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## Student satisfaction survey points to TNU's strengths

press release

Trevecca students are most satisfied with the quality of course work in their major and are most dissatisfied with the cost of their education, according to a recent survey.

The responses were given to the Students Satisfaction Inventory (SSI), a survey conducted by the Christian College Coalition and Universities (CCCU).

In the fall of 1997 Trevecca participated, along with more than seventy other member schools from the CCCU, in this study which was designed to measure how students rate their institutions' programs and services.

Student responses give those in leadership insight about the aspects of college that are most important as well as how satisfied or dissatisfied students are with those aspects.

T r e v e c c a administrators can use the information when they market TNU with prospective students and their parents, donors, and various benefactors. Furthermore, it provides TNU with research that will inform and guide as Trevecca considers challenges and possible future interventions.

The inventory consisted of 114 statements which asked for two responses: (1) "Importance to me . . ." and (2) "My level of satisfaction." One hundred and fifty-five students selected from a

knowledgeable academic advisors, (3) excellent instruction in one's major, (4) strengthening their understanding of God through classroom and campus experiences, (5) excellent quality of

aspects of spiritual life at Trevecca were viewed as institutional strengths (num. 4 and 6). The final two strengths concern campus personnel (num. 8) and computer labs (num. 10).

resident halls are comfortable, (9) financial aid awards are announced to student in time to be helpful in college planning, and (10) parking lots are well lighted and secure.

These are the areas in which the importance scores were above the median and the student satisfaction level is below the median. These are the areas that are most important to students and yet they are less satisfied with these areas than other areas. Four of the items deal with financial considerations (num. 1, 4, 6 and 9). Four areas deal with security (num. 2 and 10) and fairness (num. 3 and 7). The final areas of dissatisfaction are class variety (num. 5) and residence halls (num. 8).

This study was conducted through TNU's Office of Student Services. "The SSI will be an invaluable tool for us as an institution. It is encouraging to see how well we're doing in so many areas, but it also helps to know where we can do better. Based on the current students' responses, I feel very good about recommending Trevecca to prospective students," said Steve Harris, dean of student services.

### Top ten positive things students like about Trevecca

1. Content in their major
2. Academic advisors
3. Instruction in one's major
4. Understanding of God
5. Quality of instruction in classes
6. Spiritual growth
7. Faculty knowledgeable in field
8. Care and helpfulness of campus staff
9. Opportunity to experience intellectual growth here
10. Adequate and accessible computer labs

stratified random sample participated in the project. The survey group matched the statistical make-up of the Trevecca undergraduate student body—the same percentage of freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Focus groups formed from the pool of participants will help further define student response.

The ten items that garnered the most positive responses from Trevecca students include (1) valuable course content in their major, (2)

instruction in classes, (6) being on this campus contributes to their spiritual growth, (7) nearly all faculty knowledgeable in field, (8) care and helpfulness of campus staff, (9) opportunity to experience intellectual growth here and (10) adequate and accessible computer labs.

According to this list students give high marks to various features of Trevecca's academic programs; six of the ten items concerned academics (num. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9). Two

The survey also pointed to areas in Trevecca that could be improved. Areas rated negatively by Trevecca students were (1) adequate financial aid for students, (2) safe and secure campus for all students, (3) faculty fairness and unbiased in treatment of individual students, (4) helpfulness of financial aid counselors, (5) variety of courses provided by campus, (6) tuition paid is a worthwhile investment, (7) male and female are treated with equal respect on campus, (8) living conditions in

## Trevechoes' new nameplate approved until year 2001

by Robin Hess

The Publications Committee of Trevecca Nazarene University met February 9, 1998 to approve the change of the *Trevechoes* nameplate.

The new nameplate was designed by *Trevechoes* Editor Robin

Hess to replace the nameplate developed by her predecessor, Kenneth L. Couchman, and reflects the new image of the university.

"I wanted to do something that showed student support of the centennial celebration,"

said Hess. "I modeled the nameplate after the official university logo."

The Publications Committee studied the change seriously because of the numerous changes to the nameplate in recent years. The committee decided it was not "in favor

of the current practice of changing the nameplate whenever the paper changes editors" and wanted the paper to maintain a constant image.

The committee also stated that if the nameplate was changed it would not entertain another change

unless there is "some compelling reason."

The new nameplate went before SGA for approval. SGA approved the change with the stipulation that the new nameplate be kept at least until the end of the centennial celebration.

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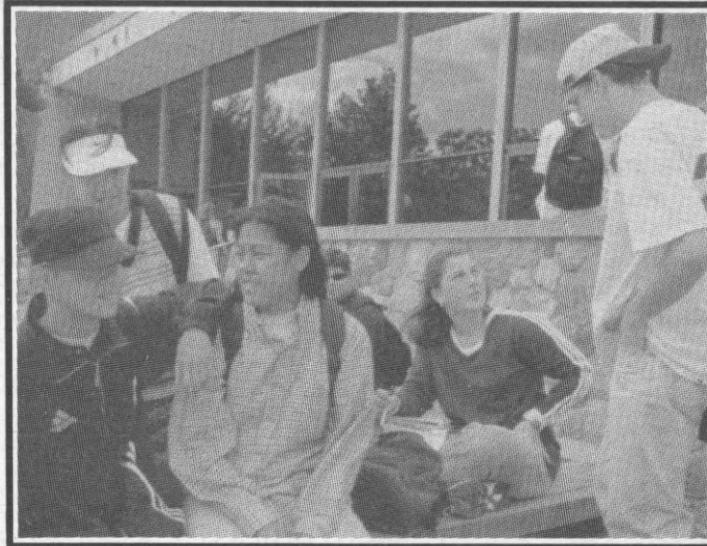
## Generation 2001: survey reveals how freshmen live

press release

Parents wondering how their children are spending their first months away from home as college freshman will find some revealing information in a comprehensive new survey.

Meet Generation 2001—a national representative cross section survey of 2,001 freshman from this generation. They are from 101 colleges and universities around the country which participated in a new Louis Harris & Associates survey released February 2, 1997. The unprecedented survey was commissioned by Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

It is called "Generation 2001: A Survey of the First College Graduation Class of the New Millennium." The study provides the first bona fide glimpse into



Generation 2001 spends an average of 17 hour per week socializing.

what's going on in the hearts and minds of this newly named generation, according to Deanna L. Tillisch, director of the Generation 2001 study for Northwestern Mutual. Part of the survey was devoted to uncovering the lifestyle habits of Generation 2001 students. Participants in the survey

were asked for the number of hours they spend in a week doing various things.

Logically, sleeping tops the list, with an average of 44 hours spent per week in bed. "On the other hand, that's only a little more than six hours of sleep a night," Tillisch observed. "This, from the same group of teenagers

who, right up to the school year, were appearing to want to sleep until noon virtually everyday. At least, I am sure that's what most parents would lament."

Perhaps more in line with the teenager parents remember, socializing comes in second (17 hours) and studying and homework third (15 hours), for an average of two hours per day. "That is, until they learn that these are precisely the same things—studying and homework and going to class—freshman would most like to cut down on," Tillisch said. "Given more time, socialization, exercising, and sleeping are the top three activities students would like to do more of."

Dating takes up an average of only seven hours per week. Reading purely for pleasure

averages about three hours per week, or less than a half-hour per day. Listening to music is a big pastime, though, averaging 15 hours per week. Generation 2001 students spend an average of 11 hours per week using a computer, with an average of six of those hours spent on-line, according to the study.

Parents may be glad to hear their college freshman does not appear to be a couch potato; at least he or she spends about as many hours exercising (seven hours) as watching TV (eight hours). Commenting on the significance of the students surveyed, Tillisch of Northwestern Mutual said, "There are the class 2001. They also represent the foremost wave of all those who will transition into adulthood during the early era of the 21st century."

## Trevecca Print Shop: offering service to faculty and students

by Buzz Sheridan

Worthson Richards is the manager of the Print Shop/Copy Center. He has been at Trevecca for four-and-a-half years. The shop does a variety of things—printing, copying, booklets, folding, cutting to size, making business cards, black and white copying, saddle stitching, and desk nameplates. Print Shop's hours are 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Cathy Garrett is Richards' assistant. The Print shop also has two TNU students on staff. Richards said the toughest job is printing with more than three colors. Over the last two years the campus has become more centralized and the Print Shop/Copy Center began to receive more attention. Many of the copy jobs for Trevecca's departments are run through the Copy Center. This change has saved the departments

time and money as opposed to each department doing the copying in their individual offices.

The Print Shop/Copy Center is also open to students. They can print business cards at \$18.69 per hundred with two colors. White 8 1/2 by 11-inch copies are only 2 1/2 cents each. They can pick up and deliver copies to students. Call ext. 1619 for more details.

## TNU enrollment drops

by Pam Harrison

Trevecca Nazarene University's enrollment has shown a slight decrease from last year. This decrease follows several semesters of growth.

Nine fewer students enrolled this semester than this same time last spring. The reason for this decrease is difficult to explain. Other colleges offer diverse recruitment offers that might attract students to other universities. Sometimes it is difficult for small private universities to compete.

"The Office of Enrollment Services goes beyond the financial competition and the jockeying for student numbers. It is our profound purpose to recruit high school graduates who can live out the mission statement of this institution," said Jan Forman, dean of enrollment services. Dean Forman stated that Trevecca sells the value of a Christian education and the value of choosing Trevecca.

Changes that were made last year, including recruitment activity, produced 406 freshman applications, an all-time record for Trevecca. Dean Forman also said that changes made since 1992 have produced a 49% increase in applications and that the number of campus visits has increased by 109% over the same period.

The recruitment team at Trevecca is made up of professional recruiters, campus administrators, faculty, district superintendents, pastors, youth pastors, and others interested in the enrollment process. Trevecca's recruitment team works diligently to increase TNU's enrollment; however, recruitment activity does not always produce the expected numbers. This has been a real disappointment for those that work hard to recruit applicants to attend Trevecca.

Trevecca has and will continue to implement more new strategies that should increase future enrollment.

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## Trevecca student studies Old Testament in the Holy Land

by Amanda Wardle

How many members of the Trevecca community have been lucky enough to visit the Holy Land? There probably aren't many. However, one TNU student had the opportunity not only to visit Israel, but also to study in Jerusalem for an entire semester. While most of us were experiencing Trevecca life last fall, Michael Nixon (better known as Mikey), a junior religious studies and philosophy double major, spent four months studying at Jerusalem University College, located in the heart of Jerusalem on Mount Zion.

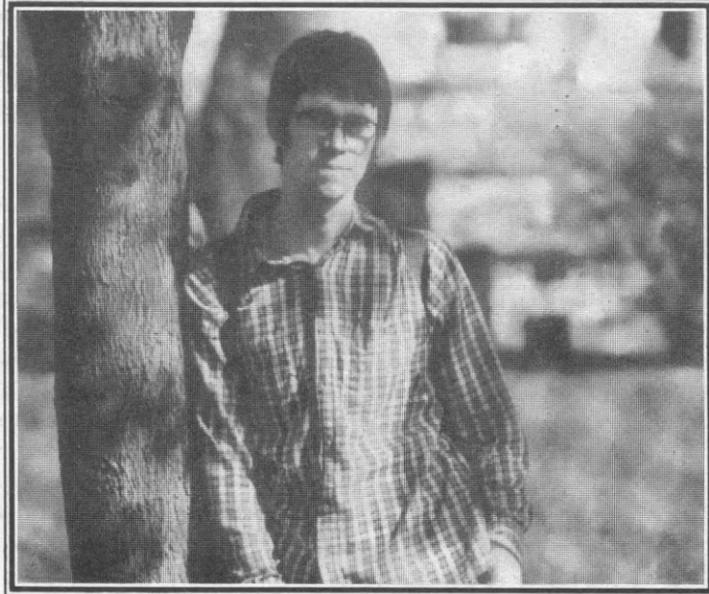
JUC is a school of about 150 students, all of whom are international students. It is an interdenominational Christian college whose main objective is to give students from all over the world the opportunity to study the Bible in Jerusalem. Many individuals studying at JUC were from the United States, but there were also people from Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

While attending the school, Michael was able to take such classes as Modern Hebrew, Rabbinical Thought, and Jewish History while living in a dormitory atmosphere. Since JUC is still fairly small and its numbers are growing, it doesn't have some of the assets that we do (large computer labs and a large selection of food in the cafeteria were on Michael's list of things he missed about TNU). However, students at the school are able to experience things that we never would. For example, the school takes frequent weekend trips called field studies to surrounding cities and regions. One field study might include an archeological dig or a trip to the Judean wilderness.

Michael's semester in Jerusalem began on a somewhat frightening note, as he experienced the Arab/Israeli conflict firsthand in early

September, only three days after school started. While he and his roommate were eating in a popular area of the New City, three suicide bombers killed seven

the Intifada and terrorism and things like that. I think what they hate is the ideal of Zionism and the Jewish nation, but when it comes down to an individual level, it's the



Michael Nixon studied in Jerusalem for a semester.

people and injured over 100 others. Michael was sitting not 50 feet away from the bombs and, although he wasn't injured, was affected deeply by the violence that is involved in such a deep-seeded conflict. Although terrorist acts as extreme as the one described above are fairly common in the Middle East, it seems that the tension between the Arabs and the Israelis can be seen even in every day life.

"It's definitely there on both sides," Michael stated. "On the Jewish side, it was usually pretty subtle, in the comments people made, generalizations and such, but you could definitely feel some animosity there. On the Arab side, I would hear more blatant 'I-hate-the Jews' kind of comments. Interestingly enough, I knew some Hamas members [the militant Muslims who often commit terrorist acts such as the one described above] who were, on a personal level, very accepting of Jews as friends."

"I think what it is is that most of the Palestinians aren't very educated on the political conflict, so they only know what they have been raised hearing—things like

group they hate, not the person. On the other hand, a lot of the Jews would be likely to dislike someone simply because they were Palestinian," Michael said.

While in the Middle East, Michael had the opportunity to visit many Israeli cities, such as Bethlehem, Tel Aviv, and Haifa. He spent time camping in the desert, and made treks to Jordan and Egypt for weekend-long breaks. Michael found the nomadic people of Egypt to be very kind, and enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere he experienced while visiting the country.

In Jordan, on the other hand, Michael found the people to be very anti-Semitic—much more so than even the Arabs in Israel. "(That's) Probably because they rarely have the chance to deal with the Jews on a personal level—only on a military level," he said.

During his stay in Jerusalem, Michael was able to experience the city as its natives do. He found the atmosphere to be very different than what we are used to, but found these differences endearing.

"[Israel] was definitely different in a positive way because the people there have such a strong sense

of community. In America, it's hard to get a community feel because there are so many different types of people, but the Jews are a people who have been persecuted and oppressed for thousands of years. You could tell that these people knew they were a people.

"In Jerusalem, everything is within an hour's walk, so you don't have to drive anywhere. It was a totally different feel than a city here. You can go shopping or go out to eat, and just walk there. This gives much more of a community feel because you have so much more contact with people—something you don't have when you're in a car all the time. Shopkeepers are a lot more willing to talk to you, they don't mind sitting down and spending time with you."

Aside from the atmosphere of community brought about by Jerusalem's religious background(s) and physical setting, the country's government is very different than ours. I found this to be one of the most interesting aspects of Israel as I spoke with Michael on the subject.

"The government is directly involved in everything, which has a lot to do, of course, with the conflict. There is military everywhere. They have police, but they're all military trained. If the Parliament passes a law, everyone knows about it, whereas our Congress could pass 100 laws and no one would know because America is just so big. Their government is so new; they don't even have a constitution yet, so the government is in constant flux. It's also a socialist-based government, so the people are a lot more involved. The members of Parliament are just regular citizens, not politicians. They don't have career politicians there. Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, lives in a regular house, in a regular neighborhood; if you really wanted to sit down and talk to him you could.

This gives the people a feel that they are a part of what goes on in the government."

The historical background of Jerusalem provides hours of educational entertainment for its citizens and visitors alike.

"People actually do things like walk around the Old City for fun," Michael says. The Old City is the part of Jerusalem that was originally contained within the walls (as you might find explained in the Bible), and it is an area of great historical significance. In addition, Jerusalem's history provides for hundreds of museums, which might include anything from modern art galleries to Holocaust and Jewish museums, as well as children's and archeological museums. However, the city is also very modern in many ways.

"There's a lot to do," Michael told me. "They have movie theaters, malls, bowling alleys, all that stuff. It isn't that much different than the United States in that aspect, except that it's on a smaller scale."

Michael was able to witness such incredible religious sites as the Western (Wailing) Wall, the Dome of the Rock, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Jerusalem is unique from anyplace else in the world in that it is considered holy by all three of the world's major monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. "It is an incredible place," Michael says. "It is difficult to explain what Jerusalem is like, because it is so different than anyplace else that I have experienced."

Was the time away from TNU worth it? "Definitely." Michael is thinking of returning to Jerusalem after graduating from Trevecca to work on his master's degree at Hebrew University. "It's good to be home, but I will definitely go back to Israel someday."

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## Buzz's SPORTS WORLD

by Buzz Sheridan

The Lady Trojan's basketball team has had a great year.

This season has been remarkable for the second year of women's basketball at Trevecca. The biggest upset was beating Fred-Hardeman 82-80. They are second in the TranSouth Western Division.

Coach van Beek has been pleased with the steady improvement each game in playing well in the motion offense - something she has stressed to the team all year. Van Beek has been particularly impressed with the steady play of Hilary Howard, Amanda Geer, and Holly Carter.

"We have learned more about each other and have learned how to set more screens to get open shots. The chemistry is good on the team, and we have been working harder on defense," Holly said.

Holly said she has been surprised by the success of the team. She credits her good play to staying relaxed. In the last five games Hillary Hoard has averaged 20 points, up from her season average of 14 points. In response Hillary told me, "Since I am a junior I felt I needed to step up and take more of the leadership role as captain. I think we are all different and make for a good mix of abilities."

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Trevecca's baseball team got off to a great start by sweeping four games against Brescia College. Before the third game on February 21, I was honored to throw out the first pitch. Center fielder Andrew Napier led off the first game with a home run. First Baseman Chris Floyd also had a first inning home run in a game which Trevecca won by 5-2. Winning pitcher Josh Story threw a brilliant game only giving up two hits.

In the second game Will Rand had a home run, Chris Floyd had two doubles, Brad Turner had four hits and Chris Collins had three hits. Trevecca won 13-3, and Jason Hatley was the winning pitcher. Left fielder Doyle Baker hit a grand slam home run to win the game for Trevecca in the first extra inning. Doyle Baker had a fantastic day coming back in the fourth game to pitch a shutout, winning 7-0.

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## TNU soccer prepares for spring

student announcement

The Nashville Metro Soccer Association is organizing its spring soccer season to begin the first weekend in March. Some preliminary things need to be decided and accomplished by the Trevecca Soccer Club in preparation for the season.

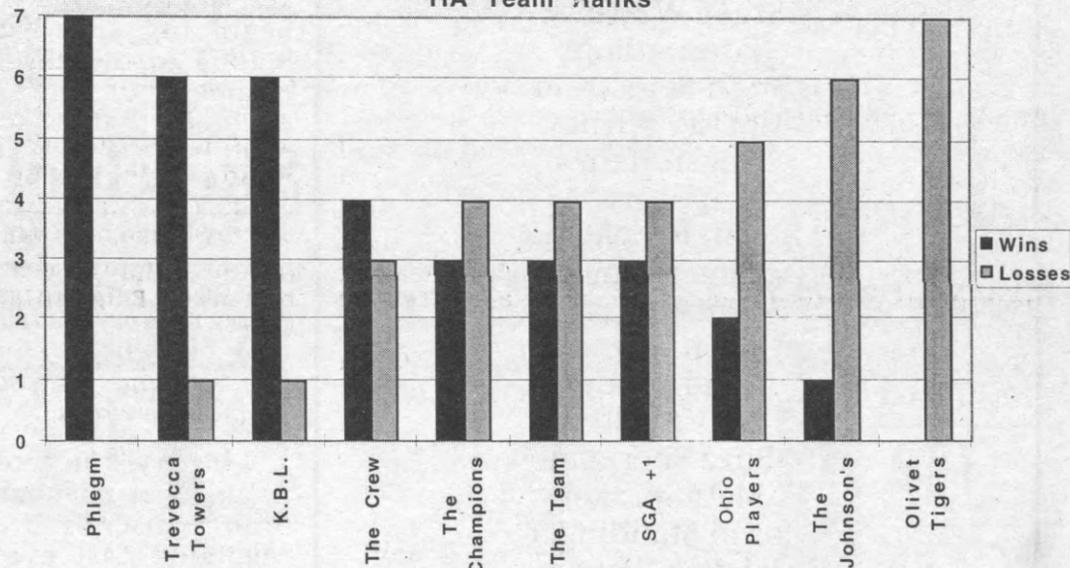
Those who are interested in playing need to send Dr. Moredock an email (mmoredock) informing him of their desire to play. Keep in mind that eligible players must have a minimum GPA of 1.75 and not be on academic or social

probation. Those who did not play last fall need to also email him their name, social security number, phone, and birth date.

The cost of playing in the league is \$540 per team which comes to about \$30 per player based on an 18-man roster. New players also have a \$19 state registration fee and will have to get a uniform of shirt, shorts, socks, and shin guards. An added bonus this year is that each team would be getting up to four season tickets to the Metro's home games. Details of this are being worked out.

The club will be deciding on the composition of the team(s) based on the number of players. Dr. Moredock will be meeting with the executive committee of the club soon. He requests that students lobby these committee members with their ideas: Joshua Keith, Kevin Sykes, Brad Rucker, and Steven Porter. Additionally, he will ask last season's captains to attend for their input - Benji Chapman, Matt Davis, Drew Johnson, and Dan Rucker. These should be lobbied, too. Tryouts will be held within the next two weeks.

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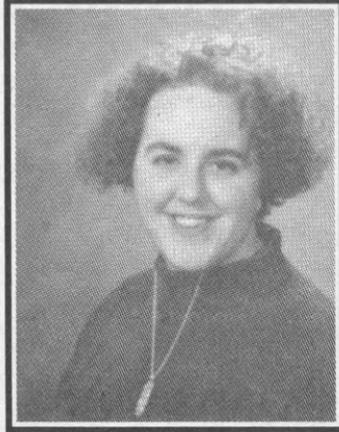
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## You can't keep wisdom in a pot



by Robin Hess

Anansi, the spider, is the tricky hero of the Ashanti and Akan people. He is the cultural hero who tricks animals, humans, and even the gods. He is also the owner of all the stories ever told and he was once the guardian of all wisdom. In the beginning all wisdom belong to the sky god Nyame, but the god decided that wisdom

should be shared by all people. Nyame searched all over the world for a creature he could trust to keep wisdom safe. He finally decided on Anansi.

Anansi kept all the wisdom in a large iron kettle with a lid on it. The longer he kept wisdom the more he wanted to keep it all for himself. He searched and searched for a place to hide wisdom so that no one else could have wisdom. Finally, he found a wide, tall banana tree. First he tried to climb the tree while holding on to the kettle, but every time he tried he would fall. While he was trying to climb Anansi's son came by and watched his father trying to climb with the kettle in his hands.

"Why don't you tie the kettle to your back to climb the tree?" asked the son.

When Anansi heard this he knew that he could not keep the wisdom to himself and threw the kettle to the ground. The kettle broke and the wisdom spilled out. People from the North, East, South, and West came, scooped up the wisdom, and took it to their lands. That is how the world got wisdom.

This traditional African folktale displays the truth of shared wisdom. This idea is also shared by those of the Jewish faith. Knowledge and learning are not studied for themselves; one learns in order to share his or her wisdom with those that do not have knowledge. Learning is an act of community. It is not meant to be hoarded and stockpiled by a few; it must be shared with all people.

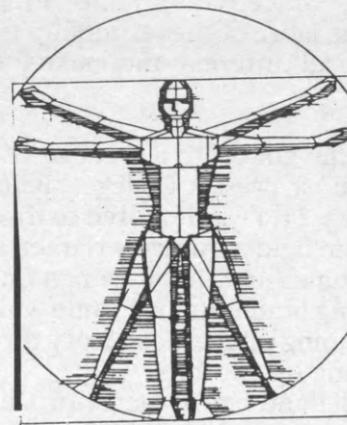
## Sketch of a genuine superwoman

by Pam Harrison

*Editor's Note: The following story is a tribute to a current Nashville resident and a personal hero of the writer.*

History is an account of natural phenomena and a discipline that explains past events, people, etc. "Black History" performs the same job, therefore, it is an absolute part of American history. Dr. Dorothy L. Brown, a current resident of Nashville, is a woman who exemplifies the best aspects of this month with her incomparable courage, dignity, strength, and intelligence.

Dr. Brown was born in Philadelphia and at the age of five months was placed in an orphanage in Troy, New York. Her mother did not want or care about her. Dr. Brown worked to support herself as an elementary and high school student with a job as a maid in Albany, New York, and she also worked in the Wing Sing Chinese Laundry. Between high school and college, she cleaned people's homes



in hopes of putting herself through college. In order to send herself to medical school, she worked as an inspector for Rochester, New York's Army Ordinance Department.

Dr. Brown received her B.A. from Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina and medical degree from Meharry Medical College where the women's residence Dormitory was named after her in 1970. Her internship was performed at Harlem Hospital in New York City and residency at George W. Hubbard Hospital in Nashville. She was Chief of Surgery at Riverside Hospital in Nashville until its closing in the fall of 1983. She then dedicated herself to her private practice.

Dr. Brown was the first Negro woman to serve in the Tennessee State Legislature as representative for the Fifth District. She has been the recipient of the Humanitarian Award by the Carnegie Foundation (1993) and the Horatio Alger Award (April 1994). She is also an author of five publications and Hollywood is preparing to film a movie about her life based on a book that will be soon published.

Dr. Brown has treated approximately 1,700 people who did not have health insurance and has bought medication for those who were unable to afford prescription prices. Among her positive attributes, she is a mother and a grandmother; she was the first single woman in the state of Tennessee allowed to be an adoptive parent. This brief sketch does not begin to introduce the real Dr. Dorothy L. Brown, and it certainly does not justify her struggle for survival and success in the field of medicine, nor does it name her voluminous accomplishments, honors and magnanimous act of philanthropy.

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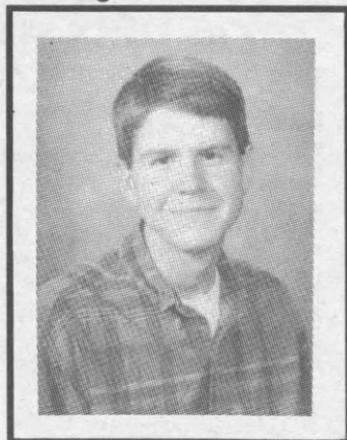
## Student apathy: too few students doing too much work

by Chad Wrye

This year at Trevecca has produced a large number of activities, events, and ministries to be involved in.

Our student government and other campus organizations have done an excellent job in providing many opportunities for participation and improvement in the quality of life in the college. But something that I have noticed is a serious lack of involvement by much of the student body. It is usually the same few people who go to all the social events or are members of the campus clubs. In short, many of us are just apathetic to what happens at the university.

This really bothers me.



Chad Wrye

As someone involved in many organizations at Trevecca, I get to see how much effort goes into making these events happen. People saying these things are unimportant and throwing them to the side gives a bad reflection of the student body. Everything done by the student government, the campus ministries, the school committees, and campus

clubs, keeps us, the students, in mind. Their activities are for our benefit, not their own. Shouldn't we show some appreciation for them?

And yet, we still make excuses. We are either too busy, or we would rather do something off-campus, or none of our friends are going. Too often, the excuse is that we just don't care. We don't care what goes on at Trevecca because we don't want to handle any responsibilities to the university. People say, "I'm paying \$12,000 to go to Trevecca, so why should I have any obligations to it?" My argument is this: "We're paying \$12,000 to go here, so why not make it worth it?"

The students are not just part of Trevecca; we are Trevecca. Being involved on campus is not just a responsibility. It is

an opportunity. This may sound like a cliché, but we can only get as much from the college as we put into it. Going to these campus activities or, better yet, being part of the organizations that plan them is as much a reward as it is a commitment. We could gain much more from our experience here if we were willing to commit at least a little of our time, our energy, and ourselves to it. Rather than just being a part of Trevecca, make Trevecca a part of you.

College is more than just academics. Sure, getting a degree is important, but anyone can read a textbook and learn something from it. College is an *experience*. It is the development of ourselves academically, socially, and spiritually. What we do here will have an impact on us for the rest of our lives.

The greater our involvement, the greater this impact will be on more areas of our lives.

Of course, I understand that not everyone can go to five committee meetings a week or attend every social event. Also, we should broaden ourselves to people and circumstances apart from the campus as well. However, we should not ignore the opportunities that exist here on campus and the benefits we can obtain through them. So why not consider going to the next social life activity, joining a campus ministry, or running for student government? I guarantee that Trevecca will carry a deeper meaning to you if you do.

## Trevecca's winning forensic team

by Drew Johnson

Trevecca's forensics team has been busy this semester.

Having traveled to Lexington, Kentucky for the Transylvania University Invitational at the end of first semester, the group has been on the road quite a bit this semester as well. Last December, the team finished eighth overall. Those receiving distinction were Drew Johnson (first place-Impromptu Storytelling) and Brent Donahue (third place-Impromptu Storytelling).

Several weekends ago, February 2, the forensics team finished in fifth place out of twelve teams at the Murray State/Hopkinsville Community College Invitational held in Murray, Kentucky. Those receiving awards were Sarah Rizkala (sixth place-Impromptu Speaking, fifth place-Duo Interpretation), Brent Donahue (fifth place-Duo Interpretation, sixth place-After Dinner Speaking), Jenny Davis (fifth place-Prose Reading, fifth



Interpretation), Drew Johnson (first place-Impromptu Speaking), Lori Leigh (fourth place-Duo Interpretation), Summer Roberts (fifth place-Duo Interpretation), and Chad Moore (fourth place-Duo Interpretation).

On February 15th, the Forensics Team traveled to Knoxville to compete in the Tennessee State Competition. The team finished second place overall, behind Carson-Newman College and ahead of such schools as University of Tennessee and Tennessee Tech. Those receiving distinction were Brent Donahue (third place-Prose Reading, third place-After Dinner Speaking, fourth place-Duo Interpretation), Drew Johnson (fifth place-Impromptu Speaking, fifth place-Prose Reading), Lori

Leigh (fourth place-Dramatic Interpretation, fourth place-Duo Interpretation), Sarah Rizkala (sixth place-Duo Interpretation), Jeremy Meeks (first place-Extemporaneous Speaking, fifth place-After Dinner Speaking), and Destin Weishaar (sixth place-Dramatic Interpretation, sixth place-Duo Interpretation, sixth place-Prose Reading).

The team has two tournaments left for the year. Speakers will be traveling to Georgetown College in early March and has plans to attend the regional meet in Mississippi at the end of March. If you are interested in getting involved in forensics, please contact Lena Welch at extension 1339.

## TNU's Social work club is meeting needs

by Pam Harrison

If you are interested in society and associating with and caring for people, you are indeed a social worker. Come along and join Social Work's 100th birthday celebration by participating in Trevecca's Social Work Club. All students, faculty, administrators, staff, and other interested Trevecca community members are welcome to join.

Social work is involved in many facets of human suffering, need, and degradation. There are a great number of abused and homeless children, the elderly, victims of domestic violence, collapsed family members, and other individuals who benefit from the dedication, hard work, and sincerity of Social Workers.

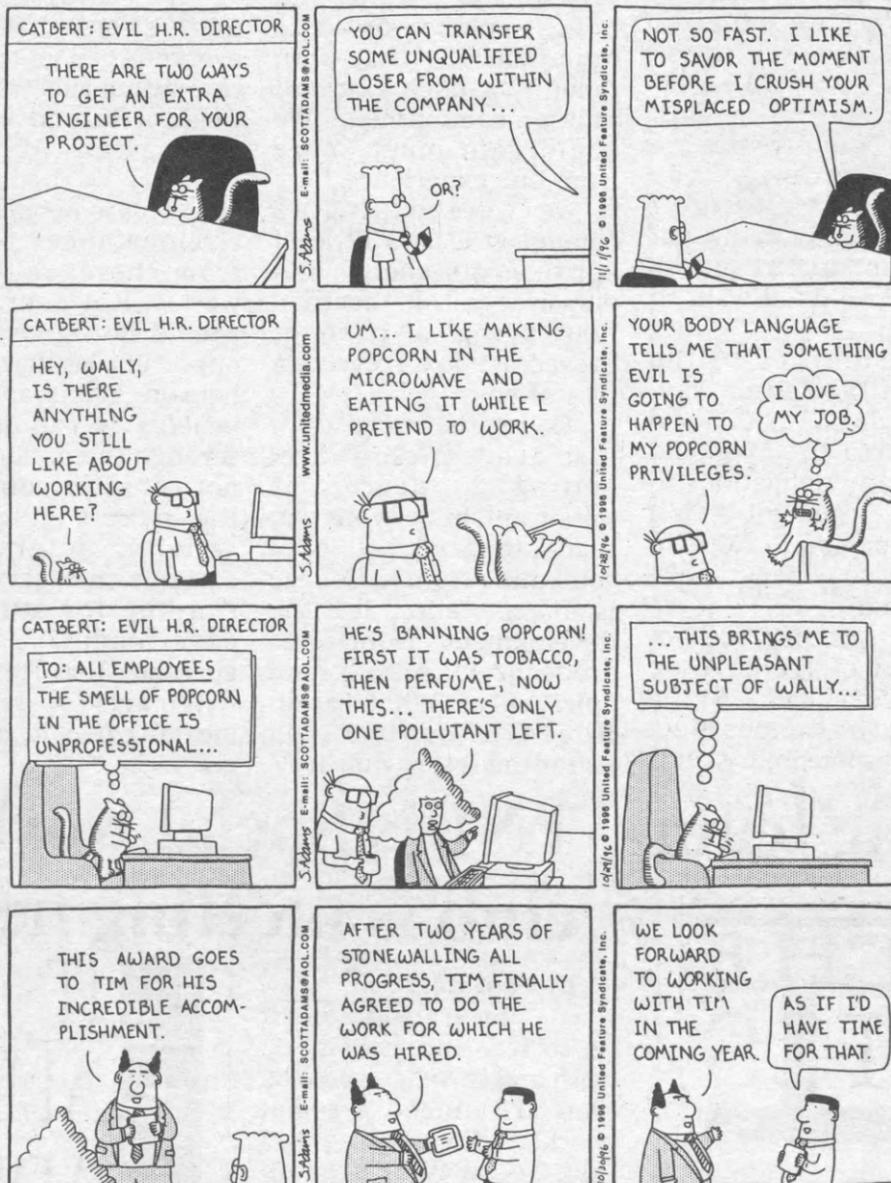
The Social Work Club will meet several times this semester. It will be participating in Social Work month in March, Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, and other social work projects.

The club collected



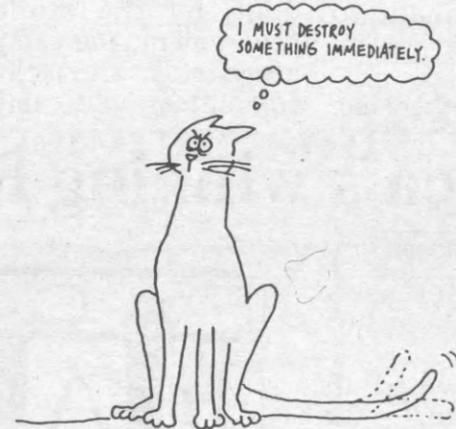
304 pounds of food and a two dollar donation to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank and will be sponsoring a picnic on Friday April 24, 1998 from 11:30-1:30 at TNU's picnic pavilion.

Dr Madden said that the club will have a meeting March 20 at 10:35 PM in the Tidwell conference room. For further information, please contact Dr. Liddell Madden at 1352 or in the Tidwell Faculty Building. This is your chance to enjoy meeting others who are dedicated to humanity and selflessness in their concern for others. It is our duty.

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  3. FALL IN LOVE...  
SEAT UP, OF COURSE
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silent
  5. THIS TAKES A LONG TIME TO SINK IN.
  6. GET REALLY HURT. CRY A LOT.
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OH YOU DON'T SAY!  
Friend on end of rope with you
  8. ALL OF A SUDDEN, SEE YOUR SITUATION FOR WHAT IT IS, FEEL LIKE A FOOL FOR EVER HAVING LOVED HIM. GET OVER HIM.  
DINK!
  9. SWEAR OFF EVER HAVING ANOTHER RELATIONSHIP  
THE NEW YOU?
  10. REPEAT.

## MOST COMMON FELINE RUMINATION



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## Reel Talk video review: the good, the bad, and the ugly

by David M. Sanders

Ok, no more Mr. Nice Dave. We're tired of only reviewing videos that we liked. From now on, we're going to give you The Good, the Bad, and The Ugly.

**CENTER STAGE:** (new releases) "The Fifth Element": Ever wonder what would happen if the guy from "Die Hard" teamed up with the "Power Rangers"? Neither did we, but apparently somebody did. Bruce Willis adds yet another masterpiece to his ever-growing repertoire of vacuous tripe. This time he plays a cab driver moonlighting as the savior of the galaxy who teams up with the Perfect Being—at least she gets our vote—to stop the butt-ugly space bullies and save the

universe from the Evil Blob of Eternal Darkness (played by Roseanne Barr). At the beginning of the film, when the Titanium Turkey People take the artifacts from the Egyptian-looking temple, we thought we were in for a "Stargate" sequel. No such luck. What we got instead was more like The Neverending Story with less imagination and more amphetamines. The plus side: some first-rate art direction and a disarmingly speechless heroin. Don't worry Bruce, your career's not over, you could always team up with Cosby for Leonard Part 7.

**FROM THE FLOOR** (movies you may have missed) "Swing Kids." In Germany, at the outset of WWII, three young hip

cats are torn between their love of Swing music, their loyalty to each other, and the all-powerful Third Reich. Christian Bale ("Little Women", "Newsies") and Robert Sean Leonard (Dead Poets Society) give solid performances in this tense period drama that gives you a slightly different perspective on Nazi Germany than Shindler's List. Here you see the Nazi party, not the coldly efficient killing machine of Aushvitz and Dachau, but as a young German might have seen it, as an irresistible force for social change. Though the director fails to create any doubts about the evils of Nazism, doubts which would certainly have been present in the minds of Germany's youth at that

time, he does give you more than the stereotypical Nazi monster movie. With some great music and a cameo appearance by our favorite director, Kenneth Branagh, it is definitely worth a look.

**SIGNIFICANT OTHERS** (the mushy stuff) "A Pyromaniac's Love Story": The title sounds like "Backdraft" with a kiss, but actually this is a disarmingly witty comedy about... well never mind what it's about, just watch it. It gets a little slow in places and the plot is sometimes hard to follow, but it's guaranteed to be unlike any other love story you've ever seen. It's kind of like "Benny & Joon" without the heavy parts. Featuring John Leguizamo,

a particularly hilarious performance by one of the Baldwin brothers—don't worry, we can't really tell them apart either—and Erika Eleniak, the only "Baywatch" babe who was actually known for her acting. You'll probably guess from the beginning how it will end, but you'll love the dizzying roller coaster ride along the way.

**NAME THAT QUOTE:** Last month's quote was from "Rocky". See if you can guess where this one comes from: "You took a date to one of your own weddings!"

**About the Columnist:** Even though there is only one of us, we prefer to refer to ourselves in the plural because it makes us sound more important. If you have a problem with this, deal with