

3 THIRTYTHREE

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Thursday

Lady Trojans take on
Cumberland-- 7:00pm

Academic Forum:
3ThirtyThree
9:30 pm in the cafeteria
Discussion of issues
brought up in recent articles
published in the paper

Friday

Lady Trojans vs. Bethel
7:00 pm

Saturday

Nathan Rogers senior recital
7:30 WF Fine Arts Aud.

RHA sponsors Ice Skating
11:30- 1:30

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A Time of Heartfelt Thanks

Melissa Templeton

We all know the drill. We do it every year. We get a couple of days off from school and we go home. You think, "Finally! I can sleep in my own bed!" Nope- you have to give your room up for an aunt or an uncle or your grandparents, and you get to sleep on the couch. The women are in the kitchen stirring and mixing, and the men are in the living room, watching football. Then when the big dinner comes, everyone eats. And eats. And eats. You even end up having leftover turkey sandwiches in your dorm room at midnight for a week after it's over. When you're hungry, that's something to be thankful for.

How many of us can think of three things right off the top of our heads that we are thankful for? I can list tons of stuff. But are we really thankful? We say we are, but do we realize what it means to be thankful? For most people, Thanksgiving is just a time to get together with the relatives you see twice a year, say "thanks" for your meal one time out of the year, and watch football all day. It has no other significance except that you pig out on turkey and dressing and you have to listen to your grandparents talk about what their Thanksgiving holidays used to be like and how fortunate you are that you don't have to kill the turkey

with your bare hands, drag it back to the house in the snow, uphill, both ways, barefoot. Thanksgiving Break shouldn't be taken for granted. Neither should the things that we should be thankful for. Every person should be thankful for just breathing and waking up in the morning. Every day of life is a gift from God. We should also be thankful that we are able to come to Trevecca. I know the financial means by which everyone came here is different, but we should all be thankful that we have the opportunity. We should also be thankful for people in our lives. Sometimes they are taken for granted. People become like furniture and we think they will always be there, and we don't appreciate them until it is too late. Psalm 92:1 says, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High." Even in the bad times, we should thank God. The past several year, I have experienced the most trying time of my life through my parents' divorce and failed relationships, but I have learned, especially this school year, that is is so important to praise God on good days and bad days. We should be so thankful God still loves us despite all the things we do. Even when we turn our backs on Him, He never turns His back on us. So, this Thanksgiving season, focus on what you have to be thankful for, and realize that everything good is a gift from God. "Praise ye the Lord, give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good;...His mercy endureth forever." -Psalm 106:1

Campus & COMMUNITY

Open Gym a Success

1999 -2000 Honor Society Inductees

Megan Hanks

On Thursday, November 11, forty-seven students were inducted into the Honor Society. These are students who have had a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above for two consecutive semesters. Their dedication to academic excellence is to be commended. Congratulations to all!

<i>Theresa Marie Allmond</i>	<i>Geoffrey LaLone</i>
<i>Syndi R. Appleby</i>	<i>Kendra Rene Laymon</i>
<i>Michelle Renee Arend</i>	<i>Michael Lee Longenecker</i>
<i>Stephanie Marie Arnett</i>	<i>Robert Paul Miles</i>
<i>Carole Lynnette Baker</i>	<i>Amanda Renee Miller</i>
<i>Jared E. Black</i>	<i>Jamie Lea Mills</i>
<i>Ashley Brooke Boykin</i>	<i>Emily B. Mingledorff</i>
<i>Abby Lynette Brantley</i>	<i>Dana Suzanne Neely</i>
<i>Jeremy Allen Budd</i>	<i>Jana Lynn Nixon</i>
<i>Melissa Kay Chapman</i>	<i>Natalie Francis Pifer</i>
<i>Emily Michelle Cluxton</i>	<i>Jennifer Leann Price</i>
<i>Andrew Gilbert Cox</i>	<i>LaDonna C. Randolph</i>
<i>Michelle Marie Curley</i>	<i>Christine Alyse Reed</i>
<i>Yvette Margeurite Dery</i>	<i>Alexa Aaron Robertson</i>
<i>Carol Lee Flippo</i>	<i>Carissa Leanne Rocha</i>
<i>Rebecca Deanne Gilliam</i>	<i>Stephen W. Rutherford</i>
<i>Lauren Patricia Grant</i>	<i>Tiffany Marie Schroeder</i>
<i>Stacey Carol Hatcher</i>	<i>Micheal Donald Shea</i>
<i>Candice Vanette Hicks</i>	<i>Clinton Paul Swan</i>
<i>Derek A. Hutchinson</i>	<i>Felekech Tigabu</i>
<i>Anna Rebekah Johnson</i>	<i>Bethany Dawn Turnock</i>
<i>Rachel C. Johnson</i>	<i>Beverly Dawn Walter</i>
<i>Biljana Khan</i>	<i>Michael B. Winstead</i>
<i>Rachel M. Kilby</i>	

Last Friday, the Sophomore class sponsored Trevecca's first open gym of the year. This is a time for Trevecca students to spend time with kids from our own neighborhood. With the help of King's Kids and several Trevecca students, the event turned out to be a success and a fun time for everyone who participated. Derek Hutchinson, the sophomore class chaplain, was the coordinator of the event. "I just wanted the kids to come out and have a good time," he said. "Hopefully they learned about God from our love, the songs, Greater Acts, and the devotional time."

Greater Acts, a new ministry at Trevecca, ministered to the kids through drama. Amanda Marshall and several students involved in Greater Acts planned skits to share with the kids that were parables of God's love for them.

Derek's greatest surprise of the evening was the incredible turnout from Trevecca students. About fifty neighborhood children--from four year olds to fifth grade--participated in the event, and there were plenty of students present to help with everything. Derek said that the success of open gym would not have been possible without Emily Cluxton and everyone involved in King's Kids. Emily sent out flyers to the King's Kids as well as other children in the Napier community, advertising the event. When I asked Derek what impacted him the most through this event, he said, "I think that it proved to me as well as others that God can work through anyone. He worked through all the people who helped with open gym...God is at work!"

ACADEMIC FORUM:

3THIRTYTHREE

Thursday, November 18

9:30 pm

In the cafeteria

Take part in a discussion about issues raised in recent articles published in the newspaper.

UP close

Name: Trojan Man

Hometown: Trojan Town

Classification: Senior, of course!

Major: School Spirit

Secret Ambition: to stand high atop a human pyramid. Also, I would like a private dressing room with fresh flowers...

Romantic Interests: There's this cute little cheerleader...

Best thing about TNU: The sporting events! I live for them!

Pet Peeves: Sweaty people sticking their head into mine all the time.

Favorite Childhood Memory: Mom and Dad would take me for chariot rides in the park and we would have a picnic lunch.



ARTS & entertainment

RESPONSES to last week's article:

Where Have the Movie Reviews Gone?

Note from the Editor: the following are excerpts from received responses. Due to the overwhelming amount of responses, we were not able to print everything that we received. However, we would like to express our appreciation to all who took the time to respond.

"Your words are good and thoughtful and I happen to agree with you! As Christians, we are called to be "salt and light" and to redeem our culture. Admittedly, there is a fine balancing point between redeeming the culture and diving into the dumpster to join the trash. It is a balancing point which requires an intense focus on the Holy Spirit's guidance in our lives.

On a practical level, I always read AT LEAST two movies reviews from reputable publications before I choose any movie and even then I don't spend my precious few entertainment dollars on a nighttime showing with rare exception."

-Kay Hein

"The Church of the Nazarene has laid down some guidelines for all its members to follow in order that we can live in the world but not of it. We have something special and distinctly different from what the world has- we have a hope and a saviour and His name is Jesus. In order for the world to see that in us, we must live our lives differently, which means that R-rated movies are out. It doesn't mean that all R-rated movies are bad. It just means that we set different standards for ourselves."

-Kendra Laymon

"Some probably didn't even notice until the article last week, but I did. Yes, the movie reviews have been gone. Yes, I would notice. Mainly because I am the one that has been writing them. I think that the rating system used by the secular world should not influence us. I don't even pay attention to the ratings when I attend movies. If it looks interesting and worth my \$7.25, I am going to see it. If it is good, I want to tell people about it. If it is bad, I want to

warn people not to waste their time or money. The school has permitted us to see movies, why should they prevent us from discussing them? I do not think that by reading a review any of us are hindered in our walk with Christ. If we aren't that strong then we do have to use our own discretion. Until then, let me tell you about a movie I saw the other day..."

-Kerri Roscoe

"Maybe you ought to debate what Biblical principles speak to us about forming a Christian ethic when it comes to confronting the many general issues such as R-rated movies."

-Anonymous

"While I believe there are many "inappropriate" movies which are rated R, there are also many inferior films with softer ratings. I believe there is nothing wrong with including a review of the occasional R rated movie in 3ThirtyThree. In fact, I think it is RIGHT for Christians to communicate with one another about entertainment by sharing ideas and opinions. This would include either endorsing or discrediting any given movie. Because this is at the discretion of the author, readers should form their own opinions and think for themselves. To those who would seek to discontinue the review of such movies, I ask for your continued support of the students who have made major time and resource commitments to this publication. I ask that you allow the student newspaper to be a newspaper by and for the students, which freely expresses their opinions within the reasonable boundaries of a Christian community. Administration: Don't be scared of change. Let's fight the battles worth fighting and join together to make Trevecca the best that she can be."

-Karen Vennum

RESPONSE

to last week's editorial:

Random Thoughts

Recently your publication ran an article from Mr. Lefevers. While he did have many valid points, I would like to ask him if he's ever been won over to any cause through sarcasm or being made fun of? I believe that the Bible says that if we have a problem with our brother, to go to that brother in love first before bringing that issue to the community. Publicly attacking people is no way to show love--why would anyone find that attractive or be drawn to a people who says things such as "It must be really fun to be a part of the church 'itsokaytobegay'?" Come on, who really says that, and by even approaching the matter from that stance, you put people on the defensive and they are unwilling to listen to the good points that you DID have. I know Mr. Lefevers and I know that his heart is in the right place, but for someone who is a stranger, that letter may easily have been offensive and taken in the wrong light. I'm not saying that need to stop being discerning or halt our efforts to disciple or evangelize or even change the church to be conducive to the world, but hasn't that **always** been one of our main things--loving God through loving our neighbor? If the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control...and these are part of our lifestyle as Christians, maybe these are better avenues to be used to draw others into our faith.

Grace, Peace, and Mercy to us all,
Christy Burney

I Corinthians says Love is kind, not rude!
Galations 6:1 says restore a brother, gently!

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opinions, editorials, and such...

EDITORIAL: The Alternative Kingdom or Donatism?

Brady Plummer

What is the most often heard phrase in chapel for the past three year? The Alternative Kingdom ring a bell? I've been doing some thinking about what the implications of being a part of the Alternative Kingdom means to me, and I've arrived at a decision that will probably be unfavorable to most of you. My studies in ChristianThought this year have exposed me to a problem that Augustine faced in the late fourth century. For those of you who are not familiar with his plight with Donatism, allow me to supply a quick overview. Roman persecution of the Christian church led to a decree that everyone must hand over their Bible or face the penalty of death. In an attempt to save their lives some believers had done so, including priests and bishops. After all, what good would a dead Christian be to the world-with or without a Bible? Once the persecution ended, there was a debate that arose within the Church over whether or not those priests who had relinquished their Bibles were worthy of service. Some went as far as to claim that marriages formed by such traitors (Tradatores) were invalid. The group that supported the intolerance for such priests became known as Donatism. The Donatists eventually secluded themselves to North Africa, away from the influence of other

Christians and heathens alike. Augustine went on to support the Traditores in an attempt to keep the church unified. Ok, enough of a church history lesson. After reading the account of this historical debate (which can be found in A History of Christian Theology by William C. Placher, pages 113-115), I began to develop an analogy of Donatists and Traditores to the Alternative Kingdom at Trevecca and the secular world. Trevecca is luxuriously located at 333 Murfreesboro Road, amongst a plethora of projects and low-income housing. So what have we done to embrace our neighbors? We built a ten-foot wall around our campus with a security shack placed at the center of the only entrance open after 6:00 pm. It is not just about that- I understand that security is in place to protect the campus from violence and vandalism. It is all of the rules and policing that are effective due to the authority of the almighty student handbook, which segregates our students from the outside world.

My freshman year at Trevecca, students were not allowed to go to movie theaters. That rule has since been abolished. These days I am seeing and hearing about people getting into trouble for going to dance clubs and saloons. In fact, you can be questioned for having your car parked in a club parking lot or having foreign markings on your hands (evidence of club stamps). The traditional undergraduate student is not allowed to live off campus...unless at home with Mommy and Daddy. Why don't we just pack up our bags and move to a small island in the south pacific where we can be free from all the outside sinful influences? Oh, wait...Jim Jones already tried that (maybe we should be leery of the Kool-Aid in the caf). In short, all these restrictions tell me that the institution doesn't believe our students are responsible enough to make individual decisions in the face of temptation. I don't know exactly why we are not allowed in dance clubs. If it is because of the presence of alcohol, then why are we allowed in grocery stores, gas station convenience markets, or restaurants with bars? If it is because of the sexual nature of certain dances, let me assure you that you don't have to do the Lambada to get jiggy with it. As for movies, why did the powers that be decide

we weret responsible enough to choose our entertainment in '97 when it was banned in '96? I hope and pray that it is an example of a steadily increasing empowerment of students. I hate to use such an old, played-out complaint, but if this nation has decided that I am eligible for war at the age of 18, do you really think that a decision between a night at the Mix Factory versus the local library is too tough for me to call myself?

To return to my original point, people our age do not need to be monitored and segregated the way that Trevecca students are. The Donatists faced their dilemma with less-righteous influence by closing their doors and keeping to themselves. Is that what the Alternative Kingdom is about? Is that why we are alternative? Allow me to back up my complaints with some documentation straight off the Nazarene Publishing House Press.

If on dared to read Welcome to the Church of the Nazarene: An Introduction to Membership, by Dr. Richard L. Parrott, you would find a section on page 72 entitled "Guidlines and Helps." The book does outline sections from the Nazarene Manual that protests alcohol consumption and uses of tobacco...it is not my intention to argue these points. Dr. Phineas F. Bresee (founder of the Nazarene Church) called these "special advices." Dr.Parrott goes on to say "In dealing with special guidelines there are three concepts we must keep in mind: 1) guidelines and helps are instrutive and not legalistically 2) the church family is to encourage, not enforce legalism 3) a church member is to follow the guidelines conscientiously, not legalistically." Later in the chapter there is a quote from General Superintendent R.T. Williams, who said "Legalism is the enemy to be feared. Legalism gives more attention to law than it does to human beings. It emphasizes the letter of the law. In other words, it is law without love...Legalism would draw us away from grace and put the entire emphasis of the ministry and ethics upon the matter of the law, without mercy and without love. This is a danger ever to be guarded against by the church." Mr. Parrott finalizes the chapter by saying, "The Third Generation is called to bring the church back to an era of spontaneity, joy, and the free and easy movement of the Spirit, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in everyday life and conduct. **We must lean to have unity in seessentials and liberty in nonessentials.**" I love this book! And the forward is written by none other than William M. Greathouse.

So, is there a relation between Donatism and our beloved Alternative Kingdom? I think so. I believe that as long as a Nazarene University- an entity that should be enlightening and educating its church's youth-is preventing students from even stepping foot into a building with alcohol and dancing, is no less policing and segregating the body than Donatists attmpted in the fourth century. For anyone with an intelligent response, I am open to discussion.

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