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Local DJ's comments draw fire

by Ron Lowe

WNAZ disc jockey Scott Winchell has been reassigned from on-air duty to perform his duties exclusively as music director for the station. The reassignment resulted from a series of comments Winchell made to the local news media regarding a four-day suspension he received on Monday, February 22 because of a comment he made on the air about Jimmy Swaggart.

On Monday, during his 6:00 - 9:00 a.m. morning drive shift, Winchell read a news item about Swaggart's recent sex scandal, after which he made the following comment: "Please, someone's gotta tell me—Who gave Jimmy Swaggart that Stryper album to make him do such things?" Winchell was referring to a Christian heavy-metal band, of which Swaggart has been an outspoken critic. Shortly thereafter, the station telephone began ringing with complaints from listeners about the comment. The phone rang almost non-stop for three days in a row, says station secretary Linda Rigdon. She explains that most callers weren't irate, and most of them admitted that they didn't like Swaggart that much, but they thought Scott's comment was inappropriate.

That day at lunch, general manager David Deese and station manager David Queen met with Scott at lunch and decided to suspend him from his air shift for the remainder of the week (four days) and to have Scott record an apology to be aired the following morning. Queen says that at that point, Scott seemed very willing to do so. "He didn't express that he thought it was

unfair. It wasn't until the WKDF interview [Tuesday morning] that the management was aware of Scott's opposition to recording an apology. Our mistake was that we assumed he understood why the comment was in poor taste. We should not have assumed that."

Queen was referring to an interview conducted live by station KDF disc jockey Carl P. Mayfield, by telephone with Winchell on Tuesday morning. The interview started by Mayfield making sarcastic, derogatory comments about WNAZ. The following are excerpts from that interview:

Mayfield: "This is Carl P. Mayfield over at KDF doing my show, so don't talk dirty like you guys do over on campus, all right?"

Winchell: (laughs) "Hey, I tell you what - I have to watch myself now."

Mayfield: "I can't believe they did that to you, man."

Winchell: "Well, I really can't either. It's ridiculous. I've said a lot worse things."

Mayfield: "Yeah. We're no strangers to being dragged into the manager's office after the show. But never have we been suspended. Knock on wood."

Winchell: "You know these Christians. That's how it goes."

Mayfield: "So are you going to write a letter of apology to all those who phoned in?"

Winchell: "Well, they like made me make this like apology on tape that they're playing this morning. And I said it really with a sarcastic tone."

Mayfield: "You were forced

to do this, huh?"

Winchell: "Well, if I didn't, you know, I have many, many dollars in scholarship that might be up for grabs."

The segment ends with playing a heavy metal song with added lyrics such as "Jimmy Swaggart...Get yourself a prostitute, a prostitute...Go to the motel and...Go take a Bible. There's one in the drawer."

Winchell now confirms that he doesn't agree with the decision to pull him off the air, but that he understands why it was made. He also confirms that he made the apology sarcastically and didn't sincerely mean it. The following is the content of the apology: "Yesterday morning, I made an inappropriate comment about Jimmy Swaggart. I didn't mean to offend anyone. I used poor judgment, and I now realize the comment was in poor taste. Please accept my apology for this mistake...."

When asked about his comment on KDF, "You know these Christians," Winchell says he may have worded it wrong and that it was largely the result of two things: 1) the situation he was in (the tone of the whole interview being sarcastic) and 2) his sarcastic nature, "especially when it comes to things like that."

Various versions of the story circulating around campus include Scott being "jerked off the air," fired, and kicked out of school. Queen feels that most people have been misinformed about the consid-



Freshman Jason Scott waits anxiously for a chance to get in the Lipscomb game (For more pictures see page 8.)

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letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I am really tired of people talking about other people behind their backs on this campus. Because this campus is so small it allows room for rumors and judgements. People assume the right to hurt other's feelings and reputations without even thinking or caring. If people would realize that they are going to be judged by the same measures that they are judging others, they would shut their mouths. We need to take care of ourselves instead of worrying about others. Until we are perfect, we have no room to criticize other people. When one talks bad about someone and they try to put them down by bringing themselves up, they are only letting their insecurity show. I wrote this poem in hopes that people would read it and start caring about what they are saying.

Did you ever stop to think
That the hurtful words YOU
said

Would be the final push
To someone over the edge?
Made them wish that they
were better off dead?
Or that it made them feel un-
loved?

All because of what YOU
said.

If YOU would've taken the
time to think

Instead of running your mouth
YOU could've saved some
heartache and pain

I realize YOU probably don't
care

Your remarks were good for a
couple of laughs

But who will be laughing
When YOU find out
It was YOU who pushed them
over the edge
And they were better off
dead.

Why don't we wake up and see
what we're doing? We need to help
others and lift them up. Goodness
knows life is hard enough without
people trying to make it unbecom-
ing. We should keep these scriptures in
mind:

"Do not let any un-
wholesome talk come out of your
mouths, but only what is helpful for
building
others up according to their needs,
that it may benefit those who listen."
Ephesians 4:29 NIV

Respectfully,

Eric Seasack

Dear Editor,

You know, I'm not one that en-
joys stirring up trouble or writing
things that upset people. Heavens
knows I abhor controversy, but I'm
going to throw all caution to the
wind and write with my emotions
for a change. Graduation is very
near and dear to my heart, as well as
hundreds of other seniors who on
May 9 must say a tearful goodbye to
this fine educational institution and
embark on a real life. And I know
that the administration exercising
its infinite wisdom and years of
experience, chooses to have gradu-
ation in our gymnasium.

Don't get me wrong, I like our
gymnasium. I've attended many
games there and have played many
games there. And when I'm playing
ball, the gym is perfect because I can
work up a sweat and really feel like
I have exercised. I should not feel
the same way on one of the biggest
days of my life being my graduation
from college.

Why have a huge ceremony such
as graduation in the cramped, con-
fined, sardine-like, blistering hot,
under-sized, and humid school
gymnasium? That might sound
silly, but, why? Why is Trevecca's
graduation held indoors when our
neighboring colleges and universi-
ties, such as Belmont, David
Lipscomb, and Vanderbilt, all have
their ceremonies outside? Surely we
can do the same for our students. I
mean, granted my parents and I have
only paid out the paltry sum of
\$21,000 and I really have no right to
get upset that my friends and loved
ones will have to sit through a long,
boring, and infernal ceremony just
because the administration wants it
that way.

And why is the undergraduate
ceremony shuffled around so that
the graduate students are allowed to
parade across the stage on Saturday?
Is this supposed to lend personal
meaning to the phrase Black Mon-
day? Why graduation on a Monday?
I suppose that's par for the course.
Maybe I'm the only senior who feels
this way, if so, then thanks for allow-
ing me to vent some hostilities.

As I have said before, the intelli-
gence possessed and displayed so
brilliantly by this administration is

truly inexplicably remarkable. With
friends like those in the administra-
tion, who needs enemies?

With grateful and tender thanks,

Preston S. Cannon

Editorial:

Assets=Liability + Capital

God=Daily surrender + Self values

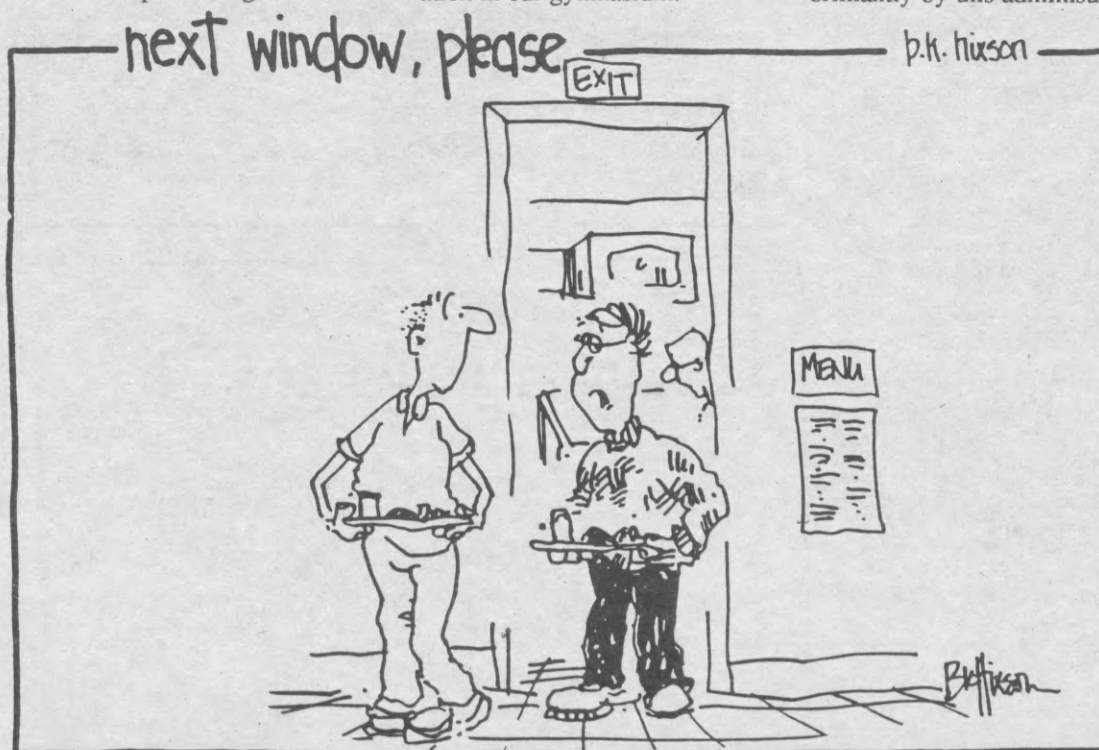
by Dwayne Gunter

God is our ultimate asset. In
order for the company (individual)
to prosper, we need God as complete
controller of our life. A firm must
accumulate a lot of assets in order to
prosper. If we had just liabilities, we
would not make it. We receive
greater assets because we are will-
ing to pay out something. It takes
giving in order to receive. If God is
our ultimate asset, then we are going
to have to give up some things in
order to get as much of God as we
can.

Our liability is our daily sur-
render to God. We receive more
assets (God) because we daily give
up ourselves to God. We are liable to
God. This daily surrendering in-
volves going to church, a solid
commitment to reading God's
word, and a constant prayer life. If
we are committed to daily surren-
dering everything to God, then other
values in ourselves will develop. God would have YOU to achieve?

These other values make up the
capital section.

The capital section is com-
posed of self values. Some of the
values include serving, forgiving,
forgetting, loving, and committing.
This is just a few of the values.
Assets must equal liabilities plus
capital in an accounting equation.
This is what accountants strive for
on their financial sheets. In the spiri-
tual sense, even though there is no
human way to make it equal, we are
to strive or persevere to make the
equation equal. However, we are to
press on to attain as much of God as
we can get. This attainment comes
from how we work our liabilities
(daily surrendering) and our capital
(self values). God calls us to PROS-
PER THROUGH HIM and to one
day achieve the profit of Heaven and
Christ-likeness. Are YOU giving up
the liabilities (surrendering) and
attaining the capital (self values),
values in ourselves will develop. God would have YOU to achieve?



WELL, THEY FINALLY DID IT. I DON'T RECOGNIZE A SINGLE THING.

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erations which went into the decision to indefinitely remove him from the air. The decision was made primarily as the result of the KDF interview, along with other comments Winchell had made concerning the matter to the local media.

The media exposure began Monday (2/22) when Winchell contacted the *Tennessean* (local newspaper) and did an interview. He denies originating the contact, but says he called after a friend told him that the newspaper already knew about the situation. Winchell refused to identify his friend, whom he said later confirmed that he had originated the contact.

Channel 5 did a segment on the story Monday night, interviewing Winchell and David Deese. The newspaper article appeared on the front page of the *Tennessean* Tuesday morning, followed by the KDF interview. That evening, the *Nashville Banner* and Channel 2 picked up on the story. Wednesday morning, Winchell was the guest on an hour-long live call-in program on WLAC-AM radio, hosted by Pat Riley. This was followed by more television and newspaper coverage of the story on Thursday.

On the WLAC program, Winchell asked, "Where's my forgiveness?" to which a caller replied that forgiveness wasn't really the issue here, but rather it was discipline, as is the case with Swaggart. Winchell agrees with the statement and says he respects the decision to discipline, but he thinks it could be administered differently. He says that originally, it was in the best interest of the station, but he feels that now "the best thing to do would be to put me back on the air and go back to business as usual." As the week progressed, he explains, the public's attitude changed. He says

he has gotten mostly positive feedback from station contributors, listeners, students, and even from a member of Trevecca's board of trustees.

At another point in the WLAC program, Riley asked, "What's wrong with offending people? Christ offended lots of people." He also said that radio without offending people was boring and that such an attempt in Christian radio makes Christianity look boring. Another disc jockey at WNAZ, takes issue with this statement, saying that Christ offended people with the gospel, not with sarcastic comments about people's sins. Another source said that you don't have to employ vulgarity or other merciless secular methods to remain interesting.

When I asked Scott about the appropriateness of offending people on Christian radio, he said that he's learning the business from people like Mayfield and others who use the sarcastic/offensive approach. He said that there is a distinction to be made between secular and Christian radio, but sees nothing wrong with trying to make Christian radio exciting. He added that most people who were offended by the comment reacted so "because it made them think about the situation... In the context, it was wrong, but I don't back off from what I said.... I don't think it was very off-color in light of the Jimmy Swaggart thing, because Jimmy screwed up. He's been slashing and tearing people for ten years and...has preached a message of hate as long as I've listened to him." He added that he's in contact with Swaggart about once a week through radio, music, or television.

Another issue of concern in the decision to reassign Winchell was his statement in the KDF interview that he may have lost his schol-

arship if he had not recorded the apology. Queen, however, says that no such threat was ever made or implied, but noted that the comment seemed to elicit a lot of sympathy for Scott.

Most parties involved agree that the story was blown way out of proportion by the local media, who needed a local twist on a national scandal. Winchell says that if he hadn't gone to the media, he'd probably be back on the air right now, but added that he wasn't going to keep silent on the matter just because the administration wants him to do so. "I'm sitting here at an institution that's notorious for this type of thing...censorship."

Winchell admits that he has been offered the services of lawyers so that he could pursue legal action, and that he could do things to perpetuate the school to make legal mistakes, so that legal action could be taken, but he says he will not, because he loves the station and the school. "There's no one I respect more on this campus than David Deese, Dave Queen, and the staff of WNAZ," Scott explains. And while he isn't currently considering legal action, he adds, "I'd love to scare the school [with the prospect of legal action]. There's nothing they need more."

The publicity and criticism isn't bothering Scott. He expects something good to come out of this and considers it a learning experience. He says he'd like to back behind a microphone as soon as possible. David Deese says that he doesn't rule out the possibility of Winchell returning to the airwaves of WNAZ if he "assures me he will follow policies."

Campus improvements made

by Danelle Hyde

New campus improvements are being made in order to meet student needs and increase morale in the dorms and on campus.

Trevecca Student Services have just replaced the old lobby furniture with new furniture. The dorm lobby's received nine love seats, two corner tables, and three lamp tables. The snackshop received ten love seats and an equal amount of other furnishings. The

snackshop furnishing were partly bought through last years all-school project. Other funds for this renovation were funded through the increase in enrollment over the past years in both graduate and undergraduate status.

Another major improvement is expansion of parking facilities. The most obvious is the additions made to the Benson dorm parking lot. Fifty extra spaces were added and graveled. They are located in the

area of greatest need for Trevecca's master plan for expansion, and will eventually be paved. The other parking expansion is in a location that is not known about by many, yet its location is more accessible for the women's dorms. It is located between Georgia and Johnson dorm beside the sunbathing pen. This area has been leveled with increased lighting and allows for fifty extra parking spaces. Access to this parking lot is the road directly behind Georgia dorm and to the right.

"Alice"--a review

by Sharon LaFave

If you went to see this year's Drama/Communication department production of *Alice in Wonderland* this past weekend and you are still confused—no need for alarm—you are not alone! After sitting through an hour of what I considered to be mass hysteria I never wanted to see a play again. I've seen Walt Disney's animated version of this classic tale at least a dozen times and I came to McClurkin Hall with the expectations of experiencing child-like pleasure by watching Alice chase the white rabbit through an enchanted land. I never expected to find deep meanings and symbolism. After all, wasn't Lewis Carroll a children's fiction writer? The answer to this question also helped to find the answer to a great deal of my confusion. It seems that Lewis Carroll was a mathematician. If I had known this, being the English major that I am, I wouldn't have even attempted to understand the play. After all, anyone who understands math couldn't possibly relate to me. In the words of Humpty Dumpty, "These little remarks that you keep making—they're not sensible and they do put me out—so stop it!" But, since I didn't know this and I already saw the play, I decided to try to make sense out of all of the confusion that I observed.

After talking with Jim Warren, director, and various members of the cast I'm beginning to catch a

small, faint glimmer of light at the end of a very long and dark tunnel.

This explanation can be related to the Christian way of life. There isn't one set plan that all Christians must follow. Everyone must make their own individual choices.

Even with the confused storyline, all wasn't bad. The stage with its movable parts and trap doors was impressive. The costumes were awesome.

The cast did a super job especially considering that many had to play two and three parts throughout the production.

My personal favorite was the Caterpillar. And I couldn't give a complete review without mentioning Belinda Clark's performance as the Queen of Hearts. Belinda, I've never seen you look so good. Were those pants really leather?

I'd like to finish with my favorite line from the play. If I learned nothing else I learned, according to the White Queen, "Take a deep breath and close your eyes—you can believe in impossible things!" From what I can understand, Carroll is trying to express the idea that life isn't as simple as we often try to make it. There is no one correct answer. Alice is searching for a certain mold in which to fit and everyone she encounters points her in a different direction, not to mention the Cheshire Cat who points her in two directions at the same time.

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RA APPRECIATION WEEK

February 29 through March 4 has been designated "R.A. Appreciation Week." There are 19 Resident Assistants on campus who have been selected for their leadership qualities, skills in working with people and a desire to serve. After being selected, RAs often realize that their duties and ministry involve much more time and discipline than they expected. The most critical situations in the dormitories always seem to occur between midnight and 3:00a.m.—that means sleepless nights for RAs! RAs forfeit sleep, give up privileges, and their compensation does not come close to

the time and energy expended. Why, then, would anyone want to be an RA? There are many rewards. The good times most often outweigh the difficult times. New friends are made, personal growth and development is inevitable, opportunity to help others and set a positive example is a daily ministry. They care for you!

We are proud of our RAs! Seven of the nineteen were on the Dean's list last semester, 2 of them maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Our RAs are worth this time of appreciation. Take time to show them you appreciate them!

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B.



C.



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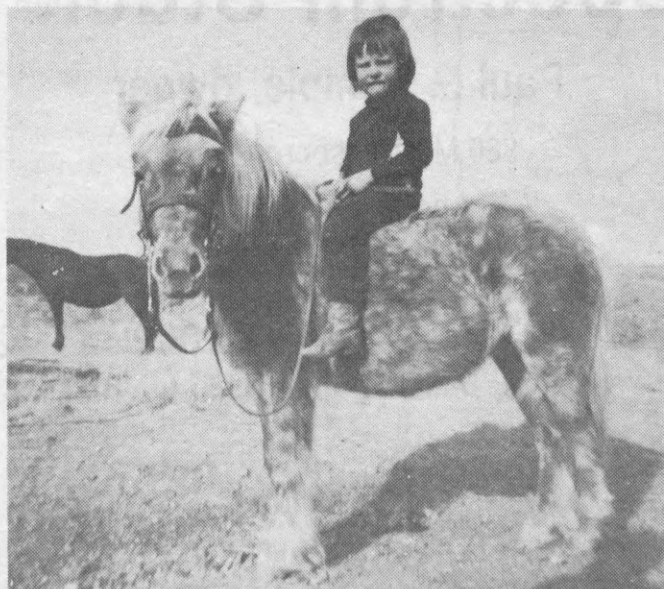


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Submit your RA baby picture guess to Lois Perrigo in the Counseling Center by Wednesday, March 16. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

F.



G.



RA selection time

If you are looking for a way to be involved in a vital area of campus life now is the time to consider being an RA. Residential life is an important link to the growth and development of college students. Relations and social development take their greatest stride in the college years. As an RA you could help enhance this growth.

RAs are chosen because of qualities of leadership, scholarship, maturity, dependability and an interest in working with people. A strong emphasis is placed on training and

supporting RAs. Financial remuneration includes credit for room and board (\$1184 per semester for next year).

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of others, here's an opportunity for you. Preliminary applications are available in the Counseling Center and Student Services until March 16. If you have questions concerning the RA position please contact Lois Perrigo, your RA or RC, or Student Services.



(Above) Igor Stravinsky as PETROUCHKA with Daniel Llord's "International", (right) two scenes from the presentation.

LYCEUM to present Llord's "International"

Daniel Llords, solo marionetiste, will present LLORD'S "INTERNATIONAL" in a concert of music and marionettes for adults on the campus of Trevecca Nazarene College, Friday, March 18 at 8pm in Benson Auditorium. There is no admission charge.

This is a synthesis of musical and visual art that is a challenging and demanding exercise for the artist and a challenging and rewarding experience for the audience. His music ranges from complete symphonies to folk tunes to ballets.

Llords is a one-of-a-kind artist

because his performance is seen only in live theaters and not on television or film. He is the creator, director and sole performer of this elaborate production which uses puppets and marionettes as the medium of artistic and dramatic expression.

The audience appeal is unusually broad because it encompasses factors other than the musical and dramatic or artistic. Athletes are impressed with the muscular coordination and concentration; the engineer with the physical and mechanical aspects of the production. All of these factors Llords creates himself — his

feet manipulating the pedals that control the lighting, his hands manipulating the hundreds of figures — each made and costumed by him.

Llords has been acclaimed throughout more than 50 nations on four around-the-world tours.

Llords will conduct a workshop lecture on the potential of puppetry in other fields such as art, therapy, movement in the classroom or library or in religious education. The workshop will be at 9:30 Saturday morning, March 19, in Room 108 of the Fine Arts Building on Trevecca's campus.



EDITORIAL

On Zeek, chapel, and radio broadcasters

by Paul Burdick

Susie Shellenberger spoke with much enthusiasm about being like "ZEKE" who was 'creative' enough to reach out with something outrageous and obtain attention. The reference was made to an "announcer on a radio station...." The acknowledgement to the recent controversy at WNAZ filled the (chapel) auditorium with laughter. We all knew through the applause whom Trevecca's very own "ZEKE" might be.

As students on campus we learn something from instructors, the books they choose for us to read and sometimes we really learn something from life, if we look hard enough, but life is the tougher teacher. We come to college to prepare for a career, to wrestle with our faith (if we have the courage) and to gain experience. The test of life begins, but usually it is not as real as "the Big World."

Zeke was a great teacher! He

used his opportunities to lead others closer to an understanding of God,—to TEACH something deep and RADICAL when the attention was within his grasp.

As students resistant to institutional restrictions, we applaud radical actions like we applaud the upper hand at World Federation WRESTLING matches. Much like a child that pushes the forbidden button that mommy said is a "no-no" and revels in his accomplishment, though being oblivious to the dust and rubble settling around him in the aftermath.

Scott Wenchell, ex-morning DJ for WNAZ, did a real good job of getting attention for himself but what attention was Jesus and Christianity given?

Did we hear anything profound about the healing truth of forgiveness? Did we hear a mature response to a "creative comment?" Did we see a demonstration of "media mastery" from a committed

Christian broadcaster that used an opportunity to open the pages of the Bible for pessimistic, negative, and even the sarcastic scoffers of Jesus? I believe what you observed was rather another page written and turned of mockery and irresponsibility. In chapel, the ovation was heard.

We have seen and heard of many who have "morally fallen short" in recent times, let's look hard and listen. None of us are "called according to His purpose" to prosper in our purpose. Nor are we called to mock anyone who "falls" short of their witness as a Christian, nor profit from it. We are called to FORGIVENESS, . . . as we are for-given!

Living with that in mind, whether you are a student, a parent, an evangelist or a college institution, life will teach forgiveness, and I hope it is teaching you now. How did you score on the applause meter? What will you applaud?

Publications procedures

It has been requested that **trev-echoes** publish the official policy of the college on guidelines for publications and dramatic and other performances by the Academic Dean of Students, Dr. William Strickland. They are as follows:

I. PURPOSE

To make clear what may and may not be included in publications and dramatic and other performances.

II. PROCEDURE

1. Christian human values shall be upheld.

a. This means that in general thrust or in specific language we do not deride, degrade or weaken the home, marriage, the Church and the like.

b. Cheap and vulgar language shall be avoided.

2. Nothing shall be included in a play or publication, as approved or acceptable, which clearly contra-

dicts the rules and standard of the Church of the Nazarene or of Trevecca Nazarene College.

a. Drinking, smoking, dancing and profanity shall be excluded in performance. Support and approval of them shall not be included in writing or in the spoken word.

b. The usual rules of student dress apply.

c. Musical and other performances are under the same rules as dramatic activities.

d. Borderline cases should be checked with the appropriate administrator.

3. Responsibility and accountability are integrally involved with the power of decision.

Those who have accountability must be involved in the decisions as to what is included in plays and publications. Decisions are not made by those free from the responsibility of them.

Spiritual renewal on Trevecca's campus

by Julie Thomas

On February 16, the spiritual renewal services began in chapel. Some people may be wondering "What, exactly, is spiritual renewal?" It is a time when students can hear other students tell about something that God has put on their hearts and minds. During this time, it gives the students speaking a chance to know what it is like to speak to their peers. It also allows students to better understand certain subjects when it comes from their level.

Kathy Johnson spoke in chapel on Tuesday. She talked about her experiences at Trevecca. Johnson told the students that when she first came here, she tried to find happiness through her friends, instead of God. Finally, Johnson came to realize that true happiness only comes through Jesus Christ.

Kipp McClurg spoke in chapel on Wednesday. He gave us a list on

what he thought were the foundations of faith. McClurg did not let peer pressure hinder his speech. It was also evident that he was speaking directly to the students.

Wednesday night at Prayer and Praise, Larry Jones spoke to the students. The general theme of his speech had to do with how much value we place on material things. Many people were upset by some of the statements he made, but it was only because the truth hit home.

Andy Coombs spoke in the final service of spiritual renewal week. He spoke about the radical discipleship that we need to show towards others. He challenged us to stand up for Christ and to stop hiding.

The lives of the people who attended these chapel services were uplifted and encouraged. By the truths of God's words, we will continue with a new and fresh meaning of life in Christ.

by Bruce Balcom

March 8 is rapidly approaching and the time of testing for presidential candidates in the South will soon be history. The most remarkable thing about the primary could be the indecisiveness of the vote. The delegate could be split up fairly evenly in both parties among three or more candidates. Some other points of interest include the end of at least two candidacies, Hart and Simon. Gore's candidacy will be tested severely. Indeed a mediocre showing in the South will probably end his bid.

Another major test concerns the Republican candidate Pat Robertson. Supported by large amounts of money and good organization, Robertson has had strong showings, especially in the caucus races. Just how strong his "invisible army" really is will be tested in the South. He needs to beat at least one of the front-runners in order to maintain a credible campaign. If he can't do it in the Bible belt, he'll be overwhelmed in the other parts of the country. His candidacy brings to my mind Divine Right theocracy, and I don't like the view.

My biggest concern about the Republican candidates is their failure to seriously address the issues. Bush and Dole seem more interested in trying to present themselves as the heir apparent to the Reagan program than in making serious modifications of the budget, and other important areas, to improve the quality of government for the nation. The candidates on both sides need to begin focusing on the big issues—how to decrease the budget deficit, effectively deal with terrorism, and negotiate with the Russians.

A serious issue that must be considered is how to deal with right-wing dictatorships in third world countries. History shows that U.S. support has failed to uphold oppres-

sive regimes in Nicaragua, Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Phillipines. (This last country being the only one in which we refused to involve ourselves militarily). Does it serve the purposes of democracy to support oppressive regimes when we can support the eventual winners usually called freedom fighters, and end up winning at least decent relationships with these new governments?

It's time we prioritized the national issues vital to proper executive management of our nation and decided the best individual for the position based on his views upon these issues. Should we elect someone who supports rational spending, limitations of nuclear weapons and attempts to deal with legitimate crises like terrorism and AIDS? Or should we elect someone who wants to tell our kids when, how, and where to pray, and tell our mothers, wives and daughters that an abortion is wrong regardless of the circumstances? It amazes me that some of the most vocal opponents of abortion are men who sit back spewing forth moral platitudes while a teenage rape victim unable to afford a child, incapable of raising one, and psychologically damaged by the crimes perpetrated against her, suffers through the reality of whether or not to have an abortion. No, abortion is not a simple issue of right and wrong. It is an issue that defies clear definition and therefore, should not be made into an emotional rallying point for a candidacy. It's an issue best left to individual discretion within guidelines set up by the federal government. We don't want to have both child and woman die because abortion is illegal, but we don't want drive-thru abortions either. Moderation is the key to this issue. Abortion is an age-old practice, and if we outlaw it totally, the black market hackers will take up where we forced others to leave off.

This issue is too narrow a one on which to elect a president. We need to consider broader issues first, and, if it comes down to a close decision, let the specifics decide.

What we really need is a tough-minded, compassionate individual with experience in Washington to be elected as the next president of this country. Al Gore and Richard Gephardt are two men possessing such qualities. Neither man is going to let the nation be pushed around, but they aren't going to overspend on defense either. They are moderate, experienced Democrats that blaze their own trail, and don't cater to pornographers, or homosexuals, fundamentalists, or aristocrats. They serve a nation, not an interest group, unless that group is the average citizen of the U.S.

In closing, I would like to say that the individual candidates are just that—individuals—and they deserve to be treated as such. These men deserve our objective attention and then our subjective vote. The practice of generalizing all Democrats as Kennedyites or liberals is patently ridiculous. Let's respect these men's human dignity even when we don't agree with their opinions. It is a sacred trust for a Christian to vote for governmental leaders, one which few Christians have enjoyed through the ages. Let's do our best to elect the best leader possible. Remember, March 8th is primary day. Vote for your choice to represent this nation.

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MTSU edges Trojans in dark-shortened game

by Scott Stargel

Trevecca lost its home opener to the Ohio Valley Conference's Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders 11-9 in a 7-inning game called for darkness. The slugfest was Trevecca's second game against an NCAA Division I school. The Trojans defeated Vanderbilt last Tuesday 6-5.

MTSU struck for 5 runs (2 unearned) in the top of the 2nd.

Trevecca's bats came alive early though and answered with 5 of its own in the bottom half. Jason Smith started things with a never-had-any-doubt blow over the left field wall. Popcorn Thompson doubled in two more and later scored on Jim Beacom's fielder's choice.

Richard Perez homered for the second time in two games the next inning, and Beacom added a 2-run blast in the 4th inning bringing home

Alan Sipe.

Beacom and Sipe combined for Trevecca's final run in the sixth. Sipe drew a walk, stole second, moved to third on the a fielding error and came home on Beacom's two-out double.

But all the fireworks were not enough, as the MTSU had its own rallies to bring home 11 runs.

The Trojans fought the encroaching darkness in the bottom half of the eighth putting Sipe and Thompson on the bases with no outs. After Beacom struck out, home plate umpire called the game and erased the inning.

"I couldn't see it," said Beacom, "He was throwing slow curves and I couldn't pick up the rotation."

Coach Elliot Johnson added, "He (the umpire) couldn't see it. He made the decision based on that. It's a tough loss, but one that will help us."



by Ron Lowe

Most Christians in this country generally like the idea of capitalism and economic conservatism, but they often do so with a guilty conscience. They hear God's call to help the poor, which sometimes leads them to buy into the myth that liberal government spending policies are the answer. Since Democrats usually initiate and support these programs, they are often seen as the party most concerned about the poor, and if you go against their policies, you are seen as heartless or unsympathetic to the poor. This myth is grossly inaccurate and is usually the result of a lack of information.

In the 1930's and 40's, President Franklin D. Roosevelt faced some serious economic dilemmas. The country had just gone through the worst depression in its history. We were also facing the prospect of entering the second World War. In his "New Deal," Roosevelt introduced a number of federally-funded programs which directly aided those who suffered because of the Depression (which was virtually everyone). For the most part, these programs were appropriate and worked well at that time in bringing us out of the Depression, but they contained little or no good mechanism to change or eliminate them when they would become counter-productive.

In the 1960's President Lyndon Johnson proposed his "Great Society" agenda. The centerpiece was the social welfare system, with which he declared a "war on poverty." If we are ready to really move forward on this issue, we must admit that this "war on poverty" was lost. The poverty rate is close to the same level as it was twenty years ago. Many would jump to say that the current figure is President Reagan's fault. But the problems inherent in the welfare system are so vast, that a total revamping has become necessary, which is not likely to occur anytime soon, as long as we have a Democratic-controlled Congress.

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The present welfare system, initiated by the Johnson administration, encourages dependence and allows very few people the opportunity to break out of its vicious cycle. It encourages the break-up of families, providing an economic incentive - a paycheck - if the father will just leave the home. Well over half the current welfare recipients are single women who are heads of household. The problem of poverty can't begin to be solved until we correct this fundamental flaw.

A few years ago, I did some volunteer work in the Department of Human Services. Workers in the department which investigates fraud told me that since Reagan had been in office, federal agents had done substantially more investigation, which results in more of the money going to the people who need it. Another factor most people overlook is that when funding is increased for welfare programs, the bulk of the increase goes to the enormous number of middle-class bureaucrats instead of to the people who need it.

So what is the solution to poverty? I am convinced that it is not a hand-out, but a hand-up - opportunity - a job. The government has a limited and shared responsibility to care for those who can't help themselves, but able bodied people ought to work for their paychecks. In II Thessalonians 3:10, we are told "...if anyone will not work, neither let him eat." Some would say that there just aren't that many opportunities. I agree that the problem is far from being solved, but let's take a look at how Republican policies have affected the status of economic opportunity.

When Jimmy Carter ran for President in 1976, he described what he called the "misery index," which Gerald Ford had amassed. This was calculated by adding the inflation rate to the unemployment rate - two economic indicators which affect the poor first and foremost. In 1976, under then-President

Ford, the "misery index was 12.5%. In 1980, during Carter's economic fiasco, it was 20%. By 1984, Reagan had brought it down to 11.6%, and it's continuing to fall. Inflation, unemployment, and interest rates are at their lowest levels in recent years, and under the Reagan administration, the economy has continued to grow for the longest peace-time period in history.

Since Reagan took office, over 13 million new jobs have been created. In fact, the Labor Department is predicting a labor shortage in the near future. Some argue that these are low-paying jobs, but the facts prove otherwise. Over 43% of new jobs created last year were in managerial and professional categories. In the past six years, the number of jobs paying \$10 an hour or more have increased by more than 50%, while minimum wage jobs have decreased by over 25%.

If social spending is your thing, you'll be pleased to know that social spending has increased 20% during Reagan's term. But once again, this isn't the ultimate solution. Many people want to transpose the biblical responsibility to help the poor from the individual and the church to the federal government. I've yet to find scripture which endorses this idea. It is often used to excuse oneself his personal responsibility, and it fosters the tendency to make the federal government into some type of new god who provides the answers to all the social ills of our society. Such notions only propel the problem.

Much more can, should, and will be said to address this issue, but the confines of a column bring me to a temporary close. To summarize, the liberals tell us that throwing money at the problem will make it go away. This has been proven to be false and rather short-sighted. Much more needs to be done, but it has been clearly demonstrated that conservative policies and private initiatives are taking us in the right direction. (More next week.)

Trojans down Vandy

by Scott Stargel

John McCormick records his first win as a Trojan in impressive style. The 6'2" junior from Cleveland State Junior College scattered 11 hits over 8 1/3 innings to beat the Southeastern Conference's Vanderbilt Commodores 6-5 in both teams' season opener.

Three of the five runs given up by McCormick came in the bottom half of the ninth as Vandy pulled to within one.

But McCormick got some impressive help from a couple of teammates to ward off the host team's attack. Eric Shellnut came in with one out and two on. He pitched a perfect 2/3 inning with the last out coming on a diving shoestring catch by centerfielder Clay Boone.

The Trojans drew first blood early, jumping to a 2-0 lead against Vanderbilt's highly regarded and recruited Chris Heinz. Bobby Thompson drove in Popcorn Thompson who had reached on a walk and taken second on a wild pitch. One out later, Jason Smith doubled in Thompson to double the score.

Vanderbilt's other prized possession, Cam Hazen, homered the next inning to make it 2-1.

But the Trojans weren't through. Richard "Julio" Perez crushed a "Per-blast" over the left-center wall to bring home three runs in the top of third to make it 5-1.

The Commodores scored in the sixth to make it 5-2, but Trevecca answered with a much needed insurance run in the ninth. Jack Bobo led off with a walk. He was lifted for pinch runner Bob Lofgren. Lofgren moved over to second on Clay Boone's sacrifice bunt and took third on Popcorn Thompson's fielder's choice. Unsatisfied with his lead-off RBI, Bobby Thompson beat out an infield hit to bring Lofgren home and make it 6-2.

The run proved to be the difference as the Commodores opened their half with four straight hits to score three runs and chase McCormick.

But John needn't have worried with two runners on, Shellnut and Boone slammed the door on the 'Dores and gave TNC a season opening win.

Coach Elliot Johnson commented, "John threw a terrific game. I was very pleased with his effort and the whole team's effort. It was a good win."

Win, Lose, or Draw coming to Trevecca

by Penny Blier

Hey, everyone! It's time for your favorite game show! And what is that, you may ask? Win, lose, or draw of course. This is your chance to get involved.

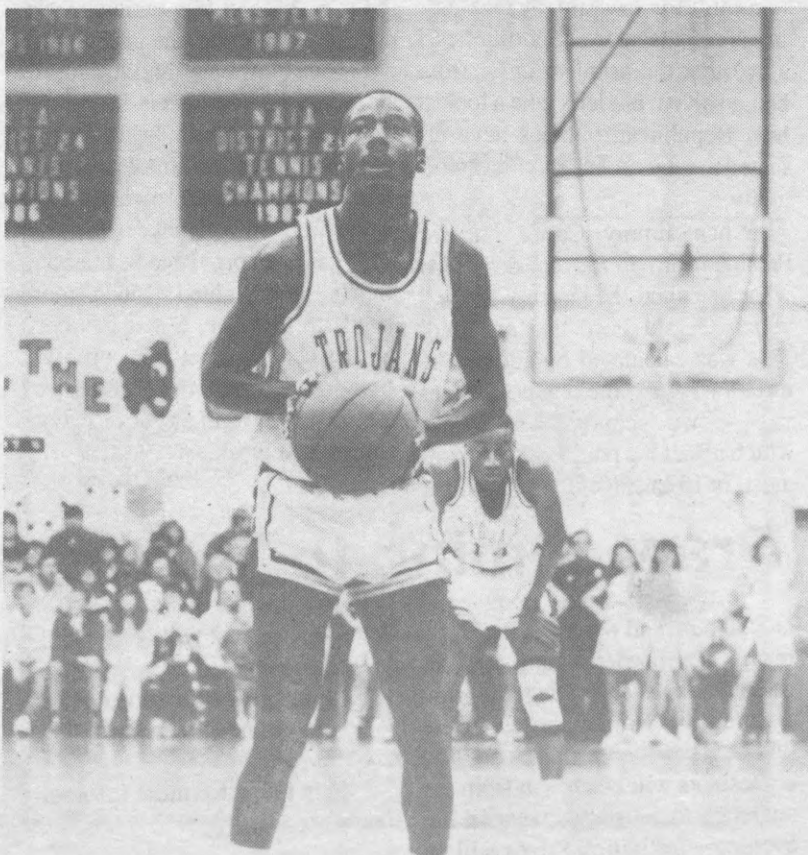
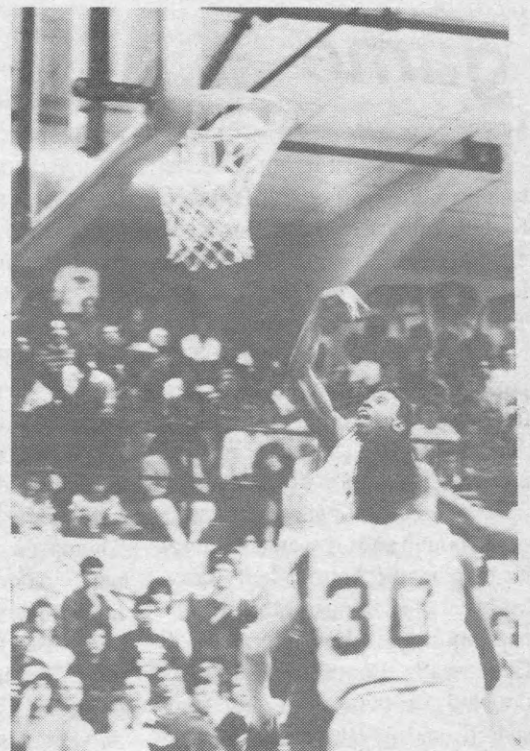
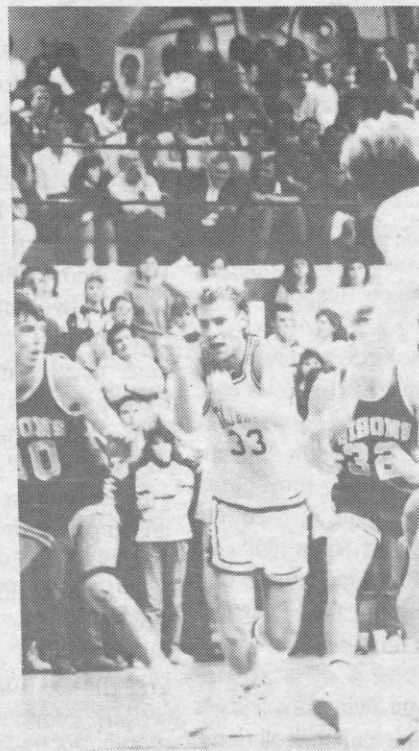
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