been in NCAA DIII transitioning to DII already, so I know this process a little bit. It's not easy. It's not going to be an easy process. The easiest way to do it, is just like, how do you eat the elephant ...? A bite at a time. ...[We] just have to put our nose to the grindstone and in about three years, we'll look up and say, 'Hey we did it.'

Q: How hard can you still throw?

A: I could probably still throw pretty hard, but my back may not appreciate it. So I can still go out there and throw, luckily the Lord's blessed me with that. The best answer is this: I hope I'm not the hardest thrower on our team this year, for everybody's sake.

Women's soccer finding the net

By Tyler Whetstone
Sports Editor

The Lady Trojan's soccer team ended the month of Sept. on a three game winning streak.

Some would look at the streak and not be impressed.

It is a big deal, however, for a team that won a total of four games all of last season.

The reason behind this is simple. To win games, you have to score.

Last year, in the first month of their season (if you take out the dismantling 8-0 win against Tennessee Temple), the Lady Trojans only scored eight goals in nine games. That left no room for error.

This year, the Lady Trojans have netted 14 in the first 10 games. In fact, when the Lady Trojans have scored at least one goal, they have not been beaten, 5-0-2.

"When you get ahead and score first, your energy automatically boosts up. ...we get more confident," said freshman Jordan Ponto.

Part of their success was the

emergence of another freshman, Brooke Gann, who as of Oct. 3 was the Lady Trojans leading scorer.

The Lady Trojans are sticking around their opponents because they score more now.

"I feel like we've been in every game that we've played all year," said head coach Brett Armstrong.

However, the Lady Trojans now begin their TranSouth schedule, which will stretch them as they try to keep

their record above .500 in order to play in the NCCAA tournament.

"Every game from here on out is going to be a battle," Armstrong said.

The formula is simple: more scoring means more chances to win, which means more opportunities to play in the NCCAA tournament.



Left: Junior Bekah Headrick, Right: Senior Justine Forth (photos by Greg Ruff)

NCCAA welcomes Trojan golf

By Tyler Whetstone
Sports Editor

The Trojan's men and women golf teams have been accepted for their respective NCCAA Golf Invitational being held Oct. 24-26 for the men and 24-25 for the women at the Hombre Golf Club in Panama City, Fla.

While the dates and locations are the same, the tournaments themselves and the paths taken to get there are different.

For the women, the NCCAA tournament is not a national tournament. Not officially anyway. However, that doesn't mean the competition will be sparse.

There will be nine schools total, ranging from NCAA DI and DII, as well as the NAIA.

To get to this point, the Lady Trojans have played in one tournament and dropped out of another due to roster limitations. The Lady Trojans will host their annual Trevecca Nationwide Women's Invitational Oct. 10-11 as their final event before playing in warmer weather.

The men's NCCAA tournament will be a full-blown, 18-team national tournament. As with the Lady's, the men will play all divisions from NCAA DI and DII to the NAIA.

"It's very exciting to have an opportunity to bring home a national championship to Trevecca. If we can go down there and play solid golf, we can do something no other TNU team has ever done," said head coach Robbie Wilson.

In order to prepare them for the field in

Panama City, Wilson has packed their schedule full of tournaments with mixed divisions.

The latest of these tournaments was the Chick-fil-A Collegiate Invitational where they finished third of the 19 universities that played. Next will be the University of Tennessee Martin Skyhawk Classic held Oct. 10-11.

"We are preparing ourselves to win. That's the only goal, and we won't be satisfied with anything less," said Wilson.

This will be the first taste Trevecca has had of the NCCAA while shifting divisions. Winning would bring Trevecca its first national title in any sport in any division and would set the tone for the rest of the Trojan athletics for the rest of the year.



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Left: Senior William Potts, Right: Freshman Emily Husted (photos by Greg Ruff)

Trojan soccer buckles down on remaining schedule

By Tyler Whetstone
Sports Editor

Last year the Trojan men's soccer team was a disappointing 1-6 in TranSouth play to finish the year. They finished the year 5-10 overall.

This year the Trojans have already won four games and, entering the brunt of their TranSouth record, stand at 4-4-1.

In order for Trevecca to allow any team to compete in the NCCAA tournament (if and when they win the regional bracket), they have to have a .500 record or better.

The Trojan soccer team is right on that mark with five games to play as of Oct. 6. Three of those five will be TranSouth opponents whom they are familiar with.

Simply put, they have to win, and they have to win now.

"We need to pretty much win out. If we play like we did last year in the TranSouth, then we won't make the cut at .500 [for the NCCAA tournament]," Senior Jordan Enix, said.

In order to do that, the Trojans will have to play their final three TranSouth games against teams that Trevecca was 1-2

against last year, when they were outscored 2-10 in those games.

The best way to combat those numbers and give themselves the best opportunity to win is to score. For the Trojans, though, they have to score two goals. This year, when the Trojans score at least two goals, they are 4-0.

"As soon as we get to two goals, I think it's a comfortable spot, but we need to still keep getting at them," Enix said.

Senior night for both the men's and women's teams will be Oct. 21 versus Freed-Hardeman.

Cross Country: Rounding the corner

By Tyler Comer
Staff Writer

As Trevecca's cross country team is now well into their second year, it's become easier to see exactly what direction the team is headed in the future.

The cross country team is making strides to becoming a better team all around. Their times are improving from race to race, and last but not least, the runners are confident even though nine of the 16 runners are freshmen.

"We are a very young team that is full of potential, and we have been improving every week," said Cam-

eron Savage, freshman.

"The people on the team all get along very well with each other, and we are all getting better from week to week," Rachel Mudd, a freshman runner, said.

The cross country team's improvement has been marked by record-setting performances by Emily Husted in the 5,000 meter race and Tyler Martin in the 8,000 meter race at the Vanderbilt Commodore Classic on Sept. 17.

Their final race of the fall will be Oct. 15 at the Front Runner Invitational at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

October Trojan Home Games

Women's Soccer:

15	12:30 p.m.	vs. Lyon College
18	5:00 p.m.	vs. Cumberland Univ.
21	5:00 p.m.	vs. Freed-Hardeman

Men's Soccers:

15	2:30 p.m.	vs. Lyon College
18	7:00 p.m.	vs. Cumberland Univ.
21	7:00 p.m.	vs. Freed-Hardeman

Volleyball:

20	6:00 p.m.	vs. Freed-Hardeman
21	6:00 p.m.	vs. Brescia University
25	6:00 p.m.	vs. Bethel University
27	6:00 p.m.	vs. Union University
29	1:00 p.m.	vs. Lyon College

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

Volleyball wins with teamwork

By Tyler Comer
Staff Writer

The Lady Trojans volleyball team is 12-9 as of Oct. 5 with 10 games remaining in their 2011-2012 campaign.

"We are a very strong team. We have overcome injury and sickness very well and kept on winning through it all," said Kristen Johnson, sophomore.

After the Holiday Inn Express Classic, where the team went 0-4, the Lady Trojans responded by winning three of their five games since. All five of the games have been against TranSouth competition, and the Lady Trojans are now 6-2 against TranSouth competition this season.

Because of Trevecca's transition to NCAA Division II, the Lady Trojans are not allowed to participate in any TranSouth postseason events. However, they will be eligible for awards given out by the conference at the end of the year, and if they are able to finish with a .500 record they will be eligible for the NCCAA tournament.

"It would mean so much to us as a team to finish this year out above .500 and to make the NCCAA tournament. We've had such great teamwork all year long through adversity," said Haley White, senior.

In order to make this dream a reality, the Lady Trojans will need to win at least four of their next 10 games.



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Percentage of Nazarene students at Trevecca smaller than ever before

By Katie Schimmelpfennig
Editor-in-Chief

For the first time in Trevecca Nazarene University history, the dominant religious preference, Nazarene, falls below 50 percent for traditional undergraduate students, according to preliminary data.

The director of institutional research, Donna Tudor's data goes back to 1996-97 when Nazarenes were nearly 70 percent of enrollment.

Nazarene dominance peaked in 1998-99 with 71.91 percent, according to the TNU fact book.

With a gradual decrease of Nazarene students and a gradual increase of students from other denominations, the percentage falls to 49.3 percent this fall, according to preliminary data.

Baptists follow Nazarenes at 15.46 percent, according to preliminary data.

The official current fact book should be available by Oct. 15 when registration for all programs should be complete, Tudor said in an email.

Nazarene Religious Preference Percentages

Fall 1996	67.37%
Fall 1997	68.74%
Fall 1998	71.91%
Fall 1999	69.44%
Fall 2000	67.57%
Fall 2001	67.01%
Fall 2002	66.30%
Fall 2003	64.48%
Fall 2004	60.57%
Fall 2005	63.96%
Fall 2006	61.45%
Fall 2007	57.61%
Fall 2008	58.23%
Fall 2009	54.09%
Fall 2010	50.26%
Fall 2011	49.30%

Source: Donna Tudor, director of institutional research

First men's confession begins Oct. 18: gives male students the opportunity to be open with each other

By Andy Lovell

Contributor

Much like the lady fireside chats started during the spring semester of 2010, Trevecca men now have a time to talk openly with each other during men's confession nights.

The first men's confession night will be on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. in Tarter Student Activity Center. Tony Sparrow, college pastor of Trevecca Community Church, will be leading a discussion on pornography.

Daniel Smith, associated student body chaplain, said he felt a strong call and passion for the guys of Trevecca's campus. He saw the need and desire for freedom in men's lives from the bondage of their pain.

Smith said he created an event where men can gather to have a conversation. Respected men, with life experience, will lead the discussion but the event will be a conversation versus a seminar.

"It's for men to get things off their chest and ask questions," Smith said.

God laid it on his heart to realize the blessing of what students have in the community, he said.

"Why would we not take advantage of the incredible community that we're in," Smith said.

Smith said he attributes so much of the freedom he experiences in his own life to the power of confessing his struggles and temptations to brothers in Christ.

The confession nights are designed to create an environment where brothers in Christ are able to address issues that are not often spoken of.

"If we're to be the faithful people that Christ calls us to be, then aligning our lives with the life of Christ should be a main goal of our journey. I believe confession and the freedom and transformation that derives from that is a necessary step in that journey," Smith said.

Abandoned apartment complex to house intentional community

By Jordan Taylor
Contributor

Trevecca students, a professor and his family, refugees and formerly homeless people will soon be sharing life and an apartment building in Trevecca's backyard.

Jason Adkins, Trevecca environmental projects coordinator and alumnus, has partnered with friends to restore a previously dilapidated apartment complex in Chestnut Hill, a low-income neighborhood adjacent to campus.

Adkins, along with his wife and five children, plus seven other friends plan to move into the renovated apartment complex in early 2012, depending on how quickly funds for completion are raised.

About 20 to 40 tenants, both refugees and the formerly homeless, will join them in their cooperative housing.

The building, at 12 Garden Street, Nashville, referred to as Castanea Community Center, was purchased in Feb. 2010 for \$116,000. Adkins and his partners Daniel and Amanda Burt combined their resources to purchase the foreclosed complex from a bank.

Trevecca student volunteers have helped renovate the complex.

So far building costs are estimated at \$700,000.

The Trevecca Business Alumni Association is campaigning to sponsor the completion of three apartment units, donating \$15,000 per unit.

Once tenants occupy the apartment complex, it will become self-sufficient, Adkins said.

There will be a total of 15 units available in the complex. Families can have their own unit and single persons will share

with other singles. There will be additional room for a common space, a wood shop and a chapel.

Trevecca students will also be allowed to occupy one to two of the units and will be selected by expressing interest in the project directly to Adkins.

"It's been really encouraging to see students animated by what we're about," Adkins said. "Trevecca students have spent just as much time over there [at the apartment complex] as anyone."

The community will be centered on fellowship, gardening and sustainability, Adkins said.

Unlike programs that bring solutions to a neighborhood, Adkins said he is working with neighbors and organizations to find solutions from within the neighborhood.

"The people that are best suited to solve the problems are people who live with those problems 24 hours a day," Adkins said. "This is going to be more than a housing unit. We will be living there alongside those who are coming out of homelessness."

Adkins will partner with Nashville-based Safe Haven, an organization that helps transition homeless families off the street. The apartments will provide supportive and affordable housing for some of Safe Haven's family graduates while offering additional services to help them live a sustainable life.

"There won't be any 'Help Here' signs, but we will be quietly helping them get jobs, helping them get medical appointments, helping financially, helping them grow gardens and then begin to listen to the people themselves on how they want to help their own condition," Adkins said.

Sustainable Measures

The project is not only about living side-by-side with neighbors who need help,

but also about gardening as a way to offer a sustainable food source to the community.

Goats, berries and eggs are just a few of the food sources Adkins will grow in the apartment's sizable yard.

Organic food production is one of Adkins' specialties. He manages a greenhouse on Trevecca's campus and a community garden in Chestnut Hill with Chris Farrell, director of medical technology and professor of biology and environment at Trevecca.

Multitudes of flowers, fruit trees and berry bushes are anticipated. A greenhouse has been assembled and will soon house plants, fruits and vegetables.

"We're trying to plant as big a variety as possible so we can always have fruit coming in," Adkins said.

Adkins has used sustainable measures throughout the building's renovation. He has salvaged old windows while recycling much of the discarded building materials.

Adkins also created organic plaster. A concoction of hydrated lime, water, sand and clay was applied to both the exterior and interior walls instead of the commonly used commercial alternative.

"This type of earthen plaster has been used for thousands of years. It has many advantages; from heat retention, to humidity control, to toxicity to pests, such as termites, because of the lime," Adkins wrote on his blog, www.castaneacommunity.wordpress.com.

Adkins said he hopes to help bring betterment to Chestnut Hill through the Castanea community.

"We could fill the place with anyone, but we really want the intentional community," Adkins said.

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The Castanea Community Center at 12 Garden Street.
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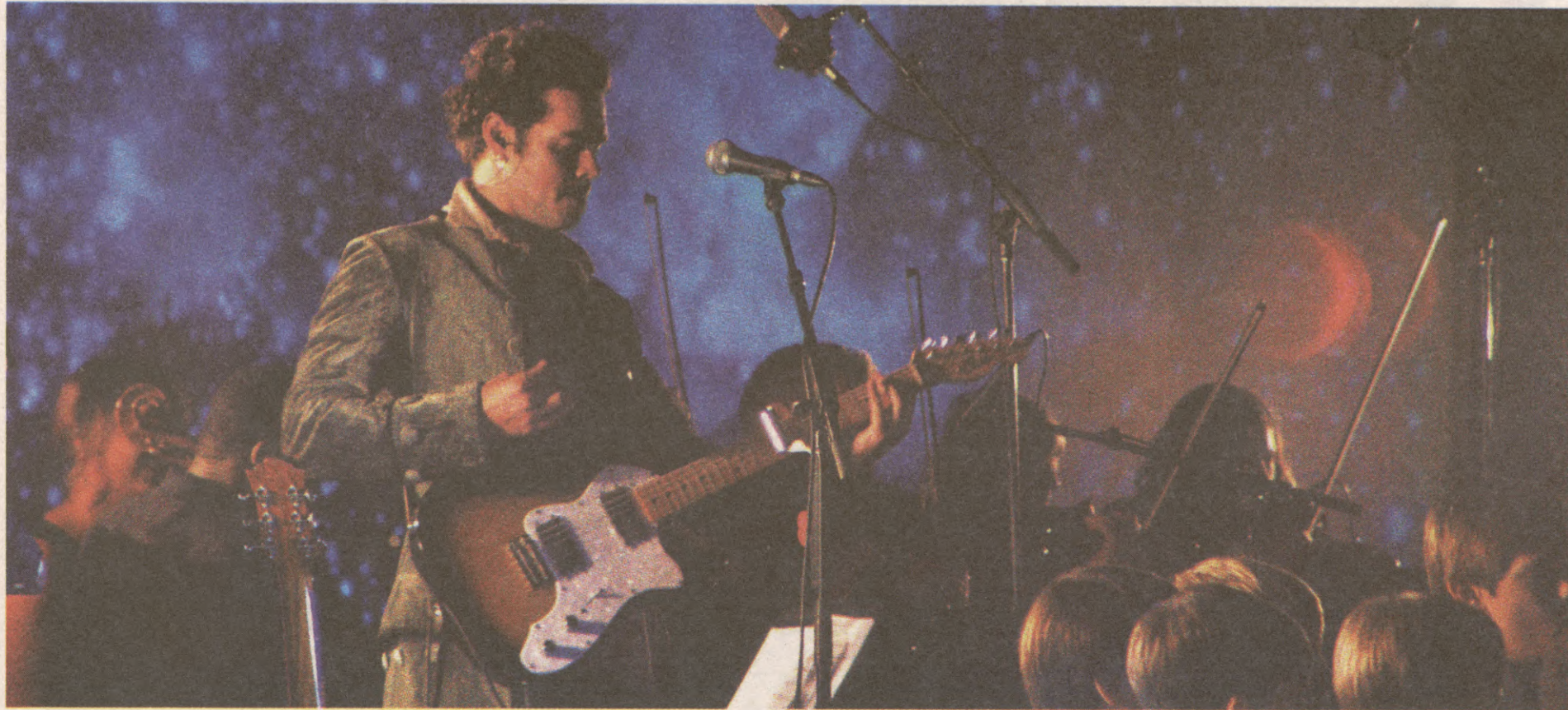
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Gungor performs to sold out crowd



The band Gungor performing in the Boone Business Building to sold out crowd of Trevecca students and locals on Sept. 23. brought to students by the center for worship arts and student government association. (photos by: Jake Resor)

Michael Gungor talks with worship arts students and local pastors

By Caitlin Porter
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Michael Gungor, who recently played a show on Trevecca's campus, has changed the way he views Christian music and his own music is a reflection of that change.

Gungor's most recent album, 'Ghosts Upon the Earth', is different from his older work, he said. Especially songs like, "Friend of God," which he released

in 2003.

He said that the gap between his music then and his music now began when he started questioning what it meant to be the church, what it meant to be Christian, and what worship is.

"We tapped into the infinite potential of creation, but that was always there," Gungor said. "God is the ultimate source of all creativity."

Learning from his own experiences, Gungor now challenges students to "glorify God with your work, with integrity, and honor" and to not get stuck in a box think-

ing every song has to have Jesus in it to be glorifying.

He said that his hope was that the students would be "more courageous than just trying to please everybody" with their music.

It was after his own acceptance of this concept that Gungor was able to write music that was completely different from his previous work and to "do things that move my heart and stir my soul and offer it as worship and not even care if anybody likes it. Not in a selfish way, but in a holy way," he said.

'Beautiful Things' was the first record that he did not worry about whether or not it would be a good fit for churches or the radio, and it was the "first album that anybody paid any attention to," Gungor said.

'Ghosts Upon the Earth' is another step in that direction. Gungor said that he did not let his label hear any of the songs ahead of time because he knew they would ask for radio songs, and that was not what his album was about.

He described his latest album as a "concept album." It moves through creation, the fall, and redemption, he said. Because of

this theme, one song is not complete without the rest.

Gungor said that his biggest fear for this album is that people will hear it and think that it is just good worship music.

If more people would start creating music that was not so concerned with fitting into the box of stereotypical Christian music, then "the future of Jesus music is good," he said.

"If somebody's hating it, it's not necessarily a great sign, but it could be a great sign, and I'm just taking it that way," Gungor said.



Gungor brings down the house

By Todd Osborne
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There is a moment at the end of a prominent symphony where the entire orchestra has left except for two violins, the stage barely lit by the flickering light of their candles. The audience is mesmerized by the quiet beauty flowing from the stage, understated but melodious.

It was this same feeling that Michael Gungor and his band—including their own little orchestra of sorts—evoked at the end of their performance here at Trevecca on Sept. 23. During the last song, while lead singer Michael was playing, the rest of the band slowly walked off stage, one or two people at a time, until Michael was the only one left. Eventually, using a vocal loop and some autotune, the stage was left with nothing but the sound of Michael's voice as it slowly faded away.

It's this kind of artistry and imagination that makes Gungor one of the best

bands around today, not only in worship music but in the world of music in general. Coming after the release of their new album 'Ghosts Upon the Earth', Gungor's concert at Trevecca was nothing less than a complete worship experience, including lights, sound, spoken word and a boy's choir to create a concert unlike anything else.

Playing out like a worship rock opera, the concert was divided into four parts—Creation, The Fall, The Bride, The End—telling the story of God's love for humanity and humanity's desire to find their place in God's story. Pulling from their large and diverse repertoire, Gungor dazzled and amazed with favorites like "Dry Bones" and "Beautiful Things," as well as new songs that are sure to be worship staples.

Overall, it was a great night for everyone that went and a wonderful example of worship music—or, let's be honest, music—done at the highest possible level.

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