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Trevecca bedecked in all her Christmas finery!
Merry Christmas, TNC!

Enrollment at TNC Marketing Internship at Opryland

By Kristi Stephens

Recent reports on enrollment at private colleges in Nashville show that Trevecca has an 11.3% decrease, greater than David Lipscomb's -8.4% and Fisk's -6.7%.

According to Tom Snyder, managing statistician for data development at the National Center of Education in Washington, D.C., while a national trend shows an increase in enrollment, the decrease in area colleges may be due to economic factors or the fact that students can participate in programs at other universities.

To localize further, part of TNC's drop in enrollment headcount is because of a drop in the Chattanooga and Memphis area graduate programs.

Total enrollment for this year is approximately 1555, as opposed to last year's 1795. However, the full time equivalent (number of hours students are taking) is up, thus boosting revenue. The full time equivalent in 1990 was 949 and in 1991, with 956, it shows an increase.

According to Michael Johnson, Director of Public Information, "Numbers were down, but in actual number of hours students are taking, we've seen an increase."

Opryland Showpark Marketing department is seeking senior or junior-level candidates for our 1992 internship program. Students in Marketing, Business, Mass Communications, or related fields are encouraged to apply.

The internship is a paid position with participant being responsible for their own housing accommodation.

The internship is designed for students to develop a broad-based knowledge of computer-based tracking systems, fine-tune skills in statistical analysis and LOTUS 1-2-3, and to learn the process of planning and implementing a research project.

Responsibilities for the intern will include assisting the Marketing staff in tracking attendance data for Opryland showpark, and doing analysis for special research projects. Incumbent must have a working knowledge of LOTUS 1-2-3 or another spreadsheet software package such as Quattro Pro.

The internship will average 20 hours in the Spring and Fall and full-time hours in the Summer. This position will begin on March 15th through November 2, 1992. Interviews will be held at Opryland.

Interested candidates should contact:

Carlos Greene at (615) 871-6621 or (615) 871-6671 or Meredith Danaher at (615) 889-6600 ext. 6637.

Want To Start a New FAD?

By Hilda Whitmire

How some people start a new trend in fashion I'll never know. Most fads are characterized by exaggeration and are short-lived. Some do catch on though, and often become a way of thinking. Over recent years, it has been somewhat faddish to lump all our woes (financial ones) on the big bad financial aid departments (FAD's) in colleges and universities. How would you like to play what amounts to Big Brother and Santa Claus, depending upon how you view it, to your student body? Would you like to start a new FAD?

Realistically, we know we cannot completely uproot the system. What we can do is

make our voices and sentiments heard. Trevecca College, like all participating colleges involved in the U.S. Department of Education's student aid programs, must comply with government policy. It, contrary to beliefs of some, does not make its own rules. We, on the other hand, often do not have a vague idea what the government insists on; therefore, we pay a price for not being aware. Trevecca's Financial Aid Department provides what we need in the way of information to its students. In June of 1991, the department published A Guide to Student Aid 1991-1992. This handbook was created for the express purpose of clarifying the "myths" associated with financial aid. However, it must be read in order to be of value. Another helpful and available handbook for students and prospective financial aid candidates

is the U.S. Dept. of Education publication The Student Guide. This handbook, like the Trevecca Guide, spells out clearly the responsibilities of both students and the college.

Mr. Everett L. Holmes, Director of the Office of Financial Aid at Trevecca, extends to students the invitation to bring their questions and concerns to the attention of his staff, or to him personally. Since the surveys of 1989 and 1990, the Financial Aid office has sought to improve student awareness of what the department can and cannot do. Monthly meetings are currently being held with the goal of improving service, even in the face of operational and departmental cutbacks. According to Mr. Holmes, "We don't want to cut service; we're doing our best not to."

Mr. Holmes welcomes inquiry into the working of the

office and its staff. The office currently serves 82% of the total student body, and is subject to annual audits by both state and Federal governments.

Overall goals of the Financial Aid Department are to improve communication with students, help resolve the problems associated with the application of students for aid, and expedite the process, if possible. Installation of a better computer system has enhanced the tracking system for forms and transcripts, thus preventing loss of time and misplacing of documents.

Back to my original question, do you really want to start a new FAD? Maybe you have some ideas that will work. If you think so, the Office of Financial Aid welcomes your input. The door is open, "Come on in."

What's the Word This Christmas?

By George Bratcher

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made

through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. — John 1:1-14

Not many people look to John's Gospel during the Christmas season, but rather we tend to look to those Gospels that have the story of the Nativity. Yet John's Gospel goes back to the beginning to where the Word began with God, where the Word came to be on Earth, and eventually where the Word comes to dwell in the heart of believers whom John calls the

children of God.

Many people, when asked about the Word, often point to the Bible, yet in reality scripture itself is not the Word, but it does tell us about the Word. The significance of the meaning of "Word" in John's Gospel is very rich. In the Greek, "Word" often implies reason, structure, wisdom; yet in the Hebrew the understanding of "Word" is even more rich. The Word is that Word that God spoke in the beginning when he said, "Let there be light," and there was light and it was good! "Word" in the Hebrew sense is that which gives reality, being, life, and sustenance to all that is good so that it may grow.

However, when mankind fell into the trap of thinking that by oneself, one could live in a self-centered existence and really live, mankind lost the special nurturing relationship that they had with the Word in the beginning. However, the good news

of the first Christmas season was that the Word had returned in the flesh to live and dwell amongst the people the Word had created, who at that time were wasting away in their self-centered sinful condition. The Word was not understood nor accepted by his own, and part of that problem was that they expected the Word to do everything for them, yet the Word spoke to them in parables and did not measure up to the Messiah that they had looked for. Many people make the same mistake today when they think that a special group of laws or custom of living will solve all of our problems with a simple solution. Jesus Christ, who was the Word, was anything but a simple solution. When asked why he taught in parables, he told his disciples this, "I speak to them in parables to make them think about themselves and their own lives so

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Who's Who at TNC

By Tammy Stipe

You know who's who. You've been at Trevecca for at least a semester now, and you can name those people who are successful, and well-liked; the popular folks. But did you know that those who are the official who's who, you know who I mean, those special Seniors who tell us every year in the Darda about their goals, memories, aspirations, favorite sayings, etc. . . had new requirements that they must meet? I bet you didn't know that.

The old requirements for Who's Who eligibility were a 2.5 GPA, and graduation by August of the year selected. Procedure for final election was voting of twelve individuals by faculty and students. This was simply done on a ballot during chapel time.

Requirements have changed this year. The general requirements are that the student must have at least a 3.0 GPA, must have participated in at least three campus or community activities, and will graduate by August of the year selected. The new procedure for selection is that the senior class of that year will vote for 25 of the students who meet the general requirements. Each of these 25 nominees will compete an application which includes all activities while at TNC. Faculty will elect 12 students from the 25 after reviewing applications. Students on internship and other field work will be mailed a ballot by their individual department.

So now you know Who's Who, and hopefully, after reading this article, you can also say you know What's What.

Who's Who 1991

Kim Albert
David Bentley
Pam Costa
Alisha Darsey
Amy Keener Foster
Tracy Isbell
Laura Jenkins
Erin Nash
Shaun Newman
James St. John
Lisa Ungerbuehler
Kim Vaught

The "Excellent" Dating Game!

By Tanya Bert

"Party Time!" "Excellent!"

These cries of excitement were heard over and over again at the Annual Sigma Sponsored Dating Game on November 16, 1991. Special Guest hosts for the evening were Wayne (alumnus Sarah Stark) and Garth (Ruthann Ring) of Saturday Night Live's "Wayne's World."

As the game began, Wayne and Garth explained rules of the game, shared a Top 10 list with the audience, and introduced the first round of contestants. Three timid bachelors approached their positions on stage as Tracy Bechtel prepared to ask her mystery men questions like, "If you had to describe yourself as a candy bar, which one would you be?" Tracy eventually chose Matt Litton, though he was obviously a Butterfinger on stage. Congrats anyway, Matt!

The games continued and the happy couples turned out as follows: Jack Galloway/Mike Turpin; Holly Miller/Stephen Patch; Matt Wurth/Tammy Eifert; Laura Jenkins/Michael Eldridge; Mark Loftis/Keri Attig. Congratulations to all you lucky bachelors and bachelorettes. We will be watching for further development in these newly formed relationships.

If you missed this year's Dating Game, you missed 2 hours of laughs! Wayne and Garth's Top 10 and Top 5 lists were unforgettable. Plus, Pam Smith as Roseanne Barr singing the classics was a classic itself. And who could forget Kim Vaught and Holly LeMasters as "Hanzi and Franz." Kim, keep those muscles flexed!

Sigma Society is proud to announce that with your help almost \$300 was raised to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you all for your participation and support.

Color Wars Around the World

By Nancy Noemi Castillo

The media is constantly informing society of how color wars have truly taken a toll in the big cities: Los Angeles, New York, Miami, D.C., Chicago, and the list goes on. In the minds of middle class Mainland, U.S.A., it is incomprehensible how individuals can fight over territory in such a violent manner. According to Mass Media, "The streets are not safe if you wear the wrong colors."

What is the deal with color wars? Colors control our minds and our souls many times. Sometimes it is inevitable. Color wars or territory wars are not new; although a greater percentage of the populace would like to believe it. Colors signify who we are in our flag, and territory gives both pride and arrogance.

As on the streets of Los Angeles, where the violence is the most profound, the Middle East has been in their own color war for centuries! They dispute and kill over such small, but heavily significant land. The peace conference held in Madrid last month did not cause much progress.

There is always some ideal in each organization. Countries are set up to create pride and comfort. Churches are created to be a haven for believers to praise God. Gangs are created to form a family for street kids. Service clubs are created to serve the community. At some point, however, each organization loses sight of the set goal and becomes corrupt. Each organization loses control of its ideal and contemplates "advancement."

Countries become greedy. Churches take on other gods, i.e. music, padded pews, flower arrangements, huge buildings, etc. Gangs begin to want control of the city in which they dwell. Service clubs want to be sororities/fraternities that truly know how to "party."

In our Trevecca community, we find this territoriality of animals deeply embedded in our hearts and minds. A certain group sits in a certain area, another group in their area. It is as if these seats were designated as we enroll by an authority of sorts. In our "glorious" hill we find this animalism in ourselves.

Maybe for the new year we can create a new rule regarding territoriality. Let us attempt to love our God with all of our heart, our mind, and strength and our neighbor as ourself!

The Service of Sigma Society

By Tammy Stipe

Sigma Society first began as the K-ettes and in 1980 became Sigma. Her colors are blue and gold, and her outlook is one of great expectations for the future.

Sigma strives to do many service projects for the community and campus. Such activities include: the Run for Life, which is a fund raiser for the Crisis Pregnancy Center, and the Dating Game, which took place on November 16th to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House, an organization they work with frequently. In addition to these, Sigma provides free babysitting for married students, professors, and anyone else in need. Ministry outreach is performed at the Towers, and visitation in the form of the adopt a

grandparent program is available for those at the Health Care Center. For the younger ages, Sigma participates in Trevecca's Berry Buddy Program and makes frequent visits to Berry Elementary for such activities as this year's Incentive Party, celebrating those students who had made an improvement in their grades. For the gang at College Hill, Sigma participates in King's Kids. For the community, Sigma sponsors both Adopt a House and Adopt a Highway programs. For the campus, they delivered Halloween-o-grams for students to celebrate the holiday. Along with other clubs on campus, Sigma participated in an effort downtown to hand out sandwiches, blankets, and coats to the homeless. This shows once again the support each club on campus has for one another. A big part of Sigma's

outreach abilities is the reliance they place on God and each other within the club. As Sisters in Christ, the women of Sigma Society provide to the campus, community, and each other, the love of God.

Active Members 1991-1992
 President - Anna Duncan
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 Treasurer - Tanya Bert
 Secretary - Christy Batton
 Chaplain - Alisha Darsey
 Historian - Michelle Hall
 Sponsor - Delores Carpenter
 Others - Nicole Agnew, Julie Baggott, Tracy Bechtel, Kristen Bishop, Tina Bost, Treble Cierpke, Rachele DeVore, Tammy Durden, Gwen Kenes, Jackie LaChance, Deena Moses, Erin Nash, Ruthann Ring, Pam Smith, Melanie Tatum, Jamie Wandling, Julie Whitacre, and Sandy Wynn.

Club Sweetheart: Brent Falcone

A New "Love Life"

By Kristi Stephens

"Love Life," a recent release from Sparrow Records, is yet another expression of Christian Artist Charlie Peacock's vast musical talent. The entire album features song after song of melodious tunes and honest lyrics focusing, as demonstrated on the cover, on love, trust, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

"Kiss Me Like A Woman" and "Another Woman In Tears" direct attention to mutual respect and purity in relationships and societies' distorted views on intimacy. "There Was Love" and "When I Stand With You" emphasize a more spiritual aspect of Peacock's writing with a ballad type melody, both featuring his talent on the piano. "Forgiveness" and "Personal Revolution," concerning

freedom from the past, both resemble Peacock's other albums - "Secret Of Time" and "West Coast Diaries Vol. 1-3." Each song is unique, at times redundant, but entertaining and contributive to Peacock's already impressive musical genre. The more upbeat songs, "What's It Like In Your World," "In The Light," and "I Would Go Crazy," each carry their weight melodically. "In The Light" is a flirty tune that makes one hearken back to the days of Vacation Bible School with its catchy vocals. "I Would Go Crazy," an ostentatious performance featuring an impressive display of trumpet and saxophone talents, with Spanish vocalizing, kind of creates the urge to grab a pair of maracas and form a conga line.

"Love Life's" first rate quality is not surprising and is an enthralling album in which to invest.

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that they might work out their own salvation with God. Otherwise, if I go and tell them what to do directly as the law does, they will go and do that and never think for themselves on how they might be saved by living a life of right-relatedness to both men and God" (paraphrase). Yet Christ also realized that the Word could only be imparted to all men through the Spirit. He said it would be better if he died and went away. Then the Word, which he was, could live in the hearts of all mankind so that they might worship in Spirit and in Truth.

So, you might say, how does this relate to us today? Too many times people think that some form of legalism will solve all their woes, yet like the law, it cannot. Only when one encounters the Word, and through the Spirit allows the Word to take up residence in their hearts, can they begin to be free from self-centered sinfulness, which is a condition born into all of mankind. I very much respect the Bible, and it is the only source from which I would do sermons, but with its laws and teachings it does not definitively tell me how to live every aspect of my life. But when I study it along with other good teachings under the guidance of the Word through the Spirit, I better learn how to nurture my life in such a way that a new reality is given to it so that it may grow in grace, goodness, and truth.

One such issue that I can point to in my life is the concept of dating, which is a 20th cen-

tury concept. In previous centuries, because of health conditions and culture, most young people did not enter puberty until they were 15-16 years of age and were usually married by ages 17-18. This was true from Biblical times up until the early part of the 20th century. Today, because of better health care and conditions, children start puberty as early as age 10 and the average age for marriage is 27. So one can easily see a 16 year gap that the people during the times of the Bible didn't have to deal with. So when someone tries to tell me that the Bible addresses dating and the ethics involved, it doesn't make sense. Yet as a Christian, with the help of the Word through the Spirit, I can think for myself, consult the advice of older Christians that I respect, and pray for guidance to come to a very good, healthy, and nurturing path that is righteous in every way in regards to my dating life. Should I make a mistake, that same Word is there with the grace I need to overcome even that and return to a growing nurturing path that is good in the eyes of God and mankind.

So this Christmas season I can rejoice that in the beginning was the Word, that he came to this earth 2,000 years ago in the flesh, and that he can help me deal with my ever changing world in a way that is righteous and good because I have allowed the Word in the Spirit to be an intricate part of my everyday life.

Mrs. Eby Writes Book on Wanda

By Kimberley Albert

There is one more Trevecca author I would like to focus on in the year 1991. Mrs. Carol Eby is an English professor to whom almost every student is introduced during their freshman or sophomore year. She is also well known for her missionary work in Papua, New Guinea. It is no surprise, therefore, that her book, which came out in February, is part of the Missionary Reading Series for the 1991-92 year. This is a



Mrs. Carol Eby

part of the Nazarene World Mission reading program.

Wanda is a biography on Wanda Knox and her husband, Sidney, who began pioneer missionary work to Dapair, New

Guinea in 1955. Mrs. Eby was asked by Nina Gunter, executive director of NWMS for the Church of the Nazarene to author this work on Wanda Knox. Mrs. Eby was a good choice for this project because of her work with Mrs. Knox in New Guinea from 1963 to 1975 (Mrs. Knox passed away in 1988).

"The book chronicles her life from childhood to her death in 1986, especially focusing upon her missionary careers in Papua, New Guinea, Israel, and Trinidad." Mrs. Eby was a friend to this fantastic missionary and tells the story that "needed to be told."

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Chronicles of a Dying Age

By Oliver O'Neil

Human nature perplexes me yet seems so predictably simple. When I take my habitual back seat to life I often find myself shaking my head in disappointment, while at other times I become amused, relieved even, when realizing that there are some extremely ridiculous people out there. Just when I'm about to give up on society, I find myself soothed by subtle reminders that it's not time to throw in the towel. Imagine that, the same humanity that drives me absolutely insane also manages to put a quaint smile of perseverance on my face. But this becomes a maddening circumstance, because trying to run away from it all, I have to run back to manipulate reasons for which to carry on. I'm so exhausted by the intentions that motivate each of us. If anything, I'm tired. I inhale to get relief but the air is filled with so much rage that I feel as if I have no choice but to accept life with blindfolds on. Then again, that's all anyone can do. We cannot fight everything that brings us down. We cannot change those who promote these feelings of contempt within us.

I'm not particularly concerned with where you find yourself in the social hierarchy of our perturbed world. I don't care if you have a weight problem or an attitude problem. I don't even care if you bathe regularly. As a matter of fact it doesn't matter if your only source of social interaction is reading this article (and, incidentally, if it is then you have my sympathies in recognition of your attention).

My point is this: Our lives always hunger for something better. A better what? I don't know, but sooner or later we have to accept our plight and live with it. Live with what? I don't know that either, that's your decision. Simply put, we must all learn to turn a page; the very art that keeps us stable-minded people. It is ironic to notice how we all suffer from virtually the same things. So don't kid yourself, we're not that complex. However, in order

to save or gain face we subject others to our insecurities; insecurities we know others share—and why? Because turning cheeks don't wear smiles, there-

fore I suggested turning pages. Painful print can be internalized; cheek carry scars.

Whatever your particular perspective or social prejudice, we are all bound by the fact that we're all human. And since we're only human, we share the essence of what makes us all the same; vulnerability. We are unfortunately dependent upon each other and well aware of it—we are villains unknowingly fulfilling the chronicles of a dying

age. With this in mind would it be too much to assume that peace born to the world during this season ages ago might still exist today? I realize that in assuming, I characterize all of us as the initial three letters of the word itself. But since we have already mastered that trait, I didn't think it would hurt—or would it? For what its worth, "Merry Christmas!" Take this gesture for the generic and insignificant term it has become.

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