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SPIRITUAL DEEPENING

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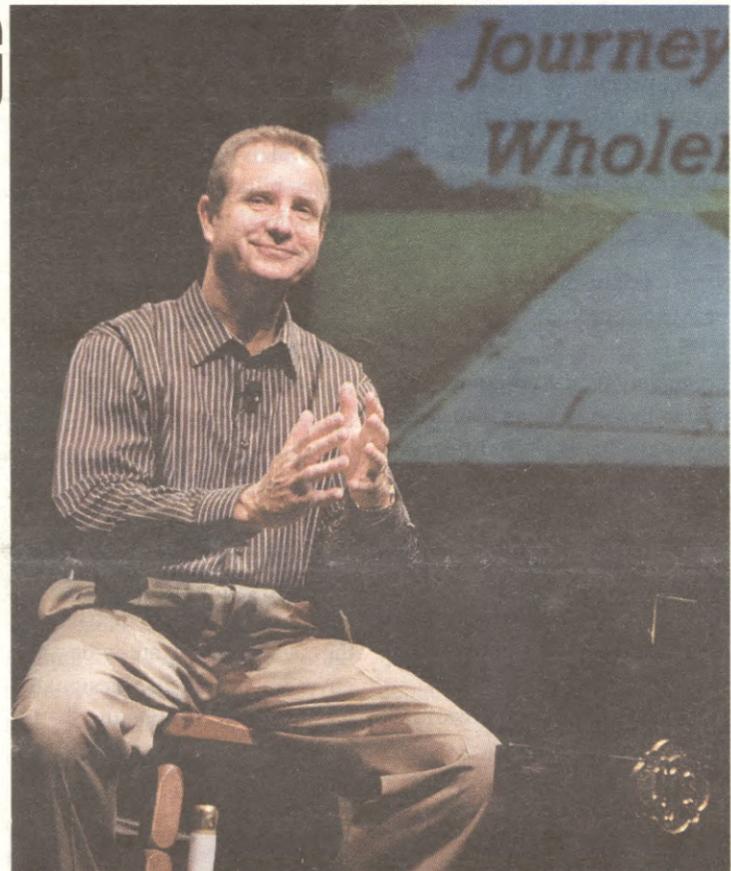
If you missed Spiritual Deepening Week September 21 through 24, you missed so much more than an opportunity to get six chapel credits within the span of four days. You missed a wonderfully inspirational and spiritually challenging week. This year, the special speaker was Dr. Rick Harvey. Dr. Harvey hails from Cincinnati, OH, particularly the Springdale Church of the Nazarene where he has pastored for seven years. Previously, he was in Columbia, TN at Columbia Grace for eight years. In addition, he is a Trevecca graduate. His family consists of his wife Annette and his two daughters Brittany and Morgan. During Spiritual Deepening Week, God used Dr. Harvey and his many stories to share how to live the best life we can for Christ and what that

life could look like. This week was about not only having faith in God but being faithful to God, accepting His abundant love, and resisting temptation in order to break the cycles of sin.

The Monday night service, in preparation for the week, focused on trusting God through the tough times in life. We do this by trusting in what is not seen (2 Corinthians 4:18). We all have different struggles in life. No one truly understands what someone else is going through, even though empathy can bring us close. Tuesday morning also dealt with faith. Dr. Harvey challenged us to make sure that God could trust us to be faithful to Him, just as we know He will be faithful to us. God warns us against having a "however" in our lives (1 Kings 11:1) like King Solomon and his love for women who would pull his heart away from God. God wants the best for us, and He only tell us "no" to protect us.

Tuesday night, Dr. Harvey smoothly transitioned to personal relationships with God and God's extravagant giving to His children. The story of the prodigal son fit so perfectly (Luke 15:11-32). What was also important about this parable were the two groups to whom Jesus was speaking: tax collectors and sinners and the then religious leaders. Those steeped in sin are important to Jesus and, consequently, should be to us as Christians as well. It is not enough that we go to church and do what we think we should; we must know the Father's heart. Wednesday morning transitioned into guarding our lives against sin and being in control of our desires. It only takes giving in a little at a time to fall completely.

Wednesday night followed suit with instructions on how to control what thoughts stay in our minds. We have to make conscious decisions on what stays and what goes.



Dr. Rick Harvey, guest speaker for Spiritual Deepening Week.

We can also make conscious decisions about our states of being. Joy should not only be the destination in life. Instead, it is the path on which we are to travel.

And finally, Thursday morning concluded with direction on how to live a life no longer in sin.

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LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Christina Lafferty
Contributor

The Fall 2009 semester has marked a new beginning for student leaders, for Trevecca's Office of Student Development is providing a series of seminars and L.E.A.D. (Learn, Engage, Apply, Develop) workshops for both current and future leaders.

Workshops kicked off in late August and continue once every month throughout the rest of the school year. Twelve sessions are required for

the Distinguished Leadership Certificate, a resume builder and leadership accomplishment.

Two community service opportunities are also required for the completion of the certification.

The first workshop was held by returning student leaders C.J. Bradley and Clifton Smith, allowing current student government members, resident assistants, and peer mentors to get insight on what was learned in the past about what it means to lead on Trevecca's campus.

Singer/songwriter Billy Montana kicked off the series of Profiles in Leadership seminars, proving the new program will offer a wide spectrum of classes from local leaders, to current students, to successful alum, to Music City leaders.

October 22 is the next Profile in Leadership presentation that will include speaker Howard Wall, a Trevecca alumni who is now the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Capella Healthcare in Franklin, TN.

The series of twelve workshops and seminars came from the Office of Student Development as another initiative to push Trevecca students to be "educated in leadership," one of the campus' mottos.

"All students can be leaders in some way," said Matt Spraker, the Associate Dean of Students for Communication Life. "Whether it's in their careers down the road, or if it's even just in their relationships at home." Dean Spraker is a large part of the initiative to help students

get the education they want for future leadership opportunities.

So far twenty-five students have attended the workshops and seminars, including some who are not even required to be there for campus leadership positions.

Jonathan Sharpes, a junior at Trevecca is one of those students. "I have been to about five leadership conferences and find it is important to keep being reminded what a good

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H1N1 VIRUS

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Swine Flu, also known as the H1N1 Virus, is a new influenza virus that has become a worldwide pandemic according to the World Health Organization. This new flu is very similar to the regular flu virus as it is circulated from person to person. The impact it will have as flu season begins is still unknown, but America and the rest of the world are preparing for the worst.

The severity of this virus exists because of how new and unknown this virus is to scientists and health organizations. Symptoms are said to be the same as the regular seasonal flu but fatalities are expected to match or double the yearly flu. Doctors are warning against subjecting others to the virus. If someone becomes sick they are urged to seek medical attention and stay away from public places.

Doctors are also warning

against what they are calling "Swine Flu parties" where some believe if they subject themselves to the virus early on they will gain immunity. Professionals are saying this simply is not how it works. As flu season continues, the virus has the potential to mutate causing prior immunity to dissipate.

Other issues arise concerning the impact of this new virus. H1N1 could cost the United States billions of dollars on both the federal and state levels. The Education Department reported that nearly 80,000 students have been affected by school closing already and we are not even into the prime of flu season. Vaccines are being distributed in large amounts all over the country and this is having a large financial affect as well. Many believe however that this is a necessary cost.

On top of distributing the vaccines state-wide the government has also designated vaccines specifically for

the military. Military and important civilian government employees will soon be required to receive the H1N1 vaccine. Troops preparing to deploy are being given priority with 1.4 million vaccines being ordered specifically for active duty.

Trevecca Nazarene University has also taken many precautions in order to both prepare for and fight the H1N1 flu. Students and employees are being told to stay at home or in their dorm rooms if they have a fever and no doctor's note is required in order to miss class if this occurs. Sanitary stations have been placed all over campus and more are showing up every day. Every year TNU distributes ordinary flu vaccines but this year they have also ordered 500 H1N1 flu vaccines. A statement issued at the beginning of the school year declared that vaccines should arrive sometime around the middle of October.

Although some health professionals are saying this new virus is not as serious as we think everyone is urging that people be responsible in getting help if they become sick with the H1N1 virus.

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Christian leader is to those around them," Sharpes said. "I also like that people are coming from different walks of life. This helps give a more well rounded vision of what leadership can be." Sharpes heard about the certification opportunity from an SGA member and friend; the program is an open opportunity for any person looking to join at any point.

On October 19, Dr. Dan Boone, President of Trevecca, will be exploring Christian leadership and what it means to be educated for "leadership and service."

Other workshops and seminars will cover topics including purposeful event programming, leadership 101, learning to lead as a coach, maintaining momentum as a leader, strategic planning, group plans for the next year, and leadership qualities. Following each session is a reception, allowing students to interact with the speakers and to have a question and answer session over coffee and desserts.

PALESTINE-ISRAEL PEACE BLUEPRINT

Hank Spaulding
Staff Writer

It has been said that Israel is the center of the world. It is certainly the place where three major religions find their home: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The ground that you walk on in this old city is sacred to individuals around the world.

It is not new that there is conflict in the "kingdom of God." In fact, it is a place that has seen blood spilled over it for centuries. In the last decade, with the rise in media accessibility and our ability to be transported to the other side of the globe with a remote or a click of the mouse, we have been able to see more graphic pictures of the throwing of stones, car bombs, and violence like never before. Talks of peace have repeatedly ended in brutal stalemates.

Recently, however, there have been new talks of peace in the Middle East involving sacrifice from both sides in order to peacefully coexist. These talks are being set forth in the form of a "blueprint" that is being accepted by people on both sides of the political coin.

The plan is that nearly

ninety-eight percent of the West Bank, all of the Gaza Strip and the Arab-populated areas of Jerusalem would constitute a Palestinian state, and the remaining lands would be Israeli. The Israeli leader in the effort is Baltiansky, who served as an aide to former Prime Minister Ehud Barak. The Palestinian leader is Yasser Abed Rabbo, a senior advisor to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

The most difficult part of the blueprint to determine was that of the holy city of Jerusalem. In the end, both states would have access to the walled Old City with its major religious shrines, but from separate gates. The border puts the Jewish Quarter and the Western Wall, the holiest site in Judaism, in Israel, while the Palestinians would get the adjacent Al Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third-holiest shrine.

Of course there is still much to be discussed and determined, such as utilities and security for such a transaction to take place. While this blueprint may, too, eventually fall by the wayside, we can still hope for a future of peace in this historical "kingdom of God."

BELOVED E. RAY THRASHER RETIRES

Austin Johnson
Assistant Editor

E. Ray Thrasher '64 retired on July 31, 2009, ending forty-three years of employment at Trevecca.

The University honored her with a reception on September 3, exactly fifty years, to the day, since she arrived on Trevecca's campus as a freshman in 1959. Ray began her association with Trevecca's library as a student worker, eventually becoming director of library services.

Sh was instrumental in the construction of Waggoner Library, which opened in 2000.

She retired from the director's position in 2001 in order to spend more time with her husband, whose health was failing. Trevecca's Board of Trustees awarded her emeritus status in recognition of her service to Trevecca.

Many know Thrasher for her afternoons spent in Trevecca's courtyard, as she was incredibly friendly both to man and nature, in particular to our campus's squirrels. She fed them almost daily, and they trusted her by showing not animalistic dine-and-dashing but a calmness that made them seem tamed. Our own St. Francis will be sorely missed.

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AFGHANISTAN ELECTION

Tyler Carpenter
Staff Writer

The past month has been an historic time for the people of Afghanistan. Tension has been high, as official results from this past election are still yet to be determined. On August 20, the Afghan people voted in their second presidential election since the overthrow of the Taliban. Threats and violence accompanied voting and results have been stalled for over a month now with claims of voter fraud. While awaiting an official recount, results are currently leaning toward a reelection win for current President Hamid Karzai with 54.6% of the vote and Abdullah Abdullah at a not so close second of 27.8%.

Many world leaders believe that Karzai will win reelection and the Obama administration is already talking war strategy for the upcoming year as if results are final. However, one decision that is awaiting the final results of this election is the decision to send more U.S. troops to Afghanistan. Part of this decision will await the announcement of the winner of the Afghan election.

Although the Taliban is no longer in control of the government, their presence is still very much felt by the Afghan people. This monumental election was met with many very serious threats. Voters were told that if they participated in the act of voting they would be found and their fingers would be removed. They were deemed

“enemies of Islam.” Many polling stations were shut down due to Election Day violence and a media blackout was issued to avoid decreased voting due to fear. Citizens defied the Taliban and showed up to the polls regardless of threats. The turnout was greater than expected and considered a success by prominent world leaders.

Karzai’s opponent, Abdullah Abdullah, is claiming the election was rigged. President Hamid Karzai’s response to these allegations and the tumultuous process of a recount is, “The outcome of the Afghan election will be determined by the votes of the Afghan people.” Final results after fraud investigations are expected to be released within the next ten days according to the chief electoral officer.

SIFE: STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

Kara Hankins
Contributor

There is a new charter on campus and it takes TNU’s motto “To be, rather than to seem” to a whole new level: locally and globally. SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) is a global, non-profit organization that allows students all over the world to make a difference in the lives of those in need through their own entrepreneurial and leadership skills. This year, SIFE is off to a huge start and will be working on three main projects:

1) Microfinancing with Kiva: Kim Burton will be heading up a life-changing impact globally with the help of Kiva. You might ask, what is microfinancing? Microfinancing is the provision of financial services to low-income clients. Kiva is a non-profit organization that “connects people through lending for the sake of alleviating poverty.” In essence, money is lent to women across the world that want to start their own business. Once their business is running, they will start to repay the money lent along with a small amount of interest back to the lenders. From there, TNU’s SIFE team will be able to turn around and lend that money to another woman in need. It’s fundamentally a simple, but long term cycle, that aids those who, otherwise, have no other hope. Be watching for fundraising for this project as it will be starting soon across TNU’s campus.

2) Financial Education at Battle Ground Academy: This semester, Blair Haskins will be working with BGA of Franklin, TN, to teach an Economics class in the ways of Dave Ramsey. This education will prepare the high school students at BGA for a bigger world that is to come. “SIFE presented itself as an opportunity for me a couple of weeks ago when my philosophy class was cancelled. Looking for something to do during that one hour, I recalled seeing in my emails an orientation meeting in Boone. Having never heard of SIFE and not knowing what

to expect, I left the meeting feeling I had an opportunity to do something big. . .the principal and Economics teacher [at BGA] offered me a chance to lead an Economics class in personal finance from a Dave Ramsey perspective. Since I interned for Dave and his team this summer, I feel I am competent in his material and I am eager to see what happens. . .Who knows what God has planned here: a cancelled philosophy class could lead to something totally unimaginable.”

3) Hunger Relief Close to Home: Kara Hankins will be working with Nashville Rescue Mission to relieve hunger in our local community. There are three areas in which her team will be involved: Urgent Hunger Awareness, Urgent Hunger Relief and Long-Lasting Hunger Relief, as a part of Campbell Soup’s Let’s Can Hunger Campaign. Urgent Hunger Awareness will debut in the near future across TNU’s campus. The next stage will then be addressed through food drives at TNU and local grocery stores. All the food will be donated to Nashville Rescue Mission and, from there, the SIFE team will volunteer and feed the homeless at NRM on a weekly basis. Lastly, Kara is working with the education program at NRM to start a Business Etiquette and Basics class to get the homeless back on their feet and back in the workforce, which is the third stage: Long Lasting Hunger Relief. “I am so excited about this project! On average, 40,000 people sleep on the streets of Nashville every night. This is a chance for us, as young college students, to make a serious change and show God’s powerful love and mercy. It is never too late to start over and let God change you completely and it will be really neat to see these changes first-hand.”

For more information, or to join, contact the project leaders at kaburton@mail.trevecca.edu, bbhaskins@mail.trevecca.edu, or kdhankins@mail.trevecca.edu

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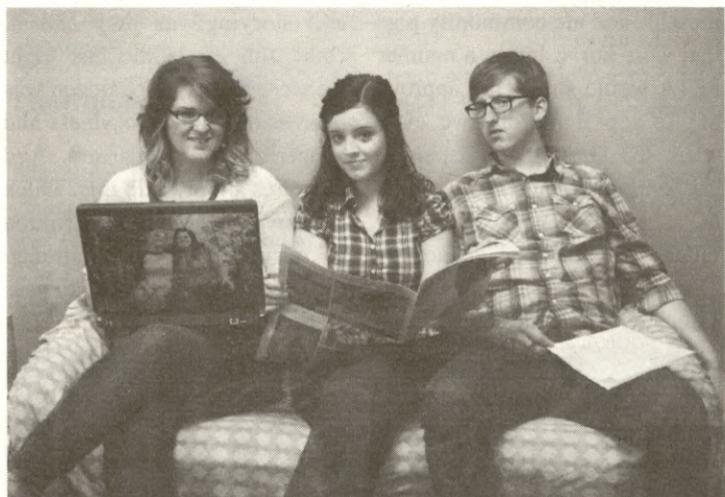
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We all do what we do not want to do, and do not do what we want to do. But Christianity is not about a bunch of rules; it is about offering ourselves totally and completely to God.

Overall, Spiritual Deepening Week was a week of real and applicable teachings. Dr. Harvey discussed real life struggles and presented real life solutions from God’s word. Ultimately, as I already said, Spiritual Deepening Week was about so much more than six chapel credits.

From the Communication Studies Department:

BREAKING NEWS

A career in radio, TV, film, or journalism allows you to be on top of the action in our world. The Mass Communication degree at Trevecca prepares students for these and many other exciting careers. Get real radio experience at WNAZ or TV experience at TNU Channel 33. You can get journalism experience reporting and writing for TrevEchoes. Visit the TNU website to explore more communication majors.

2009-2010 TAG TRIPS

Emily Cammer
Staff Writer

In today's age it is easier than ever to be connected to anyone, anywhere. In an instant Facebook can tell us if our friend in Beijing is having a bad day, and Twitter can let us know that our buddy in India is off to work. Although technology is great for instant global communication, nothing beats going off to those far distant lands and having actual face to face interaction. In Matthew, Christ calls us to "go into all the world." While everyone is able to go into the world wide web from their laptops, Trevecca offers students the rare chance to physically go just as Christ called us to by sponsoring TAG, or Trevecca Around the Globe trips.

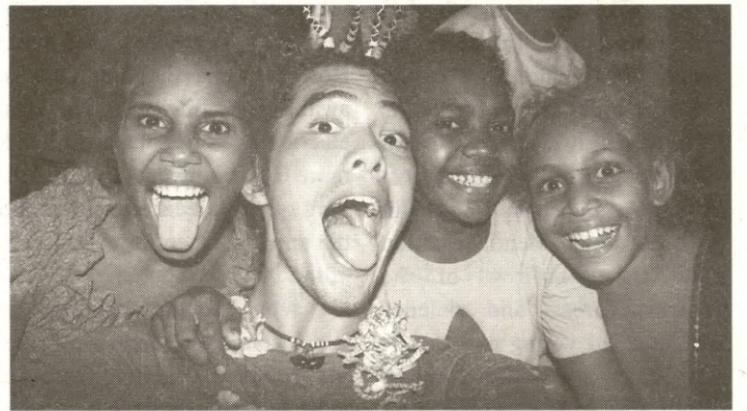
This year, several different opportunities are given for students to get out of our comfort zones and into the global mission of God. Over fall

break, (October 9-12) a group of Treveccans will set out and visit our neighbor to the West, Memphis, Tennessee. There students will help finish Hope House, a transitional center for women recently released from prison. Once Hope House, sponsored by Hope Tabernacle Church of the Nazarene, is finished it will be able to house eight newly freed women. A few months later in March (5-14) Trevecca will hit the road, or shall we say seas, to journey to Jamaica where we will help construct a multi-use clinic. There we will also participate in outreach activities that are aimed at all ages. Summer promises to take Treveccans where they have never been before: Almendro, Nicaragua. May 10-20 students will work alongside the ministers of Nicaragua building churches, doing VBS, and showing the Jesus Film. On Trevecca's website the trip is summarized

by saying, "The weather is hot, the travel is hard, the work is exhausting, the food is simple, but it will be one of the most rewarding ten days of your life." Just weeks after the Nicaragua team returns stateside, another group will go out in June (10-23) to a previously inaccessible part of Peru. There students will assist with a special project that involves more than 50,000 Peruvians.

TAG offers students a once in a lifetime chance to experience firsthand what global missions is all about. After going on one of the aforementioned trips, one will truly be able to know the sacrifice, work, exhaustion, joy, and fulfillment that missionaries experience everyday. All applications for this year's TAG trips are due by this Friday, October 9, 2009. For more details on the trips, or for applications please visit trevecca.edu/ministry.

YIM: SOLOMON ISLANDS



YIM participant Brian Wong with children of the Solomon Islands.

Brian Wong
Contributor

C.J. Bradley and I spent two months of our summer hopping around the Solomon Islands of the south Pacific. With our team of four, we arrived with the responsibilities of running multiple youth camps, leading worship, chapels, Sunday schools, or whatever they threw at us.

This may come off as rather generic or even boring to some, but by no means was this the case. It was filled with crazy fun things like soccer in a torrential downpour, hiking up mountainsides with our village friends, and nearly capsizing in a little fifteen-foot dinghy on the ocean. We showered in rivers, fished with our hands, peeled coconuts with no tool except our mouths, and ate community pigs that were harvested in a manner PETA would surely not approve of. To top it all off, we even snorkeled in a sunken Japanese battleship with our favorite local boys, danced with an entire village to a panpipe version of "This Little Light of Mine," and dedicated five babies by surprise

one night.

My point is this though: Yes, it was all crazy fun, but it went far beyond that. Through all of our activities I believe we learned to be still. We are so filled here in America with what we are trying to accomplish or where we are trying to go. We had none of that in the simple life of the Solomon Islands and so we were completely occupied by the moment before us. All these moments turned into what seemed like one big party of celebrating and sharing life with the locals we were with. And all of this time together as a community built priceless relationships that became very open, honest, and in a fashion that felt a whole lot more like discipleship than if we were to speak to them instead of dialogue with them.

I think all this "strolling and storying" as they call it, came full circle the last night we were there. A local teen was expressing his deep sadness and concern of our departure. And one of us simply said this, which I believe is the best description of our ministry this summer. "It's your turn. Your turn to pass on the love."

TAG: POLAND

Trevecca Office of Communications

Trevecca Nazarene University sent a team of twelve students and sponsors to Gdansk, Poland May 4-14, 2009. This team continued the partnership that has been created between Trevecca and the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Poland.

While in Poland, the team worked with the The Stanislaw Moniusko Academy of Music. They performed a joint concert with the students, which was attended by the President of Gdansk. They also worked on the school's athletic fields (digging a long jump pit!).

During their time in Gdansk, the team was able to live in the school dorm. The time at the school gave the Trevecca students the opportunity to build significant relationships with the students at the music school.

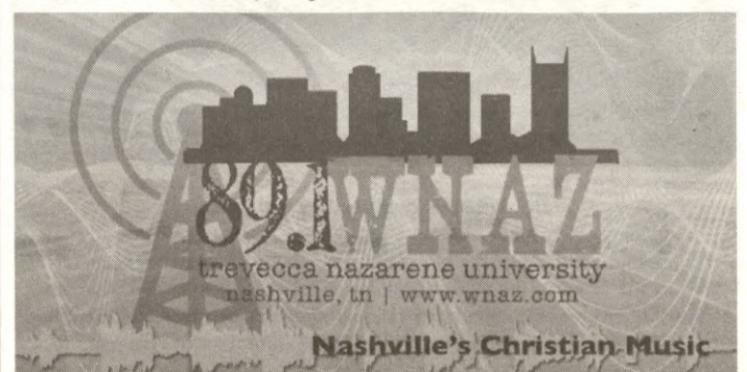


The Poland TAG team poses for a picture with students from the Stanislaw Moniusko Academy of Music in Gdansk.

In addition to their work with the school, the team also did painting and landscaping work at the Sweet Surrender coffeehouse, a local outreach ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. They

also participated in a community clean-up with the village of Kowale.

The team finished up their time in Poland with a trip to Krakow in southern Poland.



TAG: NICARAGUA

Anne Royster
Contributor

As my fellow TAG-teamers, local missionaries Dave and Nikki, and I climbed out of the bus, we were immersed in the hot, sticky Costa Rican air for the first time. I found myself longing for the coolness of the mountains that had left me shivering only that morning. Waiting for the boat that would take us to Nicaraguan Border Patrol, I realized we were getting our first taste of Nicaraguan time. In other words, the boat could be coming any time that day. My pale skin seemed to stand out even more as it slowly turned pink. I was definitely outside of my comfort zone.

The boat finally arrived,

and we loaded our luggage on board. We sped down the river, monkeys cheering us on, until we made what seemed to be an unexpected stop. The only sign of life was a shack a little way into the jungle, until we saw them. Several camouflage-clad, gun-carrying men were heading toward us, and, sure enough, boarding our boat. They needed to inspect our luggage, and seemed angry because we were not wearing our life jackets. (We quickly donned them.) Despite the fact that one of the men looked almost exactly like President Obama, the experience was rather unsettling, but we were on our way again soon enough. We arrived in Nicaragua and were greeted by the smiling faces of Santos and Orlando,

who were leaders in the local churches. Neither of them spoke English, but we had fun trying to communicate with each other, especially on the bus ride that took three hours to cover roughly thirty miles on an unmapped road to El Rama.

Throughout our time there, we got to know Orlando rather well (Santos did not join us in El Rama). Orlando assisted us in everything we did, whether it was carrying equipment up the hill to the elementary school or going with us on a visit to the hospital. When we picked up a hammer to repair the school, he held the boards in place. When we donned costumes to do VBS for the kids, he sang along with the songs. He spoke to the community and won their trust

for us. His heart shone through everything he did. He brought his family to meet us, and our hearts melted as we met his beautiful daughters.

But it seemed that our hearts were melting every time we turned around. Each new little face we met broke our hearts. We spent our days playing with them, teaching them, working with them and loving them. When we dug a ditch to lay the ground work for the school's septic system, the kids joined us. We did not ask them to, but they insisted on helping, and they certainly did help. We did VBS almost every day (sometimes more than once a day), both in El Rama and at Santos' church, and ended our time in El Rama with the Jesus Film. Through the movie and the witness of those around, about 114 people came to know Christ. In exchange, the residents of Nicaragua taught us lessons about life. When

one member of the community did not join us in repairing the school, he was reprimanded, because he was benefitting from our work without participating. They showed us such joy and love in their families that I began to wonder if we in America really are more blessed than the people in Nicaragua. We seem to think we are, because we have more money than they do, but they have found the true secret to happiness and it had nothing to do with money.

I learned a lot while in Nicaragua - lessons that I will not soon forget. I am constantly haunted by the beautiful faces of those children in Nicaragua. I cannot avoid them and the call they represent. There is so much more work to be done, from prayers to visits back to Nicaragua. For more information as to how to help, contact Brent Tallman: btallman@trevecca.edu.

NICARAGUA



The Nicaragua TAG team sings songs with the local schoolchildren.

Ashley Meeks
Contributor

The TAG trip to Nicaragua was such a life changing experience for me. It was actually the first mission trip I had ever taken. I have done smaller, in-state mission trips with my church back home in Ohio, but last year it hit me that I just want to suck it up and have the experience of going out of the country.

The experience of going out of the country was extremely frightening for me. It was my first time going away that far, and not knowing much Spanish was very frustrating. Once our

team got settled in the hotel in El Rama, Nicaragua, my frightening emotion turned into excitement.

We were able to go to a nearby school and work with the kids around the neighborhood. Their faces when we all showed up that first day were so amazing. We put on a Vacation Bible School for the kids and when they started singing the songs with us and doing the motions, it just gave me the most heartfelt feeling in the world. We spent three or four days in El Rama and helped build a trench in order for the schoolchildren to have clean water to drink. The group also took down some old

wood on one of the buildings and restored the school house. We were able to show the Jesus film to the neighborhood and speak to them about Jesus Christ. From what I saw, many people came to the Lord that week, and I am excited I got the privilege to see how people reacted to the film.

Although my Spanish speaking skills are slim to none, our eye contact and actions between the two different cultures spoke much louder than words.

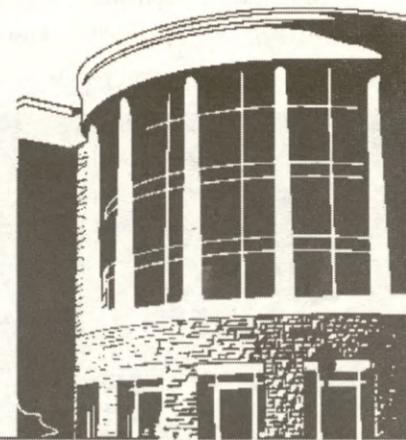
My favorite part of the whole trip was when one of the churches had a going away service for the team. While we were worshipping, our group recognized the songs they were singing, and everyone was singing the same song, but half of us were singing in English and the other half sang in Spanish. It just made me think about how God works in everyone's life, no matter what the race, language, culture, or background. The Lord worked in me and the team so much that week. Our team will always have some part of Nicaragua in us that we will never forget and I know the people in Nicaragua feel the same way. It was the best experience I have ever had and I would love to go there again one day.

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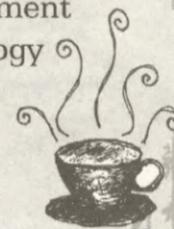
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OLD SCHOOL BINGO



Left to right: Greg Steward and Jared Usrey dressed accordingly for Old School Bingo.

Jacob Perry
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, September 29, at 8:00 p.m. in the Boone

Business Building, there were definitely some business matters taking place. Students from all over campus donned their best apparel in Golden Girl

and present-day Andy Griffith fashion to look the part for Old School Bingo. Part of Trevecca's famous Courtship Week, bingo brought the young couples in to experience what true love will feel like at the ripe old age of nursing home. The prizes consisted of all "As Seen on TV" products such as Snuggies, Topsy Turvies, and Aqua Globes. Emily Rowden, Social Life Director, was kind enough to provide TrevEchoes with a behind-the-scenes take of the event. She states, "It's all about the Snuggies. You should write an article on Snuggies and have Old School Bingo as the backdrop. People were fighting over them. There was even a leopard print Snuggie." All in all, ten games of bingo were played, mass amounts of prizes were given, and it once again proves that Trevecca students are just the bee's knees when it comes to bringing retro back.

T.W.I.R.P.

Jacob Perry
Staff Writer



The most infamous part of TNU's Courtship Week is, without a doubt, its ending event, T.W.I.R.P. It means Trevecca Women In Rapid Pursuit, and for some, it is scarier than being "Kanye'd" at the VMAs. T.W.I.R.P. is the Sadie-Hawkins dance equivalent to the high hopes of marriage proposals. After all, if you do not marry someone from Trevecca, your kids cannot come here. The thought alone is enough to make a newbie on campus sign out to home for the weekend.

In all seriousness, T.W.I.R.P., for the most part, is just a great way to get to know some people around campus. So what if you don't come away from it with the love of your life? (I still have yet to see an E-Harmony type commercial that says, "I met my significant other on a

T.W.I.R.P. date.") You have still invested time in someone's life. College is about making those types of connections. There is no need to fear. In fact, many male students on campus look forward to the event. This year, Casey Rauscher and C.J. Bradley did not limit themselves to only one day of TWIRPage. Rather, they dressed their best everyday in hopes of having a week long TWIRPfest. However, Casey states that his T.W.I.R.P. for Wednesday included his stealing a box of cereal from some freshman girl and then pointing at her, laughing, and saying, "Ha. Ha. Yay! You TWIRPed me."

FREE COLDSTONE DATE NIGHT

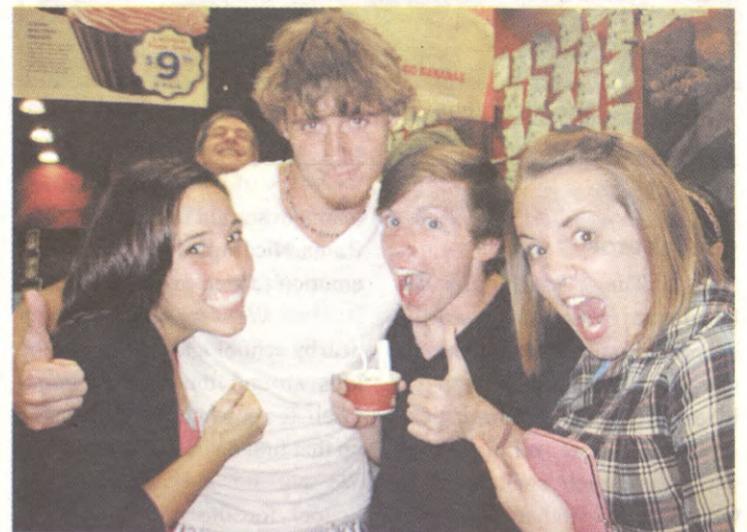
Adam Wadding
Writer

At 8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, the line to Coldstone creamery in Brentwood was flooded with college students.

The event was the first of Trevecca's Courtship week, where students were given a free cup of ice cream at the famous Coldstone Creamery.

Students of Trevecca received one small cup of ice cream of their choice, along with one free topping. If anyone wanted more than one topping, they had to pay extra.

With news of free ice cream, students rushed at the opportunity. Just twenty minutes past the hour, the line to the creamery was already out the door. Students stood in a single



Left to right: Jackie Winkle, C.J. Bradley, Corey Kenerly, and Lauren Rutherford enjoy free Coldstone ice cream.

file line that led two doors down all the way to Panera Bread.

Not only has Coldstone provided free ice cream to the students of Trevecca, but they also have a text-in membership opportunity. Text TNU to the

number 37619, and receive a text back offering a free small ice cream and membership into the Coldstone club, which will notify you when discounts and freebies from the creamery are available in the future.

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COURTSHIP WEEK'S CURE FOR SINGLES

Allison Whetstone
Writer

Once again the Dating Game was at no loss for awkward anticipation, witty humor, and covert sexual innuendos. The Dating Game has, over the years, served as the one activity that single students can participate in during Courtship Week without feeling like they should be part of a couple. In fact, the Dating Game continues to be an activity where single students have the opportunity to be set up on a date, but then often reject that opportunity when they come to the realization that they could have found someone just as compatible in their World Literature class.

Nevertheless, the Dating Game always serves as a good laugh for everyone who attends. The ever-clever experts



Bachelorette Lauren Boyer listens to bachelor Daniel Smith's dating game question.

at awkward humor, hosts Jake Hagood and Lauren Spears, attempted to convince the audience of the importance of getting a T.W.I.R.P. date. Jake did not help the case by proceeding to

continually attempt to embarrass the girl who was brave enough to T.W.I.R.P. him. We'll see how he fares next year. . .

The first game consisted of the three bachelors Corey

Kenerly, Riley Wampler, and Nate Stines with the bachelorette Erin Gardner. Riley was eliminated first, Corey's coy responses did him no good as he was eliminated due to what appeared to be poor

sound transmission, and Erin chose to Nate be her date.

The second game consisted of the three bachelorettes Lauren Boyer, Evans Knowles, and "Jemima." Daniel Smith was the discerning bachelor who thankfully eliminated Jemima first, but this was only to be followed by Jemima "showing Daniel what he's missing." Evans was eliminated next, and Daniel chose Lauren for her desire to own a pet raccoon. In Singled Out, Ben Ponder won a date with Allie Willis because of his answer to what he liked to do when bored, and Jackie Winkle won a date with Preston Flemming thanks to her answer of needing gum on a date. Who knows. . . maybe you and your next date will be set up because of your agreement over what kinds of trees provide the best shade.

HOW TO: SWIM AT TNU

A sad day has dawned upon the hill on which lies Trevecca's campus. Our beloved swimming pool has been condemned. You may be wondering who used the pool to begin with, but that is most likely due to the fact that so few students on this campus are aware that we have a water polo team. Well, we had a water polo team. Okay, so I just wish we had a water polo team. In all seriousness, I know you are now wondering how you will ever find a way to swim or practice water polo (come on guys, level with me here; we need a water polo team) while attending Trevecca. Lucky for you, it is my noble duty to aid you in this quest. Thus, I have turned to several others who are much wiser than I to guide us to a new place of aquatic recreation. Here, your creative friends and peers lend their advice as to how this can be accomplished.

Put a tarp in the back of a pick up truck and fill it with water. – Ashley Cauthen

Have a speedo party at the creek. – Kevin Wilkerson

Swim in your bathtub. – Lillian Stewart

You don't. – Todd Osborne

Swim in the hub grease. – Ben Wheat

Buy a bunch of kiddie pools and set them up in the quad. – Hope Brock

Go to the Player's Club. – Allie Willis

Swim in the TCC baptismal. – TJ Adams

Fill the observatory with water. – Ashley Williams

I wait for the sewage to back up in Benson and then flood the basement. – Will Harvey

Swim in the lake over by the towers. – Stuckey

Perform an Indian rain dance for the gods. – Grip Lawson

Swim in the cascades. – Josh Mackens

Build an outdoor swimming pool. – Holly Deisher

Put a pool in the cafeteria so we can dive off the balcony into it. – Joey Brewer

Dig a giant hole and find a hose. – Dana Franchetti

We had a pool? – Tyler Greene

Lauren Boyer
Writer

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REVIEW: DROPS LIKE STARS



Hank Spaulding
Staff Writer

Rob Bell's latest book, *Drops Like Stars*, is certainly a thought-provoking read. Pastor Bell, in this book, tackles the question of suffering. Unlike any other book of Bell's, *Drops Like Stars*, represents Bell's style to a whole new extreme. The book is almost four times as large in size as his previous books and

sometimes has just a few words on a page spread; there are even a few pages that do not have any words. However, the scarcity of words does not dampen the impact. Here are the highlights:

Rob Bell faces the issue of suffering by saying that it is how we become closer to God. He makes several very bold statements throughout the book that suffering is the only way that humans come to have deeper experience, citing sources such as a certain guitar player on David Letterman who recently found out he has aggressive cancer.

We should be very wary of this assumption: the assumption that the only way to God is to experience extreme loss. We should be wary of any assumption that claims that God wants us to suffer extreme pain for his sake, or that we have to in order to find him. I believe

that the Cross is a good counter argument for that, for it is God who bears all our pain and exhausts it.

I will say that Bell does a beautiful job of weaving one truth into his entire book. This is the truth that God can weave our present circumstances into something better. This is certainly the book's strength. In particular, there is a statement that Bell makes about our desensitized culture. He remarks that everything in our world is so "glossy" that we just slide down the surface and lose touch with our humanity.

The book is pricey, but is a very stimulating read. It is short and could take you as little as thirty minutes to read. The illustrations are beautiful and help bring the book to life. Ultimately, *Drops Like Stars* does not disappoint.

CHEWING ON GOD'S WORD

Brent Tallman

Director of Campus
Spiritual Formation

I guess it first began to happen when I was a religion major. I think it was a gradual process, but I did not realize it until several years later when I was in seminary. I hate to admit it, but I had begun to treat the Bible, God's Word, like it was one of my many other textbooks. It was just another source of knowledge that I had to learn, to master, to manipulate for my own gain. Consequently, I held it at a distance; I read it, but I didn't let it read me. I told it what I wanted it to mean, but I didn't let it shape my understanding. I memorized it, but I didn't live it out. It had become informational, but not formational. I did not want to hear what God had to say to me through His Word. I liked to be in control of the message and, ultimately, of my life. Once I realized this, I desired to approach Scripture differently.

How do we prevent Scripture from becoming another textbook? How do we turn our knowledge about God into knowing Him personally and living out what He shows us?

Let me talk a little about Christian meditation. When I say the word meditation some of you may think of me taking some type of weird pose and saying "Ohmmm." But I am not talking about that type of meditation; that type of meditation asks you to empty yourself of everything so that you can find some inner answer, some inner peace. The type of meditation I am talking about requires you to empty yourself not to find an inner

answer but to fill yourself with God and His word. It is being still before God; it is offering up to God all of the distractions in your life internally and externally; and then it requires taking a small phrase, maybe even one word out of your encounter with the Scriptures and thinking about it and taking it with you into your day.

I was a Biology major for almost three years in college, and in one of my biology classes, we learned about how cows chew their cud! The cows graze, then regurgitate their meal back up to chew on it again; they do this repeatedly just to make sure that all the nutrients can be absorbed from their food. Mastication is the proper term for the process of a cow chewing her cud. Christian medication is like mastication. It is this process of bringing back to mind previously read Scriptures so that we can chew on them a little longer, and so that, eventually, we can assimilate them into our lives. It is hearing from God and thinking about what we have heard, which ultimately leads us into prayer and praise. This is not something that we do alone; meditation is done in the presence of God as we dwell in His presence and in His Word all day long.

Statistics say that very few people read their Bible outside of church. I believe that is because we see it only as another information source; we do not see it as "living and active"; we do not see it as having the power to form us. Maybe you are stuck in this information gathering mindset. If so, may I suggest you slow down, read a little less, and chew a little more.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Jerry Romasco
ASB Chaplain

The alarm went off after just four hours of sleep. I rolled over in bed half-whimpering, but excited about the day. I then walked up to Jernigan to meet up with other people that would participate in a Habitat for Humanity build.

Upon arrival at the site, there was already a lot of activity. Since Habitat builds communities of houses, there were many groups getting started on many houses. We went through some introductory things about what was to happen during the day and then we began.

Some of us moved the preconstructed walls, some hammered, others drilled, some measured, and still others sawed. You get the picture. I realized quickly that the group working on this particular house was a ragtag group of people just thrown together. You had people that worked in IT, some friends of the lady for whom the house was being built, a few girls from Belmont, Trevecca students, and other people that were to have



Abby Buter, Lisa Ferrell, and Danyelle Martin serving at the Habitat for Humanity service project.

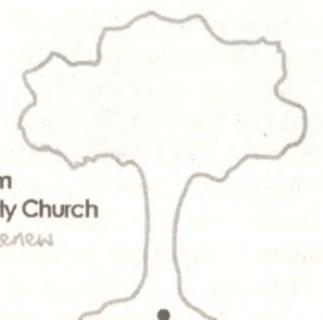
their houses built at some point (Habitat has a policy that states you must work a certain number of hours helping build others' houses in order to have your own house built).

It was so neat to see the convergence of people from different walks and understandings of life, all for one common purpose—to build a home. The work we were doing that day was the culmination of many hours of classes and work that had to be done in order for the

house to be built and inhabited. It was a culmination of work, tears, prayers, and sweat. To listen to the hearts of those that were to finally have a home to call their own was unbelievable. Habitat had partnered with them in this journey to help them become people that could hold their head up high at every piece of wood, every nail, every swing of the hammer and every screaming sound of the saw that went into the place where they could hang their heart.

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TROJAN TOWN

Maddie Privott
Writer

On Friday, September 25, 2009, the first Trojan Town of the year was held. Youth groups from the surrounding area were welcomed onto the campus and into the Trevecca Community for a night of the three Fs—food, fun, and fellowship. They were able to see both the women's and men's soccer games and were treated to a meal in the cafeteria in the company of Trevecca students. There were over twenty kids involved, but Admissions Event

Coordinator, Tammy Bennett, expects that the numbers will continually grow as the year progresses.

"Trojan Town has been going on for six years now, but in the past it was centered around basketball games alone. This year the event has expanded to soccer and volleyball games also. Its main objective is to let junior high and high school kids experience Trevecca and build bridges between our campus and the community," said Bennett. Trojan Town is not

held exclusively for youth groups from Nazarene churches. Other denominations are welcome and, on occasion, some high school athletic teams have come to enjoy the night of fun.

Trojan Town allows kids to see how members of the student body support each other and show their Trojan pride by encouraging the soccer, volleyball, and basketball teams as they battle it out on the field/court. What a beautiful representation of the great sense of community present at Trevecca. Even if it is just a small portion of a much bigger picture, they may see it and want to some day be painted into that picture.

INTRODUCING COACH LEAVY



Maddie Privott
Writer

Following the resignation of Coach Carr last year, Danny Leavy was hired on as the new Men's Soccer coach. In addition to coaching, Leavy will also be active in the classroom where he is teaching Intro to Wellness this year. Leavy is the fourth coach in the Trevecca Men's Soccer program's history.

Leavy has a rich coaching background, including a wealth of experience with club teams as well as at the collegiate level. From 2000-2002, he was the head coach at Cincinnati Christian University, where he led his team to the NCCAA DII Mid-East Regional Championship and a final ranking of No. 8. He was also named the NCCAA Mid-East Regional coach of the year in 2001. Following his stint at Cincinnati Christian University, Leavy, took an assistant coaching position at Muskingum College where he stayed from 2002-2006. Then, he was hired on to establish a men's soccer program at Ohio Christian University in 2006. In 2007 Leavy took on the job of Director of Coaching at Pride Soccer Club in Colorado Springs, where he oversaw thirty teams.

Most recently, Leavy served as the Director of On Goal Ministries, based in Cincinnati, Ohio. He described On Goal as, "A soccer ministry that partners with churches to help them get involved in the community."

In addition to his coaching experience, Leavy also brings experience as a college

player to the table. He played at Colorado Christian University—an NCAA DII school—and also at Trinity International University—a fellow NAIA school.

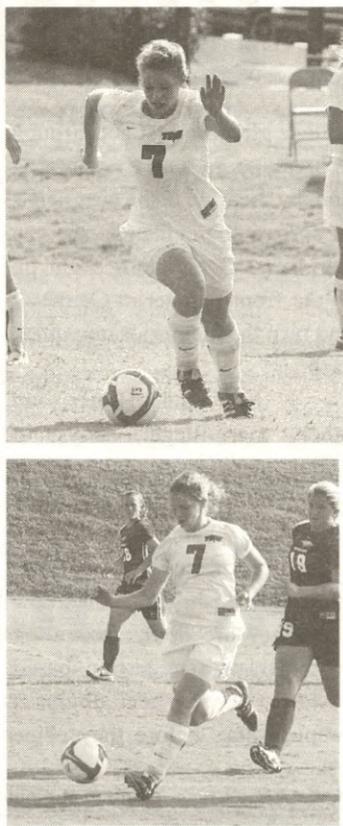
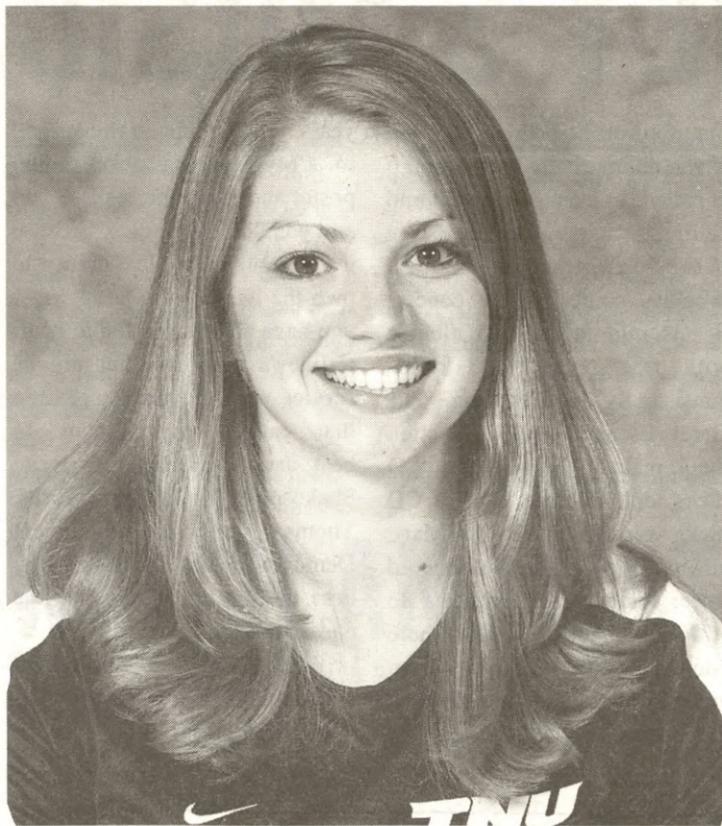
TNU Director of Athletics, Dr. Brenda Patterson, had this to say about Leavy. "I am very excited to have Danny as our new Men's Soccer coach. Danny understands the importance of having an athletic program that embraces the mission of the University. Danny's coaching and playing experience coupled with his energy level will help him build on the foundation that Coach Carr has established."

I had the pleasure of sitting down and talking to Coach Leavy about this year's team and what they have accomplished and are hoping to accomplish this season. When I asked Leavy about the goals of the team, he was quick to respond, "Our main goal is to win our conference." Coach Leavy also sees the importance of his players' performance not only on the field, but also in the classroom. Leavy has set a goal for the team academically, challenging them to attain a 3.0 G.P.A. as a team.

Coach Leavy and I also discussed the team's strengths. He believes, "We have a great team chemistry and a willingness to work for each other." Hopefully these attributes will help them triumph over Bethel, "the team to beat," according to Coach Leavy. When I asked him about his most exciting win so far here at Trevecca, he smiled and said, "It would have to be the win against Brescia because not only did we score multiple goals, but we were able to shut them out."

In the short time I spent with Coach Leavy, his passion for soccer and love of coaching were very evident. Under his leadership, the TNU Men's Soccer program is sure to strengthen. Students, come out and support Coach Leavy and the soccer team as they strive to reach their goals and possibly push beyond them.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



#7 BRITTANY ARGABRIGHT 5'4"

Position: Midfield

Major: Religion/Missions

Hometown: Roanoke, Virginia

Campus Activities: Cameron Clubs, IJM

Most defining moment as an athlete: That's a tough call, but I'd say one of the most defining moments was our first game of the season this year. It was awesome to see our team come out strong and beat a team 2-0 that we got smashed by two years ago. We have come so far. I was also pumped to score in the first game of my last year (props to Jessi Fallen's cross and Ana Hill's assist/rebound).

Most inspirational person in my life: I'm going to have to say 3: my mom, dad, and brother.

Favorite Trevecca memory: I have a ton of awesome memories at Trevecca. Some of the best of those consist of being with my amazing friends and doing something random like having a dance party, playing games, making a meal together, going to a park, or camping out.

Post-graduation plans: I know I'm called to the mission field, but I'm not sure how I will be serving specifically. I'm looking at a couple different seminaries, as well as being open to other opportunities. At this point, I'm just praying about it and seeing where the Lord leads!

FOOD: I DREAM OF WEENIE SHOWS

Todd Osborne
Staff Writer

If there are three things that Americans love, they are hot dogs, puns, and idealizing the past (I may be generalizing a bit, but I think you get the point). At *I Dream of Weenie*, all three of these things come together to form yet another great place to get a hot dog in Nashville.

Located on Woodland Street in East Nashville, just one street over from The Pied Piper, this "weenery" brings something a little different to Nashville's already rich hot dog-vending

scene. When you approach *I Dream of Weenie*, you may expect to find a tiny hole-in-the-wall restaurant where you are hard-pressed to find somewhere to order, or you may expect a place with more space and décor. What you may not expect to find is an old VW Van that has been renovated and turned into a hot dog stand. That is exactly what *I Dream of Weenie* is - a place that defies expectations.

When you order your weenie (and there are many kinds to enjoy here, including the Slaw Weenie, Kraut Weenie, and Flamin' Frank), do not expect any sort of hullabaloo. It's just a

hot dog, and this is just a hot dog stand that also happens to be in a VW Van. The weenies here taste like any good hot dog should, and they leave you wanting more.

I Dream of Weenie is a truly unique Nashville experience that any lover of hot dogs or fine dining would be sad to miss. Open 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and open until 6:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, it is a great place to eat if you have extra time for lunch, or if you have an afternoon craving for hot dogs!

Warning: *I Dream of Weenie* accepts only cash or check (no credit or debit cards!)

Todd Osborne
Staff Writer

10/8; Live on the Green, Citizen Cope
10/9; Sommet Center, Casting Crowns
10/10; Ryman Auditorium, Andrew Bird, St. Vincent
10/10; Rockettown, VersaEmerge
10/11; Riverfront Park, Dierks Bentley
10/11; Rockettown, Relient K, Copeland, Barcelona
10/11; Ryman Auditorium, Steep Canyon Rangers, Steve Martin
10/13; Sommet Center, Keith Urban and Friends
10/14; Riverfront Park, Widespread Panic, The Allman

Brothers Band
10/14; Sommet Center, Creed, Staind
10/15; The Basement, Deer Tick
10/15; The Cannery Ballroom, Mat Kearney, Diane Birch
10/16; Sommet Center, Kings of Leon, White Lies
10/18; Rockettown, The Chariot, Oh Sleeper
10/20; 3rd & Lindsley, Parachute
10/21; Exit/In, Pinback
10/22; Exit/In, Dead Confederate, Meat Puppets
10/22; The Rutledge, Marc Broussard
10/23; Rockettown, Gwen Stacy
10/23; Municipal Auditorium, Adelitas Way, Shinedown
10/23; The Cannery Ballroom, The Gaslight Anthem
10/24; Exit/In, Sea Wolf, Port O'Brien

SPOTLIGHT: GRIMEY'S MUSIC

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

Just five minutes from campus stands one of Nashville's worst kept secrets, Grimey's New & Preloved Music. The store is famous nationwide for its record collection, featuring a steady stream of "preloved" classics and newer albums that go from someone's necessity to pay an electric bill to your treasure. The preeminent record retailer of maybe all of Tennessee following the demise of Tower Records, Grimey's stands as a hallmark to the physical manifestation of music. Much like a small CD contains all of

the information necessary to play music back to you right in front of your ears, Grimey's and its staff are the representation of something bigger: that the music industry is not dead, at least not for some. In-store shows by bands like Mute Math, The Black Keys, and David Bazan pack the house, spilling people out onto the catwalk craning their necks for the real voices of people they only get to see on Youtube. Grimey's and their records can make real music seem attainable to anyone, "good taste" not just a thing of the pudgy critics and slim hipsters but also the dad who just discovered The Kinks, or the

college girl who just got through a break-up to Ok Computer—and, by the way, if she ever needs to destroy the evidence, she can take her CD or album right up to the front register at Grimey's and turn the memories into quick cash.

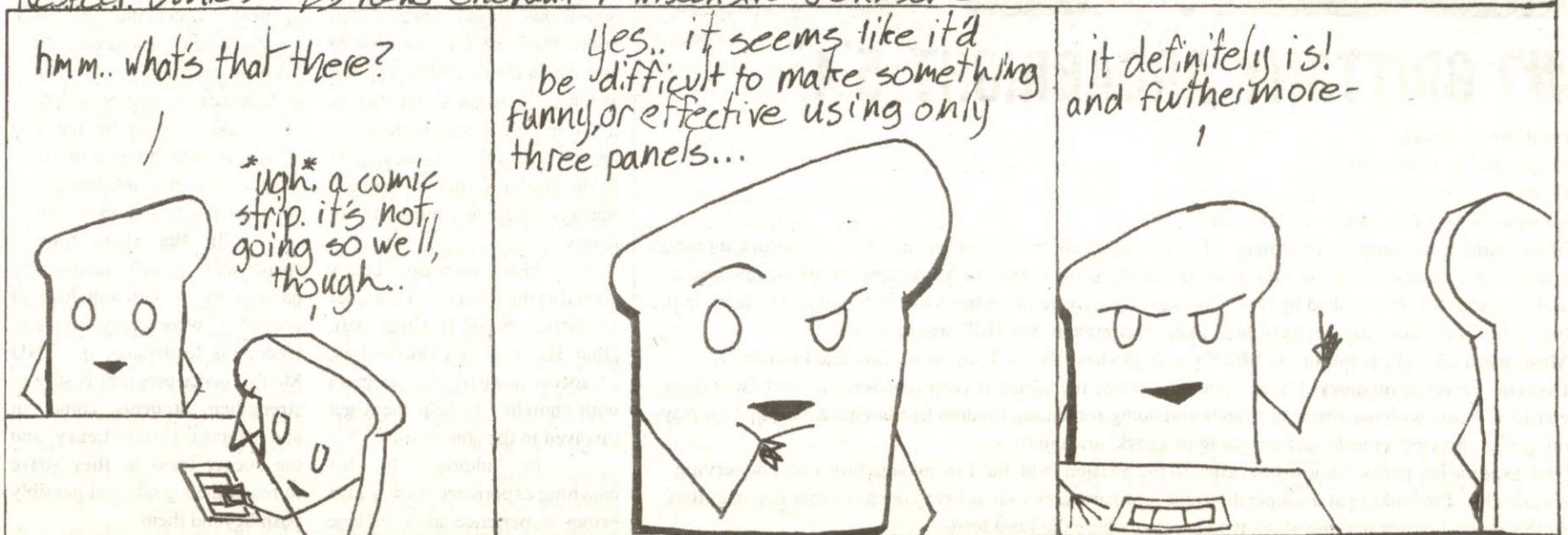
Now that iTunes and other, more-illegal, ways of getting music seem to determine who gets money and who does not in the business, it takes a lot to keep a record store alive. But Doyle, Josh, and Anna know what they are doing: providing customers with suggestions based on taste, playing new albums a couple weeks before they come

out, finding something for you if you do not really know what it is called, or even ordering it and calling you at no extra charge if they do not have it in stock. Weekly contests for concert tickets, midnight sales of albums with free pizza and drinks, consistently underselling The Great Escape, and a selection that makes Wal-Mart's CD racks look like the kind of CD racks you can buy at Wal-Mart, all mainstays of the best record stores: but only at Grimey's do you have that moment where you finally find it, the album you have been flipping through the stacks at McKay's for for

years, and you punch the air and hit a My Morning Jacket promo poster and everyone looks at you and you don't even care, because it's in your hand. The ability to own the music—the promises—you have always wanted to hear: Grimey's provides that unique service with the ancient passion that caused cro-magnons to beat drums, Faulkner to write Shakespeare's Greatest Works, Thomas Jefferson to invent Democracy, and Moses to stop time to melt the Zombies at the end of Citizen Kane.

Grimey's is located at 1604 8th Ave. South Nashville, TN 37203. Hours: 11-8 M-Sat and 1-6 on Sunday.

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THE AVETT BROTHERS SONDRÉ LERCHE

Austin Johnson
Assistant Editor

Album: *I And Love And You*

Focus Tracks:

- "Kick Drum Heart"
- "January Wedding"
- "Head Full of Doubt"

Seth and Scott Avett can blame their career of cult success on the various D.I.Y. movements in music, from the early rock of the 50s that seemed to foretell of the punk movement to come two decades later, from that same movement that in its own way seemed to foretell of rap's domination over youth culture in the 90s, to now. The Avett Brothers have borrowed from each of the basement arts at different times in their recordings; they are, ostensibly, a "folk" band, but they don't really make "folk" songs. Rather, they write songs in the folk tradition, they hear something and try to mimic it, they steal their sounds—just not from Pete Seeger. They may play the banjo and guitar and kick little drums lying around the stage at their shows. They may even wear suspenders and those little-British-kid-in-the-1800s



hats. But the Avetts are really a punk band. Or your grandpa's idea of a punk band. They are the Clash, just with instruments invented while Jesus was still high-fiving lepers and kicking waves around.

But all movements give over to the next. When people get tired of minimalism they get Phil Spector to produce their next album, the Edge invents some new pedals, Jack White starts ten more bands. And the Avett schtick goes from "youthful" and "raw" to "old" and "wearing." With more than thirteen releases, they have had the time to go from White Blood Cells to Consolers of the Lonely, and on *I And Love And You*, they up the ante a bit more than White seems

likely to do. The Avett Brothers' new album is, and I feel weird typing this, myself having been a harsh critic of most of their yelpy earlier output, well, it's just wonderful. Adding piano to nearly every song has turned the Avett Brothers from a few dudes clapping in a barn to a serious folk rock contender, someone who can finally tell Jay Farrar to his face that Son Volt has not written an actual song since "Drown." There is definitely a bit of Uncle Tupelo here: "Head Full of Doubt" is a weepy advice-song with some old country wit, "One day I could see it/Like a bird in a cage I broke in and demanded that somebody free it." "Heart Like A Kick Drum" is a little like the punk-pop they dabbled in on Emotionalism, but it is a lot like Regina Spektor or Five-era Ben Folds, consciously quirky and genuinely joyful. On this record I hear a little Ramones, a little NWA (yeah, they rap, like twice on this record), even a little Eisley. There's early America, but there's also Dublin, New York, Manchester. This record is all over the place, not just the basement. And FINALLY, Avett Brothers, because for a while there I thought you guys would never come upstairs.

Todd Osborne
Staff Writer

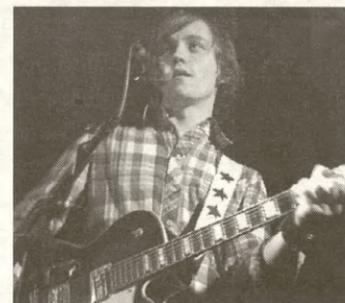
Album: *Heartbeat Radio*

Focus Tracks:

- "Heartbeat Radio"
- "If Only"
- "Easy to Persuade"

It is not easy to try and categorize Sondre Lerche's new album, *Heartbeat Radio*. You might remember him from the soundtrack of the movie *Dan in Real Life*. It falls under pop (and rightfully so), but this is not an album with the same three chords or inane hook being played over and over. This is pop as it was meant to be, think more Brian Wilson than Justin Timberlake. The melodies are still catchy without following the expected courses. In many cases Lerche makes use of a full orchestra to give his songs a more fleshed-out, rich sound that reverberates after the track has stopped playing.

Of course, the acoustic guitar is still the major instrument throughout, as can be seen in the title track "Heartbeat Radio." Also seen in that song are Lerche's incredible skills as a lyricist. Whether discussing the joy of being in love, or the inevitable strife that comes from a relationship, Lerche handles



his lyrics skillfully, making normally trite topics seem fresh and new. His lyrics never seem too pretentious or overblown; they are more like words being written to you by a good friend.

Throughout the album, Lerche mixes a sort of dream-like, jazzy sound with a more percussive, rock-driven sound as can be seen in stand-out tracks like "Easy to Persuade," with its chorus that will have you singing along immediately, and "If Only" with an opening beat that hits you in the face (in a good way) and doesn't let up.

Heartbeat Radio deserves to be listened to. It is a well-written collection of honest, thought-provoking, and catchy songs from a songwriter who obviously knows what he is doing. These songs, if given the chance, will grow on you like all good pop music should, invading your soul and filling a hole that you didn't even know was there.

WATCH AND LISTEN: RYAN ADAMS IS BACK

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Not three months out of his secession from the world of music, Ryan Adams is back, begging for forgiveness with a new single, "Lost and Found," released digitally on Sept. 11th, via his own Pax Americana label. Adams has made empty threats before, as one might expect of any 34-year-old musician and recovering junkie. He cannot stop talking about mental instability and getting sober; of course his career and what he says about his career are not going to match up. In 2004, Adams claimed he would release five full-length albums in 2005. He failed, but he beat out everyone else in his tax bracket by releasing three, one of which was a double-album. Like many "geniuses," he is given to

unfair postulation about his own creativity. Such diva-ish behavior might set fans' teeth on edge if it did not come from the same place his own prolific output stirs and churns, never dormant for more than a few hours. Adams is a master of the dramatic, and that is why his characters are so believable, why his songs are so often stirring, and why he talks so much about himself.

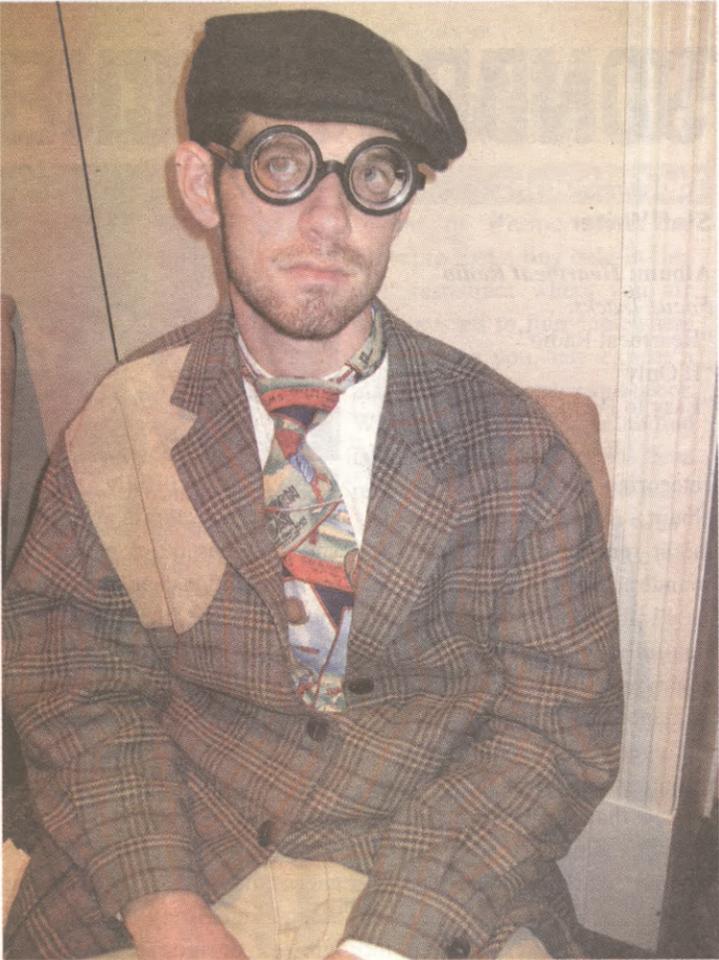
But how can someone so temperamental, so radioactive as Ryan Adams be trusted? The lessons Rock has taught us about what singers say versus what they deliver stack much higher than Adams' own distended ego: read any Kanye West print interview and see how many times Weezy mentions how high he has set the bar for hip-hop, then listen to his albums and

wonder why he only seems to rhyme things with "like Jennifer Aniston." But with Adams it is different. He blogs too much, talks too much, says ridiculous things, makes ridiculous claims, but at the end of the day, that erratic mode of thinking translates a thought into a song and, sometimes, it hits. Really hits. In that way, his persona is much closer to the personality of an actual person than someone like Kanye's. With West, the myth of the man is complex, the rapping almost too simplistic to enjoy to any stimulating degree. But with Adams, he is pretty straightforward about his ridiculousness. By making wonderfully complex thoughts come across immediately in song, he overshadows the excitability surrounding the creation of art,

and he does so with a country band, no less. We should be prepared for disappointment when we read that Ryan Adams has come back from quitting music to release more material. He should be a real enough person that he had to quit because he died. But now he is back and it's not going to be the same, like any severed relationship that tries to pick back up where it left off. But here is Adams, playing a song called "Happy Birthday" on his vimeo page, and it's killing me.

It shouldn't work like this. Elvis Costello is arguably one of the greatest songwriters in rock history, but his new stuff is terrible. Actually, everything since *Get Happy!!* is bad. But Adams makes me think I am not giving these rock geezers more of a shot. Art must really be some

eternal thing that always blesses, just to varying degrees over time. Music is that great artform that everyone wants to tell you how to enjoy. You are supposed to like Kanye West because you are young and his beats are fun. You are supposed to think The Who making a new album is a good thing because they are The Who. But that is not how Adams works. He is just sort of a creative reservoir that has room for thousands of people, but pulls in a solid five hundred, and the water there is always good, or pretty good at least. As long as he keeps saying ridiculous things, putting out country albums, and writing magazine columns about videogames, he is going to keep the masses from that water. More for us, though, and how blessed we are.



Clockwise from above (left to right):
Kevin Wilkerson dressed up for his role as co-host of Old School Bingo during Courtship Week.

Noodles fly at the Junior class sponsored food fight.

Trevecca students participate in the school's guerilla gardening efforts.

Men's Soccer team plays Reinhardt college; TNU wins 2-1.



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