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Associated Student Body: *Students Elect Government Officers for New Year*

By Tawanda Hunter

In the month of March, the students at TNC voted for the new 1992-93 ASB officers. They listened to their speeches and took in their promises. The votes were cast and the winners were announced. Beginning in the Fall of 1992, the following people will be in office to help unite and bring about a better Trevecca.

Elected President of ASB is Michael Eldridge. His major is Inter-cultural Communication and he is from Dover, Delaware. He promises to incorporate the student body into the student government and let them be aware of the open door policy. He picked this office because he realizes that there is a communication gap between the student body and the administration.

He wishes to use his major to correct this problem and to help form a more positive TNC. This is his third year at TNC.

VP of ASB is Lita Fuller. Her major is Psychology and Social Welfare and she is from Fitzgerald, Georgia. She hopes to help communication between students and administration and wants to encourage involvement in activities. She wanted this office because she was previously in SGA and wanted to continue to be involved in student government and try to make a difference. This is Lita's third year at TNC.

VP of Academics is Scott Fraley of North Carolina. His major is Philosophy. He wants to see some student leadership formed and to have the general aspect of academics become more important. He wanted this

office so that he could help other people to have the opportunity for a better education. He has been attending TNC for two years.

VP of Social Life is Rachelle DeVore. She is from Virginia and is majoring in Math Ed. This is her second year at TNC. She hopes to have an activity for every week and to make activities as fun as possible. She wanted this position because she wanted to keep energy going on campus and try to accommodate everyone's social life.

VP of Publicity, Holly Miller, has been at TNC for one year. She is majoring in Business Administration and is from Charlotte, North Carolina. Her goal for this office is to make sure the word gets out, especially about SGA activities. She wants to be sure that the students are informed. She

wants to be more involved with the ASB and have a say in things.

The new Secretary of ASB is Dee Howell. She is in her third year at Trevecca and is majoring in Psychology and Social Welfare. She is from Greer, South Carolina. Her main concern is to get the minutes posted for the students and to keep up with attendance at meetings. Dee states, "I believe I have good secretarial skills and I want to become more involved."

Attorney General Jeff McVay (Religious Studies) wants to continue to have the election process run as smoothly as possible and to have it computerized if at all possible. He wanted this office so that he could get closer to the students and to help out in the future. He's from Syracuse, New York. This is his second

year at TNC.

VP of TIA, Karla Zuercher (Math Ed and Music Ed), is from Denver, Colorado, and this is her second year here. She hopes to get as many people involved with TIA as possible and to have intramurals going on consistently. She wanted this office because she loves sports and wants to see more interaction between the students athletically.

VP of Religion, Tim Thomas (Religion), is from Milledgeville, Georgia and he has been attending Trevecca for two years. He wishes to see a more unified, loving campus. "This is the office that God has called me to work for because I do have experience in this field." He also would like to see a bigger and better outreach program which could expand through Nashville.

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C.A.U.S.E. Project Participants Help Panama Build Walls

By Kristi Stephens

While most Work and Witness trips are designed to tear walls down, the recent C.A.U.S.E. trip to Panama was designed to build walls. College and University Students Sharing Experience (C.A.U.S.E.) spent spring break in Panama and literally built a wall around the

School of the Yugoslavian Republic.

Sponsored by Rondy Smith as a requirement for an inter-cultural seminar, the trip consisted of five Trevecca students, including one from MHR.

Although the trips are sponsored by Kansas City, Trevecca has not participated with C.A.U.S.E. since 1988. Smith took it upon herself to get the program underway.

"It was a personal agenda of mine to get it reestablished," she said.

The group took 15 boxes of supplies including clothes, candy, and utensils. A main goal was to build a wall around the school for security reasons. The group dug a trench around the school and mixed concrete with sand to build the wall manually. They also participated in two evangelistic services

and Bible school skits.

"We were there to provide for people's needs," stated Michael Eldridge, who participated in the project. As with any service project, special friendships were formed. Smith recalled a specific instance in which she was able to explain to a curious girl in the community what life is like in the U.S. "It was so rewarding for me...[to] be her eyes to

the U.S."

Smith wants to make the project an annual event focusing on an all school, interdisciplinary project including students from a wide range of majors. Smith anticipates more involvement from students in each area of discipline to be the most effective participants.

An anniversary celebration for Anne Frank

By Kimberley Albert

When the play had first been cast, I was told not to expect to be entertained, "The Diary of Anne Frank is a serious play for serious people." This statement didn't discourage me, because I understood how it was meant. However, after viewing the play, I found the words to be false in many ways. I attended the first performance open to the public on Thursday night.

The feelings of excitement and anticipation began when I walked in and saw the extravagance of the set. The warehouse rooms had everything one can imagine, from a kitchen sink to pictures on the wall. Nothing was overlooked, except maybe some glue for the menorah.

The Diary of Anne Frank is familiar to us all. Even if we have not read it, we know



Anne and Peter (Teri and Steve) chat while studying
(Photo by Lanagayle Taylor)

a little about the background of the book. We know it's about a young Jewish girl who hides from the Nazis with her family during WWII. The play took this story much further for me. The production crew and staff made the humanness and realism of this story come to life. Teri Wiesman did an excellent job as young Anne Frank. She made Anne fa-

miliar; someone to whom I could relate. Although Anne was in a serious situation, she maintained her silliness and entertained those who were in hiding with her. In turn, Teri made the play entertaining as well as dramatic. The whole cast: Lewis Stark, Twyla Montague, Heather Keen, Steve Walters, Brent Buess, Kara Parrish, Brent Ross, Melissa



The families meet Mr. Dussel (Brent Ross)
(Photo by Lanagayle Taylor)

Moore, and John Ayers did an exceptional job. They worked well together and portrayed the "family unity" that comes from working together through a crisis.

Although the play has a sad ending, and Anne doesn't make it past the age of sixteen, the story is very inspirational. In the Director's note, Professor Jeff Frame reminds us of famil-

iar but distant childlike faith.

"Fifty years ago this summer, the Franks and the Van Daans took some drastic measures of their own. They disappeared into hiding. On this quiet, unusual anniversary marking a temporary escape that should have never been necessary, let us remember freedom, humane kindness, and hope in the most intimate ways."

Where some have not been before!

By George Bratcher

On March 22nd, 1992, at the Nashville Convention Center, an intriguing event took place. It was the site of a STAR TREK convention, which happened to be my first, and from what I could understand it was a first for many there. My interest in Star Trek started during my later high school years when one of the Nashville stations began broadcasting episodes of the original Star Trek following the nightly news five nights a week. Being the young teen that I was, and having to deal with a hurricane of emotions at that time in my life, I became fascinated with the logic of Mr. Spock and how he used it to conduct his life rationally, despite any emotions that might send some-

one else to the verge of madness. At that particular time in my life, logic became useful as a first step towards making any sense of life. During my Senior year, when I took a psychology class, the social and psychological aspects of the show seemed to fascinate me even more. I then went away to college and had forgotten about Star Trek until the Next Generation came along. Being much more technical than its predecessor, it grabbed my scientific interest, but it was much more than that. Through taking philosophy classes under Dr. Keen at the same time and from some aspects of my religion classes as well, I began to see both the new and old Star Treks in a new light, and that made almost every episode a delight to watch.

The people that I met at the Star Trek convention came from very different

backgrounds. The only unifying element, in most cases, was our mutual fascination with the show. It was also nice to have a member of the current series to visit the convention and to answer questions. Marina Sirtis, who plays the role of Counselor Diana Troy on the Next Generation, was the guest speaker. She kindly answered people's questions and signed autographs afterwards.

One of the latest developments that I learned of is that next year Paramount will be developing a spin-off of the Next Generation called "Deep Space Nine." This spin-off takes place at the same time as the Next Generation, but from what I could gather, it will be more of the Black Hole and Star Wars meets the Twilight Zone in space. It is supposed to be more intense and mysterious than the Next Generation (which by the way will

have a sixth and seventh season) as well as having romantic relationships amongst the crew (which the Next Generation does not have). Ensign Ro of the Next Generation will be the only crew member transferring to the ship of Deep Space Nine and there is a good chance the security guard will be a shape-shifter. As long as the show doesn't become a horror flick or a soap opera, I think there is a good chance I and others will like it.

What I disliked about the convention was the prices of collectors items and memorabilia; they were terribly inflated, but then again the people selling them were there to make a buck (check the fan club magazine first before going to a convention, sometimes the prices are cheaper there). Also, it was only a handful and not everyone, but seeing someone in a starfleet uniform

smoking a cigarette is almost a contradiction of terms. I made the comment to someone I met there, "Isn't that against regulations?!" Anyway, as I said, the convention drew a variety of people from very different backgrounds. What amazes me is that a show produced with a humanistic message can reach such a great variety of people. It makes me wonder about Christianity; is it just talking to itself, or can it engage people where they live today no matter what level of society. To me, a phenomena such as Star Trek encourages and challenges me to work harder in the area of Christian evangelism, which is what the message of the kingdom and the gospel are all about; "to go out into the highways and byways" or maybe a little more dramatically paraphrased "to boldly go where most Christians haven't gone before!"

Clement Attlee

By Matt Hanson

Life is big. There are some things which you can grasp, and some that you can't. For example, why does anyone wish to run in the Presidential race against an incumbent who "won the war"? Then again, why wouldn't anyone wish to run in the Presidential race against an incumbent whose popularity has gone from the best-ever to the worst in his career in only a few short months? And while we're at it, why did England fail to reelect Winston Churchill after he had defiantly and heroically brought them through the single-worst air war that any one nation had ever undergone? Politics. Yes, that beast within that tears out the hearts of millions with broken "promises," "misunderstood" intentions, "overlooked" hidden clauses, backward "reasoning"—get the picture? People say no one can beat Bush. Probably so. People say the Democrats don't know their left hand from their achilles tendon (what?). I'm sure they do. People say the Republicans don't know their left hand from the hand that feeds them (slam!). Maybe not. I hear a lot in the "news" (I take the term lightly) about the way Bush is playing his cards at the wrong moment; that he should never have waited so long to do all this stuff he's doing now. This is absolutely true from a peon-to-ruler point of view. Why did he wait? Everyone with eight pounds of grey matter between their ears knows that he is trying to nurse the wounds of a dying nationwide popularity in time for November. So what's wrong with that? What do we find so offensive about what he is doing? Do we find it offensive? I don't see much being done about it. Is there anything lucrative (big word, look it up) in trying to do anything about it? In trying to be lucrative, are we being any better (or worse) than Georgey-baby? I think not. If we all seek to improve our own position in life, it seems only natural that the guy at the top should be allowed to do so as well. In another shameless example of mediocrity, Mr. Bush has offered a proposal (which we

are all convinced beyond doubt that he wrote personally in a fit of inspiration) to take all pre- 1981 automobiles off of the road. Such a shining example by our "environmental-President" in these dark times. My first big impression of Mr. George "read my lips" Bush was when he gave a speech at the end of a huge pier in Boston (that being the capital of Mr. Michael "tax 'em baby" Dukakis' home state). In that speech, surrounded by ten or twenty brand-spankin' new American flags, he blasted Mike for making promises about the clean-up of the harbor (certainly one of the world's worst), and then failing to complete the work. WELL!!! Here we are four years later, and I hear the big bell ringing in the distance. Ask not for whom the bell tolls, George, it tolleth for thee! (NOTE: that was an allusion and may require a few moments to ponder the great complexity involved in context; taking a moment to flip through a book of poetry may be beneficial, although probably painful for many.)

So what exactly have I said? Probably nothing, albeit a hefty amount of such. When the word "vote" comes into a conversation (as I have so eloquently done here), many tune their brains to another channel or stare at something "more interesting," like meatloaf. I cannot force anyone to pay attention after this point. I do not wish to. But for those of you still reading, let me ask you one thing. Did you? I don't mean in the 1988 election. I mean in the 1992 primaries and caucuses. Because no one took the time to register and vote for the primaries, we are going to be left with the two candidates with the most money. Ahh!... now do you get the picture? People say that we must vote for "the lesser of two evils." Right. Why? Because we didn't use our nation's most beautiful asset—our ability to express our convictions through the process of democratic elections. Have I hit the right nerve? Have I hit any nerves? I hope so. Apathy is self-destructive; more deadly than the strongest enemy. When we don't care, we die. Have a nice day. (Or so I'm supposed to say).

Forum on the relation between rationality and ethics

By George Bratcher

On the Friday evening of the 20th of March, a forum was held by a guest professor from Vanderbilt, Dr. Donald Sherburne. Besides being a professor from Vanderbilt he was also Dr. Rob Blann's and Tom Shulman's (author of Dead Poets Society) professor years ago. Dr. Sherburne said that Tom Shulman gained many of his insights for the movie from his class, and after the discussion that Dr. Sherburne gave that evening, it was obvious that he was right on that matter.

Dr. Sherburne started off with a discussion on the retirement of reason by Darwin, Marx, and Freud. The discussion eventually led to a discussion of the meaning of humanity. Dr. Sherburne pointed out that Plato and Aristotle provided a good basis for using reason to determine what the ultimate good in life is. Later, Kant further defined what the limits of knowledge and reason were with his understanding of the categories of the mind. Kant described that we understand the world through phenomena or how it appears to us. According to the given concepts of space and time, we can achieve a certain knowledge within the mind that is correct, but knowing the noumena, or the thing-in-itself, can only be achieved through theoretical reason-

ing. Schopenhauer described the world by way of will (how reality expresses itself to us) and idea (what we give to will in order to make it better fit our expectations). Will for Schopenhauer was a dangerous thing because it was part of our nature to do as we please without regard to the rest of society. For Schopenhauer, will could be denied in order for us to overcome our animal inclinations (Darwin) and achieve the ideas that we sought in order to make our world a better place. Freud had discussed the notion of will and idea somewhat in his understandings of the id, ego, and superego. Later, Nietzsche came along and said that it is will that we should embrace, for it is our will or will-to-power that helps man overcome his environment. For Nietzsche, man pulled himself up on his own, and made the world the way he desired, even at the expense of fellow men who stood in the way. For Nietzsche man was his own god, and it was this philosophy that greatly inspired the Nazi party.

Dr. Sherburne ended the evening with the philosophy of Sartre which was "existence precedes essence" or in other words, before I become what I need or want to be, I exist, therefore I am not complete in the essence of myself, but am hopefully growing that way. According to this philosophy, I cannot, even by way of reason, know what right and wrong are ahead of time. I

must go by what I feel, since my emotions require order, logic, and reason to help assist me in my decisions. Therefore, whatever objective reality I create stems from my subjective feelings, and therefore I create my ethics from my experiences in life as a whole. Therefore, my ethics or reasonings can change as my experiences change.

Afterwards and throughout the discussion there were questions raised and comments made. Another philosopher brought into the discussion was Soren Kierkegaard who believed that man as a whole was blind when it came to knowing what to do with our feelings and reasonings in regard to ethics. Kierkegaard believed that we needed the assistance of a Divine teacher who understood what it was to be both God and human. He found that teacher in the person of Jesus Christ. Dr. Sherburne is humanistic in his philosophy, so he did not totally agree with Kierkegaard, but he does have a great admiration of him.

There is a lot to be learned from the forums held on this campus. We have been fortunate to have speakers for the past two forums, who other universities pay large sums of money for, speaking for free. If you have truly come to college to learn, then one way of taking advantage of that is to watch for the times of the forums in the "Announcer!" See you there.

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Next year's Darda editor will be Gwen Kenes. She is majoring in Biology. She wants to continue the growing quality of the annual and to treat everyone fairly by not showing any favoritism. She previously worked on yearbook in middle school and was an editor in high school for two years. She is from Sarasota, Florida and

has been at TNC for three years.

Last, but certainly not least, is Kristi Stephens. She will be the editor for Trev-Echoes. She is an English major. She would like to try to put out two issues of the paper per month and to generate more feedback from the student body and to get the paper academically more

integrated. Her minor is journalism and she believes that being editor for the paper will be good experience for her in the future. She is from Charleston, West Virginia and is in her second year at TNC.

Congratulations to these people and their great success in becoming officers of Trevecca's ASB.

Poll reveals verdict--guilty

By Tawanda Hunter

In the past few months there have been at least three different trials broadcasted across the airways concerning either sexual harassment or rape. First there was the case of Anita Hill-vs-Clarence Thomas (a Supreme Court Representative). Then there was Patricia-vs-William Kennedy Smith. And last but not least, a beautiful 18 year old pageant contestant-vs-Mike Tyson.

There was quite a bit of controversy during all of these trials. Two out of three victims had their faces blackened from television viewers until after the trials were over. The only one that did not cover her face was Anita Hill. The lives of these three gentleman were exploited beyond control. They are (or were) three well known men.

Many people were shocked when they first saw or heard about the charges being brought against these men. There is a Supreme Court Representative, a known member of a great

dynasty, and an ex-champion boxer up on charges of the worst kind. How did most people take it? Well, this reporter took a survey of approximately 20 men and 20 women. The results from this survey astonished me severely. When asked if all three of the accused men were guilty, fourteen men answered yes. Three voted in favor of Thomas and Smith but thought Tyson was guilty. The remaining three were either undecided or didn't know much about any of the cases. Polling female responses was a much easier task when it came down to recording the results. All 20 women polled voted all three defendants guilty beyond reasonable doubts.

One of the people that I asked wanted me to answer my own questions. At that particular time I did not. So to the gentleman who asked me, here's your answer. I really believe, that based on the facts that were brought out, there was a lot that was not stated or brought to court. But just on the facts that I know, here is how I voted: Thomas—not guilty, Smith—undecided, and Tyson—guilty.

Liberal Arts? NOT!

By Tammy Stipe

We live in a world of can't's. You can't go there. You can't wear that. You can't say those things. Especially in the Christian domain, we are forced to live a certain way; to talk and walk like others want us to. We are protected from the world around us; sheltered, monitored. Shouldn't we be allowed to live our lives as we want and to make our own choices? Do others have any right to censor

our choices?

Censorship. It's not a pretty word. Censorship bans, it restricts, it keeps us unaware of the reality of the world. Recently, Trevecca experienced censorship (surprised?) in the form of the Valentine Banquet. A few scenes were requested to be changed in the drama production. Omitted were a drinking scene, due to the drinking problem on campus, and a kiss, changed from the lips to the cheek. Apparently this was too much for us to handle. What is this attitude of judging what others should see or

hear? Granted, we are not to live as the world, but the world is still out there and it's real. Isn't college supposed to prepare you for that? When we leave these hallowed halls will we be ready to face society? Or will we cover our eyes, ears, and mouths, so as not to inhale worldly things? There's a world out there, one that says, does, and lives for itself. We cannot be censored the remainder of our lives. Someday we will have to choose for ourselves what we will allow in and what we will reject. That someday should start now.

What good are commercials?

By Blake Thompson

As I sit on my Craft Matic adjustable chair, watching the TV, I wonder what good commercials really are? I mean they are long, boring, and just totally unneeded. So while I start rinsing the Denorex shampoo (which you really can feel the tingling) and the other leading brand, out of my hair, I decide to write this article against commercials.

I walk into my study and clap my hands, so the light will come on, and I start wondering what I would write about first. I guess I should make the point that commercials never make me go out and buy something. As a matter of fact, I don't think I've ever bought any product that is advertised on the TV, especially the \$19.95 ones.

While watering my Chia Sheep, I think of other points I can make against

commercials. Another point is that they do a poor job of getting someone to buy their products, I mean seriously, what kind of idiot would buy some of that junk they sell for \$19.95?

As I continue to sit brain storming, I almost cut my finger off with the Ginzu Knife I'm fidgeting with. I've already cut a hose, two pop cans, and four construction nails in half with it. I always get to playing with stuff un-

"...commercials never make me go out and buy something."

consciously, while I think.

I'm at the point in my brain storming where I can't think of anything else, so I decide to call my new friend Cherry. Maybe she can help me. Cherry works, I guess you would call it, in telemarketing. So I dial her number, 1-900-HOT-CHIX. Bambi, one of Cherry's friends answers, and says that Cherry will

have to call me back. So I wait, still thinking about the negatives of commercials. I decide to put some music on, because I heard that it helps some people to think.

While deciding whether to put on some of my Burl Ives 8 tracks or my new "Secret Love" albums and cassettes, I think I hear my phone ring. As I turn up my Miracle Ear, sure enough, it's the phone ringing, so I answer it. It's Cherry. After she asks me my MasterCard number, I ask her for some ideas, but she doesn't have any. So I tell her I'll call her back sometime, and hang up the phone.

Maybe I've made enough points against commercials. First of all, they are long and boring. Second of all, they don't get you to buy their products. And third of all, what idiot would buy that \$19.95 junk? So I hope I've made my point on how commercials are totally worthless. Now I guess I'll go try to lose some more weight with my Abdominizer; thanks for your time.

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Chronicles Of A Dying Age

By Oliver O'Neil

Hey brain-dead! Could you crawl out of your hole in the wall long enough to realize that you have been understood? I know it's warm and secure there, but you are only hiding from what everyone already knows about you anyway. No matter what you do, there will always be someone or something telling you that you're a cut below the rest. And for what it's worth, you are. Then again, so am I. It's disturbing to admit, but true nonetheless, that regardless of where you are, it's probably not where you would like to be, and no matter where you go, you will more than likely never arrive. And why? Because total satisfaction is not endearing, instead it's always changing. Sadly enough it's because we are such indecisive creatures with so many inconclusive dreams—always depressed about now and worried about later. Once later comes along and upsets us, we look toward tomorrow and a better day, but it never comes; in fact, there is no such thing. I'm starting to believe that we are forced to try and make something of ourselves smack dab in the middle of this dying age. But you see, we have no idea how this can be done, so we grovel and change our perspective.

It's repulsive how we lower our standards to accommodate our lack of

achievements and laziness. Some people who don't get what they want or need, settle for less and act as if this is living. Well, suck the lemon and accept your place in no man's land. This might be difficult for you to grasp, but try it anyway. Be happy and love your situation even though it stinks. Stop wanting and waiting for life. My God, it's there. Start living and if you feel like it, change!

On the other side of the spectrum there are those who might not have such problems. And, for the most part, they don't. This is because their problems fall into a category all its own. When you think you have achieved everything materialistically and monetarily, or you have obtained all the religion you can possibly handle, be minded to realize that there will always be something else—something more. And to suspend all logic for just a moment, to assume that one has achieved it all, understand that with this comes collapse because the question remains: "What's Left?" Just like Alexander the Great who ruled the Earth through power. One day he stood atop his domain and looked over the lands and wept, for there were no more worlds to conquer.

In thinking this through, it seems we've all really missed the point. Who you are, what you have, what you want or need; that's all irrelevant. Excellence in life is a state of mind. It isn't merely financial success or social status but instead it's happiness; a contentment.

It would seem that excellence is a series of plateaus, stages, different levels, steps in life that we manage to achieve as we go—steps that some don't achieve as they go. Obviously we won't be able to please everyone, and for some of us we can't seem to satisfy anyone. So I guess none of us will ever be a perfectly self-actualized person. But that's OK, because if your contentment is real, then you have achieved excellence. I want to hold a match under things done for the surface gratification of others as well as worldly success, because that is popularly considered to be excellence, to be the best at something; and, well, it is. Then again, I'm not an athletic wonder or a fake singing preacher. I'm not Gerry House or Eric Bogosian's real-life rendition of Barry Champlain (a high society, multi-million dollar disc jockey—something I've always wanted to be). But I am Oliver, and in that respect, I'm excellent. I'm not being conceited by any stretch of the imagination, I just live my life, I think my thoughts and I make my money. I have my friends (good friends), I have my family, and I have an open mind. And no, it's not my life in a box where everything can be seen, nor is it my perfect little precious world. But all is abruptly well. No I'm not necessarily in love with life, but I have indeed achieved excellence because I am content.

Memories Of TNC

By Daniel Blair

The memories of Trevecca seem almost like spirits as I walk across this campus today. I feel that sometimes I have been here longer than God. Then I see the professors who are a reminder that God has been here a long time. Their love and work has increased my love for learning.

As the May graduation date appears closer on my calendar, I pinch myself and say that this time I am really going to walk that line. I have been on the graduation list three times, but this one is for real.

I remember my first day on this campus. I was feeling scared and excited at the same time. I am from Virginia and it was my first time in Nashville. On faith alone I came seeking an education that would prepare me for full time ministry.

I arrived with just enough money to get into the dorm, and as I look back, I realize that I had everything of real value to me packed in a 1975 Dodge van. I went through the entrance line the next day still wondering if it all were a dream and afraid to touch anything or anyone thinking that I would wake up!

On registration day I met my advisor, Dr. Craig Keen. He smiled as I nervously told him my dreams for the future. Then he looked at my transcripts from community college and advised

me on how to set my agenda to reach my goals. Later when I would be told by and administrator to give up my dreams, Craig would encourage me again to be radical and beat the system. Those words would allow me to be a college graduate.

Over the years I have met hundreds of students who didn't stay the course and finish at Trevecca for some reason or another. I have also seen many who happily said their good-byes to me on graduation days long past. All of these people are what make Trevecca so interesting and so helpful to me as I finally finish this half of my journey. The friendships that I have made here will follow me as I try to build a better path for tomorrow. To those of you reading this, let this poor man from Virginia say to you, don't let anybody destroy your dreams and your plans for the future. God has something special for you. (Oh no, I quoted Oral Roberts! Sorry, Dr. Dunning.)

My advice to you who have what you may feel is a lifetime at this place. . . make the best of it and work hard. Get on the phone and thank your folks if they are paying your way through this place. I wish that God would have blessed all of us with that kind of home income! Trevecca isn't perfect, but it has been my home for five years. It is okay to question it, but don't forget to turn on some person's life before you leave!

In Christ,
Daniel Ray Blair

Students forfeit right to representation

By Tammy Stipe

It's election time once again and that means the politicians are out in full force! So do you vote Republican, Democrat, or independent? Don't worry, you don't have to decide until November, but this is just a cue to catch up with your candidate, see what he believes in, and go vote! It's your right as a US citizen and you should exercise that privilege.

But what about your right as a Trevecca stu-

dent? Yes we do have some, believe it or not, and one key to these rights is the role of the student government. Each and every spring we as a student body elect those we view as fit to hold office and represent us and our school to the faculty. Over the past there has been a big problem with lack of interest in the voting process. Not only do few students turn out to vote, but even the nominees are few and far between. For the past few years, many offices have run unopposed: such as Darda, Religious Affairs, Trev-Echoes. Why is this? Why is there so little interest in the role of student government? Should

we not want to have our voice heard? We constantly complain that our rights aren't considered, but do we really vocalize our beliefs, or do we leave that to others? And if we leave that job to the ones who run for office, shouldn't we at least vote? I think so. I'm not saying student government is for everyone. It takes a lot of hard work and patience to perform the jobs asked of our student assembly. But if you don't run, or even if you don't care, act like you do! Go out there and vote! Your voice can really make a difference.

"Great American Read Aloud" Comes To TNC

By Prilla Speer

"...25 million American adults cannot read the poison warning on a can of pesticide or a letter from their child's teacher. Thirty-five million read at a level below the full survival need of our society. Together, these 60 million people represent more than one-third of the entire adult population of this country." (Jonathan Kozol in *Illiterate America*).

Each year Mackey Library joins the American

Library Association in celebrating National Library Week. On Wednesday, April 8, 1992 we joined in with other academic and public libraries in "The Great American Read Aloud" sponsored by ALA. This celebration of reading had a literacy theme. We had faculty, student, and administrators reading selections primarily on a literacy theme. Ms. Carol Feeney, Director of the Neighborhood Project in Nashville was our guest speaker. NEP is an urban pilot project in adult literacy. People in low-income areas who believe there is a need for a

reading program organize a planning committee, and with NEP assistance, train teachers to help neighborhood residents learn to read better. Participants are encouraged to work on community problems by using their reading and writing skills.

The Read Aloud Celebration began at 2pm on the porch of the Library and concluded at 4pm. Almost thirty students and faculty were present to read selections from their favorite pieces of literature.

CREATIVITY, ACADEMICS PART OF COMMUNICATION

By Cassandra Peach

Communication... that is what forensics is all about. The speech team travels throughout the southeast competing in tournaments against 12 to 20 other colleges. This year our team has participated in eight tournaments, including one that was hosted by Trevecca. The team has won at six of these tournaments.

There are several events that the participants may choose. First, they choose whether they want to compete in an individual event or a debate. Then, they may choose to give an informative speech, an oral interpretation of prose, or a dramatic presentation. The content of the event is left open for creativity. Each speaker delivers their speech three times to three

different judges. The winners from each event receive a trophy.

The forensic team has several benefits. Participating in public speaking aids in developing communication skills. The tournaments provide an opportunity to meet people and see what other college students are learning. It helps to build self-confidence, and representing a Christian college is an excellent witness. The team has proven that they can win without using bad language or suggestive behavior.

This has been an exciting year for Trevecca's speech team, but there is always room for more participants. In the words of Lena Hegi, "You can compete with other students now academically or for jobs in the future."

Sincerity Is "No Masquerade" For Concerned Students



Masterworks members Teri Wiesman, Lisa Coffey, Steve Walters, Michelle Horn, Kara Parrish, Leigh Johnson, Buehlah Snyder, and Chad Yats (Photo by Lanagayle Taylor)



Chad Yats, Michelle Horn, and Steve Walters (Photo by Lanagayle Taylor)

By Lisa Coffey

The Masterworks Touring Company elevates up the performance ladder as they demonstrate their message to Southeast Regional churches and local elementary schools. This eight member group rehearses five hours a week in preparation for their weekend touring of "No Masquerade" in Southeast churches and their week performances of "Tribe."

"No Masquerade" is a combination of vignettes centered around the concept of being a genuine person, most of all a sincere Christian. The majority of the vignettes used in "No Masquerade" were written by the group as a whole. They were written to reflect humor, in order to bring out how foolish it is to try to hide your true self from God. They were

not written by the group for self-gratification but to convey a message of sincerity and simplicity to those who may be lacking.

"Tribe" is a multi-play designed to educate elementary schools about the differences between Indian cultures. Due to restrictions on sharing Christianity within schools, Masterworks tries to demonstrate love of others and acceptance through the use of "Tribe". Masterworks previously performed tribe for over 120 third graders at St. Henry Elementary School on Feb. 25. The children not only got to watch Masterworks, but they had a chance to become part of the "Tribe".

The members of Masterworks include: Kara Parrish, Chad Yats, Buehlah Snyder, Leigh Johnson, Michelle Horn, Stephen Walters, and Lisa Coffey. Masterworks is directed and facilitated by drama professor Jeff Frame. Auditions for next semester's members will be chosen during T.N.T. April 22-25. Keep watch for more information.

Mental Hallucinations

My mind sits in the middle
Of a turmoil of facts and
new theories
And what seems to not be
there
Has become unobstructed
reality

The freedom of thought is
overwhelming
Bringing to the surface
Simple, common objects
and situations
Which are closer than
mere appearance

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But a very recent begin-
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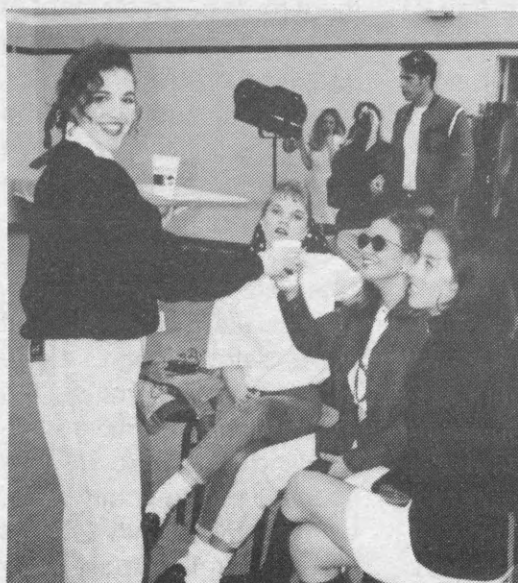
BLAST FROM THE PAST HELPS CORNERSTONE

By Anna Duncan

Sigma Society's first ever Blast From The Past was a night full of fun for everyone who came out. There were characters from the 50's, 60's, and 70's such as Marilyn Monroe, John Travolta, the Brady Bunch Sisters, and numerous others. Cokes, Hot Fries, and delicious milkshakes were sold to help raise money for Cornerstone Ministries.

Several people won a cake in the old favorite cake walk. Treble Cierpke seemed to really enjoy herself (maybe

a little too much) in the Kissing booth. The limbo, hula hoop, and bubble gum blowing contest were enjoyed by those participating and watching. Blake Thompson didn't win the costume contest, but he had the best looking hair on his chest. Almost everyone who came received a prize either through the game or door prizes. Sarah and Kyra, also known as Black Orchid and Dandelion, from the 70's brought the house down (and the backdrop) with their two songs. All in all the night was a lot of fun and helped raise money for a very worthy cause.



Tanya Carey serves several customers
(Photo by Lanagayle Taylor)



Blake Thompson leads a train of characters
(Photo by Lanagayle Taylor)

Beach Bash Proves Disappointing

Tammy Stipe

On Friday night, March 20, Theta Chi Service Club sponsored their annual Beach Party to benefit the Oasis Center of Nashville. All of the night's festivities took place in the gym and began at 8:30pm. Included in the fun were beach ball volleyball, various relays, games, food, contests, and lots of door prizes. The winners of the following contests are: Richard Lan-

caster for best legs, Delores Carpener for best muscles, and Jeanna Shephard for Bubblegum blowing. These winners all won dinners at local restaurants. Also, Matt Ungerbeuhler won five free tanning visits from Family Hair Design. So, look out for the man with the tan around campus. All in all, it was a fun evening and a good amount of money was raised to help the Oasis Center in their assistance to teenage runaways.

I would like to make a note at this point. Due to

lack of participants at the Beach Party, Theta Chi was not as successful this year as they have been previously. Somehow it's hard to comprehend this lack of enthusiasm when we all fight so strongly to keep the Trevecca Service Clubs alive. I can only hope that school spirit at the remaining functions will be far beyond what it was at the Beach Party. It goes both ways; if you want support for the cause to which you belong, you must support other causes, also.

Pie Wagon: Just Like Home

By Kristi Stephens

Rather than take the usual approach to a restaurant review, I decided to find a place to review that's even less likely to be in the Tennessean Food Section than Pioneer.

I found one. It's the neatest little place—the epitome of southern charm and southern cooking! The Pie Wagon (even its name conjures up thoughts of southern hospitality). It's so far removed from the lunch hour confusion just a block

away that I forgot where I was and had to remind myself that I was indeed in Nashville (skipping chapel, no less) and not sitting at grandpa's favorite hole-in-the-wall cafe in my native Campbells Creek, W.V.

The food that owner Carol Babb has on the menu would put any psuedo-fried chicken around here to shame! Other menu items: Chicken-N-Dumplin's, Turkey-N-Dressing, Meatloaf, REAL mashed potatoes, Cole Slaw, Turnip Greens, Baked Apples and you can imagine the rest! I opted for the bacon and egg

sandwich. I give it two thumbs up—even for red meat.

OK, so each choice has a cholesterol level higher than our tuition, and this isn't the place to frequent if you're trying to watch fat grams, but the service is downright homey; a great break from the usual dine-out experience (and probably less expensive). The Pie Wagon is located at 118 12th Avenue South (between Broadway and Demonbreun). Another plus: There were no TNC students there!

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Twentieth century ethical dilemma

By Sarah Eaton

There has been a little passing of time since the last development of an entirely new ethic. The turn of the century. The passing of wars, depressions, and revolutions. The fall of particular political systems and economic structures. The metamorphosis from modern philosophy to a deconstructionist (post-modern) philosophy, whose main objective is the priority of the O-the-r. All of these baby allusions to miracles lead us to an inevitable adaptation of the brokenness we feel as a unit. The fastening together of clearly separated wills and minds and hearts and souls.

There is no longer a distinguishable line between love and hate. Essentially, the two should not exist in our time, yet, we continue to diffuse these temporal ideas all over our social structures. There have been far too many inter-

ruptions in the time line of history... past, present, and future. The flippant flirting in the space between love and hate has been just enough to reverse its intention. The "all-new-ethic" is responsibility. With the self-destruction that has battled the dark corner of the globe, has there not been a rebirth of responsibility? A giving (es gibt) of responsibility? A priority to the Other?

This other has infiltrated every organized and disorganized oppressive system. This Other has infiltrated even the most domestic of influences. This is where the greatest concern lies: simple friendship. The current paradigm offers a beautiful constellation of proper do's and don't's, but why has it extinguished the very simplistic and yet hopelessly complex and spirited art of love?

What is this responsibility to the other without the kind of binding power love gives as a final offering? Why is the only thing that heals the tear (riss) between you and I weakness, defeat, and despair? In all of this striving

there must be an element of valiancy. There must be a gathering of wills and minds and hearts and souls who are willing to accept the love that is offered up and to the Other.

See, the ethic never really changed. The times have, though, and it appears as if there is not enough time to love. This is because the times have yet to be as crucial and as fragile and as special as they are now. Loving is living and living is the wisdom that must carry us as we enter into the next century, which will bring nothing (nichts) but change. Our responsibility is not to do what is "right," our responsibility is to love the Other and time will take care of its own short life.

"Where is the life we have lost in living? Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information? The cycles of Heaven in twenty centuries bring us farther from God and closer to the Dust." (T.S. Eliot/Excerpt from "Choruses from the Rock")

Beauty in the beginning, middle, and end!

By George Bratcher

On February 21, 1992, a momentous occasion occurred on the campus of Dear Ole TNC! We had a forum on Buddhism! You may say, "What is so spectacular about that?" Well, for one, last year we were not permitted to allow a Buddhist to come to speak to us for fear he might convert us. But with a more open minded administration, this year a forum was possible on this formerly taboo subject. Dr. Aloysius Pieris was our honored guest. He is the author of An Asian Theology of Liberation. He graduated with a degree in Pali and Sanskrit studies from the University of London in 1972 and became the first Christian to earn a doctorate in Buddhist philosophy from the University of Sri Lanka. He is currently Professor of Asian Religions and Philosophies at the East Asian Pastoral Institute in Manila and Director of the Tulana Research Center in Kelaniya (which promotes Buddhist-Christian encounters). He has lectured at renowned universities throughout Europe and the United States. This semester he is a visiting professor at Vanderbilt Divinity School (a special thanks to Dr. Keen for this previous information). We were fortunate that he took the time to address knowledge-thirsty Trevecca students, faculty, alumni, and guests at the Friday night forum.

Buddhism, like Christianity is a very broad concept. Dr. Pieris attempted to bestow upon us some pearls of wisdom concerning Buddhism and how it and Christianity interact in his culture. Dr. Pieris explained that the reason why he was the first non-Buddhist and Christian to obtain a doctorate in Buddhist Philosophy at the University of Sri Lanka is because Chris-

tians are looked upon with suspicion over there. The reason being that Christianity came over with British colonialism, and though the Christian religion had some interesting things to say to them, those who brought the religion did not always abide by it. Also, he explained that Buddhism is the oldest religion in the world and the first missionary religion. The message that Buddha gave his early disciples and missionaries to spread was "Beautiful in the beginning, the middle, and the end!" This was their good news. One of the prime principles of Buddhism was that of non-addiction. Everything in this world that you become too centered in, or stuck in, or addicted to, makes you a slave, and if you become a slave you are not free; you are a slave of non-existence. Only the free can truly exist.

So how does this simplified explanation of Buddhism relate to Christianity? Dr. Pieris explained that Christ preached a kingdom, not a church. A proper translation of Christ's saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" would best be stated as "The kingdom of heaven is here now, and yet becoming!" which is similar to the Buddhist message of "beautiful in the beginning, the middle, and the end." Christ's message of the kingdom was considered good news or the gospel message. Christ's message said that mankind was a slave to his sinful condition which addicted and enslaved him to his own self-centered desires which eventually led to his total enslavement in non-existence or death. Man was blind and unable to see the beauty and goodness of God's holiness, which required mankind to be holy, or his fellow man, and God. Only the Spirit indwelling mankind could free him from

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Presidential campaigns: What you need to know

By Kristi Stephens

Presidential campaigns had a slight change recently when Democrat Paul Tsongas decided to suspend his campaign, due mainly to his campaign debt.

Although a current Time Magazine/CNN poll showed that of the Democrats surveyed, 50% said they would vote for Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, aides for his campaign suggested that it won't slack off, because much of Tsongas' support appears to be shifting to former California Governor Jerry Brown. Clinton got a boost recently, overcoming accusations of marital infidelity, avoiding the draft, and questionable business ethics, when his campaign bid was endorsed by the Detroit Free Press. The Free Press called him "intelligent, articulate, and the most electable of the candidates." The Free Press, although not satisfied with Bush's performance, endorsed him by calling opponent Pat Buchanan an "indigestible alternative."

The following are important profiles of each candidate's views of several issues of national concern.

President Bush still favors the death penalty and is for a waiting period of all handgun purchases in order to assist federal anti-crime measures. He favors drug testing on demand but has not proposed sufficient funding to support this. Bush wants to put a freeze on federal spending on most domestic programs excluding benefit programs such as Social Security. He also favors cutting the federal gains tax. Of the 100 million acres of wetlands left, Bush has raised the initial 1988, 20 million acre protection plan to 40. He, however, has not made

much of an effort to maintain U.S. forests.

Pat Buchanan also favors the death penalty but opposes any ban on assault weapons. He opposes any waiting period on handgun purchases as well. He favors cuts in the capital gains tax and the re-establishment of an investment tax credit. Buchanan looks to improve U.S. trade imbalances but discourages the Clean Air Act, saying funding this will create excessive harm to businesses.

Democrat, Jerry Brown opposes the death penalty and favors a 7-day waiting period before certain assault weapons can be bought. He also favors economic development to reduce the climate for drug use. Environmentally, Brown supports proposals that require protection for ancient forests and opposes weakening the Endangered Species Act. Like Bush, Brown favors increased protection of the nation's wetlands.

Finally, Democrat Bill Clinton favors the death penalty and favors a ban on all assault weapons that have no hunting value. He also favors a waiting period on handgun purchases. He is for cutting taxes for middle class up to 10% for short-term boost, to be paid for with higher taxes on people making more than two hundred thousand dollars annually. On the same note, he offers a "family tax credit" which he has yet to explain fully. He maintains that he would approve some form of a capital gains cut. Funding for some of his ideas stems from his intention to cut military spending. Clinton favors the protection of the wetlands as well as a major reduction in log hauling plus some form of aid for workers in that occupational field. He also supports global climate treaty and gives consideration to reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 30%.

Federal seminar in Washington

By Tanya Bert

When glancing through the Trevecca catalogue, one may notice a class entitled "Federal Seminar." The description is as follows: "a week-long seminar in Washington, D.C. involving participants in lectures, group sessions, and visits to various government agencies." This 3 hour class seems like a lot of hard work and thinking. It was exactly that, plus it was a week full of excitement.

On January 27-31, 1992, Dr. Toby Williams embarked on his journey to the National Association of Evangelicals Federal Seminar. Students accompanying him were Tanya Bert (Jr), Scott Graham (Sr), Holly Miller (Fr), Michelle Mullins (Sr), David Russell (So), Dana Scott (Sr), Jamie Wandling (Jr), and Sandy Wynn (Sr). In addition to Trevecca, seven other colleges attended the seminar including Olivet Nazarene University and Bryan College of Dayton, TN.

The first seminar was held on Monday night in the Washington Plaza Hotel, where the majority of the Seminars took place. "Religion and Politics" was the topic, and Dr. John Bernbaum, Vice-President of the Christian College Coalition, spoke. This particular seminar informed students of the importance of the Christian's involvement in political decisions. Another seminar held the next day added to this topic; it was entitled "Religion's Influence on the Political Process." There was also a seminar called "Opportunities in Washington" in which students were informed of various internships and internship programs available to them.

One seminar that was of particular interest to many of the students was entitled, "Clarence Thomas Confirmation Battle." Tom Jipping, Vice-President, and director of the Center for Law and Democracy, spoke of his in-



Sandy Wynn, Tanya Bert, Holly Miller, and Jamie Wandling with Senator Al Gore

fluence in having Clarence Thomas nominated to the Supreme Court. Phyllis Myers, a woman who worked with both Thomas and Anita Hill, joined Jipping in describing their view of the Thomas-Hill battle. She told of Justice Thomas' perseverance, trials, and tribulations. This seminar prepared students for one of the highlight speakers of the week, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Students were given the opportunity to ask Justice Thomas personal and political questions. Justice Thomas was open and willing to share so others could maybe learn from his experiences.

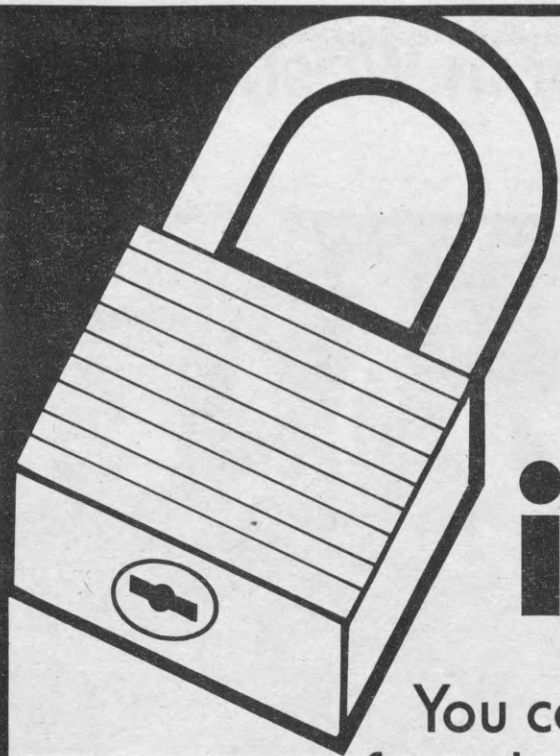
There were many other interesting seminars included in the NAE Federal Seminar. One was the White House Briefing, which occurred in the Indian Treaty Room in the Old Executive Office Building. It was led by Leigh Ann Metzger, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison. Another seminar took place in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. It was entitled "Project Christian Bridge," and several Russians spoke of the state and future of their country. Those speaking at the Congressional Briefing that followed were the Hon. Cliff Stearns, a Republican congressman from Florida, and Dr. Richard Halverston, Chaplain of the U.S. Senate. The last seminar of the week was entitled "Religion and the Media."

The guest speakers were Larry Witham, a religion reporter for the Washington Times, and Laura Sessions Stepp, religion reporter for the Washington Post.

In addition to the informative seminars provided by the NAE, the Trevecca group participated in many other activities while in Washington, D.C. The group toured the F.B.I. Building, the Pentagon, and the State Department. Also, they met Tennessee's Congressman Clement, Senator Sasser, and Senator Gore. While dining in the Senator's Dining Room, North Carolina's Senator Jesse Helms greeted the TNC group and invited them to sit in the family/guest section to observe a Senate meeting.

The most exciting moment, however, for six of the Trevecca students was the White House tour. After touring the home, the group was led by a Secret Service Agent to the back of the White House. It was here that they observed President George Bush and Barbara Bush boarding a helicopter that would take them to New York. What a memory!

All in all, the NAE Federal Seminar to Washington, D.C. was a fulfilling and enriching experience. Given the opportunity, one should never let it pass by. This trip comes highly recommended! Attend Federal Seminar for the experience of a lifetime!



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A response to an "error induced issue"

Greetings Ms. Isbell:

Thanks to Mr. O'Neil's editorial, I have found a reason to take time away from my academia to write without anticipating some sort of grade. Mr. O'Neil's words were nice. However, there is one major "error induced issue" that concerns me, and now I just wish to share my very underdeveloped thoughts which concern it.

Mr. O'Neil's editorial in the last issue of Trev-Echoes was entitled "Love and Other Strange Animals." This is where he so properly guided us to the ins and outs of the world by disclosing its gender. Well, not only is the world referred to as "she" but also the church, all universities, the ocean, yachts, classic automobiles, and the like. Freud would be proud of this since it aligns

itself with the Oedipus complex (electra, as well). Yes, the power to objectify women is a very present and real thing. Isn't it curious, by the same token, how we refer to God as "He"?—"He" being only in terms of a relational, fatherly type figure who is a protector. All of these words simply bring something highly abstract right to our back yard, right to where we want it. The point of all that is just to bring to light the ways in which fault is always being pushed to an-other making an-other fit the fault. (The) Manipulating (of things we can and cannot control) is perhaps the only continuum in our beloved society. Sure, women will never claim full responsibility for the sorry condition of this wicked world, and rightfully so. I

will never believe women are the soul offenders of a previously smooth operating world; and I will never believe this is the result of some awe-inspiring alter-ego, or an inflated id, or an extraordinary amount of vanity. The simple fact remains freestanding that women are NOT THE ONLY PROBLEM.

We could dote, if you prefer, on the primitive, Neanderthal, trivial cliché of "it takes two to tango," and it may very well do the trick. However, what I am saying does not specifically refer to a man/woman relationship; manipulation is not inextricably bound to heterosexual relations. I am simply saying that wherever two or more are gathered there will be manipulation. This includes all potential relations.

Manipulating tools range from sex to words, both verbal and in editorials (even in editorials, Mr. O'Neil), whose only telos is to achieve the desired response. I know as well as the next that there are those who abuse their percentage of all available manipulative weaponry (i.e., there is a plethora of manipulative tools out there). However, there is another will who cannot be discarded so easily. The existence of another does his or her or their part to destroy, as well. Accordingly, this manipulation lends itself to all facets of the human condition be it government to people, people to government, people to people, people to nature, people to technology, people to dogma, people to liturgy, people to

capitalism, socialism, the free market, the Dow Jones, McDonald's Value Meals, etc.

All of this to say, kill the game playing. First, try really, really, really hard not to cast blame on another, who is trying just as hard as you, to pull this life off. If you keep yourself perpendicular, if you keep your head clean, if you do not objectify another... all else will come to pass.

Remember, always, the words of Lao Tsu (excerpted from "Eight" in the Tao): "In speech, be true. In ruling, be just. In daily life, be competent. In action, be aware of the time and season. No fight: No blame."

There is power in strife... keep open. Peace.

Sarah Eaton

TNC's Changes

Dear Editor:

Changes upon changes—it seems that lately TNC has been inundated with these changes. Whether inconvenient or not, the policy at hand stands as altered, no matter what. The question is whether or not the students themselves matter, or if the process will continue to include only the hierarchy of Trevecca's administration.

First, there was the imposition of the infamous T-card which was sprung on the Trevecca community without prior notification. The initial introduction was the mandatory edict that students acquire a picture I.D. card. The explanation and description came several weeks later. Very conscientious and thoughtful, wouldn't you say?

Then came the inconvenience of the Post Office changing its hours and capabilities. What happens to those who work or have classes during the "open" P.O. hours? I guess it's just tough luck.

Now comes the best and most helpful of all the changes—the current cash policy at the bookstore. Sure this will benefit those who have cash at the time of

registration, but what of those who need to wait until loan and government checks come in? This money is what, in most cases, is used to pay off the charged books. I guess this means that these students will be unable to receive necessary books until well into the semester. How will this "result in gain" for the student?

Looking in retrospect at the changes Trevecca has experienced recently, it seems that initially the students, their situations, and their opinions are ignored or are not taken into proper consideration. Yes, maybe these changes might benefit the students of the future, but the short term and present benefits are basically nonexistent.

You know, maybe our attitudes concerning such changes would improve considerably if the attitude in which the orders were handed down was one of respect, congeniality, and consideration—unfortunately in most cases is is not.

Changes upon changes. Where did they start? But, more importantly, where will they end?

Gwen Kenes

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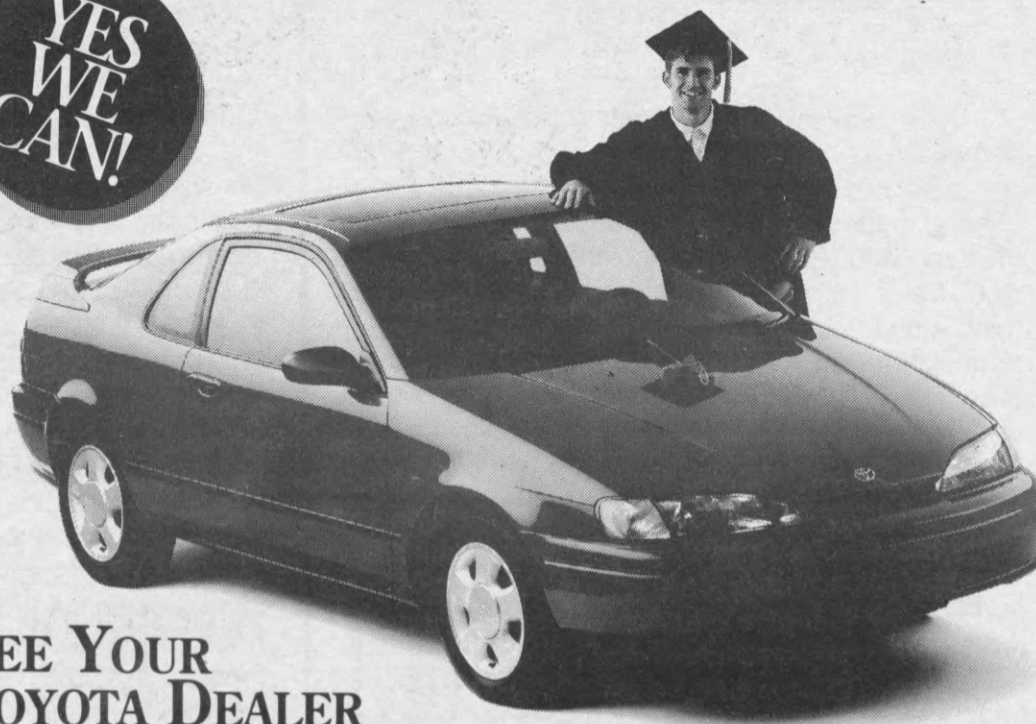
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T.I.A.'s Black 'n White

Dear Editor,

I am an undergraduate student here at TNC. I have something that I think needs to be brought up. I am an avid participant in T.I.A. sports and have had about enough of the horrible officiating that takes place in every T.I.A. sport. The Black 'n' White has really taken a lot of the fun out of these sports. I, myself, have been thrown out of two of the three sports this year. I assure you that in no way could I have deserved such harsh penalties. It all began with our Powder-Puff flag football league (in which Trevecca's fine Circle K took 1st place). Since most of the games were decided by large margins, the ignorance of the referees was not relevant. I must say, maybe one referee (no names) should "eat a salad."

Now, on to softball,

where I was mooned by a Religion major. This immature action led me to become extremely frustrated which later landed me a one game suspension. It is pretty hard to make mistakes in umpiring softball, but, as you can guess, it was accomplished.

Lastly, I would like to bring up T.I.A. Basketball. Here, the officiating was so bad that I heard a Religion major take the Lord's name in vain. I noticed that the referee heard it being said and did nothing about it. These refs must have graduated from the Helen Keller school of officiating.

Yes, I believe we need a change in T.I.A. sports! Either we pay the 20 dollars to a professional, or we use students who are not overweight, biased, unemployed, baseball coaches. See, students will make mistakes, but not on purpose.

Sincerely,
Chris DiPietro

DRAVECKY INSPIRES ATHLETES, JOINS TEAM

By Anna Duncan

Dave Dravecky, the comeback pitcher from the San Francisco Giants, spoke to a crowd of over 400 Saturday night, March 28, in TNC's gym. After a round of introductions, Coach Altopp presented Mr. Dravecky with a Trojan Baseball jacket and hat, and made him an official member of our team (and we all know he could probably do a better job than our pitchers have lately). Then the audience viewed an emotional film on how Dave

Dravecky lost his arm to cancer, and turned his life over to God.

Mr. Dravecky gave a short but inspirational message about how God is his number one priority. He was at the top of his baseball career when doctors found cancer in his shoulder. Although he made a comeback, so did the cancer, and he eventually lost his arm. Throughout everything he maintained his faith in God and now he speaks to others about his trial.

After the dinner, he signed autographs and then met with our baseball team. Let's hope he gave them a few pointers on winning.

18th Annual Volleyball Marathon

By Kenny Baker

The 1992 18th Annual Circle K Volleyball Marathon was another huge success. The Circle K Volleyball Marathon is twenty-four hours of pure volleyball and excitement.

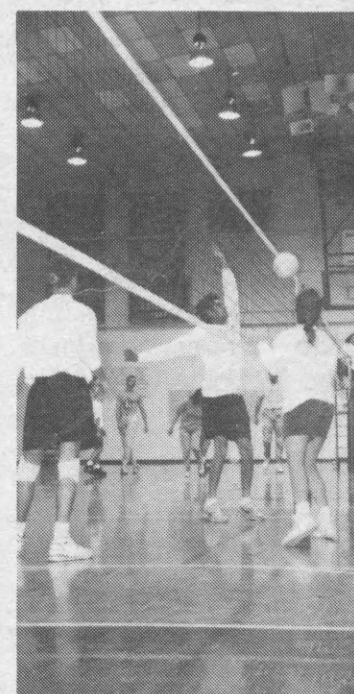
Two nets are set up and forty-eight slots to fill, and they were. The on-campus teams usually play from noon to 6:00 p.m. and then two semi-pro teams come in and play four hours worth of volleyball. Then it's more on-campus teams combined with youth groups, businesses, and churches.

This year it was sixty dollars for one hour's worth of playing time, and all the money went to Cornerstone Ministries. Cornerstone is an inner-city ministry for the homeless, or anyone who needs care through church services, foodbanks, or health care.

This year's Marathon and each Marathon to come is



Circle K vs. Semi-Pros
(Photo by Lanagayle Taylor)



Matt Ungerbuehler returns to Tina Bost (Photo by Lanagayle)

in memory of Tristan Blann. Circle K decided to do this after Tristan's death because he holds a special place in the hearts of each Circle K member. Last year the Marathon money went to Tristan to pay for bills and expenses, and this year Circle K realizes that Tristan will always be Circle K to them.

The Marathon raised over \$2,600 for Cornerstone Ministries. Greg Wood, a Circle K member, says, "This year, as usual, the Marathon was a huge success, showing that Circle K is about service, unity, and brotherhood—things that should be commended without having to be defended."

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his addiction to sin and allow mankind to see.

Dr. Pieris explained that in working with Buddhists, they both see God as the foundation of existence, but the difference is that in the Christian message God has made a covenant with the poor, or in old testament understanding of covenant, a defense pact, in the person of Jesus Christ. He sees the knowledge of God as foundation, as the Baptism that John preached; but the knowledge of Jesus Christ as our liberator from sin and death, as the Baptism of the Cross; and since no student is greater than his teacher, then the sacrifice of our lives in behalf of the poor is what is required. Dr. Pieris stated that they do not try to convert Buddhist, but rather teach them the principles of the kingdom of heaven using their own literature. Dr. Keen disagreed with Dr. Pieris on this point. Dr. Keen felt that at some point in their journey, they should come to the place where at

they at least should acknowledge Jesus as Lord. However, Dr. Pieris argument was that Jesus is not just a name in the lives of the believer, but a reality, and as long as the Buddhist acknowledged that reality rather than the specific name then they were saved. Dr. Pieris went on to explain that we look upon God the Father as the unspeakable speaker, the Son as the speakable speaker, and the spirit as the unspoken speaker. In his opinion, as long as the unspoken speaker was witnessed by the spoken reality of the believers lives, then they too were on the right path. As to whether Dr. Keen or Dr. Pieris were correct or not is probably a matter of theology to be debated for some other time, but I think both agree that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the light. As for those of us at the forum, we were challenged by this Asian Liberation Theologian to be more bold in our representation of Christ as savior.

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