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TO MAKE A FRIEND, TO BE A FRIEND

1986 Queen Suzanne Diffenderfer

By Nathan Hyde
Editor-in-chief

It was a dream weekend for many students at TNC. Between pageants, parties, banquets and concerts, there was plenty of activity to go around. February 14 and 15 will long be reflected upon as a time for making memories, taking pictures, buying cards and candies and making friends.

In the midst of all this, the 1986 Valentine's festivities for some were the culmination of very hard and tedious work. For one young lady, the payoff for the work endured will be all the sweeter and the memories all the fonder.

"It was a shock," reflects the new 1986 Valentine Queen Suzanne Diffenderfer of her crowning moment, "my name kept echoing." Suzanne feels honored with her new title, "It's a feeling of responsibility within myself to live up to the honor I have been given." Suzanne thought for a moment, the Andy Griffith show sounded in the background, "the responsibility is more being appreciative of the honor."

Suzanne Diffenderfer, for those who do not know her very well, is a 19 year old Sophomore from Jacksonville, Florida. She is currently double-majoring in Drama

and Education. She resides in Johnson Hall with her roommate Shannon Sadler.

Suzanne is a member of Sigma Society and is the Sophomore class treasurer. She attends First Church of the Nazarene here in Nashville and considers First Church of the Nazarene in Jacksonville home.

For her efforts and graces in the pageant, Miss Diffenderfer received a \$50.00 gift certificate to Cain-Sloan department store, a dinner for two at Steak and Ale, not to mention the roses, trophy, and crown given her at the pageant.

All of the contestants came into a close working relationship with each other as the quarter progressed. The girls were spending several hours every night towards the final couple of weeks before the pageant. Says Suzanne, "I got to know girls that were just acquaintances before."

As far as winning the pageant is concerned, the new queen feels that it was a combination of factors that helped her win, with none in particular. Suzanne approached the pageant with the advice given her by her parents, to go with an attitude of fun. And she did.

About the pageant itself, Suzanne liked the opening produc-

tion that the girls put on together with their male co-workers. Her reason being that she felt secure in the on-stage companionship of her friends. However, the most fun for Suzanne came in "getting to know all the girls" and "making good friends." That should tell something of the nature of reigning queen Suzanne Diffenderfer.



Student interest group formed

By Michele Kimbler
Staff Writer

Career issues in social work and social welfare is the central focus of a new student interest group that has been formed on campus. Professor Joy Wells coordinated the group after several students reflected the need for a program in which students with similar interests in social welfare could interact. Professor Wells teaches social work and sociology classes.

The new group has set several goals.

1. The first goal of the group is to keep updated information on career opportunities in the expanding field of social work.

2. Secondly, the group plans to have information on graduate schools.

3. The third goal is to help students find current, part-time employment in work work related fields while attending college.

4. The group will also organize conferences in which guest speakers will be professionals in the social welfare field. This will enable students to discuss any questions or specific areas of interest they may have. The group has made plans to attend the Tennessee Conference of Social Welfare and National Association of Social Work in April.

5. Students will also have the opportunity to discuss possible improvements in the Social Welfare Degree program. A social work practicum is also being considered.

6. The group will also be open to professional related interests as they occur or as students make suggestions.

Professor Joy Wells said of the program, "I would like a result of



Amy Jones and Vicky Cody practice for "A Doll's House," the winter play put on by TACT.

A Doll's House ready for start

TNC press release

The Drama Department of Trevecca Nazarene College will present Henrik Ibsen's play "A Doll's House" Thursday, February 27 through Saturday, March 1 at 8:00 p.m. in McClurkan Hall on the campus of Trevecca Nazarene College. Admission is \$2.00 per person. A reduced price of \$1.50 per person is offered to groups of 10 or more. Senior citizens will also be admitted for \$1.50 per person. There will be a discussion following each night's performance.

Ibsen's volatile 19th century drama started the realistic theatre as we know it today. More important is that it raised issues about male/female roles in society that are still unresolved. It is an absorbing, exciting theatre experience, as well as a controversial drama. The play revolves around the growth of a housewife, Nora, from a "doll-like" mother to an independent, brave woman.

The contemporary issue of male chauvinism has no better depiction than in Ibsen's landmark play.



this program to be a greater awareness of social work as an area of Christian ministry. I would also like there to be a better understanding of the social work program as a whole. A popular myth about social workers is that they just hand out food stamps, but the social work profession requires a great deal of skill and education. The area of social work is expanding to hospitals, schools, and a newer focus is on the older generation. A final result of the program I would like to see is increased professionalism."

Future plans for the group include a Program Improvement

meeting on February 25. An orientation for people who think they are interested in the program will be held in the spring quarter. The speaker will probably be an alumnus.

Any students who are interested in participating in the program may attend the Program Improvement meeting on February 25 or the spring orientation. The date and time of orientation will be published in the *Daily Announcer*. Interested students may also contact Professor Joy Wells.



Suzanne Diffenderfer

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News Briefs

LECTURES.

Ending yesterday, yet another set of lectures has come to the Trevecca campus. The Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectures was honored to have as its speaker Dr. James Earl Massey.

Dr. Massey serves as Dean of The Chapel at Tuskegee University, where he is also University Professor of Religion. He came to that post in July, 1984 from Anderson School of Theology in Anderson, Indiana, where he had served since 1969. He was Anderson College's first campus minister (1969-1977) and taught concurrently in religious studies, worship and preaching. He held the rank of tenured Professor of New Testament and Preaching.

Dr. Massey served from 1954-1976 as senior pastor of Metropolitan Church of God in Detroit, Michigan. (He was on leave from the Detroit church during 1963-1966 to serve as Principal of Jamaica School of Theology, a mission-sponsored theological college located in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies.) When he became campus minister at Anderson College in September 1969, he continued as snior pastor of the Detroit church. He resigned both his pastorate and the campus minister post in 1977 when he was appointed Speaker on "Christian Brotherhood Hour," an international radio broadcast of the Church of God (Anderson, IN); this weekly program made his voice heard throughout the United States and around the English-speaking world as the Church's spokesman on more than 400 radio stations. He continued his teaching ministry at the School of Theology on a limited basis during his tenure as Speaker, and he held the post as the Church's radio voice from July 1977 through December 1982, when he resigned to return full-time to classroom teaching.

Dr. Massey studied communication arts at the University of Detroit, was graduated from Detroit Bible College (now William Tyndale College) and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology. He holds a doctorate from Asbury Theological Seminary. Additional graduate study has been done at the University of Michigan, Pacific School of Religion, and Boston College Graduate School.

Appointed an Underwood Fellow in 1972, and a Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar in 1977, Dr. Massey has been a guest preacher and lecturer at more than seventy colleges, universities, and seminaries in the United States and abroad.

NOTED SAXOPHONIST PERFORMS.

Saxophonist Neal Ramsay, one of the greatest performers of our time is coming to Trevecca today.

Mr. Ramsay, a native Nashvillian, is a graduate of Peabody College where he received a B.M.E. and North Texas State University where he received a M.M. He did additional; with the renowned saxophonist, Vincent J. Abato, in New York.

Mr. Ramsay's career has involved almost all aspects of musical performance including recording, recitals, workshops, publications, radio and television. As a concert artist he makes over 80 appearances a year across America. He is a touring artist for the Tennessee Arts commission and an Artist-Representative for Yamaha Musical Products.

Mr. Ramsay makes regular appearances on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" heard on National Public Radio. He has also been featured on CBS's "Sunday Morning," Walt Disney Productions, and "The Joe Franklin Show." He has three albums on the Cumberland label which have received air play on over 200 public radio stations.

The *New York Times* described Mr. Ramsay as "A virtuoso performer . . . He played with elegance and skill, producing a mellifluous tone from his instrument in a variety of material." In his two New York appearances he has been active in premiering new works for saxophone that were dedicated to him.

Mr. Ramsay was one of the first soloists to receive a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. He was the winner of the Kansas City Young Artists competition. He recently received Tennessee's Outstanding Achievement Award.

Mr. Ramsay has contributed works to the saxophone through his publications with Shawnee Press, Dorn Publications and Medici Music. His articles concerning aspects of saxophone performance have appeared in national and regional publications. Mr. Ramsay is currently the Artist-Teacher of Saxophone at the Blair School of Music of Vanderbilt University.

The concert here will be in the Wakefield Fine Arts Auditorium. The scheduled starting time is set for 8:00 p.m. It promises to be an evening rich in quality and pleasureable listening.



Dr. James Earl Massey

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Apply now for Financial Aid

Scholarship Bank News Release

The month of January is a critical time for students to start applying for summer and fall financial aid, according to the director of the largest private scholarship search firm in the country.

Numerous private grants and scholarships, sponsored by corporations, trade and civic groups and private foundations are available

this year, according to the director. It has been estimated that one-fourth of all financial aid comes from the private sector and in a number of cases is not based on parents' financial data as much as student activities and interests. A major qualification is a student's selected major with a number of new scholarships available in computer programming, business, law, health and communications. The Scholarship Bank provides

each student with 65 sources of directly relevant financial aid from a data base of over 25,000 scholarships. The search includes not only major, but geographic desires, age, religion, type of aid sought (internships, grants, scholarships), and parent's employer, union or military background.

Student applicants can receive free a publication on "How to Play Grantsmanship" without obligation. Interested students should send a stamped, self addressed envelope to Scholarship Bank, 4626 N. Grand, Covina, CA. 91724.



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Friends in Faith: Caring and Sharing

By Michele Norris
Staff Writer

To those of you who are interested in giving a big boost to the spiritual welfare of Trevecca, this story's for you. I have single-handedly wrestled Jeff Allen, head of the Friends in Faith program, into this booth in the Snack Shoppe, and he's going to sit here until he tells me all about this wonderful new organization, right, jeff? His excitement about the whole thing is pretty apparent, and I think the best way to tell you about the Prayer Partners is in Jeff's own words.

Trev-Echoes: What exactly is "Friends in Faith"?

Jeff: I don't know. (laugh). No, Friends in Faith is a group sponsored by the Junior class. What we want people to do is get a prayer partner — someone who shows an interest in the program — and these Prayer Partners are there so that you can draw closer together, and closer to God.

There's gonna be days when you might not be feeling too good — somebody in your family might be sick, or one of your friends, or maybe you're having a struggle yourself; and it's good to know that you have a person there that you can just call up and let them know how you feel. It's good knowing that person's there to pray with you, or just talk with you about the problem . . . Besides, when you're hav-

ing a fantastic day, you can just call up your partner and say, "Hey, let me tell you what God is doing in my life!"

It's not only for that reason, but also, collectively, we want to feel more like a family. We want it to get to the point where you can share with that group, and you can know these people are behind you, praying for you and encouraging you. As for your Prayer Partner, we would like to see the relationship you have with that person be something that you can carry with you for the rest of your life . . . We want a bond created between us, drawing us together; and at the same time, that bond that comes from God, we want pulling us closer to Him. And that's what it's designed for.

T-E: How was it developed?

Jeff: Well, we were going through a class meeting, and we were trying to think of things to promote the Junior class. Joel (Harris) and I began to talk about some things, and the idea was just brought up. I agreed to head it off, and so he and I got together to lay out some guidelines. We just worked at it from there.

T-E: How can a person get involved in it?

Jeff: Well, in the letters that I send out, I tell the members if they know anybody who would like to get involved, just to drop a note in my box. That's all you have to do, and you're in. We'd like for you to have someone who has consented to be your partner, and then just let me know. You don't have to

go through any crazy initiations. (laugh).

T-E: Are the Partners upper-classmen or fellow classmen?

Jeff: At first, we thought about having Freshmen and Sophomores together, and Juniors and Seniors together; but the more I thought, the more it really didn't make a difference. The most important thing is finding someone to confide in, and who will help you draw closer to God.

T-E: What kind of effect do you hope this program will have on Trevecca's campus?

Jeff: Provided that we continue in the way that we're going, I think it really has the potential of having a tremendous effect. It's not something that could just last for a quarter or a year, and then you hear nothing of it. I think if we can get it off the ground and get it established well, it could be something that's handed down through the years. "Friends in Faith" could have a tremendous impact, and we're excited about it because we know God is in it. We're not there to promote ourselves, we're there to take a genuine interest in people; and I think God will really bless us for that.

So, there you have it! It sounds great, and to hear Jeff talk, "Friends in Faith" is really headed in the right direction. We're all looking for some tremendous results from this new program, and if you would like to take part in it, just drop a note in Jeff's box!

Academic Affairs attacks trivia

With Lannay Sproull

"What on earth is the Trivia Tournament?" That was the first thing that entered my mind when Becki Loar first mentioned it. I was sitting there in the small conference room at an Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

Becki is the Vice President of Academic Affairs; she is also the chairperson of our committee. She had brought us strange ideas before, but what could this trivia tournament be. My first thought was, "Oh no Becki, please don't ask me to spend an entire night playing or watching people play something like Trivial Pursuit."

I could just see it, everyone in the school sitting at tables fighting it out, game after game, in round robin fashion, some variation of trivia games. I'll stop here for a moment to explain.

Most people like trivia, most people enjoy playing trivia games. I am a little different than most. I am the reason everyone enjoys trivia games, for I am the one who constantly loses trivia games. I've contemplated it deeply and decided that to be able to remember trivia is a talent, maybe even an art form, but none the less something I can't seem to master. So, my outlook wasn't good when Becki mentioned a trivia tournament.

Since AAC was cosponsoring the tournament, I offered to do a seemingly small job, and was quickly dubbed the "ding donger," I was going to get to yell *time*.

As the Saturday night February 1 approached, I began to wonder why a relatively quiet person would choose a job where they are required to yell. The prospects of yelling into a group of people made me laugh, but since that was my job I thought I should do the best I could.

Then it was time to begin, I was nervous and I didn't know what I was doing. As I helped AAC set up, Becki put me at ease by telling me what to do. Let's see, it was 30 seconds for the team to answer if it was their question; but, if the second team got the question, then they had 10 seconds to answer. That could be too hard. The judges strolled in one by one; Dr. Craig Keen, Dr. Ron Gray and Dr. John Chilton. They were laughing and joking, they were going to make this night fun.

The crowd began to straggle in. The atmosphere was relaxed and the crowd was there for fun. I couldn't believe how fast I was relaxing. Everything was going to be so much fun. So we began.

The questions were asked; I yelled *time*; the judges laughed and joked; the crowd munched chocolate chip cookies and clapped; and the teams, two at a time, competed and had fun with the many different questions which included anything from Sports and Leisure to Philosophy.

There was even a question challenged by two of the teams. That sure gave the judges something to do, but they reached a decision and the fun rolled on.

As the teams were defeated, those who won continued to push forward, always looking to the prize money. One hundred fifty dollars was first prize and \$75.00 second, but it was all in fun. Everyone who participated seemed to have fun. I even caught myself really enjoying the evening.

As the final round approached, the two teams that had fought for the prize money last year kept winning their rounds.

It came down to Bob Wankel's team and John Gunn's team. They battled it out; and through a tough round, Bob Wankel's team pulled out into first place. I guess last year John's team won. It seems only fair that Bob's team should win this year.

I wonder if they'll go for the tie breaker next year. I hope so, and I plan to be there. Maybe another team will beat them both.

Winning doesn't really matter for the one guarantee is that it will be fun. Who knows, I might even get a team and try my hand at trivia; but then again, maybe I'll just be the "ding donger" again. I yell *time* pretty good.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I'm very concerned about the "management" of our "Snack Shoppe." Being that I'm living off-campus I tend to eat lunch in our "Snack Shoppe." If milk is 50¢, why is there a need to charge for cups. Who wants to drink from an unsterilized container. One day they, "Snack Shoppe management," furnishes cups and another day they try to charge for a cup. Why is there such an inconsistency?

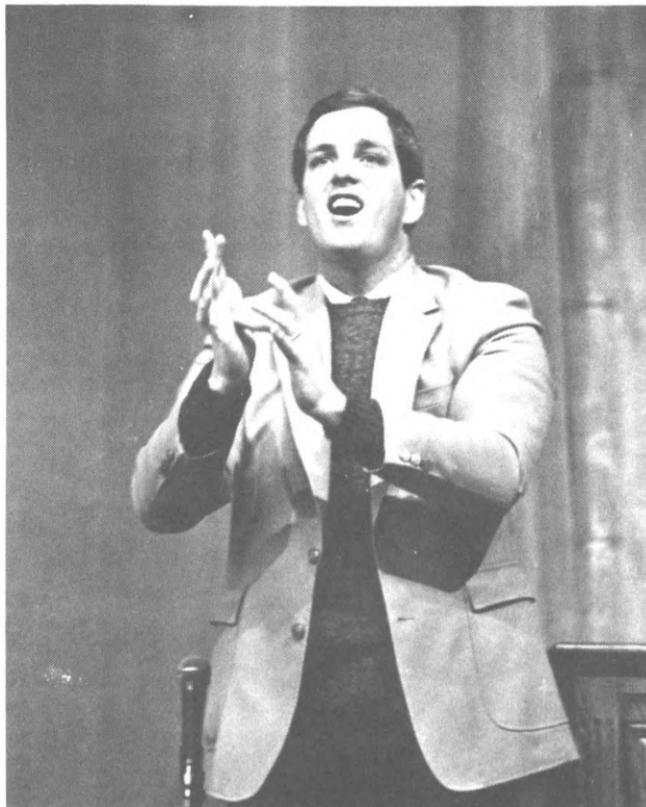
Tired of inconsistency
Dirk Steenbergen

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Rick McClain, a deaf pastor from Ashville, N.C., signs a song about Jesus before speaking to a full house Chapel service in Benson auditorium on February 11. *Top*

A look of confidence helped Bob Wankle lead his team to victory and \$150 in the Trevecca Trivia Tournament.



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features

TMA provides opportunities for service to students

By Regina Dillon
Contributing Writer

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve the Lord, look no further. TMA is it! TMA, short for Trevecca Ministerial Association, has long been a part of Trevecca's campus life. TMA's purpose is to: 1) promote understanding, acquaintanceship, and fellowship among members; and TMA welcomes everyone into its membership, 2) increase the general efficiency of each member in terms of Christian leadership, 3) provide ministers-in-training the opportu-

ity to hear representatives from various departments of our church and other religious organizations speak, and 4) to actively engage in promotion of Christian activity on campus.

TMA also provides opportunities for ministers-in-training with opportunities to speak as well as places for musicians to perform or lead the singing. TMA isn't just another service organization. TMA is a real live experience. It's a chance to see God work miracles and a place to be used by God in

many different capacities. TMA has many different ministries, all of which are growing and in need of more workers.

On the first Tuesday of every month a group of members and some visitors get together and go to the mission to hold a service. Gary Scoggins, president of TMA, and Tim Queener, vice-president, are in charge of the services and they are doing an excellent job. The people in the mission are mostly street people — people who are down, depressed and lonely. Most of them are men between the ages of 30 and 65 who are poor and down on their luck. They often sleep in garbage dumps or boxes when they aren't at the mission. These people need love and someone to be their friend. Tim Queener points out that working in the Rescue Mission is "an opportunity to tell them about Jesus and He'll be their friend." TMA only goes to the Mission once a month but the mission could use help every night. They need anyone from a kitchen worker to an altar worker. If you can help, why don't you.

Every Monday night TMA goes to the Jolton Youth Center to hold a service. A group, under the direction of Curtis Koscheski, leaves the JSC at 6:30 p.m. to go to the Youth

Center. The service includes prayer, games, singing, a devotional and then they divide into smaller groups just to talk and share with some troubled teens. The Youth Center is a home for teen boys who are juvenile delinquents or just troubled kids. Curtis Koscheski says that, "Lives have been changed!" Curtis needs more people who are committed to Jesus Christ and people who want to have a good time. It's a lot of fun sharing Jesus.

A third ministry that TMA has is Trevecca Towers I & II. Towers I is led by Gary Scoggins and Towers II is led by Tim Queener. A service is held every Sunday afternoon from 4-5 p.m. This is an opportunity to practice preaching in a place where they only get mad if you take too long. The people aren't concerned with hearing "a perfect speech" or "a perfect three-point sermon" — they only see that you care and that you are trying to do the Lord's will and if that doesn't bless your heart — nothing will.

TMA is also involved in several other things. TMA is involved with the jail ministry on Thursday nights at 6 p.m. TMA has been given many contributions of Bibles and other books which they have distributed in the mission, youth

center, and especially the jail. TMA is self-supported and at the beginning of Gary Scoggins' term as president the club was deeply in debt but is now on its feet.

TMA has sponsored several doughnut sales and the selling of the homecoming corsages. TMA has also had several other speakers to come into its meetings to speak, such as Dr. Charles Blanchard, ex-district superintendent of the Tennessee district Wesleyan church; Dr. Homer J. Adams, president of the college; Joe Bowers, sponsor of TMA, and several others. TMA has also worked in cooperation with MOT in the Youth center and the Towers.

TMA is an opportunity, not a service. They need all different types of people. If you are interested but not a minister and you can't sing or play an instrument or maybe freeze up in these situations TMA can always use ideas, suggestions, or prayerful support. All are welcome and encouraged to join, every Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the crow's nest in McClurkan.

TMA is on the way!



A CREATIVE OUTLET WITH PERSONAL REWARDS

Overseas pen pals

By Cindy Wright
Staff Writer

Would you like to be an overseas missionary? Would you like to share your friendship and faith with a Chinese person in Taiwan. There are many waiting for you to write. These people are anxious to write to you and to receive letters from you. They are also one of God's special creations and this is your chance to help open hearts and open doors to the gospel on the mission field.

God has not called us all to be missionaries and to go into the uttermost parts of the world, but

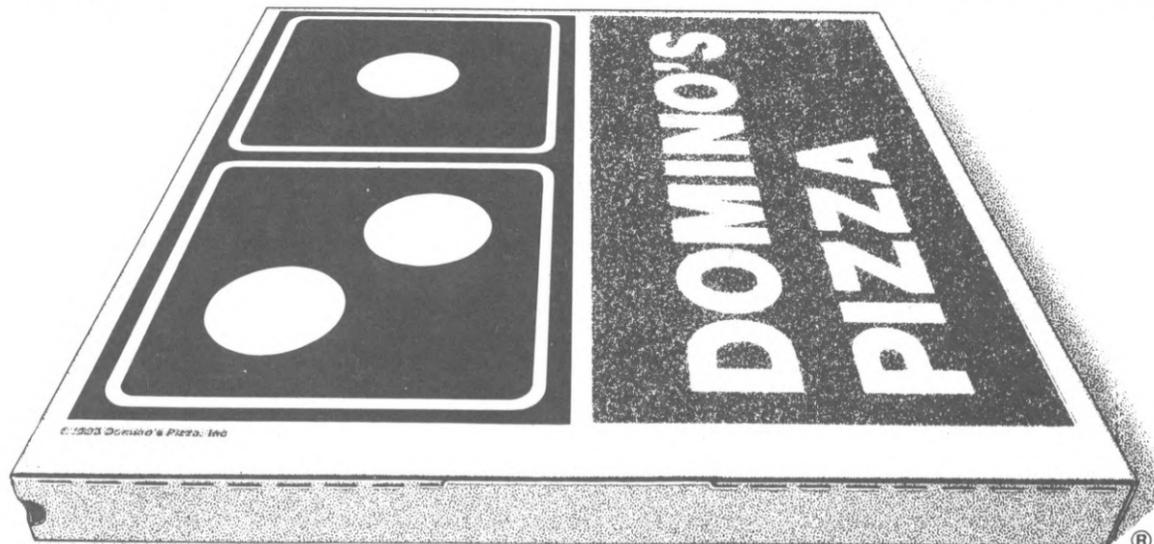
Christ has called us to be witnesses for him. The International Bible Study Association in Taiwan is asking you to be an overseas missionary to one of their young people. They ask that you give the people of Taiwan a chance.

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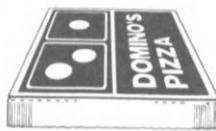
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RAY ELROD

Kingston Springs Nazarene Church

By Joe Bell
Staff Writer

In previous installments of this series, we've interviewed Dan Boone and Millard Reed, pastors of two of Nashville's largest Nazarene churches. This issue, we're going to talk with one of our newer pastors at one of the many small churches in the greater Nashville area, Ray Elrod.

"It's a balancing act . . . I love it." These comments come from one of our areas' ministers, Ray Elrod. They are in reference to his schedule each week, which includes a full class load at Immanuel Bible College, supervision of the TNC print shop, and pastoring the Kingston Springs Church of the Nazarene in South Cheatham County, about thirty minutes from Trevecca. He spends Monday nights in class, studies other weeknights, goes visiting, and preaches, leads singing, teaches Sunday School and cleans Kingston Springs church. But there's no regret about his load, or the size of the church (which averages 10 to 15).

Ray Elrod was a Baptist for the first part of his life, and was saved in the Baptist church. When asked why he changed, he replied "I got

into the Word." [He said the Baptists have been preaching the doctrine of Sanctification, his reason for changing, for years, but they use different words]. He was sanctified on January 1, 1977, and accepted a call to preach he had received at age 17. He has worked towards that end since, in that time also marrying his wife Mary Ann.

Bro. Elrod says that she is an important part of His ministry as well. "W're a team." Mrs. Elrod works as a diet clerk at Westside Hospital, as well as assisting him in the church work. A minister's supposed to "set the standard" in that area as well as others, he added. Their schedules leave little room for time away, but he says they haven't worried about it, and that they take weekends off every once in a while for things such as pastors' retreats.

On his church, Brother Elrod is humbly serving his Lord. "Do your best and don't worry about the rest." Ray's confidence in the Lord and His will show in his talk and strong, quiet faith comes through in what he says. The church has no regular piano player, and they would like some help, but the pastor is not begging. He knows that it takes commitment to leave the fel-

lowship and support involved in a bigger church to do the work like he's attempting at Kingston Springs, and realizes not everyone is called to. "I do what I can and grow as God gives me the wisdom" and leading. "I want to build a Holiness Church, here and wherever God places me."

When asked the obvious questions about size, the response is, "How valuable is one soul?" He plans to win people in their homes, as in the early days of Christianity, adding that one of the big problems we have today is expecting the lost to come to us. "We invite 'em to church" and think that's all we need to do, but one of the Elrods' biggest ministries, and one he had even before becoming a pastor, is visitation. He always tries to make one night a week, plus all day on Saturdays, set aside for visitation.

This is a full week schedule, but God has in Ray Elrod a servant willing to be poured out, as Paul said, "like a drink offering," becoming spent for the Kingdom. [Note: If anyone might be interested in helping in this kind of church ministry you can get in contact with Ray Elrod at the TNC print shop in the basement of Tidwell faculty center.]

Photo by Stephen Perry



Photo by Stephen Perry

Rejected — Victor Alvarado blocks a spike of Willie Legrier in TIA volleyball action.



left:

Scott Heiser fights for a rebound with two players from Union University. Trevecca emerged victorious breaking a tie with Union in TCAC conference play

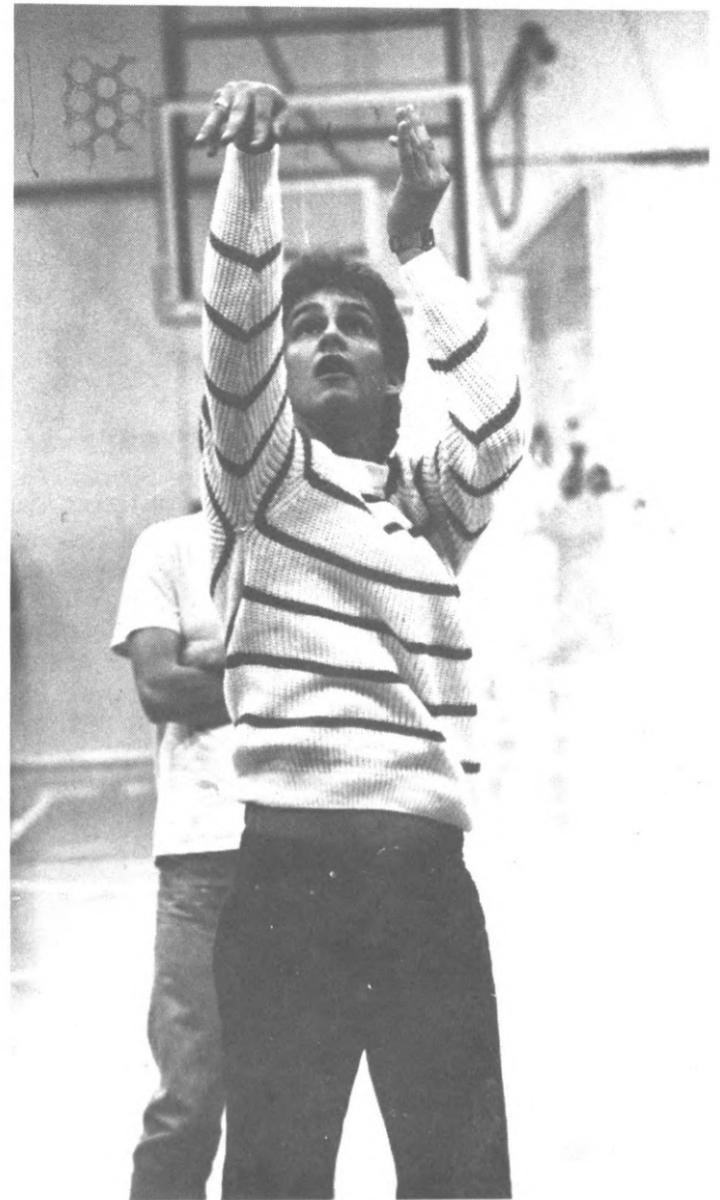
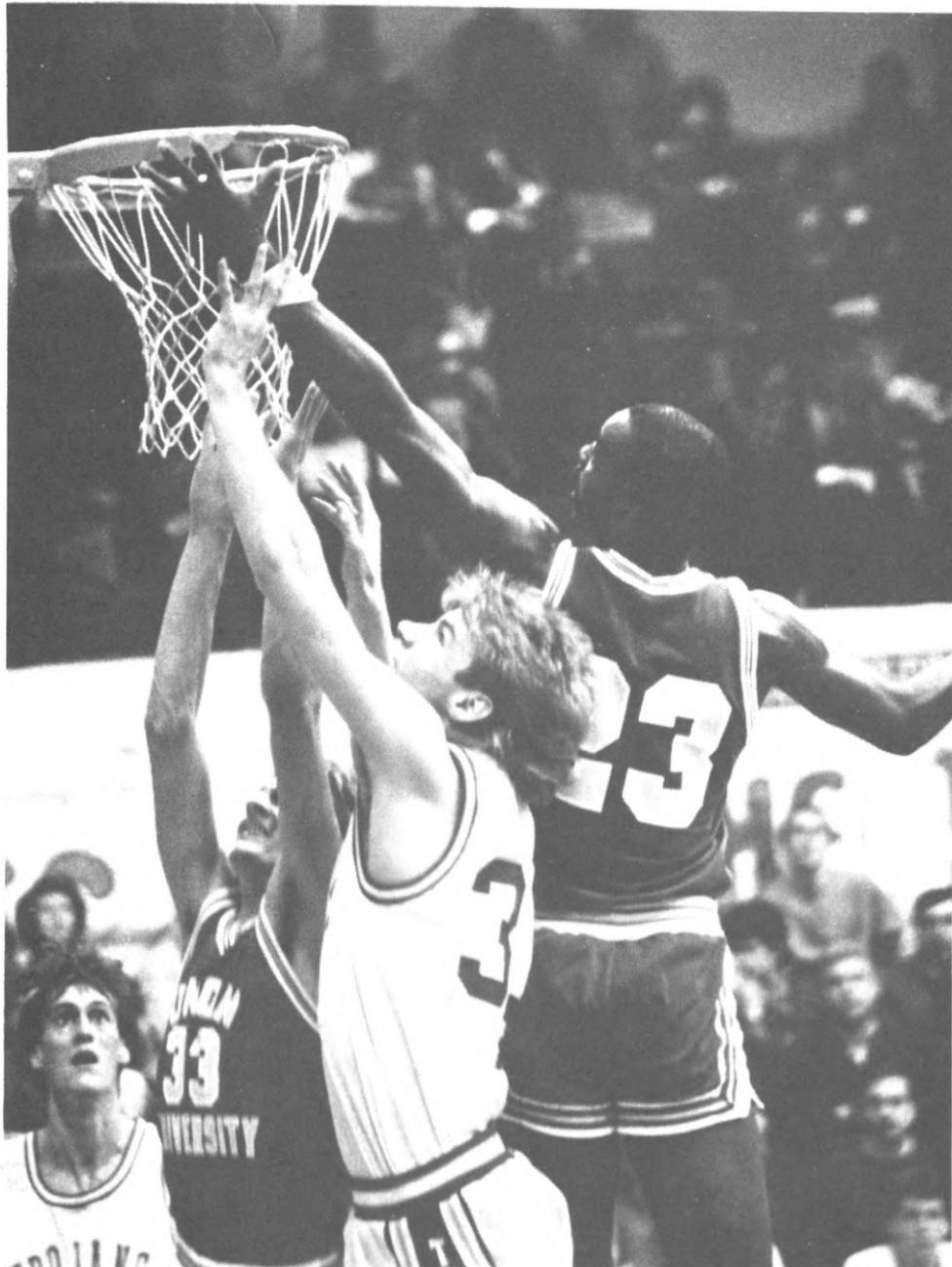


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Alpha's Bill Rondeau drops 9 of 10 freethrows while Tim Rose looks on helplessly in the TIA freethrow competition.

features

TNC students return from 30th annual Federal Seminar enriched

NAE news release

A meeting with Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and speeches by several prominent members of Congress highlighted the 30th annual Federal Seminar sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals' Office of Public Affairs, January 27-31 in Washington, D.C.

Students and faculty members from 13 Christian colleges and universities participated in this conference described by one participant as "the most impressive gathering of its kind in recent memory."

The Trevecca student representatives to the Federal Seminar were: Salena Allen, Karen Cockarell, David Dolan, Leslie Wilkes, Sindy Fernandez, Karen Helmer, John McGranahan, Andrae Bynum, Lisa House and Greg Tinker.

Justice O'Connor explained Supreme Court procedures and entertained questions in the chambers where the Court meets. Other sessions were held at the Capitol Smithsonian Holiday Inn (conference headquarters) and other locations around Capitol Hill.

Addresses by evangelical members of the U.S. House of Representatives found a receptive audience. Rep. Paul Henry (R-Mich.), son of theologian Carl Henry, warned students that as evangelicals con-

tinue to become more popular, "candidates will say more and more to please the constituency."

Reps. Dan Bonker (D-Wash.) and Pat Swindoll (R-Ga.) share a common faith, but their politics widely diverge. This became evident when comparing congressional priorities. While Bonker cited reducing the Federal budget deficit as a top priority, Swindoll disagreed.

"Deficits are not the problem," said Swindoll, "but what they are a symbol of: uncontrolled growth of government."

In the opening evening's keynote address, Rep. Dan Coats (R-In.) offered advice for future legislators. To avoid the pitfalls of political life, he suggested a "balanced" use of time. "My family is a high priority," said Coats. "I've missed events because my son had a baseball game."

The Senate Breakfast in the Dirksen Senate Office Building provided further highlights. Sen. Paul Trible (R-Va.) encouraged Christian students to join him in government, "In the 70's we became a nation of spectators, now we've shaken off our lethargy as a people." Senate chaplain Richard Halvorson emphasized a Christian's responsibility to their leaders, "The reason for the failure of government

is the prayerlessness of the people of God."

Other sessions during the week included a Latin American Briefing at the State Department, a White House Briefing held in the ornate Indian Treaty Room in the Old Executive Building, and debates on judicial activism and President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative.

Some of the liveliest discussions came after presentations by non-government speakers. Noted British author and lecturer Os Guinness analyzed the role of religion in

American public life and Fred Barnes, senior editor of *The New Republic*, explained the hostility and misconceptions held by the secular press toward "born again" Christians.

Throughout the week, students and faculty saw vigorous examples of Christians active in all levels of government. Students were also given concrete suggestions how they could become involved in the political process.

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Finally, relief for all those snow fans. A couple study-weary students take to the hill beside Benson for a night of fun in the cold.

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