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Four new programs added for Fall

by Jalayne Warren

TNU's Board of Trustees has given its approval for Trevecca to add four new degree programs beginning Fall 1997. The approval came during the Board's spring meeting, which concluded March 19.

Bachelor of science degrees will be added in physics, physics with a concentration in broadcast technology, and broadcast technology. A general business concentration will also be added to the management and human relations degree as an option for students wanting more business classes.

The physics and physics-broadcast technology majors (33 and 52 hours, respectively) will be

offered through the Department of Science and Mathematics. The broadcast technology major (53-58 hours) will be offered through the Department of Communications. "These programs are repackagings of courses we already offer so that students have more majors to choose from," says Phyllis Flannery, assistant academic dean. "We may need to add a course or two to the catalog, but we should be able to offer these programs while retaining our current course structure and faculty."

The B.A. in management and human relations with a concentration in general business will be administered through TNU's Department of

Management and Human Relations as a part of the University's degree completion program. The Trustees also gave approval to the MHR department to extend its offerings to two off-campus locations: the Saturn Corporation and Volunteer State Community College.

In addition, an M.S. degree in medicine with a major in physician assistant will be added to the University catalog in fall 1998. The program will replace TNU's current physician assistant undergraduate major. Also, a feasibility study is currently being conducted regarding the possibility of adding an M.S. degree in public health to the curriculum.

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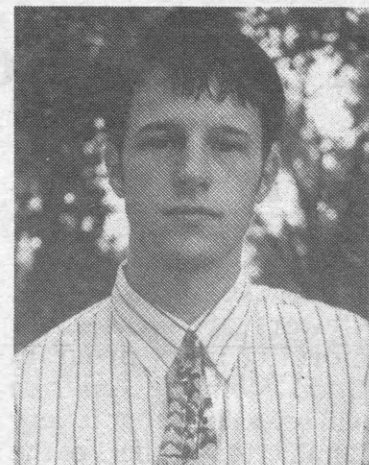
Blanford selected NAIA All-American

TNU press release

The NAIA has named Trevecca's David Blanford to its third team All-American squad.

Blanford averaged 18.5 points per game and 5.9 assists per game this year for the Trojans. He also led the team in minutes played (37.3 per game), 3-point field goal percentage (42.3%), and free throw percentage (87.4%).

"It is one of the greatest accomplishments I've ever had, but I wouldn't have been able to do it without my teammates," said Blanford. "Still, I'd trade it for the chance to have been able to go to the national



David Blanford

tournament."

Men's Head Basketball Coach Sam Harris said, "David has been the heart and soul of our team for four years. He's the kind of player who makes everyone on the team

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Trevecca prepares for celebration of centennial birthday

by Paul Ziady

Beginning this summer, Trevecca will begin a five-year celebration that will culminate with the school's centennial birthday in the year 2001. The event will make Trevecca the second Nazarene university to become one hundred years old. The other is Southern Nazarene University, which will reach its centennial in 1999.

Mrs. Jan Greathouse, TNU director of public information, chairs a committee formed by President Millard Reed to

organize plans for the centennial events. She says, "The centennial of Trevecca is the biggest event that has so far ever occurred in the history of the school. . . . The centennial event will be an excellent opportunity to represent our school's accomplishments, students, and alumni, not only to the community but also to Nashville as a whole."

The centennial celebration will be launched at this summer's Nazarene General Assembly. A multi-media presentation of the centennial celebration is being produced for possible presentation at

the Assembly.

The theme of the centennial is "Celebrating the Century: Fanning the Flame of Service." In addition to this general theme, each year of the celebration will have its own theme:

- ◊ 1997-1998—Family
- ◊ 1998-1999—Church
- ◊ 1999-2000—Community
- ◊ 2000-2001—World

In 2001, a final theme will be presented—"one that will lead TNU into the next 100 years," said Mrs. Greathouse.

In honor of the centennial, Trevecca will publish a series of five books, one for each year of the celebration. The

first volume of the series, *Reminiscences of Dr. A. B. Mackey*, was written by former Trevecca President Homer J. Adams and will be available for purchase during General Assembly. The book will chronicle Dr. Mackey's life as well as his accomplishments as President of Trevecca.

Other books to be published during the centennial celebration include: *The Collected Works of J. O. McClurkan*, edited by William J. Strickland and H. Ray Dunning; *Trevecca Folklore and Tradition*, by Homer J. Adams; a pictorial history of Trevecca edited by Mrs. Greathouse, and *The*

Trevecca Story: 1976-2001, by John Chilton.

Some ideas being developed for the centennial celebration include on and off-campus special events and guest speakers. Beginning next year, centennial banners will hang on the light posts all over campus. Also, a centennial logo is being developed that will be used on University products and publications for the next five years.

Comprehensive planning for the centennial began in late March through the University's Special Events Committee.



The 1996-97 TNU student government association records their greeting for Good Morning America

TNU Student Government to appear on national television

TNU press release

On April 28, 1997, viewers of ABC's early morning news program *Good Morning America* will see a sight that is very familiar to members of the Trevecca community. The smiling faces of Trevecca's student government officers will be seen beaming in the middle of the mass of pink, white, red, and purple flowers that decorated the campus at the corner of Lester and Hart Street last fall.

On October 3, 1996, a cameraman from the local ABC affiliate taped the TNU student leaders, led by SGA President Jennifer Finch giving the greeting that begins each hour of the *Good Morning America* program.

TNU Career Placement Counselor Jan Harvey coordinated the project. "I was talking to *Good Morning America* about internships for TNU students," she said. "While doing that, I had the thought that it would

be great to have our SGA do a face spot for the program. They put me in touch with the Marketing Department, who gave me all the specifics. Then all that was necessary was to contact the local ABC affiliate."

Mark your calendars now so that you do not miss seeing some very happy TNU students and a beautiful scene from the TNU campus. The "face spot" will air as one of two hourly introductions to the program.

Lady Trojans sign Heather Howard

TNU press release

In formal ceremonies March 20 in TNU's McKay Parlor, Trevecca Nazarene University signed Hillary Howard as its first recruit for next year's Lady Trojans basketball team.

Howard, a Mt. Juliet native, just completed her second season as a starter at Volunteer State Community College. This past season, the 5'6" guard averaged 21 points per game and was named the Western Division Player of the Year for the TJCAA. Howard scored more than 1,000 points in her two-year career at Vol State. She was also recognized as all-conference both years

and all-region (Tennessee and Kentucky) this year.

"Hillary will be a great addition to our program," commented Coach Julie van Beek. "She's a proven scorer at the college level. Her game experience and leadership will be valuable to our young team. Finally, Hillary is a winner both on and off the court. We're thrilled that she'll be playing for Trevecca."

Howard said, "I picked Trevecca mostly because of Coach van Beek. She showed a lot of interest in me over the past season and that tells me a lot about her and the program she is trying to build."

Howard is the daughter of Nancy and



Heather Howard

Sam Howard of Mt. Juliet. Her younger brother, Sam Howard, Jr., is a senior at Goodpasture High School and has signed to play basketball for Vanderbilt University.



ASBeat

by ASB Attorney General
Heather Ponce

Student body to choose new meal plan

In this ASBeat, we will be presenting the options available for next year's meal plan. Trevecca will be renewing its contract with Pioneer College Caterers this summer and the student body has been given the opportunity to choose the meal plan it wants from the four options described below. Keep in mind that the price for the meal plan will increase no matter which option we choose.

OPTION 1: The first option is essentially the same plan we have now. The only difference would be that the serving time for lunch could be expanded by 15 minutes. The cost for this option will be \$1045 for the 14-meal plan and \$1171 for the 20-meal plan.

OPTION 2: The second option involves substantially extended hours of service. It would add 15 minutes to breakfast (7:00 to 9:00), 1 1/2 hours to lunch (10:30 to 2:00), and 30 minutes to dinner (4:30 to 6:30). The 14-meal plan would cost \$1104 and the 20-meal plan would cost \$1238. This option is designed to address the issue of crowded conditions resulting from anticipated growth in the residential student population.

OPTION 3: The third option is called the "limited continuous service plan." The cafeteria would be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on weekdays. (The weekend hours would

remain unchanged from their current arrangement.) During these times, students would have access to all beverages, the cereal bar, the bread and bagel bar, the deli bar, the salad and soup bar, and the fruits and dessert items. Entrees would be served according to the following schedule: Breakfast—7:00 to 9:00; Lunch—11:00 to 1:00, and Dinner—4:45 to 6:15. Though students would have unlimited access to food during the cafeteria's hours of service, each entry into the cafeteria would be counted against the meal plan allotment. The 14-meal allotment plan would cost \$1115 and the 20-meal allotment plan would cost \$1250.

OPTION 4: The fourth option is the "unlimited continuous service plan." This would be the same as option three except that there would be no limit to the number of times a student could enter the cafeteria. All students would be on the same meal plan under this option. The cost would be \$1144.

In early April, the student body will be given an opportunity to vote on which meal plan we want. SGA urges you to get as much information about these plans as you can so you can make an informed vote. Remember: this decision will affect us all.

Feel free to contact Dave Brinegar in the cafeteria or Dean Harris in Student Development if you have any questions.

New majors added continued from page 1

Dr. Reed's report to the board also stated that investigation continues into the possibility of adding a Doctor of Education program at Trevecca.

All the curriculum changes are designed to reflect a University

strategic planning initiative to expand and strengthen academic programs on and off campus, especially those in religion, allied health, business, and education, through traditional and innovative delivery systems.

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Trustees approve new Women's Studies Program for TNU

by Anne Yosnaley

After heated debate in their spring meeting March 17-19, Trevecca's Board of Trustees approved a University plan to begin a Women's Studies Program at Trevecca. Matriculation for the program will begin Fall 1998.

"We are excited to have this program coming to Trevecca. It will be the first of its kind in Nazarene schools as well as in the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities," said a key administrator.

The program will be interdisciplinary in nature with most courses being drawn from existing departments of the school. New classes to be offered will include: Women in Family and Society, Literary Images of Women, Women and Wesleyanism, Women in World

History, and Women and Scientific Progress.

The purpose of the program will be to provide a female-based perspective to course work and to give women a greater opportunity to succeed in their post-college careers. The classes will be open to both females and males and will lead to a B.A. in Women's Studies. A minor in Women's Studies will also be offered. Lower division classes will be open to all students regardless of major and upper division classes will be open to non-major students with professor permission.

The program was created after University faculty sensed a need to create a Women's Studies program with a Christian perspective, especially since Trevecca is now a University. "Christian

feminists have largely been ignored or suppressed by the church," noted the University's feasibility study for the program. "Christian women often have the errant concept that they are less significant than men and that they should concentrate on marrying instead of pursuing their own goals and developing their talents. There is a desperate need for a balance of women as leaders in Christian organizations. The church has been too slow to let women have leadership roles in the church, and women are often not trained or encouraged to seek such roles. Christian women who are feminists or want to participate in Women's Studies programs generally have no choice but to attend programs at secular universities where the perspectives are strongly opposed to Judeo-Christian ethics."

A Women's Studies Council will be composed of faculty and students. This group will be responsible for planning special events for the program as well as securing female speakers for forums and chapel services during Women's History Month. They also plan to attend the Women's Studies Lecture Series at Vanderbilt with hopes of eventually starting one at Trevecca.

Reaction from students has

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Chaplain Tim Green hospitalized during Easter break

compiled from
internal memos

TNU Chaplain Tim Green was rushed to Vanderbilt hospital on Easter Sunday morning after having been discovered in a state of catatonic shock in his Goodlettsville home.

"We knew immediately that something was wrong when Tim was not on time for the sunrise service or 7:30 AM prayer meeting," said an unidentified member of Goodlettsville Church of the Nazarene.

Green was treated and released for symptoms arising from a toxic mixture of caffeine and jelly bean dye. "Mr. Green's condition was precipitated by an overconcentration of various non-specific visual enhancification agents and exacerbated by an oversaturation of the stomach tissues with caffeine and glucose derivatives. The result was a directional reversal of esophageal peristaltic convulsions as well as violent gesticulations of the extremities, though we understand that the latter symptom is not so uncommon for Mr. Green," said Dr. Luis Meherahkardiah, chief

toxicologist at Vanderbilt Medical Center.

"Tuti-fruitti, definitely tuti-fruitti," said Green.

According to Green's mother, Mrs. Delores Green, Chaplain Green had received a package of Easter sweets from his nephew in California on Saturday afternoon. She said, "I knew that Tim's brother Steve said that Michael was very disappointed that Uncle Timmy hadn't visited them this spring. They wanted to share Easter with him by sending him a box full of Easter eggs."

Dozens of plastic eggs were found strewn across Chaplain Green's living room floor. Since no panty hose were found in the residence, medical technicians were fairly sure that Green had ingested too much sugar even before he regained consciousness in the ambulance.

"This happened several times while Tim was growing up," continued Green's mother. "If Tim wasn't beating himself with his own fists, he was chomping down jelly beans. For several years, his dream was to work for the Jelly Belly Company. I've always warned him that if he wasn't careful, he'd turn into a jelly bean."

Green's condition had

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Come laugh with us!

Trevechoes understands the value of imagination and humor. Therefore, we have put together this four-page *Trevecca Enquirer* specifically for your reading enjoyment.

As the semester reaches its most stressful stage and we all begin to contract "spring fever," we hope this adventure into the humorous and sarcastic brightens your day.

As always, we look forward to hearing your comments.

--Kenneth L. Couchman, Editor



The Game of TREVECCA

LIFE

OBJECT:

The goal is to make it to graduation day with the least possible debt (though in some cases the game may as well be over when you land on the "marriage" square).

RULES:

Use a coin instead of a die. Heads count for two spaces; tails count for one. If you choose to use a die, be aware that the game will go much more quickly and be a whole lot less fun (sort of like graduating in three years).

Each player starts with however much money is in his or her wallet or checking account. You will quickly notice that it is nearly impossible to graduate without falling into serious debt. Welcome to college!

You can keep track of your monetary situation on any sheet of paper. The Business Office will not be contacting you if you miscalculate, so you may want a calculator nearby.

Your turn continues only if you have a positive credit balance.

As far as game pieces go, feel free to use any object you wish to mark your progress on the board (We suggest saltshakers, pagers, dandelion flowers, or movie ticket stubs).

WINNING:

You win if you reach graduation day with any hope of paying off your debt before you start to collect Social Security.

START

Welcome to Trevecca!
Move ahead 1 space for each recruitment phone call you received.

males

Move ahead 1 space for every unmonitored exit from Benson Hall.

Moss is growing on your toilet seat.
Move back 1 space.

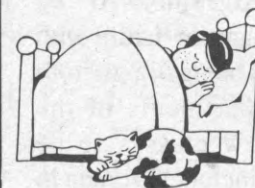
Move ahead 1 space for every inch you can open your window.

Dust is collecting on your lampshade. Pay \$5 fine and pretend the women's liberation movement never happened.

females

Financial Aid overaward!
Pay \$1000 by tomorrow or be disenrolled.

Your roommate snores.
Go back 2 spaces.



Class registration!
If you know who your advisor is, move ahead 1 space.

Class registration!
If your advisor knows who you are, move ahead 1 space.

Textbook purchase! Move ahead 1 space for each dollar you save shopping at Cokesbury.



Set your roommate up on a date.
Move ahead spaces.

You think putting your way flashers entitles you to park anywhere.
Lose a turn.

You are caught wearing shorts before 4:30.
Go back 2 spaces.

Listen to secular music.
Gain insight.
Lose a turn.

You drive to chapel, then ask your professor to have class outdoors.
Lose a turn.


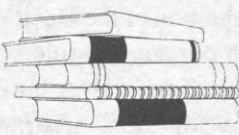
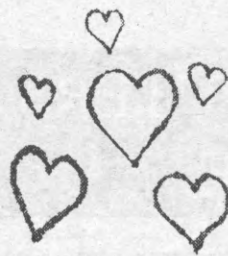


Tim Green speaks in chapel.
Move ahead 1 space each time he says, "the most amazing thing."

Attempt to pull a tired, worn-out prank.
Lose a turn.
Cultivate creativity.

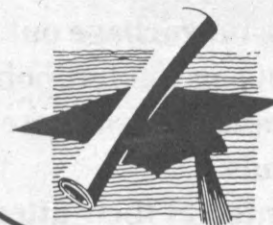
TREVECCA

LIFE



up d 2	Soccer team given respect. Move ahead 1 space.	Become a staff writer for <i>Trevechoes</i> . Move ahead 3 spaces.	Group "study" in the library reading room. Lose a turn.	A relative sends you Easter card with money. Collect \$5, exchange it for quarters, and do 3 loads of laundry.	Curfew violation! Males: No one knew you were gone. Females: Prepare for social probation.
K r 4- s on to ere. n.		Parking ticket. Pay \$20.	Student body elects 8 males and only 3 females to SGA. Pretend that the women's liberation movement never happened.		TNT at TNU! Lose a turn.
ght orts 0. 2		Maintenance ignores campus during weekend blizzard. Forget about getting to work. Wish the Trustees had been in town.	You are elected ASB President. Collect \$2,000 and wear a cool hat.		Final exams! Discover the reason behind the class attendance policy. Begin game again.
sic. nt. n.		Change your major your senior year. Go back 4 spaces.	Vote in SGA elections. Move ahead 1 space.		Attempt to sell your used textbooks. Discover they have all changed editions. Collect \$0.
to ask sors ss n.		Go to Valentine's Banquet. Pay \$50.	Marriage! Pay with the rest of your life.		Receive a call from the bank. First loan payment due in 30 days. Break up with fiancee, pawn engagement ring.
eaks 1 e he ost ..."		Sneak a kiss from that special someone. Move ahead 2 spaces.		Textbook return! Move back 1 space for every textbook you never purchased.	
pull n- n.		Buy an engagement ring. Pay \$1000. Use student loan money.	Engagement! Move ahead 1 space for every week you have been dating.	Engagement! Move ahead 1 step for each bridal magazine you have purchased in the bookstore.	

**GRADUATION
DAY!**



Sympathy for the Devil, victim of our misplaced blame

by Jason Vickers,
Guest Commentator

I recognize that I have borrowed a popular song title ("Sympathy for the Devil") from a popular band (Guns 'n Roses) off a popular soundtrack (*Interview with a Vampire*). Therefore, I would like to issue a disclaimer: the following commentary does not necessarily share any direct presuppositions with the aforementioned song.

Having cleared up that matter of speculation, I am coming out of the closet (since everybody else gets to do it): I feel sorry for the devil.

It seems to me that the devil has provided us a tremendous literary favor by posing as the characterization of evil in such works as Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, Milton's *Paradise Lost*, Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*, and a great deal of contemporary literature such as the popular novels by Anne Rice.

Yes, in one form or another, that Grand Deceiver has willingly given his services to our reading enjoyment for more than a millenium.

Masqueraded in recent years as the "White Satan," the Republican or Democratic spirit of the Anti-Christ, the Pope, Madonna, or any other number of incarnations, we

have continually made the Devil responsible for the systemic evil which is woven so tightly into the social fabric of our society. Of course, I dare not leave out the demons so imaginatively created for us by Mr. Perreti who would scare the "h---" out of anyone (not to mention the youth who have all but formed a cult following of this literary trend).

In the meantime, the redemptive work accomplished in the incarnation of Jesus the Christ for the explicit purpose of setting us free from self-sovereignty (the law of sin and death) seems to be getting less and less airplay in comparison to the much more appealing world of daily demonic/angelic confrontation on the hoods of our cars and in our dorm rooms.

In essence, I am trying to suggest that some of the images created by our exaggerated emphasis on the ontological reality of Satan are clearly contradictory to the Biblical portrait. NOTE: I am not doubting the reality of evil, just the appropriateness of blaming "Satan" for it.

It would seem that an honest evaluation of the Devil's function in our story would be valuable, informative, and instructive for the Christian community. Let us begin with our belief that humanity is created in the image of God.

Second, we have been created with the freedom to choose. God respects human dignity and graces us with the freedom to accept his sovereignty of our lives or to be our own gods. Clearly, humanity has historically opted to enthrone itself. When we have renounced our dependence on God, all of God's creative intentions for the world begin to dissolve. Our relationships to God, others, world, and ourselves crumble.

Now let's look at that literary characterization of evil that we call "Satan." Our tradition tells us that Satan was thrown to earth AS A RESULT OF A DESIRE TO RULE THE HEAVENS.

Hmmm. It seems that the ancient Hebrew understanding of the human condition was spiritualized into the figure of "the Adversary"! In other words, the concept of "Satan" is the literary symbol of the ancient Hebrews' understanding of themselves in an estranged relationship to God's intentions for humanity. "Satan" is a metaphor for our own personal choice of self-sovereignty!

Surely it is more than ironic that the Hebrews' conception of the "Devil" is a mirror image of their understanding of the human situation. However, they seem to have understood

the intended function of the "Devil" as evidenced by their consistent emphasis on human responsibility. We, however, have lost this understanding.

This sad reality of our contemporary situation is demonstrated by our use of phrases such as "the Devil made me do it" and our hook, line, and sinker adaptation of Frank Peretti's theology.

Come on. Isn't it time that we began to take full responsibility for our own choices? Shouldn't we seek to live in the dynamic image in which we were created—an image which allows us to allow

God to be sovereign? Our current overblown conceptions of the devil have made us the puppets of "spiritual warfare," which would seem to mean that Christ accomplished nothing on the Cross.

In the meantime, I still believe that the "Devil" can be a helpful metaphor, assisting us in our self-understanding. However, as long as he continues to be incarnated by a humanity which does not want to take responsibility for its own choices and actions, I will insist on having a great deal of "Sympathy for the Devil."

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been mixed. "I don't think we need it. It sounds too liberal," said one student. Another said, "It is almost separatist. In a Christian perspective we are all the same." Others were more supportive: "I think it will be cool and enjoyable to me and very educationally beneficial."

Trevecca is currently recruiting additional faculty

members for the program.

In related news, the Trustees also passed a resolution to increase the number of women in administrative and staff positions as well as the President's Cabinet. In addition, the resolution calls for equal treatment of females and males in residential halls.

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returned to normal by late Sunday evening. "We're very relieved that a potentially dangerous situation has been avoided," said TNU President Millard Reed. "We look forward to Tim's continued ministry to our campus, even

if he's a bit disappointed by the end of his 1820 consecutive weeks of perfect attendance in Sunday School."

Green is expected to completely recover before the resumption of classes on April 1.

TOP 10 REASONS COMPUTERS MUST BE MALE:

10. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
9. A better model is always just around the corner.
8. They look nice and shiny until you bring them home.
7. It is always necessary to have a backup.
6. They'll do whatever you say if you push the right buttons.
5. The best part of having either one is the games you can play.
4. Garbage in, garbage out.
3. The lights are on but nobody's home.
2. They would just sit there doing nothing if not given commands.
1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.

TOP 10 REASONS COMPUTERS MUST BE FEMALE:

10. Computers communicate among themselves in their own unique language.
9. Computers spend a lot of time connected to phone lines.
8. Computers can refuse to obey a command without providing justification.
7. The control key—need I say more?
6. Computers will soon be used to manage household chores like cooking, running the dishwasher, and buying groceries.
5. Sometimes computers just freeze up.
4. The quality of a computer is often reflected by its measurements, for example 200MHz/32MB/2.0GB/8XCD.
3. It can cost a lot of money to rid a computer of a virus.
2. ROM can also stand for "Reads Only Mademoiselle," "Radically Obsessed with Mastercard," and "Rejects Offers of Matrimony."
1. Behind every good man is a good computer.

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Participation: the key to community

by Daron Brown,
Guest Commentator

I hated it. I hated the long afternoons under the sun. I hated the tight pants and the smell of leather. And the worst part was the annoying swarm of gnats that never would leave me alone.

I simply never understood why a person would choose to spend an afternoon on a Little League diamond, much less sit in the bleachers and watch other people do it. I wanted to be back home playing with my GI Joes or reading a book instead of standing in the vast expanse of nothingness they called "right field," wishing that the eyes of the spectators and my fellow teammates would not turn upon me since that could only mean that a ball was coming toward me from somewhere. And if that wasn't enough of a terror, I would be expected to do something about it when it happened. I never knew what to do. I never understood the game. I was just there because it was what my parents expected of me.

I don't remember when it happened. I don't know if it was the Cubs or the Mets with whom we were in battle. All I can remember are eyes turning upon me. Then my heart began to race faster than hearts are supposed to race. I don't recall what propelled me to charge the ball, but I did. My cleats left a trail of dirt in the air as the ball took one hop, then landed in my glove. A blue jersey rounded first. I gripped the ball with my right hand, flung my arm back, and

proceeded to launch it toward second base. It bounced within my teammate's grasp just before the runner arrived. He was out. My mother cheered as if I had just single-handedly brought the cold war to an end.

We probably still lost the game. But something significant had happened. I participated in the baseball game of which I had previously been so critical. And I fell in love with it. Baseball had become wonderful to me. And it wasn't because of the diamond or the chalk lines or the mesh ballcaps. It suddenly became wonderful because I had participated in it.

Now baseball is part of my life. I wasn't good enough to go any further than Little League, but a day doesn't go by this time of year without my nose stuck in a newspaper or in front of TBS to keep up with my Atlanta Braves. I often wish my afternoons were free to support our Trojan baseball team. (Maybe this would be a good opportunity for me to plug my endorsement for lights on the baseball field.) What I am saying is this: baseball is definitive of who I am.

As graduation becomes closer to reality every day, I can't help but look back on my four years here. Many things have changed: the look of the campus, the quality of athletics, and the chapel scene, to name a few. In the midst of these winds of change, however, there have been a few constants, such as Tim Green's ability to capture the hearts and minds of students and that little sundial nestled beneath

the shade trees.

Other things that haven't changed over the years are phrases like "That shorts rule is stupid," "They can't make me be in by curfew," and "I hate it here at Trevecca." These bold assertions have flowed from the lips of many a TNU student. And from time to time, these words may have been mine as well. I guess my point of contention is why they need to be on our lips at all.

It's true that Trevecca is quite different from other schools in many ways. And some of us may hate it at first. There may be those of us who are blinded by issues like mandatory chapel and attendance policies. We can get so caught up in peripheral issues, such as swatting gnats, that we refuse to see what Trevecca is really about. It's a community of believers who share the common ground of Jesus Christ. When we get swallowed up into a community whose identity transcends rules and regulations, we suddenly realize what is important and what is not. Am I endorsing a naive passivity? No. But change is internal. It takes those who recognize the faults of community life, yet who have embraced community life to work within it, in order to see change.

Trevecca isn't defined by rules or buildings or administration, but by you and me. I've fallen in love with TNU. And it hasn't been because of the curfew or the shorts rule or the mesh ballcaps. It has become wonderful because I have participated in it.



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Nyssen receives research grant

TNU press release

The National Science Foundation has awarded a grant to the Chemistry Department at Vanderbilt University that will enable TNU Chemistry Professor Dr. Gerry Nyssen to initiate an unusual intercollegiate research program in 1997 and 1998. Students and faculty from Middle Tennessee State University will collaborate with Dr. Nyssen and with people at Vanderbilt.

"We plan to make and characterize some new polymers (giant, long molecules) with potential applications in drug encapsulation and battery construction," said Dr. Nyssen. "Vanderbilt has some instruments that should allow us to study and characterize the new materials that the MTSU people have made and are making. Students from

Trevecca may also participate in this program."

Since joining the Trevecca faculty more than 27 years ago, Dr. Nyssen has done research at Oklahoma State University, Oak Ridge National Lab, Vanderbilt University, and Point Loma Nazarene College. TNU has granted him a sabbatical for 1997-1998 to do this latest research project.

"Although TNU is primarily an undergraduate teaching institution, research is an important part of a strong university program in the natural sciences," adds Dr. Nyssen. "There is so much



Dr. Gerry Nyssen

in God's creation that we do not know. Discovery of new knowledge can bring insight and enthusiasm that can improve the quality of classroom instruction."

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better. It's been a pleasure to coach him and I'm glad he received this honor. He certainly deserves it."

Blanford ended his basketball career at

Trevecca this year holding the school record for career assists with 712. He is also the school's fifth all-time scoring leader with 1762 career points.

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