

Service Clubs go co-ed, restructure for '93-'94

by Kristi Stephens

At an open forum on Tuesday, April 27, President Millard Reed invited interested students and faculty to participate in "a collective effort to enhance the quality of life on campus and move us a bit closer to the vision that all of us share of the truly great Christian college that Trevecca is in the process of becoming."

Reed's mandate took the form of a ten page document, detailing plans for a major restructuring of service clubs, referring specifically to Circle K, Civinettes, Rotoract, Sigma, and Theta-Chi.

"I believe that the problem lies primarily in the structure," Reed stated in the document. He explained that portions of club structure are not cohesive to contemporary times and, unless they are changed, will present problems for our college community. Elitism, exclusivism, and sexism, are the three problematic aspects that Reed suggests are responsible for the flawed structure of service clubs. The restructuring of clubs is an attempt to eliminate fraternity/sorority conceptions that are contrary to the mood and mission of the school. "You don't have a fraternity/sorority mentality if you eliminate the secrecy and open membership to both sexes," said Circle

K sponsor, Dan Spross. Effective in the 1993-94 school year, each service club, whose minimum number of members will be 15, must adhere to a co-educational nature by achieving and maintaining a 15-20% sexual minority by March 1994.

Each club charter must be reviewed yearly by the SGA and the Student Life Council for renewal or denial. Unless renewed, a charter will become invalid. Club membership must be open for any student wishing to meet minimum membership requirements by attending a specific number of meetings and performing a minimum of 30 service hours per semester (calculated pro rata). "My main concern with the current changes are that it will be very difficult to have any consistency and cohesiveness with no definite beginning or training to become a member," said Delores Carpenter, Sigma sponsor. "It seems every other area and group on campus has some starting point and training period, without that you lose the bonding of a team and commitment."

The maximum hours demanded per semester is 60. "Sigma society members, through proof of GPA's, church activities and other involvements have proven that it is possible to have a well-

rounded, academic and spiritual service-oriented student life," stated Jamie Wandling, Sigma secretary, in reference to the 60 hour cap. Wandling commented that the least amount of service hours for a member of Sigma in the 1993-94 school year has been over 100. Sigma president Tanya Bert, a graduating senior with a 3.9 GPA, has completed 147 service hours this year. Wandling said, "It is not detrimental to serve."

The clubs were required to submit a declaration of intention by April 29, 1993, giving them two days to make a decision to comply with the document. But ac-

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tual constitution and bylaw changes won't be due until October 1, 1993. Every club, with the exception of Circle K, complied to the mandate.

But President Reed was not unaware of animosity. "How does an executive ruling promote redemptive partnerships?" asked Julie Baggot. The document states that the decisions are "decisions affecting the mission and morale of the campus

which [Reed] must make and [Reed has] made them in a deliberate and informed way."

Other student concerns focused on the sexual minority ratio, the ability for a student to join a club at any given point in the semester, and the two-day time limit placed on a decision to comply with the presented document. "This decision you have to make," stated Tim Thomas, Vice President of Religious Life, to club members in reference to the time limit, "will show what you are."

The principle voices of Reed's evaluation, according to the document, were the administration (represented by Dean Harris and Reed), club sponsors, Student Life Council, club officers, and the SGA, whose 20-9 vote concerning the document secured SGA as one of the first three voices who believe that the "offensive practices of the clubs can be eliminated."

Reed fielded questions from students following his delivery of the document. "Look at me," he stated, "I'm for anything good on this campus." He appealed to students to "give your best leadership skill to making your service club a better club and a more positive influence in the total Trevecca Community."

Editorial: Faculty sparks vision of open-endedness

by Kristi Stephens

As I sit in my office amid hundreds of loose papers, smelling of newprint and coffee, I marvel at the speed at which this school year has passed. Wasn't it just yesterday that I was rushing across campus, with purpose and definition, to get the last minute registration details wrapped up? I thought it was just the other day that Tim Green talked in chapel and we left thinking about dot dot dots, determining to live a life of open-endedness. But the assignments piled up and the papers came due and open-endedness became little more than a quick devotional that we claimed as this year's

theme.

The year passed so quickly that there was scarcely time to get everything done much less say thank you to everyone who, in some way, made a difference. It is in the middle of this menagerie of papers, I pause to thank the ones who, just this year, have encouraged me, personally and academically. I have become so aware of the genuine concern of the faculty. I am taken by the genuineness of my teachers. It is a moving thing to watch the same professor who lectured on Friday go forward to an altar to pray on Sunday. There's something honest about that.

So as this year of experience as editor comes to a close, and I look forward to helping again next year, I am compelled to thank the ones who've helped me grow. I must thank Dan Spross for taking time out to sit with me on the stairs of JSC and just listen. I must thank Gary Wood for being so available to meet our need with the newspaper, even when it was time to go home. I must thank Tim Green for one encouragement after another (and for creating a Hebrew scholar) and for the vision of open-endedness. And I am left here, where I began, in this office, with nothing but a keyboard and a vision.

Trevecca hosts NSLC for sister schools

by Sherree Sorensen
During April 14-17, 110 delegates, deans and students, from Nazarene colleges and universities from across the United States and Canada gathered for four days of fellowship and learning. The annual event was the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference (NSLC).

At NSLC, student leaders come together to share ideas, learn how to better serve their school and have some fun with other students who possess similar interests.

Every year the conference is held at a designated college. This year it was Trevecca's turn to host the conference. The theme was "To be rather than to seem."

Each college sends a delegation. Trevecca's delegation consisted of Michael Eldridge, incumbent president, Rachelle DeVore, president-elect, Holly Miller, Executive Vice-President, Jennie Pennell, Secretary General, Sherree Sorensen, V.P. of Social Life, Jennifer Stroud, V.P. of Academic

Life, Tim Thomas, V.P. of Religious Life, and Teri Weisman, V.P. of Publicity. Each school sent a delegation of deans also.

The officer groups are one featured aspect of every NSLC. In these groups, students who hold similar offices at each school meet throughout the week to discuss what ideas work at the individual schools. These groups provide fresh ideas for the new officers.

"As a returning delegate, every year I realize how

important these groups are as a valuable tool for improving Trevecca's student government," commented DeVore.

Every year the delegates attend seminars which concentrate on problem areas in leadership. "These seminars have better prepared me to serve my fellow peers," said Thomas. This year, Trevecca's Communication department handled the seminars. Professor Rondy Smith taught the delegates how to

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Ramblings and Reflections of a Five Year Journey

"What, then, is that holiness which is the true wedding garment, the only qualification for glory? [It is] keeping the commandments of God; particularly, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself.' In a word, holiness is having 'the mind that was in Christ' and walking as Christ walked."

--John Wesley, On The Wedding Garment

I am leaving Trevecca Nazarene College a changed person. I entered this institution five years ago after having been redeemed by Jesus Christ in a small Nazarene Church in Zephyrhills, Florida. I marvel at the life transforming grace that God has bestowed upon my life that has led me to this stage of my journey. Since Trevecca has played such a pivotal role in my life I would like to offer a few reflections on what it has meant for me to be a student on this campus.

First, being a student at Trevecca Nazarene College has been frightening and alarming because Trevecca has been uniquely a place where prophetic utterances have been sounded because we have a faculty that intently listens to what God would say to his congregation on this hill. By that I mean we as students live in a community that has a prophetic consciousness. We live among faculty that attempts to "nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us." (Brueggemann, *Prophetic Imagination*) And once we have interacted with that consciousness we become alarmed and frightened because it crashes into our well protected ideologies and

breaks down barriers between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, black and white, man and woman. Once we hear of "lions laying down with lambs" we must decide whether or not we will continue in our old way of living and doing things or if we will radically break from all our moorings and place our faith in the crucified, yet resurrected Messiah and then begin to live towards a vision of community and wholeness that will be consummated at His second appearance in glory. And for us to have that kind of faith is scary because it leads us into the forgotten quarters of society. It causes us to stare into the hollow eyes of the disenfranchised of humanity. This kind of vision calls us to be like children in the Kingdom of God and to be compassionate as Christ is compassionate. It is indeed a frightening endeavor. But being a student at Trevecca Nazarene College does not just involve trepidation.

Being a student at Trevecca Nazarene College also gives radical hope and revolutionary amazement for we who live in a marginalized and barren society. We experience His grace and know that nothing can separate us from His love. Christ has entered into our lives and He has brought refreshing and cataclysmic newness. For us on this campus who have experienced Jesus Christ in this new world, radical hope is given because once we were lost, but now we are found, once we were blind, but now we see. We were lame, broken, leperous, and dead, but now Christ's new work has set us free! "Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night. Thine eyes diffused a quickening ray, I woke the dungeon flamed with light! My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee! Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou my God shouldst die for me?!" This kind of radical hope proclaims triumphantly, "If the Spirit of Him who

raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit that dwells in you." (Romans 8.11) Also, "For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace." (Romans 6.14) We have been resurrected to new life- the old has passed away and the new has come! We can now go out into the world as the alternative community of hope that is totally incongruent with this present reality. Surely, prisoners will be set free, and the dead raised to new life. I can leave Trevecca with this radical, life-energizing hope.

Being a student at Trevecca these past five years has made the reality of his grace more real than I ever thought possible. Being a student at Trevecca has allowed me to work out my salvation with fear and trembling. Yet I know that this pilgrimage has only just begun. Grappling with this prophetic consciousness and radical hope will be my task until I breathe my last breath and preach my last sermon. I can thank Trevecca Nazarene College for being daring enough to ask the questions that began this journey, and I must thank God for redeeming me and reconciling me to Himself which has made the whole journey possible. It has been an incredible and rewarding five years.

Cleanse the thoughts of my heart, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, so that I may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name.

--John Wesley, Orders of Common Prayer

Kevin Walker

NSLC continued from page 2 run a quality meeting, and Professor Lena Hegi discussed how to have effective listening skills.

The business sessions are also an annual part of NSLC. The planning committee decided to handle the business session a little differently. Friday morning the delegates visited Tennessee's state capitol building for their final business session. The delegates met and voted in the chambers of the state House of Representatives. U.S. Congressman Bob Clement came to speak to the delegates. Following the business session, the delegates received a tour of the capitol building.

"This was a wonderful experience that I will never

forget. Our business meeting at the capitol was a nice change, and it was a lot of fun for us all," stated Stroud.

As much as the delegates learn, they also had a chance to have some fun. Social events this year included a barbecue at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage on Wednesday evening, where Masterworks performed and delegates received a guided tour of the mansion. Thursday evening the delegates attended a formal banquet at which Trevecca alumnus, Steve Pennington spoke. Following the banquet, the delegates saw a taping of Nashville Now and visited the Opryland Hotel. Friday's social events included Trevecca's annual pig roast

and Concert-in-the-Quad. The Praise and Celebration service, which was lead by Craig Adams and Tim Green, prompted student government leaders to commit the coming school year to Christ.

Saturday the thrill-seeking delegates headed out to Opryland Amusement Park to ride the rides and see the shows.

"The social events gave me an opportunity to branch out and meet new people. I made friendships that will last a lifetime. The support and prayers that I will receive from them will make my next two years at TNC a success!" said Pennell.

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West October plays with conviction and sincerity

by Scott Fraley

The Maryland state road crew is no place for an artist. So says Matthew Delp, a junior and rhythm guitarist who is gathering forces for a new band in Nashville.

Delp's band is called West October, and thought he gave no clue as to the name's origin, it is a name he has used before. In fact, Matt claims some rather successful times in Boston. The Bostonian group West October found itself playing several gigs with a manager and a promising future. The time away from Matt's fiancée, however, turned her sour, and a crushed guitarist quit singing and hit the road. Literally.

Matt's long blond hair and starry eyes suggest he was meant to be a musician. Indeed, he penned a first number at the angry age of six. Feeling a bit cramped by his early Christian education, Matt would sit back and dream of "playing my guitar and scaring the hell out of my friends." Instead, he played out his violence by talking about frog pee in class (a stunt that got him kicked out of class). The guitar would come later.

Delp describes his time on working on the roads as "enjoyable," but he

had "too much time to think." Nashville happened into his wonderings, and Matt's Nazarene parents offered to send him to Trevecca.

The first Nashville version of West October played itself out in a rented storage room close to Hickory Hollow. The basic problem, according to Delp, was a lack of musical experience. He smiles a sheepish, modest smile. "I was tired of instructing and just wanted to play." Somehow I believe he's for real.

The new West October is fresh and exciting. Fred Ecenrode plays drums and Mark DeYoung seems to fit in squarely at the electric guitar. Both like Matt's songs. He has at least fifteen for the band ready to be played. Matt sings and plays acoustic, but suggested that he is more than just an entertainer.

"I used to play for a Skid Row sound-alike. My heart just wasn't in it." Matt cites several types of musical influences. Stylistically, his favorite is John Mellencamp. However, he feels that "Sting and Cougar [Mellencamp] have vastly different styles. What I admire is a true conviction."

"I want our band to be about convictions. I want to show we're living through the same hell they are...a com-

mon-day band for common-day people," he continues.

Matt's favorite original song, entitled "Corner Store," is about prejudice. The idea is that people tend to judge each other in the same fickle fashion by which a child chooses candy at a small town corner store--by the wrapper. Music has the power to change situations like this.

"Music...can totally make or break a nation. It's such a powerful influence. Music brings hope and despair. In church, music is the power, not the preacher. Music is a tool," Matt explains.

Matt's music doesn't scare his friends like he once dreamed it would. Instead, he sees his music as reaching into the everyday lives of people as a corrective and a scourge.

West October may only be filling a temporary need in his life, and Matt knows that, but he is definitely having fun while "his heart's in it." But, if conviction and sincerity matter, then Matt as an artist is playing with the right medium. And maybe, just maybe, West October will turn into more than sensational stories of frogs.

Artists offer variety of new music

by Tim Buchanan
Kathleen Battle at Carnegie Hall (Deutsche Grammophon).

Soprano opera vocalist Battle has done many fine albums with Christopher Parkening, Wynton Marsalis, Jessye Norman, and Itzhak Perlman. But one of the best performances of her career is the concert at Carnegie Hall with pianist Margo Garrett.

The album concentrates more on Battle's voice, avoiding making her voice one of many instruments. Garrett's soft piano accompaniment is light and simple. The live concert, Battle's first at Carnegie Hall, contains energy and intensity that signifies a coming of age for Battle.

Each song is done marvelously as is evident in the traditional spiritual, "Good News." The playful arrangement by Robert Sadin features the versatility and smoothness of Battle's voice.

Various artists-*What's the Buzz?* Major Potential #2 (Major Label).

This is a follow up to last year's compilation album of local artists. Of the first release, the most memo-

orable cuts were those of The Shindigs, Mars Hill, and the Lounge Flounders. The second album features these artists and several new artists.

The best cuts from *What's the Buzz?* contain great tunes by Mouth Full of Bees, The Lounge Flounders, and Flat Mass. Each group sounds fresh and original.

The tune by Mars Hill is great but the lead vocals are too strong for the flow of the song. SirReal is reminiscent of The Ramones, L.S.U., and the Smithereens.

Law of Nature, The Shindigs, and Boneyard have potential but low production. This CD is worth it for those who are into the local music scene.

Various artists-*Racer Radio*, vol. 1 (Racer)

The compilation album features the new Racer Record Company's first line up. Garden Varsity and Big Umbrella are great vocal alternative. Splatter trio is weird and offers a great jazz sound. Amy X Neuburg's tunes are reminiscent of Lori Anderson, only easier to swallow.

A free copy of *Racer Radio*, vol. 1 is available for anyone interested. Contact Kristi at 1-800-5-RACER-5.

Trevecca celebrates National Library Week

During National Library Week, April 18-24, librarians encouraged supporters to celebrate the theme, "Libraries change lives." Trevecca celebrated by welcoming a long-awaited decision concerning the automation of Mackey Library. President Reed made a proclamation in chapel about the importance of libraries and ASB President Michael Eldrige and president-elect Rachelle Davore presented the student body with a banner, announcing that automation is coming to Mackey Library.

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Reaching out to hurting people is the focus of Trevecca's **AIDS ministry outreach** program. It gives students the opportunity to minister to people suffering from the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

Laura Kroberger, coordinator of the AIDS ministry, expressed her concern about the lack of participation from the students. "There've only been about three people involved. People sign up [to participate], but never follow through. It's important for students to participate because they're very needed in this area," she said.

The outreach team has worked with Nashville Cares to provide help for AIDS victims. The group raised money for Nashville Cares in a variety of ways. This money pays for medical expenses and living expenses for AIDS victims.

They also work on care teams that provide in-home care for those patients in the latter stages of AIDS. "Our job is just to be there," Kroberger explains.

Laura gives presentations at local churches on the HIV virus and AIDS. She feels it's important to be out in the community to answer questions and educate.

Each team member must receive training to help them understand the virus and its effect on people. Training is provided either by the Red Cross or by Nashville Cares.

Laura believes that next year there will be more involvement in the ministry. "I know it's a touchy subject and some feel that most people who have it [HIV] are gay. That's perfectly normal for people to feel uncomfort-

able. Some things like this need to be overcome so that that will be able to see Christ," she said.

On Mar. 26-27, business students from across the state of Tennessee met in Gatlinburg to compete in the State **Phi Beta Lambda** Leadership Conference. Phi Beta Lambda is a prestigious national business club on the college level. Every year business majors gather at a competition to determine which schools are best preparing students for the business world. Seven Tennessee colleges were represented this year, including David Lipscomb and Middle Tennessee State University.

The Phi Beta Lambda conference/competition hosted 82 students competing in 22 events. Each school was allowed to send one participant per event. The first and second place winners of each event will be sent to the National Phi Beta Lambda Competition in Washington, DC. This year's national competition will be held July 10-13.

State officers were elected during the conference. TNC junior Marquette Scott was elected President and sophomore Holly Miller was appointed Parliamentarian.

At the state level, TNC students took first place in six categories: Business Law, Microcomputer Applications, Ms. Future Business Executive, Impromptu Speaking, Word Processing, and Business Decision Making. Trevecca received four second place and six third place awards, placing in the top three of every event entered.